



University Council May Newsletter

Council Updates

Committee Updates

Nominating Committee: Nominations from alumni for 11 positions on Queen's University Council closed on April 6. The election will open on May 31 and close June 14. There are 42 candidates for the ten, four-year positions available and 5 candidates for the one, two-year term available. Alumni will be alerted to this election via email. To ensure you will receive communications about this election, please update your contact information and confirm your communication preferences by contacting the Alumni Relations Office [by email](#) or by phone: 1-800-267-7837. Please share this information with your alumni networks.



Elaine Wu
Chair, Nominating Committee

On behalf of your Nominating committee: Heather Black, Judith Brown, Samantha Cheung, Mary Drinkwater

Program Committee: On April 20, Principal Deane presented an update session on the [University Strategy](#) and Council's role to help achieve our vision and our commitment to making a global impact. If you were unable to attend, [a recording is available](#).

University Council AGM: The Committee will begin meeting to plan the AGM, scheduled for November 4 and 5, 2022. We will be reviewing the 2021 survey results but welcome Councillor thoughts and ideas. A new Chair will also be elected by the Committee for the 2022-23 year. Please reach out to your Program committee members or [send us an email](#).



Mary Drinkwater
Chair, Program Committee

On behalf of your Program Committee: Nonyelum Anoliefo, John Armitage, Richard Baugh, Heather Black, Mary Dodd, Willa Henry, Tka Pinnock

Council Trustees: The next regular Open Session of the Board of Trustees will be held on September 30, 2022 (meeting dates can be found on the [Board website](#)). You can check out

the Board agenda/minutes on the [Governance Portal](#). To attend the Board's Open Session, please submit your request in advance to the [Board of Trustees](#).

Senate: Meeting dates can be found on the [Senate website](#). The next regular Senate meeting will be held on September 27, 2022 via Zoom. You can check out the Senate agenda/minutes on the [Governance Portal](#).

To attend any portion of the meeting, please [email Senate](#) with your request in advance.

Queen's University Alumni Association (QUAA) Update: The [Annual General Meeting of Alumni Assembly](#) was held virtually on May 12, 2022. QUAA President and Chair, Colin McLeod, presented key updates from the past year including important EDII initiatives, pivoting between virtual and in-person events, continued efforts toward Board transparency, and increased engagement. After a unanimous endorsement by the 29 voting Assembly members in attendance at AGM, we are pleased to introduce the **2022-23 QUAA Board of Directors**:

Alec Attfield (Artsci'86, Ed'87, MPA'04) - Director, Alumni Constituency Groups

Alisha Hobson (Artsci'17) - Director, Digital Media

Allison Williams (Artsci'09) - Director, Alumni Giving

Colin McLeod (Artsci'10) - President, QUAA

Elaine Wu (Artsci '98, Law '03, MIR '00) - Director, Alumni Awards

Jackie Lewis (Artsci'11) - Executive VP, Operations

Julia Reid (Artsci'08) - Director, Reunions

Lea Trotman (Artsci'17) - Director, Special Projects

Lisa Hood (Artsci'04) - Executive VP, Volunteer Recruitment and Recognition

Megan Divecha (Artsci'22) - Director, Marketing & Communications

Peter Reimer (Artsci'14) - Director, Global Branch Network

Tuba Chishti (Artsci'15) - Director, Alumni Volunteer Summit

Zaid Kasim (Sc'22) - Director, Young Alumni

The Board is eager to start planning, kicking things off in June with our first in-person Board Retreat since pre-pandemic times. We are also excited to celebrate this year's Alumni Award recipients at the upcoming [QUAA Awards Gala](#) in Toronto. The Advancement Events team has planned a fully immersive hybrid gala designed to bring the entire alumni community together to connect, celebrate, and share tricolour traditions.

We look forward to connecting – in person and virtually – with you and others from the Queen's alumni community in the coming months!

Councillor Spotlight

Abdul-Aziz Garuba



Featured in the [Spring 2022 issue](#) of Smith Magazine, the Black Opportunity Fund (BOF) is a charitable organization co-founded in 2020 by Black business and community leaders including **Councillor Abdul-Aziz Garuba**, AMBA'12, alongside fellow Queen's alumni Colin Lynch, BCom'07, Artsci'07, and Hazel Claxton, BCom'83. The BOF has a wide purview to raise and distribute capital – the goal is \$1.5 billion in its first 10 years – and provide supports to elevate Black businesses and organizations.

Featured Opportunities

University Council on Anti-Racism and Equity (UCARE)

The [University Council on Anti-Racism and Equity](#) (UCARE) was established to coordinate, monitor, and report on the progress of university-wide initiatives to address racism and promote equity, diversity, and inclusion. The Council helps to shape the vision and strategy of the university and serves as a critical voice for diversity and inclusion at Queen's.

UCARE maintains at least 51% representation from racialized groups and includes faculty, staff, student, senior administration, alumni, and community representatives. The broad scope of the UCARE membership ensures that actions taken to advance equity, diversity, and inclusion align with the needs of the university community.

UCARE is currently looking for one alumni/community member to fill a vacancy on the committee and applications are being accepted now. Interested applicants can [fill out a short form](#) including the names of two references, after which the UCARE Governance and Nominating Sub-Council will review and evaluate the applications. This appointment is a two-year term starting September 1, 2022.

Office of Indigenous Initiatives

Elder Meet & Greet Sessions: University Councillors are invited to join upcoming Elder Meet & Greet sessions via Zoom, which feature topics on Indigenous teachings and knowledge. All sessions will take place bi-weekly on Thursdays from 12-1pm.

[Register for upcoming Elder Meet & Greet sessions:](#)

June 2nd – Indigenous History Month
June 16th – Every Child Matters (215)

June 30th – Relationship Teachings
July 14th – Why We Have Ceremonies
July 28th – Spirit of Healing
August 11th – Feasting/Harvesting

Upcoming Events

For the Future | Impact Through Research

May 26 (6:30-7:30 pm ET): Don't miss this exploration of how ground-breaking research drives change, achieves our vision, and fulfills our commitment to make a global impact. Hosted by Principal and Vice-Chancellor Patrick Deane, the panel will also discuss how we foster an environment with ample research opportunities for all who study at Queen's, so students can apply their passion, curiosity, and problem-solving abilities to society's most significant challenges. [Register now!](#)

2022 QUAA Awards Gala



June 9: An evening to mark the important, measurable contributions alumni make in their local and global communities, the QUAA Awards Gala is also a moment to honour the philanthropic leadership of the award recipients. In both their professional careers and in their volunteer work, the award recipients serve as reminders of the impactful change Queen's alumni make around the world.

[Register today](#) to celebrate this year's recipients in-person in Toronto (\$50 per ticket) or virtually (no cost).

Spring 2022 Convocation

RSVP – June 2022: Members of the Queen's University Council are invited to Spring Convocation to celebrate the achievements of our graduates. The full listing of ceremonies, dates, times, and participating programs can be found on the [Convocation Ceremonies webpage](#).

Please use the [RSVP form](#) to confirm your attendance at one (or more) of our ceremonies and for reserving academic regalia (if required). Those requiring further assistance are encouraged to [e-mail the Registrar's Office, Graduation](#) or call ext. 74050.

Homecoming 2022



October 28-30: We are looking forward to celebrating with our alumni on campus and virtually. The weekend will be full of events and content celebrating the moments that unite us – past, present, and future. This is a milestone reunion year for graduating class years ending in two (2) or seven (7).

Learn about how you can volunteer to organize your class reunion and celebrate milestone anniversaries by contacting our [Volunteer Relations and Reunions team](#) or call 1-800-267-7837 (toll-free in North America).

Queen's Links to Keep You Informed

- [Queen's Gazette](#)
- [Queen's Alumni Review](#)
- [Queen's Quarterly](#)
- [Queen's Law Reports](#)
- [Smith Magazine](#)
- [The Complete Engineer](#)
- [Inclusive Queen's](#)
- [Viewbooks](#)
- [Queen's Encyclopedia](#)



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