

**Principal's Written Report**  
Queen's University Senate  
27<sup>th</sup> March, 2012

It is barely three weeks since the last Senate meeting and much of my time in the interim has been consumed with Advancement activities in Kingston, Toronto and the UK and with international meetings in Germany and the UK.

We await the release of the provincial and federal budgets on March 27<sup>th</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup> respectively and by the time of the Senate meeting I will be in a position to report on my meeting with Minister Murray. A positive piece of news that we have had from the ministry since the last Senate meeting is that for 2012-13, the tuition framework will remain unchanged. While multi-year predictability would be ideal, this additional year will be very important to our efforts to balance the budget.

In early March I participated in a delegation of Presidents and Principals from the U-15 group of research-intensive universities on a trip to Berlin where we met for two days with representatives from major German universities and research institutes. The goal of this mission was to investigate the potential for deepening joint research with German Universities and National Institutes and to foster research partnerships, exchange programs and opportunities for international experience for graduate research students.

In Oxford renewed research linkages with colleagues in my field, and I had discussions with the current head of my old college regarding a possible exchange arrangement. In addition, I met with two impressive young Queen's people, one of them a BA grad in Political Studies, the other a current Meds student on leave from his program to do research at Oxford. Both are Rhodes Scholars and I cannot resist noting that they are both also fellow graduates of the same high school in Winnipeg whence I too came to Queen's as a student.

It was a pleasure to meet with Bruce Stanley, Executive Director of the Bader International Study Centre at Herstmonceux as he comes to the end of his first year in that role. I enjoyed meeting with many of our students (and students from other universities who are enrolled at the BISC) over lunch at the Castle and hearing about the experiential learning that is embedded in their courses. Before returning to advancement activities in London, I had the opportunity to present a brief historical lecture on the state of the world in 1441, the year in which construction of the castle commenced, to students and faculty.

Highlights of my schedule for the past few weeks are appended to this brief report.

Principal Daniel Woolf: Schedule Highlights February 28, 2012 - March 27, 2012				
Month	Day	Location	Activity	
February	28	Kingston	Senate Meeting Symposium to celebrate the merger of School of Religion and Queen's	
	29	Toronto	Alumni, Prospective Donors and Friends	
March	1	Kingston	AUCC Faculty Bargaining Services Workshop Board of Trustees: Audit Committee	
	2	Kingston	Board of Trustees: Governance and Nominating Committee Board of Trustees: Finance Committee Board of Trustees: Advancement Committee Board of Trustees Meeting	
	3	Kingston	Board of Trustees Meeting Senator and Trustee Lunch	
	4	Kingston	Canadian Interuniversity Sport Men's Volley Ball Championship Awards Ceremony	
	8	Berlin	U-15 (Canadian Research Intensive Universities Group) Presidents' visit to Berlin	
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	11	England	Alumni, Prospective Donors and Friends	
	12	Herstmonceux Castle	Bruce Stanley, Director of the Bader International Study Centre Lunch with Students at the Castle	
	13	Oxford	Mark Damazer, Master of St. Peter's College Oxford University Press Alumni, Prospective Donors and Friends	
	14	London	Faculty of Engineering and Applied Science Lunch Alumni, Prospective Donors and Friends	
16	Kingston	Principal hosts the Arts and Science Undergraduate Society, charity auction winners		
18	Kingston	Memorial Service for Officer Cadet, Mathieu LeClair Tree dedication in memory of student Alison Borges		
19	Kingston	AMS President University Secretary Advisory Search Committee		
20	Kingston	Dean, Faculty of Law Excellence in Research Public Lectures		
21	Kingston	U-15 Teleconference		
22	Toronto	Alumni, Prospective Donors and Friends Royal Society of Canada Executive Committee Teleconference		
23	Kingston	AUCC Teleconference COU Teleconference: Government and Community Relations Committee Queen's University Planning Committee		
		Toronto	Minister Glen Murray, MTCU	
24	Kingston	Tree dedication in memory of student Andrew Lloyd Call with Patrick Deane, President of McMaster University Climate Action Plan Community Forum		
26	Kingston	SGPS President Meeting with Chair, Principal's Commission on Mental Health Student Senator Dinner		
		27	Kingston	Senate