



Get to know University Councillor Anita Jack-Davies, PhD'12:



Kingston ON, President & CEO Mosaic Cross-Cultural Solutions and Adjunct Assistant Professor, Queen's University. Member, Senate Committee of Academic Development, 2007- 2007 and 2013-2014. Board Member, No9 The Culture of Sustainability, 2017-2018. Current term to 2023.

1. Why did you select Queen's University?

I came to Queen's for my Master's and PhD in Education. Queen's is internationally recognized for its excellence in research.

2. Most memorable moment as a student?

As a graduate student in the first year of the doctoral program, I gave a guest lecture on inner city schooling to Teacher Candidates and that lecture formed the basis of my dissertation. I will never forget it.

3. What is your job?

I am the new Assistant Dean, Equity, Diversity, Inclusion and Indigenization in the Faculty of Arts & Science.

4. What's the best career advice you've ever received?

Be well prepared for meetings and work with a mentor who can guide your career.

5. What's the career highlight you're most proud of?

At this point in my career, it is so hard to say. I have trained quite a few leaders on EDI. When I worked with Assistant Deputy Ministers in the Privy Council's Office, Government of Canada, I was actually quite nervous. That was a big deal for me.

6. How do you spend your free time?

I love music from the 1980s. I love to sing with a local band in Kingston and we have loads of fun. I also love fashion, sports, and music documentaries.

7. What motivated you to stand for election for University Council?

I wanted to give back to Queen's. EDI is my passion and I believe that I have lots to share. So far, I've met some incredible people.

8. What are some of your most memorable milestones/accomplishments as a Councillor?

This is my first year on Council, so it may be too early to say at the moment.

9. Your aspirations for being on University Council?

I hope that EDI will be a topic that all UCs feel comfortable engaging in. For me, this is extremely important.

10. Do you have any words of wisdom for incoming Councillors?

If you can spare the time, serving on UC will pay off in spades. We need your expertise, wisdom and lived experience to guide our thinking as ambassadors to the university.

11. Anything else you would like to add/highlight?

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