

**Office of the Rector**  
**Report to Assembly**  
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Hello Presidents,

I hope you all enjoyed a change of pace during Reading Week, however you spent it. We're less than two months away from the term end, and I trust you are working hard to wrap up your time in office and transition your incoming teams.

**Office** | The 2026 [Agnes Bendickson Tricolour Award](#) recipients are Emils Matiss, Bisola Olaseni, Oluwamisimi (Simi) Oluwole, and Daniel (Dan) Reddy. They have each contributed in distinct and inspiring ways, enhancing the student experience at Queen's and leaving a legacy that will be felt well beyond their time here. Thank you to the [Selection Committee](#) for their service. My team is busy planning for the Tricolour reception as well as other projects related to improving student support and study spaces.

**Community Engagement** | The University asked me to delegate at Kingston City Council and speak in support of the Alto high-speed rail project along the Québec-Toronto corridor. I emphasized the compelling case for ensuring Kingston is included as a stop, asking for the corridor to be closer to our city center to maximize accessibility and minimize disruption to the environment. I also submitted a [letter as part of the Bill 33 consultations](#) with support from several student society leaders. Once we learn how exactly the Schedule 3 amendments to the Ministry of Training, Colleges and Universities Act will require changes to our current practices, the administration, in collaboration with the AMS and SGPS, will respond.

**Board of Trustees** | At the time of writing this, the Board has not yet met for our March meetings, but I can provide a verbal update at Assembly.

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](mailto: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 do not have any committee updates that can be reported on this month. Most of my committee work in February has to do with award selection and the Board of Trustees, which are sensitive matters. I look forward to sharing more when I can.

**Rector's Digest** | In February, I wrote about the case for [Kingston on Canada's high-speed rail](#).

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](mailto:rector.assist@queensu.ca)

At your service,



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