



Society of Graduate and Professional Students  
Report of the University Rector  
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Hello Councillors,

It's the final stretch of the semester. If you're like me, schoolwork and grading is piling up. Some of you may be nearing the end of your degree—remember to [apply to graduate](#) if you intend on convocating this spring, and [book a portrait session](#).

**Tricolour Award** | The Agnes Benidickson Tricolour Award Selection Committee is thrilled to induct Hannah Burrows, Zaid Kasim, and Ore Maxwell into the [Society](#) as the 2025 recipients. We look forward to celebrating their contributions at a reception in April. I would like to thank the committee for their efforts in reviewing packages from a record-number of nominees and volunteering their time over several days to interview candidates. It is evident that there are students in every corner of campus upholding the tenants of the Tricolour Award.

**Provincial Elections** | My main priority in February was promoting the Provincial Elections. I sent my first mass email to all Queen's students outlining [information](#) important to post-secondary education voters. We put out three posts on Instagram which received over 600 shares—and notably the [video](#) got over 21k views. We partnered with the AMS in some initiatives, such as a booth in the Queen's Centre with breakfast and voting information. We spent hours handing out flyers and answering questions from students about how to vote.

**Podcast** | I sat down with the Kingstonian Podcast to talk about my role at Queen's. If you are still curious what I do or want to know what me and Chancellor Rogers snack on during our meetings, you can listen wherever you get podcasts.

**Give-A-Way Week** | Right before Reading Week, we teamed up with campus partners to give away 3 gift cards to the Tea Room, 1 diploma frame, a Queen's sweater, and the book, *Who We Are*, by Chancellor Emeritus Murray Sinclair. Winners have now been contacted, and we look forward to doing this again in the future!

**Committee work** | There are no committee updates available at the time of submitting this report.

**Board of Trustees** | At the time of writing this report, the next Board meeting is this weekend. If you're reading this after the fact, you can read the Open Session agenda, including my report, at the [governance portal](#).

**Rector's Digest** | My [February column](#) in the Queen's Journal discusses the Scarborough Charter and how anyone at Queen's can use it as a guiding document.

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,



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*Princeps Servusque Es (Be a Leader and a Servant)*

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*Please note that due to a conflict with my studies, I am not able to attend council meetings. While I will be in class on Tuesday evenings, I will continue to submit fulsome reports and welcome you to [reach out](#) with questions or to set up a meeting at any point.*