



University Council February Newsletter

Council Updates

Committee Updates

Council Trustees: Congratulations to Jeremy Gooden who was the successful candidate in the recent election to the Board of Trustees. 81.8% of Councillors voted in this election. Jeremy's term on the Board is effective immediately and he will serve until May 31, 2025. For a full list of Council Trustees, please refer to the Council website. The next regular Board of Trustees meeting will be held March 4 and 5, 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 on March 4, 2022 (7-8:30 pm ET), please [email the Board of Trustees](#) with your request in advance.

Nominating Committee: Congratulations to the following appointments to the Nominating Committee starting April 2022: Samantha Cheung, Mary Drinkwater, Elaine Wu. Thank you to retiring member Zehra Sheerazi. Continuing members are Heather Black and Judith Brown.

2022 University Council Election: The 2022 University Council election will be held from May 30 to June 13, 2022. The Call for Nominations will be launched on March 21, 2022 and will run for two weeks, closing on April 4, 2022.

There will be eleven positions available for alumni in the 2022 election:

- Ten, four-year terms (September 2022-2026)
- One, two-year broken term of service (September 2022-2024)

Role description and election details are on the University Secretariat website. Please extend to your networks!



Elaine Wu
Chair, Nominating Committee

Program Committee: Congratulations to the following appointments to the Program Committee starting May 2022: Nonyelum Anoliefo, Mary Dodd, and Willa Henry for a two-year term, and Heather Black as a Council Trustee for a one-year term; and Tka

Pinnock, as a member of the Executive Committee for a two-year term. Thank you to outgoing members Doug Bruce and Alison Holt.

March 28, 2022 (11 am-1 pm ET)- The Myth of Canada the Great: Why Everyone Needs to Understand the Indian Act Now Virtual Workshop: This training explores philosophies behind the Indian Act, walking participants through its history and modern-day implications. Facilitator [Dawn T. Maracle](#), BEd'98 will provide a deeper understanding of the Indian Act, and how Colonialism continues to impact the well-being of Indigenous communities, as well as the institutions and processes we all engage with every day. This workshop also explores how the relationship between non-Indigenous and Indigenous Peoples has changed over time and how that continues to impact our collective psyche today. The session will also include a Q&A period, and breakout groups for discussion. You have been sent a calendar invitation.

April 20, 2022 (noon-1:30 pm ET) – Principal Deane invites Councillors to attend an **update session on the [University Strategy](#)** and Council's role to help achieve our vision and our commitment to making a global impact. You have been sent a calendar invitation.

November 4-5, 2022 - Councillors are asked to hold these dates in their calendars for the next **AGM**.

If you would like to share any thoughts about the past AGM or ideas for subsequent meetings, please [email the Program Committee](#).



Mary Drinkwater
Chair, Program Committee

[Senate](#): Meeting dates can be found on the Senate [website](#). The next regular Senate meeting will be held on Feb. 23, 2022 via Zoom. You can check out 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:](#) Congratulations to Bittu George appointed as an elected Councillor to the QUAA Alumni Assembly for a two-year term effective May 1, 2022. Thank you for continuing, Councillor representative Heather Black.

Many thanks to Elaine Wu for her time and effort on Assembly, actively participating in a number of discussions and initiatives as a Council Representative- most recently as part of the QUAA Gala Awards Subcommittee.

[Scarborough Charter on Anti-Black Racism and Black Inclusion in Canadian Higher Education:](#) Councillors are invited to access the Scarborough Charter, the

recorded Zoom session, and view a recording outlining why committed higher education institutions are endorsing and signing the Scarborough Charter.

Councillor Spotlight

Nirosha Balakumar: Queen's Connects Mentor

Councillor Nirosha Balakumar is the [Queen's Connects February Alumni Mentor!](#) On March 10, 2022 (noon-12:45 pm ET) The Queen's Connects Career Chats series is thrilled to bring you "Let's Talk Imposter Syndrome", featuring recent graduate Nirosha Balakumar, Artsci'19 (Global Development) and current student leader Meera Mahadeo, Artsci'22 (Political Studies). During this discussion, Nirosha and Meera will delve deeper into how they navigated imposter syndrome as racialized women within white, colonial spaces including academic, work, social, and more.

Join Nirosha and Meera on March 10 for this interactive Instagram Live hosted from the [Queen's University Alumni account](#) where you will have the opportunity to listen, learn, and connect with your community and ask questions.



Jeremy Gooden: GratiTuesday

In his [GratiTuesday feature](#), Councillor Jeremy Gooden shares that the financial assistance he received as a student changed the trajectory of his life, and he encourages alumni to consider donating to Queen's to give students the same experience they had, which has helped them get to where they are today.

If you are interested in sharing your own story of impact through a GratiTuesday feature, please [email Natalie Shearer](#).



Featured Opportunities

Council 100% Giving Participation Goal

As you may know, University Council has been actively working towards a goal of 100% giving participation. Last fiscal year, this group came incredibly close, with 78% of Councillors making a monetary donation, of any amount and to any fund of their choosing. You may receive an email from Queen's Advancement Senior Development Officer, Sohee Yoo, in the coming months to discuss giving and your personal interests.

Give to Queen's

Promise Scholars: Off-Campus Summer Jobs

Queen's Career Services is launching a key component of the [Promise Scholars Program](#) – an initiative designed to reduce financial barriers and increase access to Queen's for local, first-generation students. Planning is underway for the Off-Campus Job Guarantee program for the first cohort of Promise Scholarship recipients. The hope is to utilize the professional networks of alumni volunteer leaders to recruit suitable employers, to be matched with the five Promise Scholars seeking employment for Summer 2022. Natalie Shearer will be doing some direct outreach to Councillors in the coming weeks, based on the identified career interests and educational backgrounds of students, as well as preferred location for employment. If you would like some more information please [email Natalie Shearer](#).

Thank you all for considering this opportunity. It will be a truly meaningful experience for these deserving students!

Office of Indigenous Initiatives

Elder Meet & Greet Sessions

University Councillors are invited to join upcoming Elder Meet & Greet sessions via Zoom, which feature topics on Indigenous teachings and knowledge. [Register for upcoming Elder Meet & Greet sessions](#):

Feb. 24: Indigenous Ways of Learning & Methodologies
March 10: Indigenous Grief & Impacts of Cultural Changes
March 24: Language Revitalization
April 7: Moving forward with Reconciliation
April 21: Indigenous Ceremonies

University Council EDI Awareness Building Credential

If you haven't already, Councillors are encouraged to complete three (3) online Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion (EDI) training modules that were created by the Queen's University Human Rights and Equity Office and focus on important EDI topics including:

1. [Unconscious Bias](#)
2. [Call it Out: Racism, Racial Discrimination and Human Rights](#)
3. [Working Together: Building an Inclusive Queen's Community](#)

Please register using the email address you use for correspondence with Queen's. Each individual module must be completed in a single sitting - you are not able to exit the module and resume at a later time.

These modules are part of the University Council Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion (EDI) Awareness Building Credential, which includes a culminating facilitated session with the Human Rights and Equity Office. The previous session took place during the 2021 AGM Welcome Session. If you participated in the November 2021 session, but have not yet completed the modules, we encourage you to do so to receive your digital badge, which can be added to your LinkedIn profile and/or email signature. Stay tuned, as another facilitated session will be offered later this year!



Black History Month at Queen's

Queen's Black Alumni Chapter

Black History and Trivia (Feb. 24, 2022): Celebrate Black History Month with Queen's Black Alumni Chapter (QBAC). Join members of QBAC and the Queen's community for an exciting night of trivia. Test your knowledge of notable alumni and Black history with a group or on your own. [Learn more and register for Black History and Trivia with QBAC.](#)

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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