Office of the Rector
Report to Assembly
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Hello Presidents,

I hope you all had a fulfilling summer, wherever you were and whatever you did. I'm wishing you the best of luck as many of you embark on supporting your teams with orientation over the next several weeks.

Office | Registration opened at the start of August for the third Student Leader Development Conference (SLDC), happening on September 18 and 19. Check your inboxes for the event info, or email **rector.assist@queensu.ca** if you can't find it and would like to attend. Our municipal election awareness campaign also launched earlier in the month. Thus far, there is **a video** on how to register and **an infographic** outlining high-level roles of the positions up for election. All this info and more can be **found on my website**. I am working on some internal files over the coming weeks before the fall semester begins, and I look forward to sharing more soon.

Community Engagement | August has been quite event-wise. I did attend the Black at Queen's: Post Grad event in Toronto, where around 100 alumni spanning many generations gathered. The event organizers, who are recent alumni, did a fantastic job at creating a meaningful space of connection. Next week, we will share messaging about the **University District Safety Initiative**, which is in effect August 28 – September 13. During this period, the City of Kingston bylaw and police officers can issue fines and court summons for nuisance parties, alcohol use, and noise.

Board of Trustees | The next regular meeting of the Board is in October, 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:** an event submission form is now open. Please complete it if your organization/club is hosting an event or activity related to NDTR, and it will be included in the **OII website.**

- **Brand Strategy Steering Committee:** For the first time in history, Queen's is creating a brand strategy. As students, you would have received some information about this when contacted to complete online survey and/or participant in a focus group. Phase I of data collection is now complete and Mammoth, a consultancy specializing in higher education brand strategy, presented their findings to our committee.

Rector's Digest | For the **First Year in Focus (July) issue of *The Journal,*** Arabella took over the column to provide her recent insights after completing her first year at Queen's.

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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