University Council December 2022/January 2023 Newsletter

Council Updates

Committee Updates

Executive Committee

Congratulations to The Honourable Murray Sinclair upon being installed as the 15th Chancellor of Queen’s University. For those who missed the livestream on November 15, you can now view the recording online.

Nominating Committee:

The call for nominations for the Council to Board election is now open and will close December 12, 2022. Two 3-year terms are available for elected Councillors on the Board beginning June 1, 2023. Interested Councillors must be nominated by five fellow Councillors and all Councillors are able to nominate up to two Councillors for election. Please refer to the original call for nominations email that was circulated to Councillors on November 28 for additional details. An online election will run from January 16-23, 2023.

On behalf of your Nominating Committee: Judith Brown, Artsci’70, Samantha Cheung, Sc’92, and Mary Drinkwater, Ed’78, MPA’08

Program Committee:

147th Council AGM: Thank you to all who were able to attend either virtually or in person our AGM meetings. It was wonderful to have the opportunity reconnect with colleagues and the campus. Input from the final session of the day will be compiled and shared with the Council in the new year. Thank you also for completing the post-event survey. The Program Committee will be reviewing all sources of input to make recommendations for future AGM programming. If you have additional comments or suggestions, please email ucouncil@queensu.ca. We hope you are enjoying your Queen’s honey! Learn more about Sustainability at Queen’s.

Distinguished Service Award: It was an honour to recognize the 2022 Recipients - Leslie Dal Cin, Leslie Flynn, Artsci’78, Dan Langham, Jim Leech, MBA’73, Donald M. Raymond, Sc’84, and Kimberly Woodhouse. The recording of the 2022 Distinguished Service Awards can be viewed online. Nominations for the 2023 awards will open in April 2023.

Continuing Education: As the committee is reviewing feedback to implement additional educational opportunities, Councillors are invited to participate in the Alumni Volunteer Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion Credential, facilitated by the Queen’s Human Rights and Equity
Office. Contact Lindsey Kull to register and gain access to the three online interactive EDI training modules (approx. 30-60 minutes each).

- Unconscious Bias
- Call it Out: Racism, Racial Discrimination and Human Rights
- Working Together: Building an Inclusive Queen’s Community

Once these asynchronous modules have been completed, at your own pace, you will be invited to participate in a 60-90 minute (depending on number of registrants to the course) virtual-live session to complete the credential training. This virtual session, facilitated by Queen’s Human Rights and Equity Office, will allow you to apply your knowledge and learning, as well as create and experience a safe space for open dialogue and discussion. The session will be the culmination of your learning for this course and the completion of the Alumni Volunteer EDI Credential.

The virtual-live session will be held in early 2023 to ensure all Councillors have the opportunity to complete the asynchronous modules first. Space is limited, so please sign up today!

Mary Dodd, Com’84
Chair, Program Committee

On behalf of your Program Committee: Noyelum Anoliefo, MMIE’20, John Armitage, BSC’71, Richard Baugh, MBA’14, Heather Black, Sc’80, Mary Drinkwater, Ed’78, MPA’08, Willa Henry, BNSc’76, Tka Pinnock, Artsci’07

Board / Council Trustees:

The next regular Open Session of the Board of Trustees meeting will be held on December 9 (meeting dates can be found on Board website). You can check out the Board agenda/minutes on the Governance Portal. To attend the Board’s Open Session, please submit your request in advance to trustees@queensu.ca.

University Council Trustees: Heather Black, Doug Bruce, Jeremy Gooden, Alison Holt, Mary Wilson Trider, and Marcus Wong.

Senate:

Meeting dates can be found on the Senate website. The next regular meeting will be held on January 31, 2023. You can check out the Senate agenda/minutes on the Governance Portal. To attend any portion of the meeting, please submit your request in advance to Senate.

QUAA Update:

On November 22 the Queen’s Queer Alumni Chapter, in partnership with Smith School of Business, Queen's Faculty of Law, and the Queen's Toronto Alumni Branch hosted the Honourable Gloria J. Epstein, Com’72 for a compelling conversation around the Missing and Missed: Report of
the Independent Civilian Review into Missing Person Investigations. Not only was this event well attended and appreciated by our Queen’s alumni community, but encouraged the Toronto Police department to hold conversations with Judge Epstein prior to the event, asking for her involvement in moving forward the results of this report and recommendations.

This event was made possible with generous sponsorships from Dentons Canada LLP, Propeller Coffee Co., and the Queen's University Alumni Association. The QUAA is pleased to have supported the Queen’s Queer Alumni Chapter through this event with a QUAA Grant and look forward to additional opportunities to amplify the work of Queen’s Chapters.

Colin McLeod, Artsci’10
President, QUAA

QUAA Assembly: Councillors appointed by the University Council to Assembly in September 2023: Heather Black,Sc’80, and Bittu George, Artsci’95, Law’98.

Give Through Queen’s

A $50 donation can directly impact a student’s week today!

Dear University Council Members,

This is Tina, the AMS Vice President of Operations. I spoke to you all during the student leadership segment of University Council AGM this November. Thank you for your sincere interest in the AMS Food Bank and our impact on campus!

The AMS Food Bank in the Rideau Building provides confidential and nonjudgmental food assistance to Queen’s students and is entirely student-run through funding from Student Activity Fees. The AMS Food Bank serves upwards of 120–180 unique visitors each week during normal operations. Moving out from the height of the pandemic, the Food Bank has seen a rise in need amongst students.

In Winter 2021, the university’s Student Experiences Survey (SES) had 5469 student responses, with 25% of them stating: “I worried whether my food would run out before I got money to buy more.” Food insecurity is a prominent issue on campus.

You can directly support Queen's students by donating to the AMS Food Bank. One $50 donation can help support one student for one week. Your recognition and support of this issue is key in enhancing the higher education delivered at Queen’s University for our students.
Finally, working with the AMS Food Bank Team has been nothing but a pleasure. Many thanks from Head Manager Sierra Gaspari, and Assistant Managers Beny Johal Pascal and Sofia Skebo.

All our best, Tina

Following your University Council AGM an email was sent on behalf of Councillor, Heather Black, Sci’80, asking you to join her in providing support by making a direct and immediate impact on Queen’s students with a gift to the AMS Food Bank. A donation of $10 can support one student for a day, $50 can support one student for a week, $200 will support one student for a month or $360 can support one student for a semester.

If you have the means, you are encouraged to consider making a gift through Queen’s in support of food security. You will receive a tax-deductible receipt for your charitable gift. For more information or any questions please reach out to Lindsey Kull. To date, $1,680 has been raised from 8 generous University Councillor donors.

Meet A Councillor

COUNCILLOR: WILLA HENRY, BNSc’76

Why did you select Queen’s University?
To be honest, it is the university my Dad wanted to go to, so he sent me only Queen’s information while I was at school in Switzerland!

What is your most memorable moment as a student?
Connecting with Profs who inspired me and excited me about their subjects!
Tell us a little about your career?
I got a nursing degree at Queens and went on to Medicine after a few years. I ended up on faculty for the Queens University School of Medicine running the Family Medicine Residency program. I also worked at Student Health for a short time.

What's the best career advice you've ever received?
Find out what you are passionate about and move in that direction!

What's the career highlight you're most proud of?
Receiving a Professorship at UBC after a career of medical education leadership. I was not a researcher and was proud that education was recognized as a valuable contribution to the university.

How do you spend your free time?
Tennis, tennis and tennis! Book club with dear friends for over 20 years. Spending time with my husband and our three grown daughters.

What motivated you to stand for election for University Council?
I live in Kingston and thought I had time and energy to get involved and contribute.

Your aspirations as a University Councillor?
I want to be seen as having valuable input and contributions. Student wellness is a passion of mine.

Anything else you would like to add/highlight?
I am impressed by the intelligence and passion of my fellow Councillors. I always love spending time with people smarter than myself...hoping it all rubs off on me!

Get to know more about your fellow Council Members by visiting the Biographical Sketches page of the website.

News & Events

Elder Meet & Greet
The Office of Indigenous Initiatives has planned Elder Meet & Greets for the remainder of the Fall 2022 Semester. Please register online to attend.

All sessions will take place on Thursdays on Zoom from noon-1 pm.
December 1 – Two Row Wampum
December 15 – Indigenous Winter Ceremonies

Introduction to NameCoach

Queen’s has introduced a new name pronunciation tool to support equity, diversity, and inclusion. Learn more about NameCoach online.

SAVE THE DATE - January 17, 2023 - Toronto Branch Award

Join the Toronto Branch at the Broadview Hotel in Toronto for an evening celebrating the 2020 Toronto Branch Award winner Colin Lynch, Artsci’07, Com’07. Queen’s Alumni are invited to mingle, network and congratulate Colin for his incredible contributions to the Toronto Alumni Network. More information about this event coming soon!

Queen's Links to Keep You Informed

- Queen’s Gazette
- Queen's Alumni Review
- Queen’s Quarterly
- Queen’s Law Reports
- Smith Magazine
- The Complete Engineer
- Inclusive Queen’s
- Viewbooks
- Queen's Encyclopedia
- Queen's Strategic Goals
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