

# University Council August 2021 Newsletter

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# Queen's UNIVERSITY

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## Council Updates

### **Executive Committee:**

The University Council Executive Committee is pleased to announce the [2021 Distinguished Service Award recipients](#):

Inaugurated by the University Council Executive Committee in 1974, the [Distinguished Service Award](#) recognizes individuals who have made the university a better place through their exemplary service and extraordinary contributions.

Please join us on November 5 (as part of the AGM itinerary) to celebrate these worthy recipients

- Helen Louise Connop
- Thomas Courchene
- Sue Fostaty-Young
- Patty McHenry
- Anthony Sanfilippo
- Lucinda Walls

Details to follow. Questions? Please contact [ucouncil@queensu.ca](mailto:ucouncil@queensu.ca)

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### **Council Trustees:**

The next regular Board of Trustees meeting will be held on September 24-25 (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 on September 24, please submit your request in advance to [trustees@queensu.ca](mailto:trustees@queensu.ca).

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### **Nominating Committee:**

**Samantha Cheung**  
Chair, Nominating Committee

The Committee is pleased to report that **Doug Bruce** has been elected to the Board of Trustees by acclamation.



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:

- John Frezell
  - Anjali Helferty
  - Kathy Pritchard
  - Julia Reid
  - Chu Wang
  - Tom Woodhall
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**Program Committee:**  
**Mary Drinkwater**  
**Chair, Program Committee**

Please save the date for the following sessions/events:

**September 30, 2021 (2:00-4:30pm EDT)** - New Councillor Orientation will be virtual again this year and will feature an overview of Governance at Queen's University, Expectations and the Role of Councillors, an Introduction to Council's Standing Committees and the Role of Council Trustees, and an Overview of EDII at Queen's. The new Council Handbook will also be released.

**\*NEW\* EDII Credential program** - Councillors are invited and encouraged to participate in the Equity, Diversity, Inclusion, and Indigeneity Credential program facilitated by Queen's Human Rights and Equity Office. Councillors will be given access to online asynchronous training modules as a starting point to learn and reflect upon EDII within Queen's and in our communities. Council will then participate in a facilitated session at the Council AGM to apply their knowledge and learning in navigating Council-specific scenarios. Those who complete will receive a digital credential, which can be added to one's LinkedIn profile. Details to follow.

**October 5, 2021 (11:30am-12:30pm EDT) - Chancellor Murray Sinclair Introductory Session with Council:** Mark your calendars to meet Queen's new Chancellor and Council's new Chair. Learn more about His Honour, why he chose Queen's, and his outlook on the future. Followed by a Q&A. Details to follow.

**November 5-6, 2021 - Save the date for the University Council AGM and related events.** The Welcome Session on Friday afternoon will feature Dr. Wanda Costen (Dean-Smith School of Business) and details are being finalized for the Council Social (Friday evening) and AGM (Saturday).

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## Councillor Spotlight

### Sharing Your Stories: Queen's Persona & Journey Mapping

Research is currently underway as part of the Queen's Persona and Journey Mapping project. This project will produce a set of alumni and donor personas and corresponding journey maps to enhance understanding of alumni and donors for the Office for Advancement and the broader university community, allowing us to grow the effectiveness of alumni engagement programs. Councillors were formally invited to participate in interviews and focus groups and we want to thank the following for volunteering to participate: **Heather Black, Cathy Matthews, and John Armitage**, as well as two incoming Councillors who will begin their terms in September: **Dr. Willa Henry and Pamela Anoliefo**.

The Office of Advancement sincerely appreciates the willingness of Councillors to lend your stories and perspectives to initiatives such as this one and we look forward to future opportunities to work together. Stay tuned for upcoming invites!

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## Student Updates

### First Commitment Scholars



As part of the university's ongoing efforts to advance equity, diversity, inclusion, and Indigeneity (EDII) on campus, Queen's is preparing to welcome the first cohort of first-year Commitment Scholars to campus this fall. The new award, for Black, Indigenous, racialized, and LGBTQ2S+ students and students with disabilities, is granted to 10 incoming undergraduates each year. It recognizes demonstrated leadership in, and commitment to, racial justice, social justice, or EDII initiatives in a student's school or community.

[Learn more about the 2021-2022 cohort of Commitment Scholars at Queen's](#)

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## Campus Updates

### [Queen's to require COVID-19 vaccinations](#)

All staff, students, and faculty returning to campus will require COVID-19 vaccination

### [Queen's launching new harassment and discrimination policy](#)

New policies, training, and tools to boost safety and inclusivity on campus.

### [Ten researchers at Queen's University receive funding from the Canada Foundation for Innovation John R. Evans Leaders Fund](#)

Queen's University has been awarded over \$1.1 million in funding for nine projects at the university in a range of areas, including robotics, architecture and technology, energy conversion and storage, and ocular health

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## This Month at Queen's

### August 19 (4-6pm EDT) - [DDQIC 2021 Startup Showcase](#)

The annual Dunin-Deshpande Summer Pitch Competition is the largest pitch competition in Kingston that provides early-stage startups the opportunity to compete for seed funding for their venture. Join the event later today to watch summary pitches from 15 finalists, and dozens of other program participants. You can chat with them live in small networking sessions and watch live as the judges reveal which finalists have won money

### August 25 (3-4pm EDT) - [Vancouver Branch: What's next? Job Hunt Tips for Recent Grads](#)

To support recent graduates, the Queen's University Alumni Vancouver Branch, in collaboration with Queen's Career Services, is proud to present a free LIVE panel discussion featuring three Queen's alumnae in Western Canada. This event is open to all alumni, so please share with your networks and the recent graduates in your lives.

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## Save the Date

### **Faculty of Health Sciences: Dean's Action Table EDI Forum**

The Dean's Action Table on Equity, Diversity and Inclusion (DAT-EDI) Forum is being held on October 1 and 2, 2021. The two-day event will consist of updates from the seven DAT-EDI working groups, panel discussions, and two keynote speakers: Yukon Regional Chief Kluane Adamek and Dr. Ivan Joseph. The forum will be hosted in-person, with a limited number of attendees, and online. There will be an interactive zoom component as well as online streaming.

**Registration will be opening next week. Please email [Natalie Shearer](#) if you would like to receive a direct link to register.**

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## Did You Know?

### **The History of Tricolour**

Queen's official colours are gold, blue, and red - tricolour! The colours were chosen in 1884 by the president of the Alma Mater Society and the captains of the university's football and soccer teams. Previously, the only formally designated colours at the university belonged to the soccer team, whose members wore "dark red stockings, white knickerbockers, and dark-blue jerseys." The committee picked red, blue, and gold after weeks of debate because they were the main colours of the university's coat of arms. By early this century, the red, gold, and blue had become a Queen's trademark and its teams had come to be known as the "Tricolour," a nickname superseded only in recent decades by the "Gaels."



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## 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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