

University Council November 2023 Newsletter

Committee Updates

[Executive Committee](#)

The Executive Committee met on October 6 and welcomed new members Mary Drinkwater, Ed'78, MPA'08 and Letitia Golubitsky, MSc'06. Doug Bruce, Sc'85 was appointed as the Committee Vice-Chair for a term ending September 1, 2024.

Tka Pinnock, Artsci'07, Committee member and Chair of the 2023 Program Committee, presented the final agenda for the 148th University Council Annual General Meeting (AGM). She provided an overview of the AGM and related events, and the Committee approved the programming for Nov. 3-4.

The Executive Committee also received an update from Heather Black, Sc'80, member of the SPC on Annual General Meeting Date (SPC). The SPC will provide the Executive Committee with their formal recommendation at an upcoming meeting.

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 Chair of the Nominating Committee recently met with Patrice Walch-Watson, the Chair of the Board of Trustees Governance and Nominating Committee. They discussed current priorities for the Board of Trustees and the upcoming election of Council Trustees, which will be communicated to Councillors during the annual call for nominations later in the academic year.



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](#)

The 148th Annual General Meeting of the University Council will be held Nov. 3-4, 2023 at the [Donald Gordon Centre](#) (DGC) in Kingston.

All Meeting Details are available on the Portal. Overview as follows:

- Nov. 3, 2023; 10:30 am – noon EST - Campus Tour (Optional)
Tours will leave from Gordon Hall, 74 Union St. Kingston, ON.

- Nov. 3, 2023; 1:00 – 3:30 pm EST - Welcome Session
The welcome session will include a presentation from the keynote speaker Dr. Colleen Davison, an outline of reports included in the annual meeting consent agenda and a Q&A session.
- Nov. 3, 2023; 5:30 – 7:30 pm EST - Distinguished Service Award Celebration
Inaugurated by the University Council in 1974, this award recognizes individuals who have made the University a better place through their extraordinary contributions. [Tickets must be purchased in advance \(with a discounted rate for Councillors\)](#). Councillors are encouraged to attend to celebrate the [2023 Recipients](#): Christine Berga, Elizabeth Jane Errington, Anita Lister, Elspeth Jane Murray, Brenda Reed, Colette Steer
- Nov. 3, 2023; 8:00 – 10:00 pm EST - University Council Social
Hosted by the Program Committee, Councillors will meet at the Donald Gordon Centre to have an informal social with their colleagues and student leaders. Food and non-alcoholic beverages will be provided, and a cash bar will be available.
- Nov. 4, 2023; 8:00 am – 4:00 pm EST - Annual General Meeting
With the theme of “Community engagement and student learning”, the Program Committee has developed an exciting day designed to deepen Councillors’ knowledge and encourage active, ongoing engagement in their roles as ambassadors for Queen’s. The day will start with an update on the [university strategic goals](#) by [Principal Patrick Deane](#). This will be followed by a presentation on community engagement at Queen’s by Special Advisor to the Principal [Dr. Wendy Craig](#), which includes an opportunity for Councillor questions and feedback. The day concludes with a student panel focused on the AGM’s theme.

Travel: Per the [Role Description](#), Councillors are responsible for coordinating and booking their own travel. University Council is a volunteer organization and, as such, Councillors are expected to incur their own participation expenses. Councillors are eligible to donate their participation expenses back to the University, for which an official receipt is issued for tax purposes. Councillors who do not believe they can meet these expectations are encouraged to raise their concerns with the [University Secretariat](#).

Please contact the [Secretariat’s Office](#) if you have questions.

We look forward to seeing you at the Council AGM!



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, Willa Henry, BNSc’76, Chessa Jope, Com’09

[Board/Council Trustees](#)

The next regular Open Session of the Board of Trustees meeting 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 Nov 30 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

[Task Force on Street Parties](#)

Recommendations from [Task Force on Street Parties are posted on the website](#).



Bittu George, Artsci'95, Law'98
University Council Representative

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

The Queen's University Alumni Association (QUAA) Board of Directors and Alumni Gala Award Selection Committee are excited to announce that nominations for the [2024 Alumni Gala Awards](#) are open.

You are encouraged to nominate one (or more) of your classmates, fellow Councillors or connections for an Alumni Gala Award. This is a wonderful opportunity to celebrate alumni for their outstanding accomplishments and contributions to Queen's and beyond, culminating with the awards presentation at the 2024 Alumni Awards Gala.

Alumni Gala Awards open for nomination (listed alphabetically):

- Alumni Global Citizenship Award

- Distinguished Alumni Achievement Award
- Equity, Diversity, Inclusion and Indigenization Award
- Herbert J. Hamilton Volunteer Service Award
- Initiative of the Year Award
- Marsha Lampman Volunteer Award
- One To Watch Award
- Outstanding Alumni Achievement Award
- Outstanding Student Leader Award

If you are interested in more information about the awards above, past recipients, selection criteria or nominating a deserving alum, please visit the Gala Awards webpage [online](#) or reach out to [Lindsey Kull](#), Alumni Officer, Volunteer Liaison with any questions. The deadline for nominations is Fri. Dec. 8 11:59PM (EST)



Colin McLeod, Artsci'10, [President and Chair, QAAA Board of Directors](#)

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

News and Events

[From Kingston to New York with Simon Huck, Artsci'06](#)



On Wednesday, Nov. 8, from 6:30-7:30 pm

Councillors are invited to join on [Queen's Alumni Instagram](#) Live for an exclusive interview with President, [Command Entertainment Group](#) and TV personality [Simon Huck](#), Artsci'06 and co-host Niki Boytchuk-Hale, Artsci'23. Hear about Simon's journey after Queen's, how he took a chance at a career he'd only read about in magazines. He will talk about how he went from being a personal assistant to running a successful public

relations firm which orchestrates partnerships between some of the world's biggest brands and best-known celebrities.

From Kingston to New York with Simon Huck is pleased to partner with [Gaels of the Last Decade](#) (GOLD). GOLD is a virtual program dedicated to highlighting the journey of young alumni and recent graduates of the past ten years as they pursue new careers. These events offer guidance on finding the path right for you after graduation. Please share this exciting [event](#) with your networks.

[Fall 2023 Convocation](#)



University Councillors are invited to join members of the Queen's community in Grant Hall between Nov. 13 – 17 as we celebrate Convocation. Our graduates are always encouraged and inspired by the participation of special guests during their ceremonies. This fall there will be over 1,600 undergraduate and graduate students receiving their degrees, diplomas, and certificates.

The full schedule of dates, times and participating programs can be found [online](#).

Further details, including the online RSVP form link, can be found [here](#). Please note that University Council is NOT required to reserve regalia or participate in the Academic Procession. Seating for Council members will be provided in the Reserved Section in Grant Hall.

Thank you to Councillors Willa Henry, BScN'76, Kieva Hbranchuck, Arsci'09, Daria Juudi-Hope, BScN'11, MPH'20 and Erin Polansky, Artsci'95 for volunteering to welcome our newest graduates to the alumni community at the 2023 Fall Convocation ceremonies.

If you are interested in volunteering for this role at a future Convocation ceremony (in June or November), please reach out to [Lindsey Kull](#), Alumni Officer, Volunteer Liaison.

[The Vanier Cup 2023](#)



The 58th edition of the [Vanier Cup](#) will be held at Richardson Memorial Stadium on Saturday, Nov. 25 from 1:00-4:00pm EST.

The 2023 championship is the first Vanier Cup game in Kingston, and the third time a Canadian university football title game is played in the city, dating back to the 1929 Canadian Intercollegiate Rugby Football Union title games. Kingston will be the eighth city to host the championship since its inception in

1965, with Toronto hosting on 41 occasions, Quebec City seven times, Hamilton five and once in London, Montreal, Saskatoon, and Vancouver. The 2023 Vanier Cup will also air on CBC Television (English).

Save the Date: [Homecoming 2024](#)



Save the date for Homecoming 2024 to reconnect with friends and former classmates, while creating new traditions and showing your tricolour spirit.

On the weekend of Oct. 18-20, 2024, Queen's will be celebrating milestone reunions for graduating class years ending in 4, 9, and members of the Tricolour Guard (alumni celebrating having graduated 50+ years ago).

However, all alumni are welcome back to campus to celebrate! Mark your calendars, and book accommodations early. More details will be released as they are confirmed.

Educational Opportunities



HUMAN RIGHTS AND EQUITY OFFICE

As you continue your learning journey, the Human Rights and Equity Office has provided access to the next asynchronous learning module: Access Forward.

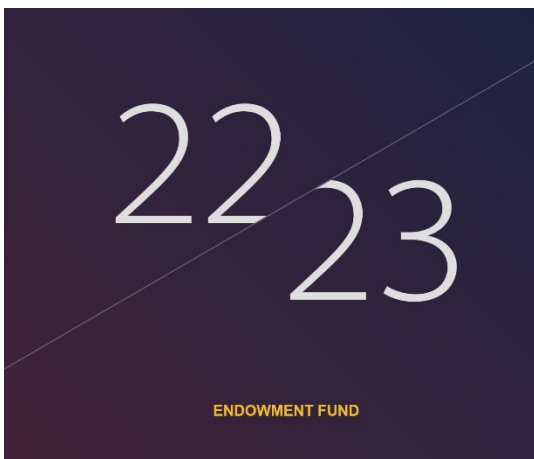
This asynchronous module reviews the concepts of Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act (AODA) and Accessibility Standard Regulations (IASR), providing scenarios and resources to support the University's efforts in improving accessibility standards, but also your role on Council, and provide information that can also be applied to your personal and professional life.

For access to this asynchronous session, please email [Lindsey Kull](mailto:Lindsey.Kull).

If you wish to participate in the asynchronous module on Ableism, shared in your October newsletter, you may do so by reaching out to Lindsey as well.

Each of these modules takes approximately 60 minutes to complete and will provide you with the tools and resources to exercise more awareness in regards to accessibility needs and best practices.

Queen's Endowment Report



Thank you to Councillors who participated in or watched the recording from the continuing education session (Giving Through Queen's: an educational session on advocacy and ambassadorship) in October.

Continuing the conversation following the educational session, we would like to ensure all Councillors have access to the [2022-23 Endowment Report](#) online.

The recording of this educational session was emailed to all Councillors following the virtual session. If you did not receive the recording link in your email, or you would like to share your feedback on this educational session, please reach out to [Lindsey Kull](mailto:Lindsey.Kull).

Student Life



The position of Rector is unique to Queen's among all Canadian universities. The Rector tradition was passed to Queen's from the University of Edinburgh, with the first Rector taking office in 1913 and the first student Rector taking office in 1969. The Rector of Queen's is the third officer of the University, after the Chancellor and Principal. [Queen's University Rector](#) is a student, elected by all students, in accordance with the [By-laws of the University Council](#) (By-Law F: Election of the Rector)

The role of the Rector:

- Serves as a student representative of the university's [Board of Trustees](#) (and associated [committees of the Board](#)) and as an official observer of the university's [Senate](#). The Rector also manages invitations to university-wide task forces, advisory committees, and working groups. I have had the opportunity to work closely with Council Trustees, and the guidance of Council Trustee and Board Chair, Mary Wilson Trider.
- Presides over all convocation ceremonies at Queen's, in concert with the [Chancellor](#) and [Principal](#).
- Serves as Chair of the [Agnes Benidickson Tricolour Award](#), recognizing students for their service, leadership, and character during their time at Queen's. Look for recipient announcement in the new year and be amazed at the accomplishments of these students. When you see the social media posts, consider sharing to your networks. And feel free to submit a note of congratulations to rector@queensu.ca
- Works with students' organizations and participates on numerous student government bodies, including [AMS Assembly](#) (non-voting observer), [SGPS Council](#) (non-voting observer), and Presidents' Caucus, as well as, round tables, advocacy summits, and public speaking opportunities. Let me know if you have issue you wish to take forward to the AMS or SGPS, or if you are looking for a student speaker for your Queen's affiliations.
- Acts as a key liaison between students and the university's senior administration, articulating and amplifying important issues, opinions, views, and encouraging university wide dialogue on issues that are important to student success.
- Manages the [Rector's Bursary](#), awarded on the basis of demonstrated financial need. Please [consider donating](#) to assist students with emergency expenses.

I'll be wrapping up my term as Rector, and an [election for a new Rector](#) will commence in accordance with the University Council By-Law F, delegating the responsibility to the Alma Mater Society. Councillors are encouraged to share the opportunity with their networks to broaden the pool of candidates. And, reach out and congratulate the new Rector to offer guidance and support when they are appointed.

If you have any questions or comments, feel free to [contact me](#). I am looking forward to seeing you at the Council Annual Meeting and will be happy to answer any questions about the Office of the Rector and/or Student Life!

Owen Crawford-Lem
38th Rector, Queen's University

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