A. General Report

Welcome
Welcome back everyone to the new academic year. I hope that, over the summer, everyone managed to get some time for Rest, Relaxation and Rejuvenation.

Associate Dean (Teaching and Learning)
Dr. Vicki Remenda, joined the Faculty Office as Acting Associate Dean (Teaching and Learning) on July 1, 2015 for a one-year term replacing Dr. Ravenscroft.

Department/School - Update

Headship appointments as of July 1, 2015
Department of Art
Dr. Joan Schwartz

Department of Psychology
Dr. Wendy Craig

Department of Political Studies
Dr. Zsuzsa Csergo
(but on leave for 2015-16)

Department of Biology
Dr. Brian Cumming
(but on leave for 2015-16)

Acting Heads:
Department of Biology
Dr. Sharon Regan

Cultural Studies Program
Dr. Jane Tolmie

School of Environmental Studies
Dr. Alice Hovorka

Department of Political Studies
Dr. David Haglund
**Heads Returning from Leave:**
Department of Chemistry
Dr. Natalie Cann

Department of Geological Sciences and Geological Engineering
Dr. D. Jean Hutchinson

**Interim Headship/Directorship:**
Dr. Craig Walker
Interim Director
Department of Drama and Music

**Headship Searches for 2015-16:**
Department of Classics
Department of English
School of Environmental Studies
Department of Film and Media
Department of French Studies
Department of Geography and Planning
Department of History
Department of Mathematics and Statistics

**2015-2016 Submission Deadlines**
The following deadlines have been established for the 2015-2016 QNS program:

- September 8, 2015: Completed Expressions of Interest due to the relevant dean’s office
- October 2, 2015: Recommendations due from the deans to the provost’s office
- March 11, 2016: Completed Full Proposals due to the relevant dean’s office
- April 1, 2016: Completed Full Proposals due to the provost’s office

**Reference Documents**
Applicants to the QNS program are asked to review the following reference documents:

- **2015-16 QNS Outline (69 KB)**
- **2015-16 Expression of Interest Template (87 KB)**

**Program Overview**
The Queen’s National Scholar (QNS) program was first established in 1985, with the objective to “enrich teaching and research in newly developing fields of knowledge as well as traditional disciplines.” Since then, more than 100 QNS appointments have been made in a wide variety of disciplines, and the appellation of Queen’s National Scholar has become synonymous with academic excellence.
Those appointed under the QNS program will have clearly demonstrated their ability to provide rich and rewarding learning experiences (Queen's Academic Plan 2011 [PDF, 743 KB]) to students, as well as to develop innovative research programs that align with the university’s priorities (Strategic Research Plan 2012-2017).

Appointments will be at the rank of assistant or associate professor, either tenure-track or with tenure, depending on level of experience. Only nominees external to the university will be considered for the program.

Selection Process
Starting with the 2012-2013 competition, the QNS program has had a two-stage selection process. In the first stage, an invitation to submit Expressions of Interest (EOIs) is extended to all faculties and schools within Queen’s. The QNS Advisory Committee reviews these EOIs, and selects up to four submissions to advance to the second stage.

At the second stage, those responsible for each successful EOI are invited to prepare and submit a full proposal. Each full proposal nominates an individual to be appointed. The QNS Advisory Committee reviews these full proposals and makes a recommendation to the principal as to which nominees (up to a maximum of two) will be offered QNS positions.

Applications from all qualified individuals are welcomed. Queen’s University is committed to employment equity and diversity in the workplace and encourages all applications from equity-seeking groups, including women, visible minorities, Aboriginal people, persons with disabilities, and persons of any sexual orientation or gender identity. Deans and department heads are encouraged to actively seek applications through venues intended to reach candidates from equity-seeking groups.

Nominees will not be considered unless their applications have been reviewed in accordance with established faculty and departmental appointments procedures, the Collective Agreement or the relevant Senate documents. The employment equity representative of the department's appointment committee is responsible for ensuring that the equity procedures, which include an equity self-identification form sent to all applicants, have been followed.

Appointments are subject to review and final approval by the principal.

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http://campaign.r20.constantcontact.com/render?ca=3b23238c-bd6d-48bb-bf57-361f6cb34244&c=1b1c9670-008b-11e4-958d-d4ae52712b64&ch=1b29b5d0-008b-11e4-9593-d4ae52712b64#LETTER.BLOCK5

It's music to her ears
http://www.queensu.ca/gazette/stories/its-music-her-ears
Two Queen’s researchers receive Royal Society medals

Queen's University professors elected to Royal Society of Canada
http://www.queensu.ca/gazette/media/queens-university-professors-elected-royal-society-canada

Queen’s researcher playing an important role improving psychology research
http://www.queensu.ca/gazette/media/news-release-queen-s-researcher-playing-important-role-improving-psychology-research

Queen’s releases comprehensive international plan