



University Council Newsletter

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COUNCIL UPDATES:



As they approach the end of their terms, we would like to extend a thank you to the following Councillors for their invaluable service to the University:

- David Babin
- David Cook
- Keltie Gale
- Colin Lynch
- Sana Mahmood
- Susan Moellers
- Drew McNaughton
- Michael Parsche
- Krystyna Williamson

Distinguished Service Awards: The Executive Committee has selected the following individuals to be recognized with the 2020 Distinguished Service Award. If you would like to send a personal note of congratulations to any of the following recipients, please forward to terri.flindall@queensu.ca. All notes will be printed and presented to recipients with their awards.

- **Selim G. Akl:** Dedicated faculty member since 1978, current Professor, nationally recognized computer science researcher and scholar, and tireless champion for the School of Computing.
- **Jan Allen:** Queen's alumna, Director of the Agnes Etherington Art Centre, augmented the Centre's exhibitions, publications and acquisitions while promoting collaborative curatorial and research work, nationally recognized curator and arts leader.
- **Jacque Brown:** Long-serving Program Assistant (Department of Mechanical and Materials Engineering), committed to compassionate and tailored student support, safety on campus and continuous training resulting in widespread positive impact on the lives of students, faculty, and staff.
- **Jennifer Medves:** Former Vice-Dean (Health Sciences) and Director of the School of Nursing, former Vice-Chair of Senate and exemplary participant in University governance, devoted to student mental health, innovative programming, and the profession of nursing.
- **Richard Reznick:** Former Dean (Faculty of Health Sciences), Director (School of Medicine), and CEO (Southeastern Ontario Academic Medical Organization), pioneer of innovative educational programs, internationally renowned medical education expert, and leader of transformative change.
- **Daniel R. Woolf:** 20th Principal and Vice-Chancellor, Principal Emeritus, Queen's alumnus, Professor of History, influential academic and administrator, introduced the University's new budget model, governance reform, and position of Provost, committed to innovation, faculty renewal, wellness, and the arts.

Alumni Donor Calling: Thanks to **Mary Dodd, Krystyna Williamson, and Elaine Wu** who volunteered to conduct personal calls with a list of [Leadership Annual Giving \(LAG\)](#) donors!

Macdonald Hall Focus Group: Thanks to the following University Councillors (**John Armitage, Richard Baugh, Doug Bruce, Samantha Cheung, Mary Dodd, Petra Fachinger, Greg Frankson, John Frezell, Bittu George, Alison Holt, Anita Jack-Davies, Jim Leech, Colin Lynch, Susan Moellers, Kasmet Niyongabo, Opiyo Oloya, Tka Pinnock, Julia Reid, Amrita Singh, Susan Smith, Sarah Virani, Yanique Williams, Marcus Wong, Tom Woodhall, Elaine Wu**) for joining the Focus Groups on the review of the name of the Faculty of Law's building. Based upon consultations and deliberations, the [Dean of Law](#) will present a report and recommendation regarding the name of the building to Principal and Vice-Chancellor Patrick Deane. Principal Deane will consider this report while formulating his own recommendation, which he will submit to the [Board of Trustees](#). Queen's Board has authority over university building names and will review Principal Deane's recommendation at a meeting in October. If you would like to be kept informed by email about key events and developments as we proceed through the building name consultation process, please send a request to law.consultation@queensu.ca

In response to some inquiries during the Focus Groups, Councillors can learn more by reviewing the [Truth and Reconciliation Report and Recommendations](#), [Inclusive Queen's](#), the [Office of Indigenous Initiatives](#), and the [Four Directions Indigenous Student Centre](#). [Queen's Law Consultation webpage](#) will also be adding links to some historical information and perspectives on the history that may be useful for the members of the Council who are seeking more context.



Queen's Alumni Review: **Anita Jack-Davies**, Council EDII Advisor, has written the August Alumni Review cover story on engaging Queen's alumni on issues of race. In the article she also discusses the work being done at University Council on these issues.

The issue will be out Aug. 28 in print, [online](#), and through our magazine app (find the app in the Android/Apple app store and Google Play).

(Photo by Bernard Clark)

Queen's Connects "Queen's Connects Career Network for Students and Alumni" facilitates conversations about career experiences. Councillors are encouraged to join and share your insights, perspectives, and encouragement with current Queen's students and graduates. Each month features an alumna/us to lead the conversation. Thank you to **Councillor Chu Wang** for volunteering as the July Mentor!

"Over the course of July, I was invited to mentor over 5,000 members of the Queen's Connects Career Network. This opportunity allowed me to connect with many students and recent alumni by helping them brainstorm career options and develop strategies to land their dream job. As their mentor, I frequently shared career tips and resources on the network's LinkedIn page. Additionally, I launched several new initiatives to boost membership engagement through: an online poll to understand members' career interests, four 1-on-1 virtual coffee chats to provide tailored mentorship and a large career session over Zoom to discuss careers in international and global affairs. Given the COVID-19 pandemic, these innovative initiatives allowed me to reconnect with the Queen's Community in an intimate and meaningful way. I thoroughly enjoyed engaging with and supporting the Queen's community. As a community, it is so important for us to help and be there for each other when we can."

Chu Q. Wang, Queen's University Councillor (Queen's 2015, Harvard 2020)

Speaker volunteers: There are a variety of speaking opportunities with faculties/schools throughout the year. If this is something you wish to pursue, please submit your expression of interest with any specified topics/areas of expertise. Like Councillors **Colin Lynch** and **Marcus Wong**, your name will be shared with the relevant faculty office for the upcoming year to be considered for possible faculty, alumni, and student events as a speaker or panelist. Please submit your information to your Council Engagement Officer, terri.flindall@queensu.ca

COUNCILLOR PROFILES

We encourage you to get to know your [fellow Councillors](#). To assist, here are two Councillor Profiles:

- [Cathy Matthews](#)
- [Marcus Wong](#)

Reach out to terri.flindall@queensu.ca with your ideas to encourage networking among Councillors.

FEATURED OPPORTUNITIES:



The Office of the University Secretariat and the Office of Advancement are partnering to investigate additional opportunities for Councillors. We will continue to roll out opportunities as they arise. Or, if you are interested in a particular area, please contact terri.flindall@queensu.ca

Chancellor Search Committee – Request for expressions of interest from Councillors who wish to serve on the Chancellor Search Committee. The Committee will include one Council Trustee, one Council Executive Committee member, and one Councillor-at-large (i.e., any elected Councillor), along with representation from other relevant stakeholder groups. Councillors who wish to be considered for membership should submit an expression of interest (maximum 250 words) to ucouncil@queensu.ca by **August 17 @ noon** Eastern time. Committee terms of reference attached.

“Value all Alumni” – feedback? Queen’s has over 152,000 alumni. Like you, a number have direct impact on the university through formal ways (volunteers, contributors, donors, etc.). But, a team of Advancement colleagues is also investigating how the University can **value all alumni, even those who don’t participate in formal ways** (personal socials with alumni, talking to potential students, sharing Queen’s communications, building profile, etc.). As volunteer leaders on University Council, we would benefit from your alumni perspective on how we can value all forms of alumni engagement and contributions, wherever they live, and whatever their stage of life. Your recommendations on how we communicate this to our alumni would also be appreciated. Thank you for sharing your feedback by **August 30th** to terri.flindall@queensu.ca

Councillors who identify in the 2SLGBTQ+ community: [EQuIP](#) (Education on Queer Issues Project, an AMS committee) is seeking your input to inform its programming plans for the upcoming virtual Fall semester! The survey is available at: <https://forms.gle/1xw3XEoACF2fSgoa6> Please identify yourself as a Councillor when you complete the survey. Even if you do not wish to complete the entire survey, you can share your own short testimony on your experiences at Queen’s, by completing the initial portion of the survey.

Queen's Alumni Review: Andrea Gunn, Editor, is looking for assistance for submissions to the "Keeping in Touch" section. Submissions can include life events, notices, obituaries, etc. Happy news from older alumni is always welcome (anniversaries, birthdays, shout-outs to classmates (e.g., George Jones, Arts'52, wants to say hi to all his 1952 classmates. George still lives in Charlottetown, but cheers on his beloved Gaels football team from afar. Queen's friends can contact him at george@gmail.com). Photos (high res 300 dpi) are encouraged, but inclusion is not guaranteed. All submissions may be edited for length, clarity, and QAR style and reviewed/fact checked. Send your submissions to Andrea at review@queensu.ca Or, call Andrea at 343-363-3436 if you have any questions or ideas for the Alumni Review.

FEATURED EVENTS – BE AN AMBASSADOR:

In light of COVID-19, in-person gatherings have been suspended, but online activities are still taking place! Check the calendar to review upcoming [Alumni events](#).

August 13 – Ballytobin Online Summer Music Festival featuring the Isabel String Quartet: What happens when you gather some of Kingston's musical luminaries on Zoom? The creation of a wonderful online music festival where Kingston musicians perform live at the [Isabel Bader Centre for the Performing Arts \("the Isabel"\)](#) at Queen's University for online music lovers! Complimentary registration.

NOW VIRTUAL

October 16-18, 2020 - Homecoming As the world continues to adjust to the realities of COVID-19 pandemic, Queen's University has made the difficult decision to cancel all in-person activities related to homecoming 2020, as well as all in-person alumni events until the end of the calendar year. You can [confirm your Reunion Coordinator](#) or, consider volunteering for this important role. Questions? [Contact the Reunions Team](#).

November 13-14, 2020- Mark your calendar for the 145th Annual University Council Meeting. The Program Committee and the Secretariat will commit to a modality for the November AGM by September 1, informed by health directives and best practices.

DID YOU KNOW?

Looking for more information on higher education? [Academica Group](#) publishes the Top Ten to keep you informed about the top stories, trends, and opinions affecting post-secondary education. [Subscribe today](#). You'll receive an email each weekday morning that contains bite-sized digests of the Top Ten stories, with links to original sources.

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