



University Council April 2023 Newsletter

Council Updates



April 16-22 - [National Volunteer Week](#)

Volunteering weaves us together, strengthening the fabric of our community by sharing our time, talent, and energy to support one another. Queen's University is fortunate to have you as dedicated alumni serving on University Council. You have been instrumental to the mission of the University, as ambassadors and advisors! Thank you!

Committee Updates

Executive Committee

Councillors are encouraged to [nominate an individual](#) who has made Queen's a better place through their extraordinary service and achievements for a 2023 Distinguished Service Award. The nominations period is open until April 28 and the Executive Committee will meet in June to select up to six recipients.

On behalf of your Executive Committee: Patrick Deane, Murray Sinclair, Petra Fachinger, Heather Black, Sc'80, Greg Frankson, Artsci'98 BEd'99, Tka Pinnock, Artsci'07, Noor Rahemtulla, Com'20, Marcus Wong, Artsci'03.

Nominating Committee:

The Nominating Committee met on March 16 and discussed the upcoming University Council election. Members enhanced the Call for Nominations email and the Candidate Form, adding additional details regarding the Councillor role expectations (e.g. time commitment). The Call for Nominations will open on March 24 and will close on April 7 at 4pm EST. Councillors are encouraged to share and communicate this opportunity with their respective alumni networks. An online election will be held in May.



Samantha Cheung, Sc'92
Chair, Nominating Committee

On behalf of your Nominating Committee: Heather Black, Sc'80, Judith Brown, Artsci'70, Sc'92, and Mary Drinkwater, Ed'78, MPA'08, and Elaine Wu Artsci'98, MIR'00, Law'03

Program Committee:

The committee hosted their first meeting to concentrate on the 2023 Programming Calendar. We welcomed new committee members and would like to extend a thank you to outgoing members Mary Drinkwater and Richard Baugh. And a special thank you to our outgoing Chair, Mary Dodd, for your leadership.

June 6, 2023 – New Councillor Virtual Orientation Orientation has been shifted to June to provide new Councillors with an overview and understanding of Council; committee term start dates have been shifted later, so newly elected Councillors then have the opportunity to join committees the year they are elected.

November 3-4, 2023 – University Council AGM Planning is starting for the 2023 AGM. The Committee will be reviewing the 2022 post-event survey results, but welcome Councillor thoughts and ideas. Please reach out to your Program committee members or send to ucouncil@queensu.ca

November 3 - Distinguished Service Awards Inaugurated by the University Council in 1974, this award recognizes individuals who have made the University a better place through their extraordinary contributions. Recipients will be announced shortly. Councillors are encouraged to save the date to attend this Council-initiated program celebration.

Continuing Education – Congratulations to Councillors Erin Polansky, Chessa Jope, Doug Bruce, Saara Romu, Samantha Cheung, and Colin McLeod who completed the certification of Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion Alumni volunteer Equity-Focused Leadership Training 2023.

As part of the Credential program, the Human Rights & Equity Office provided the following links to assist all Councillors:

- [Whose Land - Welcome!](#)
- <https://globalnews.ca/news/9512499/ukraine-russia-war-canada-newcomers-work/>
- [Ontario Human Rights Code - Canadian experience barrier](#)
- [Diversity and Equity Assessment and Planning \(DEAP\) Tool](#)
- [Queen's Shift Survey](#)

- [Harassment and Discrimination Policy](#)
- [PICRDI Report](#)
- [HREO Education offerings](#)
- [Scarborough Charter](#)
- [Truth and Reconciliation Commission Task Force Report](#)
- [Extending the Rafters TRC Final Report](#)



Tka Pinnock, Artsci'07
Chair, Program Committee

On behalf of your Program Committee: Nonyelum Anoliefo, MMIE'20, John Armitage, BSc'71, Heather Black, Sc'80, Samantha Cheung, Sc'92, Mary Dodd, Com'84, Willa Henry, BNSc'76, Chessa Jope, Com'09, Sari Ohsada, BSc'19

Board / Council Trustees:

The next regular Open Session of the Board of Trustees meeting will be held on May 12 (meeting dates can be found on 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 trustees@queensu.ca.

Your University Council Trustees: Heather Black, Sc'80, Doug Bruce, BSc(Eng)'85, Jeremy Gooden, Sc'16, Alison Holt, BAH'87, Mary Wilson Trider, Com'82, Marcus Wong, Artsci'03

Special Purpose Committee:

A Special Purpose Committee on the Annual General Meeting Schedule has been struck to reflect on the University Council's current Annual General Meeting timing as it relates to accessibility for a diverse group of potential Councillors possible. Its members include Heather Black, John Armitage, Sandra Kwon and Erin Polansky.

University Council members will have an opportunity to give their feedback over the next few months.

The Committee will produce a report with their recommendation to the Council Executive Committee in time for the next Annual General Meeting of the University Council on November 3-4, 2023.

Senate:

Senate meeting dates can be found on the Senate [website](#). The next regular Senate meeting will be held on April 18. You can check out the Senate agenda/minutes on the [Governance Portal](#). To attend any portion of the meeting, please submit your request in advance to senate@queensu.ca

Meet A Councillor

COUNCILLOR: JEREMY GOODEN, SC'16



What is your most memorable moment as a student?
I met my wife in first year at Queen's, but it's tough to narrow down a single moment together. Breakfasts at Ban Righ, studying together, watching her walk across the graduation stage...too many to count!

What motivated you to stand for election for University Council?

I have two primary reasons for being involved in University Council – supporting & advancing Black equity (and more broadly, DE&I) at Queen's and having a platform to support young alumni as they transition from Queen's to the workforce, given the stresses of the pandemic. It's encouraging to see the progress we've made on DE&I at Queen's and as well the programming to help young grads, but of course we're in the early innings for both of these efforts. For young grads' transitions to the workforce, now is a particularly tough time for finding employment, given the labour market squeeze (primarily in tech but also other sectors), and I've seen grads have full-time offers rescinded. I'm looking forward to staying involved in both topics and helping out where I can!

Connect with [Councillor Gooden](#) on LinkedIn.

Get to know more about your fellow Council Members by visiting the [Biographical Sketches](#) page of the website.

News

Transforming education and healthcare in northern communities



[A new partnership to prepare Indigenous students for health care careers](#): The [Weeneebayko Area Health Authority \(WAHA\)](#), [Queen's University](#), and [the Mastercard Foundation](#) are partnering to transform health care in Northeastern Ontario and to expand education and employment opportunities for Indigenous youth by creating the Queen's Weeneebayko Health Education Program. If you missed the press conference on this significant initiative, you can view the recording [online](#).

Statement from Queen's University on ChatGPT and Generative AI

Queen's Vice-Provost for Teaching and Learning, John Pierce, has released a statement about the university's stance on generative AI in the academic setting.

You can read the [full statement here](#).

Events

Alumni Volunteer Summit and QUAA Awards Gala

Mark your calendars for June 16-17, 2023 for the return of the [Alumni Volunteer Summit \(AVS\)](#) and [QUAA Awards Gala](#).

This weekend will be packed with alumni activities, networking events and a chance to join together, in-person, on the campus we all called home.

Beginning on the evening of Friday, June 16, the QUAA Board invites all alumni volunteers registered for AVS to attend an informal social (time and location to be announced), followed by AVS and the QUAA Awards Gala on Saturday, June 17. This is a weekend of *Connection and Reconnection* that you do not want to miss!

More details will be made available soon. Please reach out to Alumni Volunteer Liaison, [Lindsey Kull](#) with any questions.

Inspiring Women 2023



April 27 at 7:00 pm – Ban Righ Foundation Inspiring Women 2023: An Evening at the Isabel. Join us at this celebration recognizing outstanding women from Queen’s and the Kingston Community, and honouring the hard work and determination of mature women students. Admission is Free. Please [register online](#).

Can’t attend in person? The event will be [streamed live](#) so you don’t have to miss out!

How Mainstreaming Persons with Disability, Especially Women, can Impact the Collective Heart and Soundness of Society

April 20th at 4 pm - The 5th annual Dr. Malcolm Peat Lectureship features visiting lecturer Neema Namadamu, Congolese activist and founder of the Maman Shujaa Media Center. [Registration required](#), in-person and virtual options available. We hope you can attend this special opportunity to hear from a truly extraordinary individual.

Opportunities & Learning

Human Rights and Equity Office (HREO) learning opportunities



HREO has made links available to asynchronous training for [Creating Accessible Documents](#) and [Accessible Event and Meeting Planning](#) for Councillors who wish to learn more about these topics.

Each asynchronous module will take approximately 45 minutes to complete and will provide an emailed certificate of completion at the end of the learning session.

If you have any questions, please reach out to [Lindsey Kull](#), Alumni Officer, Volunteer Liaison.

Together We Are



[Human Rights and Equity Office](#): Check out our blog [Together We Are](#) for updates on conversations about equity, diversity, and inclusion at Queen's University.

The newest issue of our blog has been posted. In this issue, Lon Knox, University Secretary and Corporate Counsel, writes about their feelings of hesitancy leading a working group at Queen's. But being comfortable feeling uncomfortable can provide an opportunity for learning and growth.

You can read Lon's piece here: [Getting Comfortable With Being Uncomfortable | Human Rights and Equity Office \(queensu.ca\)](#)

Have a comment, feedback or question regarding one of the blog posts? [Contact HREO.](#)

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](#)
- [Queen's Strategic Goals](#)



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