First Director of Indigenous Initiatives appointed

Queen’s National Scholar Norman Vorano has been named as one of only five recipients of a prestigious Pierre Elliot Trudeau Foundation Fellowship

Canada's Queen's University wins top prize at Lee Kuan Yew Global Business Plan Competition

Bringing Queen’s economic rigour to the social sector

Life Science & Art History Graduate Eden Gelgoot is a Finalist for the International Undergraduate Awards Competition

Queen’s student venture victorious in Singapore

Queen’s researcher recognized for work on toxic algae blooms

Graduate Studies honours two outstanding coordinators for their contributions through the Featured Graduate Coordinators initiative

Early-career Queen’s researchers honoured by the Royal Society of Canada

Supporting new scientific discoveries

Royal Society of Canada (RSC), welcomes three new fellows
EQUITY AND DIVERSITY

FAS is providing funding for two graduate students to attend the Third Annual Building Reconciliation Forum: The Journey Toward a Reconciled Education System being held in Winnipeg, Nov. 8-9. They will be joined by Toni Thornton (Arts and Science Online) and Richard Ascough (ADTL).

In addition to what the Faculty of Arts and Science submitted to the TRC Task Force, and in discussion on the TRC (the Vice-Dean was on the TRC Task Force), in response to the Deputy Provost’s August 1, 2017 memo requesting summaries of initiatives across the University, below are highlights from the Faculty of Arts and Science [see our current Indigenous Initiatives]

We are happy to be sending faculty members from Chemistry, Physics and the Dean’s Office to attend the Gender Summit: Quality Research and Innovation through Equality November 6-7 in Montreal. The theme is “Pluralism, Ethnicity & Inclusion – Canadian Values in a Global Context”.

STUDENT LEARNING EXPERIENCE

We had a smooth summer registration period and are continuing to look at ways to improve our services during the very busy first two weeks of class.

Hiring for a new Director of Student Services is underway.

Our new academic accommodations coordinator has been hired and the Arts and Science Academic Considerations and Accommodations Protocol will soon be released.

A new Course Syllabus template has been published to ensure students understand the expectations of each course.

Undergraduate Student Services has launched a feedback survey to ensure that students are getting the academic advising support they need.

The new Major Maps and Grad Maps all arrived for the fall.

Final Report of the Task Force on Graduate Enrolment completed

RESEARCH

We have hired a research project advisor to assist in grant writing for faculty members in the arts, humanities, and social sciences. His name is Adrian Kelly and he is currently in room 134F of Dunning Hall. We are in the process of hiring another research project advisor to work with the sciences, and anticipate that we will interview for that position in early October.

The FAS Advancement team is working to secure support on three major fundraising initiatives which include the renewal of the Aquatic Centre at the Queen’s Biological Station (QUBS), Art Conservation and the Physics + Project. Concurrently we are working with alumni on donor centred programs in support of the Dan School of Drama and Music, the departments of Economics, Politics, English, Geology, Philosophy and the Library this month.
INTERNATIONALIZATION

Five Arts and Science students (four of whom graduated in June 2017) were recognized as Highly Commended Entrants in some of the humanities and social science categories for the 2017 Undergraduate Awards. One of the five students was named the Global Winner in the Art History and Theory category for her paper entitled: “The role of the UNESCO World Heritage List in the commemoration of World War II”. The Undergraduate Awards are the world’s leading undergraduate awards program which recognizes top undergraduate work, shares this work with a global audience and connects students across cultures and disciplines. Queen’s became an affiliate member of this program in 2016. We ask all departments to encourage your senior undergraduate students to submit their work for the 2018 competition. More information about the award winners and how to submit a research paper will be forthcoming in a future communication.

In 2016, Queen’s and Stuttgart signed an agreement to launch a dual degree Master’s program in Chemistry. The first Master’s student to come to Queen’s from Stuttgart just defended his thesis on Friday and the first Queen’s Master’s student will be going over to Stuttgart for her second year of the dual Master’s program.

The Faculty of Arts and Science is about to sign a new and unique exchange agreement with two of our strongest existing exchange partners – the University of St Andrews and National University of Singapore. It will be a dual placement exchange that will allow students to study for one term at St Andrews and the second term at the National University of Singapore. The exchange is also built around the theme of “Environmental Challenges of the 21st Century” and students will choose from a specific set of courses that connect to this theme. The International Programs Office will administer this special exchange as it does for our other Arts and Science exchange programs.

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