

Office of the Rector  
Report to Assembly  
Niki Boytchuk-Hale  
February 10, 2025  
[rector@queensu.ca](mailto:rector@queensu.ca)

---



Hello Presidents,

This month Queen's is celebrating Black Histories and Futures. I encourage you to promote the events occurring on campus and around the Kingston community and I look forward to seeing you at them, too! Here is the [BHFM Global Calendar 2025](#).

**Student Health and Wellness Survey** | On January 29<sup>th</sup>, the Principal's office sent a letter from myself and the Acting Vice-Provost & Dean of Student Affairs regarding participation in the Canadian Campus wellbeing survey, along with other institutions, to get an accurate picture of student health and wellbeing so we can identify how to best improve the programs and services offered at Queen's. Participation is voluntary and confidential. Summary reports of the final results, in aggregate, will be shared, allowing the campus community (instructors, departments, student services etc.) to inform how we can better support and promote your wellbeing. The survey should only take about 15 minutes. In appreciation of your time, all students who complete the survey can choose to enter a draw to win **800+ available prizes! Please check your email for a unique survey invitation link.** You can promote to students with [this post on Instagram](#).

**Committee work** | I continue to serve on a number of committees, including a couple of news ones for awards, which is always fun work! Here are two updates I can share:

My time on the Dean of Education Search Committee has now concluded and the Principal and Vice-Chancellor Patrick Deane has [announced the appointment of Dr. Amy Burns](#), effective July 1, 2025. This was an extra special search committee for me because Education has been my home Faculty for six years now. Thank you to Dr. Luce-Kapler, who is coming to the end of her second five-year term - the maximum length a Dean can serve at Queen's.

[The Academic Accommodations Interim Working Group](#) is making good progress in addressing some of the issues identified in the [external review](#) of Queen's academic accommodations and procedures. An update on our progress has been [posted in the Gazette](#).

**Board of Trustees** | The next open session meeting of the Board is on March 7. The agenda for the Open Session can be found on the [governance portal](#) and members of the community can request to attend by emailing [trustees@queensu.ca](mailto:trustees@queensu.ca). Please let me know

your thoughts, opinions, and experiences leading up to the session so I can help convey student voices to my fellow Trustees.

**Rector's Digest** | My [January column](#) in the Queen's Journal spoke about elections season and the importance of voting.

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.

At your service,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Niki BH' with a horizontal line underneath.

**Niki Boytchuk-Hale**

39<sup>th</sup> University Rector

T 613-533-2733

rector@queensu.ca