

University Council February 2024 Newsletter

Committee Updates

[Executive Committee](#)

The Special Purpose Committee (SPC) on Annual General Meeting (AGM) Dates was formed in 2023 and had the mandate to reflect on the University Council's current AGM timing as it relates to accessibility for as diverse a group of potential Councillors as possible. The SPC was tasked with providing a recommendation to the University Council Executive Committee regarding considerations that should be given to dates and timing for the AGM, effective for the 2024 AGM.

The SPC presented their preliminary recommendation to the University Council Executive Committee (UCEC) on Oct. 6 for discussion and presented their final recommendations to the UCEC on Dec. 6. After careful consideration given to various options, the SPC recommended a split format approach for the 2024 AGM

The 2024 AGM format will be as follows:

- Formal governance items, such as Council Trustee and standing committee reports, will take place on a weeknight via Zoom in advance of the in-person Kingston sessions. Date TBD, early October.
- An in-person meeting in Kingston will take place on the afternoon of October 17, followed by the Distinguished Service Awards and a Council Social, and the morning of October 18.

Councillors are reminded that Queen's Homecoming will take place from October 18 to 20 and that they are welcome to participate in events hosted by various university units.

The Executive Committee offered their support for the recommendation. The Executive Committee thanks the SPC members (John Armitage, BSc'71, Heather Black, Sc'80, Sandra Kwon, PME'20 and Erin Polansky, Artsci'95) for their efforts.

The [Program Committee](#) encourages you to save the dates above and will move forward with 2024 AGM planning over the course of the year.

If you have any questions, please contact the [Secretariat's Office](#).

Council Executive: Patrick Deane (Chair), Chancellor Murray Sinclair, Petra Fachinger, Mary Drinkwater, Artsci'77, Ed'78, MPA'08, Letitia Golubitsky, MSc'06, Greg Frankson, Artsi'98, Ed'99, Tka Pinnock, Artsci'07, Noor Rahemtulla, Com'20

[Nominating Committee](#)

The Nominating Committee will meet on Feb. 6. Topics of discussion will include appointment recommendations to the Program and Chancellor Search Advisory Committees.

With his term concluding in 2024, [The Honourable Murray Sinclair will become Chancellor Emeritus and](#) Queen's will commence a search for his successor.

The 2024 University Council election will be held from May 15 – 29, 2024. The Call for Nominations will be launched on March 19 and will run for two weeks, closing on April 2, 2024. There will be ten four-year terms (September 2024-27) available for alumni in the 2024 election. [Role description](#) and [election details](#) are on the [University Secretariat website](#). Please keep your eye out for the Call for Nominations email and share with your alumni networks!



Samantha Cheung, Sc'92 Chair, Nominating Committee

On behalf of your Nominating Committee: Doug Bruce, Sc'85, Mary Drinkwater, Ed'78, MPA'08, Chessa Jope, Com'09, David Pick, Artsci'89, Law'92, and Elaine Wu, Artsci'98, MIR'00, Law'03

[Program Committee](#)

Thanks to all who submitted feedback on the 2023 AGM. With confirmed dates for 2024, the Program Committee will be reviewing all feedback to incorporate and begin planning the AGM and in-person sessions.

Thanks to Councillors who expressed interest in serving on the Program Committee. Appointments will be made by the Executive Committee on recommendation of the Nominating Committee and communicated to Council.

If you have any questions or comments, please contact the [Secretariat's Office](#).



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, Chessa Jope, Com'09.

[Board/Council Trustees](#)

The next regular Open Session of the Board of Trustees will be held on March 8 (meeting dates can be found on the Board [website](#)). You can view the board agenda and minutes on the [Governance Portal](#). To attend the Board's Open Session, please submit your request in advance to the [Secretariat's Office](#).

University Council Trustees: Heather Black, Sc'80, Doug Bruce, Sc'81, MBA'01, Jeremy Gooden, Sc'16, Alison Holt, Artsci'87, Yanique Williams, Artsci'08, Mary Wilson Trider, Com'82.

[Senate](#)

Senate meeting dates can be found on the senate [website](#). The next Senate meeting will be held on Feb 29. You can review the Senate agenda and minutes on the [Governance Portal](#). To attend any portion of the meeting, please submit your request in advance to the [Secretariat's Office](#).



Honorary Degrees: Councillors are encouraged to submit nominations of worthy individuals for an honorary degree. Nominations are open for degrees to be awarded in 2025. The deadline is March 1, 2024. Information can be found on the [Secretariat's website](#).

Senate Appointee to Council: Petra Fachinger, Professor of English, Queen's University

[Queen's University Alumni Association \(QUAA\)](#)

In December a final QUAA Grant Selection Committee Meeting determined the successful recipients of the 2023 Alumni Association Grants. The committee was impressed by the diversity of applications from both alumni and student groups and awarded a total of just under \$10,000 disbursed among the five grant recipients.

The QUAA Board is pleased to announce the successful recipients for 2023 as: [CompanionLink](#) (Co-founded by alum David Kepes, Artsci'11), [Queen's Feminist Leadership in Politics](#) (QFLIP), [Queen's Toronto Alumni Branch](#) (QTAB), Student Space Experiment Program – Mission 18, [Youth for Consent Culture](#) (founded by alum Aubrey Apps, Artsci'23).

To find out more about [Alumni Association Grants](#) visit our website or email your questions to the [QUAA Board](#).

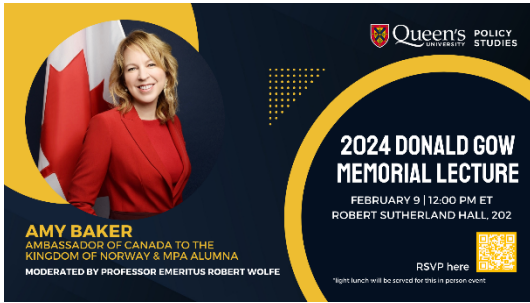


Colin McLeod, Artsci'10, President, QUAA Board of Directors

QUAA Assembly Members [appointed by the University Council](#): Heather Black, Sc'80, Bittu George, Artsci'95, Law'98

News and Events

Donald Gow Memorial Lecture featuring the Ambassador of Canada to Norway



Friday, February 9, 2021 from 12:00-1:30 pm, Robert Sutherland Hall, Room 202.

Join the School of Policy Studies to welcome [Amy Baker, Ambassador of Canada to the Kingdom of Norway](#) and MPA Alumna back to campus as the Speaker for the [2024 Donald Gow Memorial Lecture Series](#). A light lunch will be provided for this in person event moderated by [Emeritus Professor, Robert Wolfe](#).

Cost: Free
Please [RSVP](#) to attend this lecture.

SDG Week Canada 2024



Through research, teaching, learning, outreach, and stewardship activities, the Queen’s community contributes to the fight against climate change, helping to build inclusive societies, and ensuring equal access to health care and quality education to advance social impact and ultimately the [United Nations’ Sustainable Development Goals](#) (UN SDGs). The second annual UN-SDG Week Canada is taking place March 4-8, 2024 - learn more and see details on the [Office of the Principal's website](#).

3 Minutes Thesis – Call for judges!



The School of Graduate Studies and Postdoctoral Affairs will be hosting a celebration of graduate and postdoctoral research during the week of March 18 – 22, 2024. During this week we will also be holding two main events which we are seeking your help.

<p>3 Minute Research event for Postdoctoral Fellows March 18, 2024 - 1pm start Stauffer Library, room 014</p>	<p>3 Minute Thesis final for graduate students March 21, 2024 - 5pm start Kinesiology Building room 100</p>
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We need judges for both events, and it is our hope that we can call upon Council members to consider this volunteer opportunity. It is not the easiest job to judge presentations that only last 3 minutes, but we have a rubric and guideline for the 3 areas we are assessing, namely communication, comprehension, and engagement. [See our website for an outline](#).

This type of presentation is to train the students and postdocs how to present their research to a non-specialist audience (understanding who your audience is). [Here is a link to last years final](#).

Judges will need to arrive 30 minutes before start time to ensure everyone is ready to go. The events themselves, depending on number of participants for each should last between 60 – 90 minutes.

For more information or to register, please contact [Colette Steer](#).

[Career Services – Post a Job](#)



Do you or someone in your network have job opportunities? [MyCareer](#) is Queen's University's one-stop career portal where students and recent alumni of all years, programs and disciplines can

search career related information. Included is a Job Board that offers employers FREE job postings. Due to the volume of postings received, the board is self-serve. Employers can quickly create new job postings once they have created an account. Creating a MyCareer account provides employers with tools to enhance their recruiting process through Queen's.

If you have any questions about [Queen's Career Services](#) please reach out to their team at mycareer@queensu.ca

Educational Opportunity

HREO: Accessible Instruction for Educators



Continuing on theme of accessibility with the asynchronous learning provided by the Human Rights and Equity Office this month we are focusing on Accessible Instruction for Educators.

HUMAN RIGHTS AND EQUITY OFFICE This asynchronous module will provide insight into mandatory accessibility training for all educators at Queen's University and is part of the Government of Ontario's implementation of Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act (AODA). It features information, videos, and resources around the principles of universal design for learning. This online module takes approximately 45 minutes to complete.

If you would like to participate in this learning opportunity, please email Alumni Officer and Volunteer Liaison, [Lindsey Kull](#) for access.

Councillor Spotlight



As you may know, the Council website has a list of the current [membership, with their term ends](#). In addition, Council [biographical sketches](#) are provided. Following the biographical sketches, Councillors have been encouraged to complete a 'Get to know you' profile. We encourage you to review the profiles as it's an opportunity to get to know your colleagues on a different level.

If you don't have a profile, or wish to update your profile, please contact Alumni Officer, Volunteer Liaison, [Lindsey Kull](#).

In addition, if you have exciting personal or professional news you would like to share through your monthly newsletter, please reach out to Lindsey.

Student life



The [Society for Graduate and Professional Students](#) (SGPS) is proud to represent graduate and professional students at Queen's. They represent and advocate for students at all levels of University administration and work closely with the federal, provincial, and municipal governments on issues crucial to the well-being and success of graduate and professional students.

As part of their commitment to students, the SGPS has grown to include several services that directly benefit the student experience and that are not offered directly by Queen's. A comprehensive [health and dental plan](#) and year-long [transit passes](#) support students' mobility, physical, and mental health. With rising costs of living, the SGPS developed a [Food Insecurity Relief Program](#) in the Fall of 2023. Drawing on a small set of internal funds, the SGPS offered a grocery gift card program to students who were struggling to afford groceries. Just one day after opening the program nearly 10% of our membership had applied for the program, forcing a temporary closure and re-evaluation of the program.

With the new year comes a new opportunity to contribute to student health and well-being. The SGPS will re-open the grocery gift card program, supported in part by a generous contribution from the Division of Student Affairs at Queen's. The demands for this program are expected to grow in Winter 2024 and the SGPS hopes to continue offering the program as long as possible. We encourage you to assist us to support as many graduate and professional students as we can in the year ahead by [donating to the AMS Food Bank](#) which assists in providing a strong foundation for students' grocery needs.

[Devin Fowlie](#), President (*he/him*)

Society of Graduate & Professional Students (SGPS), Queen's University

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