Welcome to the first meeting of the 2023-2024 academic year. The following report includes the most recent news and kudos since our last Faculty Board meeting in April 2023.

**Arts and Science News and Kudos**

- Queen’s researchers John Smol and Jacalyn Duffin have been recognized by the Royal Society of Canada for their research excellence. Read the story: [Royal Society Awards](#).
- Five Queen’s students have been nationally recognized for their research and leadership skills with Vanier Canada Graduate Scholarships. Read the story: [Exceptional scholarly achievement](#).
- Canada’s top STEM scholarship awarded to five Faculty of Arts and Science students. Read the story: [Scholarships support Canada’s future leaders](#).
- Queen’s researchers Tucker Carrington and Darryl Robinson are inducted into the Royal Society of Canada. Read the story: [Royal recognition](#).
- Two Queen’s researchers have been awarded over $4M from the Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada to further equity and inclusion for people with disabilities. Read the story: [Research that is breaking down barriers](#).
- Queen’s researcher Christopher Spencer is part of an international team working on research that will revolutionize future diamond discoveries. Read the story: [Scientists crack the code of what causes diamonds to erupt](#).
- FAS welcomes five new postdoctoral fellows through the Vice-Principal Research Postdoctoral Fund. Read the story: [Vice-Principal Research announces results of Postdoctoral Fellowship program](#).
- FAS students earn top prizes at the annual Dunin-Deshpande Summer Pitch Competition. Read the story: [Pitches hit all the right notes](#).
- Special journal issue showcases the impact of Dr. Cathleen Crudden on the field of chemistry, and her role as a mentor. Read the story: [The Crudden Effect](#).
- Chris Berga, Elizabeth Jane Errington, Anita Lister, Elspeth Murray, Brenda Reed, and Colette Steer are being recognized for making Queen’s a better place through their extraordinary contributions. Read the story: [2023 Distinguished Service Award winners announced](#).
- Three Queen’s University professors and leadership members have been appointed Officers of the Order of Canada. Read the story: [Three Queen’s community members appointed to Order of Canada](#).
- FAS researcher earns Governor General’s Innovation Award for novel atmospheric mercury sampling system. Read the story: [Monitoring for mercury](#).
- Philosophy professor named Azrieli Global Scholar by the Canadian Institute for Advanced Research. Read the story: [Dalitso Ruwe joins global research organization](#).
• James Fraser has been named the new Associate Dean (Graduate Studies) where he’ll serve the approximately 1,850 graduate and professional students within the Faculty of Arts and Science. Read the story: New leadership for FAS Graduate Studies.

• FAS psychology professor Meghan Norris honoured by the Canadian Psychological Association. Read the story: Saluting teaching and leadership excellence.

• Dr. Paul Grogan is the 2023 recipient of the university’s top teaching award – the Chancellor A. Charles Baillie Teaching Award – which recognizes undergraduate, graduate, or professional teaching that has had an outstanding influence on the quality of student learning at Queen’s. Read the story: Biology professor Paul Grogan receives top teaching award.

• Professor honoured by Polish Ambassador with The Cross of Freedom and Solidarity. Read the story: Fighting back against the regime.