



University Council July 2022 Newsletter

Council Updates



Chancellor Emeritus Jim Leech's Farewell

This celebration was held on June 24 in Grant Hall. It was a night marking decades of leadership, philanthropy, and service to Queen's. During his seven-year tenure as the university's highest officer, Chancellor Emeritus Leech had a direct impact on the lives of countless students and enriched the Queen's community with his dedicated and tireless service, in addition to being the Chair of University Council. View a [recording of the event](#).

Committee Updates

Executive Committee: The committee met on June 30, and one agenda item was the selection of the 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 Secretariat solicited nominations from March 7 to April 29, 2022. The University Council Executive Committee may present up to six Distinguished Service Awards each year. Past recipients are listed on the [award webpage](#).

Congratulations to this year's Distinguished Service Award recipients:

- Leslie Dal Cin
- Leslie Flynn, Artsci'78
- Dan Langham
- James Leech, MBA'73
- Don Raymond, BSC'84
- Kim Woodhouse

Nominating Committee: Thank you to everyone who submitted a nomination for a role on University Council. We had a strong and diverse slate of candidates, and 79% of elected Councillors voted in this election.

The ten successful candidates for the four-year terms are (listed alphabetically by last name):

- [John Armitage](#), Sc'71 (re-elected)
- [Elena Christopoulos](#), Artsci'10
- [Dr. Kieva Hranchuk](#), Artsci'09
- [Chessa Jope](#), Com'09

- [Erin Polansky](#), Artsci'96
- [Saara Romu](#), Artsci'98
- [Frannie Shen](#), Com'21
- [Amrita V. Singh](#), Law'12 (re-elected)
- [Susan Smith](#), Artsci'91 (re-elected)
- [Elaine Wu](#), Artsci'98, MIR'00, Law'03 (re-elected)

The one successful candidate for the two-year broken term of service is:

- [Heather Black](#), Sc'80 (re-elected)

They will begin their terms on Council effective September 1, 2022. You can reference their respective biographies [online](#).

We look forward to introducing our newest members in the coming months. Feel free to reach out and [welcome them to University Council](#).



Elaine Wu, Artsci'98, MIR'00, Law'03
Chair, Nominating Committee

On behalf of your Nominating Committee: Heather Black, Sc'80, Judith Brown, Artsci'70, Samantha Cheung, Sc'92, and Mary Drinkwater, Ed'78, MPA'08

Program Committee: The Program Committee met in June to begin the development of the Annual General Meeting agenda and consider areas of focus for the current year. Broadly representing Queen's programs, years of graduation, and experience on University Council, your Program Committee members are: Mary Dodd, Com'84, (Chair), Noyelum Anoliefo, MMIE'20, John Armitage, Sc'71, Richard Baugh, MBA'14, Heather Black, Sc'80, Mary Drinkwater, Ed'78, MPA'08, Willa Henry, BNSc'76 and Tka Pinnock, Artsci'07.

In addition to the AGM planning, the Program Committee is working on several initiatives, including:

- New Councillor Orientation – September 22, 2022. Orientation will be delivered virtually and involves participation of University Council Committee chairs. To assist us as we finalize our agenda, please consider topics that you feel would have been of benefit when you first joined Council and [submit your ideas](#) to the Program Committee by July 31 for consideration.
- University Councillor Handbook – the Program Committee has compiled and is finalizing a handbook that will serve as a resource to new members. The Handbook will be available on the [Portal](#) for all members as a reference.

On behalf of your Program Committee, thank you for your leadership as members of the University Council and we look forward to seeing you at the **AGM on November 4-5, 2022**.



Mary Dodd, Com'84
Chair, Program Committee

Council Trustees: The next regular Open Session of the **Board of Trustees** will be held on September 30, 2022 (meeting dates can be found on the [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 [Board of Trustees](#).

Senate: Meeting dates can be found on the [Senate website](#). The next regular Senate meeting will be held on September 27, 2022, via Zoom. You can find more information on the Senate agenda/minutes on the [Governance Portal](#).

To attend any portion of the meeting, please [email Senate](#) with your request in advance.

Queen's University Alumni Association (QUAA) Update: Thursday, June 9 was a night to remember. Celebrating this year's Alumni Award recipients and gathering together in-person again for the first time since pre-pandemic times, the [2022 QUAA Alumni Awards Gala](#) was a wonderful experience shared by a hybrid audience of attendees both in-person and online. The QUAA proudly recognized the achievements of award recipients for their contributions to their local and global communities through their professional careers and volunteer engagement.

[Alumni Achievement Award](#) – **Jim Leech**, MBA'73
[Alumni Humanitarian Award](#) – **Leslie Laing Gibbard**, MSc'82, PhD'87
[Alumni Mentorship Award](#) – **Sharon Ranson**, Com'80
[Herbert J. Hamilton Volunteer Service Award](#) – **Jeremy Mosher**, Artsci'08
[Initiative of the Year Award](#) – **Toronto Branch Spring Wellness Event**
[Marsha Lampman Branch Volunteer Award](#) – **Kimberly Molina**, Artsci'07
[One to Watch Award](#) – **Heather Evans**, Com'16
[Outstanding Student Award](#) – **Aaryan Chaudhury**, Artsci'21
[Rising Star Volunteer Award](#) – **Yinka Adegbusi**, Artsci'13
[QSAA Volunteer of Distinction Award](#) – **Danielle Charland**, Artsci'22

Congratulations to our distinguished 2022 Alumni Award recipients! View a [recording of the event](#).

Councillor Spotlights

Bittu George: Task Force on Street Parties

Struck by Principal and Vice-Chancellor Patrick Deane, the Task Force on Street Parties builds on Queen's existing partnerships with the City of Kingston and community partners and provides a forum to develop new and innovative approaches to address unsanctioned street parties.



Chaired by Principal Deane, the task force will bring together the university, the City of Kingston, community partners, student leaders, as well as local enforcement and emergency response partners, to examine the effectiveness of current approaches and to learn from the best practices used in other jurisdictions. **Councillor Bittu George**, Artsci'95, Law'98, will be the Council representative on the task force. For more information, review the [Terms of Reference](#).

Councillors are encouraged to consider [submitting your input](#).

Elaine Wu: QUAA Director, Alumni Awards



Councillor Elaine Wu, Artsci'98, MIR'00, Law'03 has been closely involved with QUAA awards throughout her time as a Queen's alumna, successfully nominating many of her fellow alumni volunteers as recipients.

Elaine is now deepening her involvement as Director, Alumni Awards with the QUAA Board of Directors. A proud member of the [Grant Hall Society](#) and past recipient of the [Marsha Lampman Branch Volunteer Award](#), Elaine endeavors to ensure the QUAA Awards and recipients are truly recognized and celebrate the alumni community in all its diversity.

Congratulations to Councillor Wu for this recent appointment.

Tka Pinnock: Cause and Effect

Alumni Review's podcast, *Cause and Effect*, dives into the motivations of philanthropists and explores what they're passionate about and the impact they have on the world.

In [Episode 5](#), **Councillor Tka Pinnock**, Artsci'07, shares how a feeling of belonging at Queen's inspired her philanthropy. [Listen to the latest episode](#) and be sure to catch a future interview with **Councillor Kasmet Niyongabo**, Sc'11, MBA'20.

To find out how you can become involved with this podcast, contact Alumni Volunteer Liaison [Lindsey Kull](#).



Featured Opportunities

Elder Meet & Greets

University Councillors are invited to attend [Elder Meet & Greet](#) sessions via Zoom. This bi-weekly series features topics on Indigenous teachings and knowledge and occurs on Thursdays from 12-1pm. [Register for upcoming Elder Meet & Greet sessions:](#)

- July 28 – Spirit of Healing
- August 11 – Feasting/Harvesting

Seeking a Committee Volunteer: University Council on Anti-Racism and Equity (UCARE)

The [University Council on Anti-Racism and Equity](#) (UCARE) was established to coordinate, monitor, and report on the progress of university-wide initiatives to address racism and promote equity, diversity, and inclusion. The Council helps to shape the vision and strategy of the university and serves as a critical voice for diversity and inclusion at Queen's.

UCARE maintains at least 51% representation from racialized groups and includes faculty, staff, student, senior administration, alumni, and community representatives. The broad scope of the UCARE membership ensures that actions taken to advance equity, diversity, and inclusion align with the needs of the university community.

UCARE is currently looking for two staff members, an under-graduate student member, an international student member and an alumni/community member to fill vacancies on the committee. **Applications are being accepted until July 30, 2022.** Applicants can [fill out a short application](#), include the names of two references. The UCARE Governance and Nominating Sub-Council will review and evaluate the applications. The term is for two-years and would start on September 1, 2022.

Upcoming Events



October 28-30: We are looking forward to celebrating [Homecoming](#) with our alumni. The weekend will be full of events and content celebrating the moments that unite us – past, present, and future. This is a milestone reunion year for graduating class years ending in two (2) or seven (7). Registration will open in August!

Learn about how you can volunteer to organize your class reunion and celebrate milestone anniversaries by contacting our [Reunions team](#) or call 1-800-267-7837 (toll-free in North America). Online registration for Homecoming will open this summer.

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](#)



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