

University Council December 2023 - January 2024 Newsletter

Committee Updates

[Executive Committee](#)

The Executive Committee met on December 6 and received the final recommendation from the Special Purpose Committee on the Annual General Meeting Date review. The outcomes of this discussion will be provided in the next issue of the newsletter.

Council Executive: Principal 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 call for nominations for the Council to Board election will open in the new year. Additional details will be circulated by the Secretariat on behalf of the Nominating Committee in 2024.



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](#)

Thank you to everyone who attended the 148th Annual Meeting of the University Council and related activities on Nov. 3 and 4. We hope that you found the weekend to be engaging and relevant to your role as a University Councillor.

The new Councillor group photo can be found [online](#).

The [2023 Distinguished Service Award Recipients](#) Christine Berga, Elizabeth Jane Errington, Anita Lister, Elspeth Jane Murray, Brenda Reed and Colette Steer received their awards at the celebration on Nov. 3. To watch the full recording of the virtual presentation of the 2023 DSAs click [here](#). In addition, photos from the celebration are available [here](#).

We are pleased to report that \$6,045 was donated to the [University Council Bursary](#) through the DSA registration. This bursary supports students who demonstrate financial need; it's not too late to donate! Make your charitable donation securely [online](#) or consider donating your travel expenses.

If you have any questions or would like to request a donation form for travel expenses, please contact the [Secretariat](#).



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.

[Board/Council Trustees](#)

The next regular Open Session of the Board of Trustees will be held on Dec. 8 (meeting dates can be found on the Board [website](#)). You can view the board agenda/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 1. You can review the senate agenda/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 requested to consider submitting nominations of worthy individuals for an honorary degree. Nominations are open for degrees to be awarded in 2024 and 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 \(QUAA\)](#)

As is often the case, the past few months have been a busy time for all things alumni relations. During another successful Homecoming, numerous events were held for alumni, friends, faculty, staff and students. I'm sure you have seen the exciting announcement regarding [Smith Engineering](#), which will be transformational for engineering at Queen's and the University. Exciting times!

While we are entering a quieter period on the alumni calendar, this has presented an opportunity for the QUAA Board to undertake a period of self-reflection and ask ourselves if the current Board format is effectively addressing the evolving alumni landscape. The Board is currently conducting a review to assess all aspects of our format and purpose. We are focusing on closer alignment with University priorities and providing a more meaningful, impactful volunteer experience for Board and Assembly members. Of course, we are carrying this out with an inclusive lens, reflecting our ongoing commitment to I-EDIAA.

We look forward to sharing additional updates on this review from the Dec. 1 QUAA Board Retreat in future newsletters and QUAA reports to Council.

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

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

Volunteer Opportunity: Case Competition Judge

The [Queen's Conference on Business and Mining](#) 2024, taking place on Jan. 26 and 27, 2024, is looking for interested alumni volunteers to judge the case competition component scheduled for Day 2. Judges are expected to fulfill their duties in person on Queen's main campus in Kingston.

Last year, Councillor Chessa Jope, Com'09, acted as a judge and had an excellent experience. This is a great example of collaboration between faculties, as the attendees of the conference are primarily engineering and commerce students.

If you are interested in this volunteer opportunity, please contact [Lindsey Kull](#), Alumni Volunteer Liaison by Dec. 13 and more details can be provided.

News and Events

Queen's University Sessional Dates

- Dec 5 – Fall Term classes end.
- Dec 7-21 – Final assessments in Fall Term classes.
- Dec 31 – Fall Term ends.
- Jan 8 – Winter Term classes begin.
- Please note that the University will be closed between Dec. 25 and Jan. 1 inclusive.

Celebrating the Holidays with Miss Emily



Join Miss Emily on Dec. 9 as she shares her remarkable artistry and some classic holiday tunes at Queen's, at the Isabel or on the [Isabel Digital Concert Hall](#).

Miss Emily's performances are foot stomping, heart-wrenching adventures in rhythm, blues, jazz, and rock and roll. For over 15 years she has captivated listeners across Canada, the US, and the United Kingdom with her unique combination of passion and talent. In early 2020, Miss Emily won two Maple Blues Awards for new artist and female vocalist of the year, and in 2022, her "LIVE at the Isabel" album was nominated for JUNO Blues Album of the Year. Book your tickets or access the free live stream [online](#) or call the Box Office for more information 613-533-2424.

Queen's Summer & Part-Time Job Fair – Employer Registration



If you know of any employers interested in hiring Queen's students for job opportunities, please encourage them to [register](#) to attend the Summer & Part-Time Job Fair on Jan 23.

Employer registration deadline is Jan. 5. Students are encouraged to register in [MyCareer](#).

Queen's Engineering and Technology Fair – Employer Registration



Do you or your contacts have opportunities for Queen's students in the Engineering, Computing, and Technology fields? [Register now](#) to book your space at the fair on Jan. 24 and find your next great hire. Employer Registration closes Jan. 5; space is limited

and this event is expected to sell out quickly. More information about this event is available [online](#).

Principal's Teaching and Learning Awards



The [Principal's Teaching and Learning Awards](#) annually celebrate teaching excellence and the diverse ways in which educators and educational supports enhance the student learning experience at Queen's.

A list of awards, nomination procedures, and the nomination form can be found [online](#). Consider submitting a nomination or sharing this opportunity with your network. Nomination deadline is Jan. 31.

Please reach out to [Principal's Office, Awards](#) with any questions about the award or nomination process.

Career Services



Do you or someone in your network have opportunities for a 12 -16-month internship? Queen's Undergraduate Internship Program (QUIP) might be just the place to find your intern.

Information about QUIP as well as resources for employers and students can be found [online](#). Additionally, employers are encouraged to post available positions on [MyCareer!](#) As you know, the Queen's student community boasts the brightest, most hardworking candidates.

If you have any questions about [Queen's Career Services](#) or QUIP please visit them online or reach out to the [QUIP team](#).

Save the Date for Homecoming 2024



Join on Campus Oct 18-20, 2024 to reconnect with friends and former classmates, while creating new traditions and showing your tricolour spirit at [Homecoming 2024](#). This is a milestone reunion year for graduating class years ending in 4, 9, and members of the Tricolour Guard (alumni celebrating having graduated 50 years ago, or more). However, all alumni are welcome back to campus to celebrate!

Mark your calendars, and book accommodations early. If you are interested in learning more about helping plan a class reunion, contact us at reunions@queensu.ca.

More details will be released as they are confirmed.

Educational Opportunities

Who do you serve as an ambassador of the University?



Through December and January, the Human Rights and Equity Office (HREO) is continuing to support your learning journey on Accessibility at Queen's with access to the asynchronous learning module "Accessible Customer Service". This module covers important information that can assist Councillors, as ambassadors of the University, assist in improving customer service for persons with disabilities.

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Access to this asynchronous module (as well as previously offered modules: "Ableism" and "Access Forward") can be requested by emailing [Lindsey Kull](mailto:Lindsey.Kull@queensu.ca), Alumni Volunteer Liaison.

Learn more about the HREO from Stephanie Simpson, Associate Vice-Principal (Human Rights, Equity and Inclusion) and HREO staff members in this [video](#).

Councillor Spotlight

Get to know your fellow Councillor members by visiting their [biographical sketches](#). This month's Councillor profile for Daria Adèle Juüdi-Hope BScN'11, MPH'20 can be found [online](#).



If you have exciting personal or professional news you would like to share through your monthly newsletter, please reach out to Alumni Officer, Volunteer Liaison, [Lindsey Kull](mailto:Lindsey.Kull@queensu.ca).

Student life

Gaels Give with the QSAA



This year, the QSAA's mission is to inspire leadership amongst students, alumni, and other partners in our community to show that anyone can lead. Philanthropy and giving is an incredible way of showing leadership and commitment to a cause and can set students on a path to be engaged community members

throughout their lives. The year the QSAA has chosen [Student Health and Wellness Fund](#) as the recipient of this year's Gaels Give Campaign.

The Gaels Give Campaign is the QSAA's opportunity to encourage education and participation in philanthropy amongst students and demonstrate ways students can have a collective impact on their communities. At a time where there has been an ongoing increase of support for student mental health, the QSAA believes that this is an ideal time to provide students with an opportunity to explore ways that they can harness their passions and have an impact. As University Councillors and representatives of the broader alumni community, the QSAA would like to challenge you to partake in the realization of our mission and program this year Gaels Give Campaign by either learning more about Student Health and Wellness or Donating today.

[Queen's University](#) links to keep you informed

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