



Report to SGPS Council

Hello Councillors,

It is Black Histories and Futures month at Queen's, and you can find a collection of events on campus and in Kingston [here on the Culture, Equity, and Inclusion website](#).

Office | Over the past few weeks I have enjoyed meeting with Faculty Society teams for coffee in my office. If you didn't respond to the initial invite, please know you can always reach out at any point to chat. At January Senate, I pulled the 2026-27 Academic Sessional Dates to request some language changes to the description of the National Day for Truth & Reconciliation and to consider including information in students' SOLUS schedules on September 30, 2026 – I will be meeting with the Registrar to confirm these details. The Tricolour Award Selection Committee reviewed a large volume of nominations, and by the time we meet for Assembly, we will have spent a full weekend interviewing. We look forward to announcing the recipients later this month.

Community Engagement | The New Year kicked off with exciting events, like the inaugural [lecture series to commemorate Chancellor Emeritus Murray Sinclair](#), AMS and SGPS executive election debates, and [cooking with for Good Times Diner](#). We're also [promoting the Shift Survey](#) and encourage student organizations and leaders to support awareness on social media and to complete the 15-minute questionnaire.

Board of Trustees | I will be writing my March Board report soon and am open to hear from you about important items to note in my remarks by Feb. 13.

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 | I have the following committee updates:

- **Board-Senate Advisory Committee:** We are fully immersed in planning this year's retreat for Trustees and Senators coming up in March. I highly encourage all student senators to attend as it is a wonderful opportunity to meet the Trustees and talk about important shared governance topics.
- **Rector Advisory Committee:** We met for the first time this year. I presented the Committee with updates on office accomplishments and asked for advice on matters related to convocation and the Student Leader Development Conference.

Rector's Digest | January's column was written by my staff member, Pungavi, who talked about [the history of the Shift survey](#) and encouraged students to complete it by Feb. 17.

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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