

University Council September 2023 Newsletter

Committee Updates

[Executive Committee](#)

The Executive Committee would like to welcome newly elected members Mary Drinkwater, Artsci'77, Ed'78, MPA'08 and Letitia Golubitsky, MSc'06.

The Committee will meet on Oct. 6 to approve, on the recommendation of the Program Committee, the agenda for the Nov. 4 AGM. Registration for the 2023 AGM will open on Oct. 10. Please continue to hold Nov. 3 (afternoon/evening) and Nov. 4 (all day) in your calendars for the AGM and related events until the final schedule is revealed.

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](#)

Welcome to newly elected Councillors, who started their four-year term Sept. 1, 2023. Take a look at their [biographical sketches](#). *Listed alphabetically by last name:*

Tazrian Alam, Artsci'13
Doug Bruce, BSc'85 (re-elected)
Safiah Chowdhury, Artsci'11
Mary Drinkwater, Artsci'77; BEd'78; MPA '08 (re-elected)
Letitia Golubitsky, MSc'06
Colby Pereira, Artsci'13, MA'15
David Pick, Artsci'89, Law '92
Patricia Romans, BScH'70
Yanique Williams, Artsci'08 (re-elected)
Marcus Wong, Artsci'03 (re-elected)

The Nominating Committee would like to welcome newly appointed members Chessa Jope, Com'09 and David Pick, Artsci '89, Law '92.

The Nominating Committee will meet in October to begin discussing the election of Councillors to the Board of Trustees in 2024. Stay tuned for additional details.

ICOUNT Queen's Equity Census: Watch for an email from Queen's Human Rights and Equity Office. Councillors who have not previously completed this census will be asked to respond to help in providing a more accurate summary of Council's current composition. (The Census measures the

representation of the four designated categories of the Federal Government's employment equity legislation: women, racialized groups/visible minorities, Indigenous/Aboriginal peoples, and persons with disabilities.

Competencies Matrix: Please also watch your emails for the University Council Competencies Matrix. The Nominating Committee would like all Councillors to complete the Competencies Matrix, which was drafted by the Board of Trustees Governance and Nominating Committee and recently updated in June 2023. Data from this survey will provide the Nominating Committee with a comprehensive understanding of Councillors' competencies as part of efforts to leverage Councillors' respective experiences and diversity. The information requested in this survey is collected to assist the committee with the development and evaluation of its membership and assignment functions.



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 Committee has been meeting over the summer to plan the 2023 Programming Calendar, with particular emphasis on the 2023 Annual General Meeting (AGM).

Friday, Nov. 3

- Welcome Session
 - The formal session will include a presentation from a keynote speaker, an outline of reports included in the annual meeting consent agenda with an interactive Q&A.
- Distinguished Service Awards
 - Inaugurated by the University Council in 1974, these awards recognize individuals who have made the University a better place through their extraordinary contributions. 2023 recipients were recently [announced](#). Councillors are encouraged to save the date to attend this Council-initiated program.
- Council Social, hosted by the Program Committee
 - Councillors will meet to have an informal social with each other and university student leaders. Food and non-alcoholic beverages will be provided, and a cash bar will be available.

Saturday, Nov. 4

- Annual General Meeting
 - With the "Community" Theme, the Program Committee is developing an exciting program to highlight opportunities for Councillors to be further actively engaged.

Hold the dates now, and more details and registration to follow. Questions? 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, 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 Sept. 29 (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 registration 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 Oct. 5. 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 \(QUAA\)](#)

The QUAA Board of Directors is excited to share that the QUAA Grants application cycle opened on Sept. 1 and will be closing Oct. 31 at 11:59PM (EST). Student and alumni groups within the Queen's community seeking funding for innovative programs that enrich the University community may qualify for funding from the QUAA. Grants are normally for a few hundred dollars but can be as high as \$2,000.

Guidelines, tips and information required to apply can be found [online](#). Please encourage your Queen's connections to consider submitting an application for a QUAA Grant.

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



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

Keep up to date on upcoming alumni events by visiting the [Alumni Events page](#) on the website.

[Homecoming 2023](#)



Join us this fall (Oct. 20-22) and reconnect with friends and former classmates, while creating new traditions and showing your tricolour spirit. This is a milestone reunion year for graduating class years ending in 3 or 8, or members of the Tricolour Guard (alumni celebrating having graduated 50+ years ago). However, all alumni are welcome back to campus to celebrate!

Mentorship Opportunity



Consider joining the [Queen's Student Alumni Association](#) (QSAA) mentorship program. Mentors will be matched with a passionate, curious student who is on their way to becoming a Queen's alumni and support them by sharing knowledge, experiences and expertise.

Mentors meet with mentees once a month or up to once every two weeks, online or in-person, and receive plenty of guidance, so you can build rapport whether you're a first-time mentor or an experienced student supporter.

[Register today](#) and share with your Queen's network – make a difference in the life of a current student.

Queen's Career Services is now on LinkedIn



Follow [Career Services on LinkedIn](#) and share with your Queen's networks to stay updated with Career Services and how you can help Queen's students.

Educational Opportunities

[National Day for Truth and Reconciliation](#)



"Reconciliation is yours to achieve. We owe it to each other to build a Canada based on our shared future; a future of healing and trust."

- The Honourable Murray Sinclair, LLB MSC IPC
[15th Chancellor of Queen's University](#)

Elder Talk: What does true reconciliation look like?

On Sept. 21, join Cultural Advisor Te ho wis kwûnt, Allen Doxtator, on Zoom for Elder Talks. These sessions will see Al discuss various topics such as ceremony, allyship, the 'token Indian', and more. [Register today](#).

In support of this important time of reflection and learning, the University will be offering activities and opportunities to learn, engage, and act toward advancing reconciliation both on and off campus between Sept. 25 and Oct. 2. Check [online](#) for the most current list of opportunities. In addition, an important aspect of Truth and Reconciliation work is committing to your own awareness and self-education of the complex histories as well as ongoing issues facing Indigenous Peoples across Turtle Island. With this, we encourage you to use the below resources as well as sources of information you discover on your own, to learn more, each day. Please read and sign the [Commitment to Reconciliation](#).

For years, Sept. 30 has been recognized as [Orange Shirt Day](#), a designated day of remembrance to honour victims and survivors of Canada's Indigenous residential school system. On Sept. 30 wear your orange shirt to show your support!

Queen's welcomes all campus community members to attend a Sacred Fire ceremony on Agnes Benidickson Field on Oct. 2 to recognize the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation. Join for an opportunity to reflect on the legacy of Canada's residential school system and hear how we can continue to learn and advance reconciliation together.

Philanthropy at Queen's

On Oct. 4 11:30am (EST) Alumni Relations and Annual Giving will be hosting a virtual educational session for Councillors, facilitated by Director of Alumni Giving and Young Alumni, [Jodi Snowdon](#) on Philanthropy at Queen's. A meeting invite including the zoom link will be provided to all Councillors in the coming weeks. Keep an eye on your email or connect with [Lindsey Kull](#), Alumni Officer, Volunteer Liaison for more information.

I-EDIAA Asynchronous Learning



Join a Virtual Accessibility Café

Councillors are encouraged to attend the HREO [Accessibility Cafés](#). These synchronous virtual Zoom sessions happen throughout the year and are on interesting topics related to accessibility. The first Accessibility Café will be held on Oct. 2 and the topic for this session is accessible procurement. More information on upcoming events is available in the [Accessibility Hub](#).

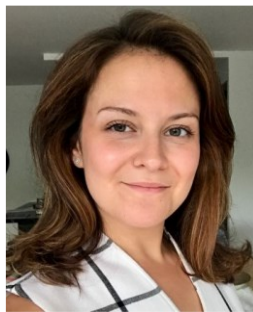
If you would like to review any of the past asynchronous modules provided by HREO, links are available [online](#) in previous newsletters.

Councillor Spotlight

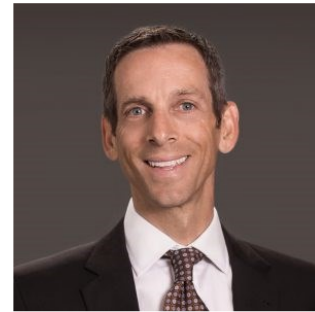
Get to know your fellow Councillor members by visiting their [biographical sketches](#). New profiles for the following Councillors can be found [online](#).



Councillor Tazrian Alam,
Artsci'13



Councillor Colby Pereira,
Artsci'13, MA'15



Councillor David Pick,
Artsci'89, Law'92

If you have exciting personal or professional news to share through your monthly newsletter, please reach out to Alumni Officer, Volunteer Liaison, [Lindsey Kull](#).

Student life

Meet Queen's student leaders

Over the past week, the University campus has come alive with the energy of students involved in Orientation and welcome back activities. Faculty, staff and student leadership groups have been hard at work ensuring the students entering the 2023-24 academic year start off with an inclusive and supportive welcome or welcome back to Queen's.

We encourage you to find out more about some of these incredible student leaders in the [Society of Graduates & Professional Students](#) (SGPS), [Alma Mater Society](#) (AMS), [Queen's Student Alumni Association](#) (QSAA) and the [Office of the Rector](#) and find out how their roles impact student life at Queen's today.

We look forward to sharing more information about the initiatives and projects these students will be taking on throughout the year. Stay tuned for updates in upcoming newsletters.

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

Principal	Queen's Alumni Review	Arts & Science
Queen's Strategic Goals	Queen's Gazette	Education
QUAA	Queen's Quarterly	Engineering & Applied Science
Rector	Event Calendar	Graduate Studies and Postdoctoral Affairs
Alma Mater Society	Inclusive Queen's	Health Sciences
SGPS	Queen's Encyclopedia	Law
QSAA	Viewbook	Smith School of Business