Office of the Rector
Report to Assembly
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Hello Presidents,

I hope all your summer work is well on its way. It will be orientation before we know it!

Office | The third Student Leader Development Conference (SLDC) is taking place on September 18 and 19. Registration will open on August 4, and I encourage you to register. Highlights include media and communications training with Dan Tish (President of the Ontario Chamber of Commerce) and a session on leadership and moral courage with Bob Rae (former Premier of Ontario and Canadian Ambassador to the UN). Our office is also about to launch an awareness campaign for the upcoming municipal election. You can follow along and share on social media when you see it. We will be filming more videos come September, and if you are interested in participating, please email **media.hosseiny@queensu.ca.**

Community Engagement | Spring/summer convocation has wrapped up. It was a beautiful 1.5 weeks in May and June. We **celebrated four graduating Tricolour Award recipients** on stage and Queen's presented **David Robertson** with an honorary doctorate. I also recently **sat down with the Gazette** to speak with them about my decision to remain Rector for a third year. I shared reflections about the last two years, goals for the next several months, and some thoughts up the future of Queen's. Finally, I have been supporting recent Queen's alumni in securing funding for an upcoming event, **Black at Queen's Post Grad**, which has a select number of tickets open to current students. If you are a Black student, in any faculty, and around Toronto on August 14, I encourage you to attend!

Board of Trustees | The next regular meeting of the Board is in September, and I look forward to providing an update after our session.

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. You can learn about the basics of the Queen's Board by **watching this playlist.**

Committees | Here are all my available committee updates:

- **National Day for Truth and Reconciliation Working Group:** We have an open **call for submissions** from Indigenous artists for the annual art exhibition – please share it around to get the word out. We are also finalizing details for the Sacred Fire, orange t-shirts, and other events. If your student group has any plans and would like to share them to be included in the NDTR calendar, please let me know.

- **Housing Demand and Housing Strategy Oversight Committee:** this committee has now wrapped up its work, and the university will publish a report in the fall. I will follow up here and on my website/social media once it is available.

- **Indigenous Research Collaboration Day:** we are currently confirming a date for the fall and session speakers. I look forward to sharing more when these details are confirmed.

- **Remembrance Day Planning:** our small planning group meets throughout the summer and early fall to coordinate this important ceremony on campus. Student leaders were recently sent a calendar invite to attend and we are looking forward to including student voices, connected to military service, during the program.

Rector's Digest | My **June column** spoke about my hope for humanities, inspired by convocation speeches.

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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