

GOVERNANCE UPDATES

Executive Committee

The committee will meet in June for the selection of the 2025 [Distinguished Service Awards](#). Inaugurated by the University Council in 1974, this award recognizes individuals who have made the University a better place through their extraordinary contributions. The University Council Executive Committee may present up to six Distinguished Service Awards each year. At this meeting, C. Pereira (Chair, Program Committee) will attend to present the final AGM agenda for the Committee's approval.

Save the Date: Councillors are encouraged to recognize and celebrate the outstanding achievements of the 2025 DSA recipients at a reception held during the Retreat on the evening of November 7. Information on registration will be shared soon.

Executive Committee: Patrick Deane (Chair), Chancellor Shelagh Rogers, Petra Fachinger, Doug Bruce (Vice-Chair), Mary Drinkwater, Letitia Golubitsky, Chessa Jope, Noor Rahemtulla, Yanique Williams

Nominating Committee

The 2025 University Council by the Alumni election closed on May 29. The ten successful candidates for the four-year terms are (*candidates in **bold** were re-elected to the Council*):

- **Heather Black**
- Norman Farrell
- Laura Gillis
- Laura Hudgin-Edge
- Siena Margorian
- Don McNamee
- Chris Polson
- Tamara Rebick
- Alexi White
- Susan Zhang

35/40 (87.5%) of elected Councillors voted in the election. Thank you to all who participated in this important governance process.

They will begin their terms on Council effective September 1, 2025. Get to know our new Councillors by referencing their [respective biographies](#).



Elaine Wu, Chair, Nominating Committee

On behalf of your Nominating Committee: John Armitage, Doug Bruce, Alexander Lam, Irene Mukasa, David Pick, Elaine Wu

[Program Committee](#)

Per University Council By-law B, section 2, subsection b), The Executive Committee shall: Plan for and set the agenda of the Annual Meeting of the Council and the Orientation for new Council members. The following plan will be presented to the Executive committee at their June meeting:

June 18 (11:00 am- 12:30 pm) Councillor Orientation: Newly elected Councillors will be invited to orientation to learn more about Queen's governance, the role of Councillors, Council committees and Council trustees

Mark your calendars for the following Council meetings. Details to follow.

- **October 10 (10:00 -11:30 am) University Council Virtual AGM:** The 2025 AGM format will include formal governance items, such as Council Trustee and standing committee reports taking place via Zoom. The AGM will feature a keynote speaker.
- **November 7 afternoon and November 8 morning – University Council In-Person Retreat:** The program and speakers are being reviewed and finalized but was approved by the Executive Committee at their meeting in June.
- **November 7 (5:30-7:30 pm): [Distinguished Service Awards](#)** –Inaugurated by the University Council in 1974, this award recognizes individuals who have made the University a better place through their extraordinary contributions.

Donald Gordon Centre accommodation block:

Guests must call the DGC main reservation line at 613-533-2221 x0 to reserve under the group rooms block. Provide the **group reservation #120092** to be linked to the group block. Guest must book by October 23, 2025. Rooms not booked by the cut-off date will be subject to availability.



Colby Pereira, Chair, Program Committee

On behalf of your Program Committee: Yinka Adegbusi, John Armitage, Leo Bailey, Heather Black, Letitia Golubitsky, Daria Juudi-Hope

[Board/Council Trustees](#)

The next regular Open Session of the **Board of Trustees** meeting will be held on September 26 (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 the [Secretariat](#).

University Council Trustees: Heather Black, Samantha Cheung, Jeremy Gooden, Alison Holt, Noor Rahemtulla, Yanique Williams.

[Senate](#)

The next Senate meeting will be held on **September 25 at 2:30 pm** (meeting dates can be found on the [Senate website](#)). You can review the Senate agenda/minutes on the [Governance Portal](#). To attend any portion of the meeting, please submit your request in advance to the [Secretariat's Office](#).

Senate Appointee to Council: Petra Fachinger, Professor of English, Queen's University

[Queen's University Alumni Association \(QUAA\) President Update](#)

It was another busy month for your QUAA President! It was great to get out to Kingston and to see some of you for the Board of Trustees meeting. I also had the pleasure of attending the Faculty of Arts and Science's [Elevate Her: Accelerate Action](#) event in Toronto a few weeks ago. In both cases, it especially nice to connect with some of our

convocating student leaders, and to do my best to provide the reassurance so many students look for, that while transitions are hard they have a community of alumni who are ready to support them as they find their way.

QUAA Alumni Awards Gala: The [QUAA Gala awards reception](#) will be held in Toronto at the Gladstone House on June 19th. We have a lovely slate of [deserving recipients](#), including our own fellow University councillor - Daria Adèle Juüdi-Hope, who is being recognized with the “One to Watch” award. The event is unfortunately already sold out! It is a good problem to have, but as I mentioned in my last update, the Strategic Engagement team in Advancement is always interested in exploring unique and novel venues for events, which might draw out alumni who do not regularly participate in alumni activities. We would also be interested in larger venues, for events like our Gala awards. If you have any connections in your network that might give Queen’s access to such a space, I know the team would be interested in connecting with you about it. You can connect with them through Lindsey Kull at lindsey.kull@queensu.ca.

QUAA Board Retreat: The day following the Gala, our QUAA Board will be gathering in Toronto for a retreat to talk about how our revamp has gone and to identify goals and projects for our committees the coming year. In addition to philanthropy and alumni awards and recognition, one of the topics we intend to cover will be reimagining our volunteer summit. Now more than ever, we want to create spaces and places for our Queen’s volunteers to come together to collaborate to support Queen’s, and to strengthen our network. We hope that University Council will be interested in connecting with us as this develops!

AGM: Another space and place to connect, will be at the virtual QUAA Annual General Meeting. We are working on finalizing a date but it will be in mid/late June. We would welcome all University Councillors to attend, if there is an interest in the activities of our Board and the way in which our Board supports and promotes the Global Alumni Network. Please email quaa.president@queensu.ca to express your interest in learning more or attending the AGM.

Until next time - take good care,



[Allison P. Williams](#), Artsci'09, President and Chair, QUAA Board of Directors

QUAA Assembly Members [appointed by the University Council](#): Bittu George and Erin Polansky

UPCOMING EVENTS

Please check the [Alumni Events calendar](#) for a list of all upcoming alumni events (including branch, reunion, etc.).

June – Pride month



The arrival of June marks the start of Pride Month, a time to honour and support members of the LGBTQ2S+ community, while also reflecting on the long, difficult history that has led to this month.

Throughout June, Queen’s University will highlight several resources available to our students, staff, and faculty and point to several [events taking place](#) in Kingston this month.

June - Indigenous History Month



June is National Indigenous History Month. Join us all month in discussing the true history of Indigenous Peoples across Turtle Island, as well as to learn more about the culture, languages, and contributions of First Nations, Métis, and Inuit peoples. For more information on events, find the Office of indigenous Initiatives on: [Instagram](#) | [Facebook](#) | [Twitter](#)

Teaching and Learning Month



Teaching and Learning Month at Queen's (May-June) brings together teaching and learning events from Faculties, Schools, and Support Units, providing a shared focus for showcasing innovative practices and fostering collaboration. Organized by the Office of the Vice-Provost, Teaching and Learning, the month highlights Queen's commitment to student learning and academic excellence. For [more information, resources and the schedule of events, check out the Teaching and Learning month website.](#)

June – Social Impact Challenge Call for Project Partners



The Social Impact Challenge is an opportunity to offer a social impact challenge to students passionate about bringing about positive societal change. Throughout the semester, students will work in teams to conduct analysis and develop solutions to address a social impact challenge facing your organization. For more information, check out the [Smith School of Business website.](#)

June 12 (12-1 pm EST)



Ten Years On: A Virtual Conversation on Truth and Reconciliation (Virtual)

As we mark the 10th anniversary of Truth and Reconciliation Commission of Canada report, including [94 Calls to Action](#). Queen's University invites you to join us in a moment of reflection, dialogue, and commitment to continued learning. [Register](#) for this event bringing together Indigenous leaders, university representatives, and alumni for an important conversation about Truth and Reconciliation — what progress has been made, what work remains, and what is still urgently needed. Moderated by [Chancellor Shelagh Rogers](#).

June 22 (12-3 pm) Visit the Biological Station! QUBS 2025 Open House



**QUEEN'S UNIVERSITY
BIOLOGICAL STATION**

The Queen's University Biological Station (QUBS) is one of the premier scientific field stations in Canada. For almost 70 years, researchers and students have gathered at QUBS to conduct leading-edge research and participate in courses spanning ecology, evolution, conservation, geography, and environmental science. Come join us to celebrate our 80th year of operations! There will be activities for all ages including tours of the facility along with refreshments and snacks - come learn more about the research, outreach and stewardship activities at QUBS and work of some of our partners! No cost. For more details, contact qubs@queensu.ca



[Office of the University Registrar](#) relies on the support of **volunteers** from across the University to assist with day-of-ceremony functions that occur prior to the start of ceremony! Shifts are approx. 2.5 to 3 hours in length to cover off the key functional roles:

- **Graduate Registration:** greet graduates into the venue, and are responsible for directly assisting graduates with check-in, distributing graduate registration cards, and wayfinding, ensuring a smooth flow and positive first impression of the event.
- **Graduate Assembly** -responsible for assisting with graduate assembly, lineup management, and guiding graduates to the marshals for procession.
- **Guest Services** assist with guest check-in, provide directions and information, guide guests to seating, ensuring a welcoming and efficient environment for all convocation attendees.

To sign up for shifts, the following form is to be completed: [Queen's Spring 2025 Convocation - Volunteer Sign Up Form](#). *Of note: In selecting a time slot, the staff member is committing to the assigned time slot, and function!*

For more convocation details, please visit: <https://www.queensu.ca/registrar/graduation/spring-2025-convocation>

Questions? Contact [Toni Easter](#)



Summerhill Sendoff: Know someone graduating? [Alumni Relations](#) is looking for **alumni volunteers** to assist with Alumni pin distribution (Convocation) and to congratulate Queen's Class of 2025 at the Summerhill Sendoff. Details to follow, or please contact jessie.mercer@queensu.ca

Oct 17-19 – [Homecoming 2025](#)



All alumni are welcome to attend festivities on campus during Homecoming weekend. This is a milestone reunion for classes ending in 0 and 5, and for Tricolour Guard (alumni celebrating having graduated 50 years ago, or more). **Mark your calendars**, and make sure to book accommodations early. Details will be released as they are confirmed.

Some classes are planning reunions at Homecoming and different times in the summer or fall. To find out what your classmates are organizing, check in with your reunion coordinator or visit your [Class Page](#). Don't have a reunion coordinator, consider **volunteering**. Questions? Contact reunions@queensu.ca

LEARN AND SHARE

[Bicentennial Vision](#)

Following online town hall sessions and consultation sessions, an [advisory group](#) has been formed to advise the Principal during the preparation, refinement and finalization of the Bicentennial Vision document. While the Bicentennial Vision is being prepared over the summer months for public consultation this fall, you are welcome to continue to send your input to bicenntennial@queensu.ca or fill out the form linked on [this page](#).

Union Gallery:



Located in [Stauffer Library](#) at Queen's University, the Union Gallery was built in 1994 through student donations to the Queen's Challenge, a fundraising campaign and several years of lobbying by [fine arts](#) students. As a professionally staffed, student-driven university organization serving both the Queen's and Kingston communities, it is a unique place within the area's cultural landscape.

Union Gallery is a non-profit organization committed to increasing awareness and appreciation of contemporary visual arts, supporting excellence in the arts and creating a place where students can work with professionals to obtain skills training and career development in the visual arts. Learn more about [Union Gallery...](#)

COUNCILLOR SPOTLIGHT



- Please ensure you [update](#) your contact information (mail, email, phone) to stay informed about Queen's.
- Get to know your fellow Councillor members by visiting their [biographical sketches](#).
- Learn more about how you can [support Queen's University](#).
- If you have exciting personal or professional news you would like to share through your monthly newsletter, please send us details to ucouncil@queensu.ca. In addition, [please share](#) your participation with University activities to record the impact of Council.
- [Councillor Role Description](#) highlight: **Elections:** Elections internal to the University Council are conducted at various points during the year and Councillors are expected to participate in the nomination process and voting. Councillors are notified via email of election opportunities when a call for nominations is issued and when polls are open for voting. All correspondence and voting are done online.



Thank you to Councillor **Doug Bruce** who will be a guest lecturer in June for the summer students in the Queen's Innovation Centre Summer Initiative (QICSI) program



Congrats to Councillor **Daria Juudi-Hope** on receiving the Diane McKenzie Award, established to recognize former Dean of Nursing Jean Hill, who made an enormously positive impact on Ms. McKenzie, when she returned to Queen's to complete a graduate degree. Presented by the [Ban Righ Centre](#)!



Councillor **Sandra Kwon** recently shared her journey - [From Teacher to Trailblazer: A Journey in Education and Leadership](#)

STUDENT LIFE

Introducing our 2025/26 Student Leaders:

Niki Boytchuk-Hale, Rector rector@queensu.ca	Jana Amer, AMS President president@ams.queensu.ca	Dawood Tullah, SGPS President president@sgps.ca

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