

Report to SGPS Council

Hello Councillors,

We've made it to the last Assembly of the calendar year! I hope you are all winding down your society operations and making more time to study for exams and write final papers. Rest up and enjoy time with family and friends over the holidays. My team and I will be away from December 20 – January 5, though I will continue to take requests for the Rector's Bursary and any other urgent matters.

Office | We onboarded two new interns, and they have hit the ground running, helping with logistics for the Tricolour Award, social media listening, and began setting up the groundwork for a new project. Our team hosted a Q&A table for the Tricolour Award nomination packages, finalized the Student Leader Development Conference recap and report, and is now booking club and community events for the new year.

Community Engagement | November kicked off with a week of [convocation ceremonies](#) for the last set of 2025 graduates. I then spoke on the student leader panel at the [University Council](#) annual meeting. We talked about what student life is like today, including challenges such as housing affordability and conditions. My community engagement then took an abnormal turn, and I set off to Kings College London to gather with university leaders from across North America, the United Kingdom, Europe, and Africa. I came back to the [Alumni Review Magazine](#) fall issue. In it, I contributed reflections about the JDUC that I gathered from digging through Board minutes a decade back, calling up past AMS presidents, my own experiences before the revitalization, and what current students are saying about it. Finally, I served as a guest judge for [Culture Day!](#) Hosted by the Varsity Leadership Council and Athletics & Recreation Centre, it is a vibrant evening displaying talented student athletes and delicious food.

Board of Trustees | I have no updates, other than the Board and its committees will be meeting during the second week of December.

The Board has regular Open Session meetings four times per year, and community members can request to join in-person or online by sending an email to trustees@queensu.ca. Anyone can also access the [Governance Portal](#) to view the agenda by clicking on the calendar date of the meeting.


Committees | Here are all my available committee updates:

- **Rector Election Policy Review:** Both SGPS Council and AMS Assembly have passed the new policy. Thank you for all those involved in supporting this process! My office team will work on implementing all of the approved changes in the new year to hand off to the AMS policy bank.
- **Indigenous Research Collaboration Day:** the 9th annual conference was a tremendous success, and we are now thinking ahead to next year.
- **Honorary Degree Selection Committee:** Each year, the Queen's community has a chance to [nominate](#) deserving individuals for an Honorary Doctorate. The next deadline is February 27, 2026, and those successful will be awarded this honour at convocation ceremonies in 2027.

Rector's Digest | My [November column](#) delves into my experience at the Magna Charta Universitatum gathering.

That's all for now! Please reach out to me if you have any questions, need support, or would like to share an experience that can help me convey student voices to the administration. If you'd like to book a meeting or send an event invitation, please contact rector.assist@queensu.ca

At your service,



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