

University Council March 2024 Newsletter

Committee Updates

[Executive Committee](#)

The Executive Committee recently approved appointments to the University Council Program Committee (Letitia Golubitsky, MSc'06, Daria Juudi-Hope, BScN'11, MPH'20, and Colby Pereira, BA'13, MA'15) and the appointment of Heather Black, Sc'80, (Council Trustee) and Samantha Cheung, Sc'92 (elected Councillor) to the Chancellor Search Advisory Committee. Thank you to all Councillors for volunteering their time and efforts to serve on these committees.

Distinguished Service Awards: Do you know someone who has made Queen's a better place and deserves to be recognized? Inaugurated by the University Council in 1974, this award recognizes individuals who have made Queen's a better place through their outstanding contributions. Additional details can be found [here](#). A Call for Nominations will be launched in the near future and the deadline for nominations is Friday, April 6, 2024 at 4 pm. All nominations will be considered by the Executive Committee in June.

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 met on February 6. The Committee reviewed expressions of interest received from Councillors for one vacancy on the Chancellor Search Advisory Committee and recommended the appointment of Samantha Cheung to the Executive Committee for their approval. Recommendations were also made to the Executive Committee for appointments to the Program Committee. The Nominating Committee would like to thank all Councillors who expressed interest in serving in these capacities.

The Committee also reviewed the process for the 2024 University Council election. The call for nominations will be circulated to alumni on March 19.

The Committee will meet in March to discuss the 2024 election of Council Trustees.



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](#)

Committee membership: Congrats to Councillors Letitia Golubitsky, MSc'06, Daria Juudi-Hope, BScN'11, MPH'20, and Colby Pereira, BA'13, MA'15 as elected Councillors for a two-year term! Thank you to Councillors Nonyelum Anoliefo, MMIE'20 Heather Black, Sc'80 and Willa Henry, BScN '76 for their past service. The committee will select their new Chair at their next meeting.

Orientation: If you could offer a piece of advice to yourself as a newly elected University Councillor, what would it be? What do you wish you had learned during orientation that would have assisted you in your role? Please send feedback to ucouncil@queensu.ca for consideration for this year's Councillor Orientation being held in June.

University Council 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.

Travel/Accommodation:

Travel: Per the [Role Description](#), Councillors are expected to incur their own expenses associated with the Annual General Meeting. Councillors are eligible to donate their AGM expenses back to the university, for which an official tax receipt is issued. Councillors are welcome to share questions regarding this via email to ucouncil@queensu.ca

Travelling by VIA Rail: Take advantage of the 15% discount for alumni (with Alumni card and ID). [Details here](#). Queen's Discount code: 709508 [Register for your Alumni Card here](#). Show your Queen's Alumni Card and receive other [on-campus access and discounts](#).

Accommodation for Councillors attending the in-person meeting:

Kingston Market Square Hotel (Marriott), 285 King St E, Kingston, ON K7L 3B1 There are a limited number of rooms reserved for the University Council under the group blocks below. Guests staying for Homecoming will have to make a second reservation at the Homecoming rate, but the Hotel will combine the reservations, so you do not have to change rooms. Note: There is a great demand for accommodation for Homecoming. Please <u>do not</u> share these links outside of the University Council.				
Start Date	End Date	Last Day to Book:	Group Rate:	Booking Link:
Wednesday, October 16,	Friday, October 18	Tuesday, September 24	\$209 CAD per night	Book your group rate for Queens University Council Meeting Oct2024
Friday, October 18	Sunday, October 20	Tuesday, September 24	\$309 CAD per night	Book your group rate for QUC Homecoming



Tka Pinnock, Artsci'07 Chair, Program Committee

On behalf of your Program Committee: John Armitage, BSc'71, Samantha Cheung, Sc'92, Letitia Golubitsky, MSc'06, Chessa Jope, Com'09, Daria Juudi-Hope, BScN'11, MPH'20, and Colby Pereira, BA'13, MA'15

[Board/Council Trustees](#)

The next regular Open Session of the Board of Trustees meeting will be held on March 8 (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 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 March 28. 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](#).

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

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

As I prepare to complete my 2-year term as the QUAA President rather than looking back I am spending my time looking to the future with so many exciting things happening within the QUAA Board.

The 2024-26 QUAA President application and selection is underway. We look forward to announcing the incoming President in the coming weeks. We will also be opening the applications for Director positions on the Board next week. If you or anyone you know would be interested in applying they are welcome to reach out to quaa.board@queensu.ca for more information.

The 2024 Gala Awards Selection Committee met on Friday, March 1 to review the incredible slate of nominations. Award recipients have been selected and following the outreach to each of these wonderful alum, we will be sharing these names with Council and the greater alumni community. I would also like to encourage you to save-the-date for Gala which will be the evening of Saturday, June 1, 2024, held in Toronto. More details to come. We hope you are able to join in celebration of the 2024 Alumni Gala Award recipients.

Also, I hope you were all able to attend the virtual session A Conversation with Principal Deane. If you missed it or have not received the link to the recording., please reach out to Alumni Volunteer

Liaison, [Lindsey Kull](#) and she will be able to provide you with the link. You can look forward to more opportunities to connect in this way in the future.

Lastly, I would like to thank you all for welcoming me into the work of the Council and allowing me to share the work of the QUAA Board over my term as President. It has been an honour to serve in this role, and it has allowed me to gain an even better understanding of the fantastic Queen's alumni volunteer community. As the Board looks to welcome a new QUAA President, I have no doubt this relationship and the support to my successor will continue.

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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

News and Events

A Cosmic Collision: Sun vs. Moon - March 7, 2024 at 6:30 pm
in the Living Room of The Mansion (506 Princess St, Kingston)



Astronomy on Tap is a series of worldwide events where professional astronomers give informal talks at a local bar on topics of a broad interest in astronomy and astrophysics. [Gregg Wade](#) and [Chris Spencer](#) who will go head-to-head in a debate over the sun vs moon in preparation for the, April 8, total solar eclipse.

The event, held at [The Mansion](#), will be hosted by local astro-buff, [Mark Richardson](#). There will be time for questions and discussion, and the speakers and other local scientists will mingle with the audience between and after the talks, providing lots of opportunities to chat with some keen astronomers. There will also be a trivia session with questions related to astronomy with prizes given out to the winners!

The event is free and open to all ages, but space is limited, so you are encouraged to arrive on time! Pre-show starts at 6:30pm, with the main event starting at 7pm. For more information or if you have any questions, please email Outreach@McDonaldInstitute.ca or contact through their [Facebook page](#).

[Follow the Arc of the Sun](#) – Thursday, March 21, 2024 from 7 am – 5 pm at the Agnes



An experimental sound and music performance embracing the celestial precision of the spring equinox as a musical score. During this live performance, Long Branch will trace the movement and angle of the sun within the walls of the Agnes Etherington house. The ensemble will begin at dawn and continue until dusk on a journey guided by place and light.

Coinciding with the temporary closing of the Agnes house, this performance marks a transitional moment for the gallery and for Long Branch, as they each embark on new beginnings. This auditory odyssey reflects on the endurance of time, being inside and outside of shelter, and isolation and exposure. Free admission. For additional details, contact aeac@queensu.ca or visit the event page [online](#).

Total Solar Eclipse -April 8, 2024 – Call for volunteers



On April 8, 2024, Kingston is set to witness a [rare total solar eclipse](#), drawing thousands of eager spectators to witness this extraordinary cosmic phenomenon. The city is in the path of totality, making it one of the prime viewing locations in Canada.

Join Queen's Physics as a volunteer and help prepare the Kingston community for the upcoming April 8 total solar eclipse. Interested individuals can register as a volunteer using the [eclipse ambassador form](#) or inquire for more information by emailing eclipse2024@queensu.ca.

Not in Kingston, you can still join the efforts of Queen's in making this total solar eclipse a memorable and educational experience. For more information and resources on the total solar eclipse, visit the Queen's [eclipse website](#).

[Career Services – Hold an Event](#)



Information sessions and pop-up booths are a great way for employers to connect with talented Queen's students, promote their brand across campus, and meet their recruitment needs.

Information Sessions: Companies or education programs that want to recruit Queen's students or raise students' awareness of their organization or programs are invited to hold information sessions on campus. These sessions are a means of networking with interested students and presenting your organization, culture and job opportunities. Career Services makes the process simple by handling all logistical components.

Pop-Up Booth: An Information Booth is an opportunity for educational, employment, volunteer or professional organizations to set up a table or booth in high traffic areas of campus. Information Booths offer students a chance to meet people from organizations in a friendly,

informal venue to ask questions and learn about what's "out there" for them. Information Booths are advertised on the weekly events calendar.

Complete the [Employer Event Booking Request](#). Or, if you have any questions about [Queen's Career Services](#) please reach out to their team at gocr@queensu.ca with any questions.

Educational Opportunities

The [Academica Top Ten in Higher Education](#) is a daily digest of top postsecondary news, editorials, and trends in Canada, published as a free service by Academica Group for the community. The selection of stories is informed by Academica's research and consulting work with institutions throughout Canada. Interested? [Sign-up](#) to get your free subscription.

HREO: Accessible Event and Meeting Planning



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AND EQUITY OFFICE**

Just as with documents, websites, or emails; you want to ensure what your meetings and events are planned to be experienced equally and enjoyed by all.

This asynchronous learning module will show you many things (many low-cost and no-cost things) you can do to make your event more inclusive.

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 Kull](#).

Student life



"*Princeps Servusque Es*" (Be a leader and a servant) is the motto of the [Office of the Rector](#), and truly embodies what the Rector strives to do for Queen's students. Learn more about the [Rector Role Description](#).

Niki Boytchuk-Hale, was elected the 39th Rector of Queen's University during the election for Rector held February 6-7, 2024 and will take office May 1, 2024. For more information about Niki, visit the [About the Rector page](#).

The 38th Rector of Queen's University, Owen Crawford-Lem will end his term on April 30, 2024. For more information on Owen, visit the [About the Rector page](#). Owen will join an illustrious list of [Past Rectors](#) who have served Queen's University since 1913.



If you would like to send a congratulations note to Owen or Niki, please forward to rector@queensu.ca Or, consider a dedicating a donation to the [Rector's Bursary](#).



The [Office of the Rector](#) hosts the [Agnes Benidickson Tricolour Awards](#) to recognize students for distinguished service, leadership, character and community impact during their time at Queen's. Please help us congratulate the following recipients who will be inducted into the prestigious [Tricolour Society](#) in April. If you would like to send a congratulations note, please forward to events@queensu.ca

- Niki Boytchuk-Hale, ConEd'24
Boytchuk-Hale is an inclusive and collaborative leader who has fostered co-operation between students and the administration. In her final year of the Concurrent Education program, she has held several positions with the Alma Mater Society (AMS) since 2020. As AMS director of marketing, Boytchuk-Hale created and implemented the innovative AMS Asks U social media campaign.
- Kyla Gibson, Artsci'25
Gibson, a third-year Life Sciences major, is dedicated to creating a more inclusive campus for equity-deserving groups. As co-founder of the [Commitment Scholars](#) engagement committee, she designed and implemented a mentorship program, helping more than 20 equity-deserving scholars engage in peer mentoring.
- Tara Rezvan, Com'23, MSc'24
Rezvan, a master's student, has worked tirelessly to bridge the gap between academia and industry through her commitment to producing socially impactful research at Smith. As an undergraduate, she founded the Research Impact Hub, which connects undergraduate commerce students with opportunities to engage with innovative academic research.
- Meena Waseem, Com'24
Waseem, a fourth-year Commerce student, has been a positive force for change throughout her time at Queen's. As a residence don, she organized and led the university's

first ever “Ramadan-in-Residence” initiative to create inclusive and robust Ramadan programming for students living in residence.

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

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