

# University Council July 2021 Newsletter

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The University Council Newsletter will be reaching your email inbox on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of every month.

## Council Updates

Welcome to **Chancellor Murray Sinclair** who began his term as [Queen's 15<sup>th</sup> Chancellor on July 1<sup>st</sup>](#).

One of the roles for the Chancellor will be to act as the Chair of University Council. [Learn more about the role of Chancellor.](#)

[Principal Deane and Chancellor Sinclair issued statements calling for a national conversation on Indigenous identity.](#) All who wish to be part of this conversation can reach out as we begin this process of reflection. Please sign up at [towardsreconciliation@queensu.ca](mailto:towardsreconciliation@queensu.ca) to be part of this discussion.

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



## Committee Updates

**Executive Committee:** At a special meeting held **June 17, 2021**, University Council approved the following motion as recommended by the Executive Committee:

*That University Council waive the provisions of Council By-law D2 requiring M. Wilson Trider to be appointed or elected to the Council to be eligible to be re-elected to the Board of Trustees; and,*

*That, notwithstanding anything to the contrary in the University Council By-laws, the University Council elect, by acclamation, in advance, M. Wilson Trider in one of the two Council Trustees seats to be elected for a term to commence June 1, 2022.*

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**Council Trustees:** The next regular Board of Trustees meeting will be held on September 24 (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](mailto:trustees@queensu.ca).

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**Nominating Committee:** Thank you to all the candidates who were nominated for a role on University Council. We had a strong and diverse slate of candidates.

Congrats to the following for being elected to University Council! These ten successful candidates will begin their four-year terms on September 1, 2021.

- Pamela Anoliefo, MMIE'20
- Nirosha Balakumar, BAH'19, MPhil '21
- Greg Frankson, Artsci'98, Ed'99-(re-elected)
- Jeremy Gooden, Sc'16
- Willa Henry, Nurs'76
- Daria Adèle Juüdi-Hope, Nurs'11, MPH'20
- Sandra Kwon, PME '20
- Cathy Matthews, Comm'86-(re-elected)
- Tka Pinnock, Artsci'07 (re-elected)
- Noor Rahemtulla, Comm'20

We look forward to introducing our newest members in the coming months. Feel free to reach out and welcome them to University Council at [ucouncil@queensu.ca](mailto:ucouncil@queensu.ca).



**Samantha Cheung**  
Chair, Nominating Committee

### **Program Committee:**

- **June 22, 2021: Inclusive Language & Practices** was a 90-minute workshop, facilitated by a Queen's alumna-founded Diversity & Inclusion management agency, [Feminuity](#). This interactive session explored why language matters, how it often influences our biases, and provided impactful ways for participants to opt for more inclusive language choices. This includes leading language and inclusive practices relating to identities, cultures, names, pronouns, and accessibility, just to name a few. Missed the session? You can still [view here](#).
- **Orientation:** The Program Committee is meeting to review New Councillor Orientation. Councillors are encouraged to submit their ideas for orientation for consideration by the Program Committee by the end of July.
- **November 5-6, 2021:** Save the date for the **University Council AGM** and related events (dependent on term lengths found [here](#)).



**Mary Drinkwater**  
Chair, Program Committee

## **Councillor Spotlight**

**University Councillor Opiyo Oloya, Artsci'83, Ed'86**, will leave his roles on Queen's University Council, its Executive Committee, and the Board of Trustees, to accept a position as the [first-ever Associate Vice-President of Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion \(AVP EDI\) at Western University](#). **Congratulations, Opiyo, on this tremendous accomplishment.**

Thank you for all that you have done for Council and the Queen's community! We look forward to staying connected and following along with your journey as you continue leading the way in Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion.





The Queen's Student Alumni Association (QSAA) interviewed University Councillors earlier this year, discussing their time as students, and the paths they followed to becoming engaged alumni volunteers. Throughout the next couple of months, these interviews are being posted on the [QSAA Instagram page](#). Interviews with **Jim Leech, Marcus Wong, Rico Garcia, and John Armitage** have already been posted. Keep an eye out for some more familiar faces in the coming weeks!

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## Featured Opportunities

### Class of 2021 Letters

University Councillors were invited to help welcome the class of 2021 into the Alumni Association by **signing a welcome letter** (ie. Alissa, Artsci'09), **with a short but inspiring hand-written post-script**. Letters will be sent to 2021 Graduates with a journal, which will be packaged in a special keepsake box with a custom Queen's tartan scarf. **We are still recruiting alumni volunteers! If you would like to participate, [please let Natalie Shearer know](#).**

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### Nominate Fellow Alumni

The School of Rehabilitation Therapy honours the excellence of its graduates and clinical community through the annual presentation of the Distinguished Alumni Awards and the Clinical Preceptor Awards.

The Distinguished Alumni Awards recognize one graduate from each of the Occupational Therapy, Physical Therapy, Rehabilitation Science, and Aging and Health programs who have exhibited exceptional contributions to their chosen professions, fields and/or communities.

**Nominations close July 30, 2021. [Share this information with your network or submit a nomination.](#)**

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## Student Spotlight

### Schulich Leader Scholarships

Ten future leaders in STEM disciplines (science, technology, engineering, and math) will be attending Queen's this fall, thanks to the [Schulich Leader Scholarships](#), valued at \$80,000 / \$100,000 per student depending on their program of study. The Schulich Leader Scholarships lessen financial stress on students and allow them to focus more of their time and energy on their studies.



[Read More](#)

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## In the News

In-person convocation celebrations are being planned for 2020/21 graduates: [Read More](#)

Queen's looks forward to a safe return to campus. [Read about the campus reopening framework](#)

Queen's athletes are competing at the Tokyo Olympics. [Read more and cheer them on!](#)

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## In Case You Missed It: The Road to Recovery Series

On June 29<sup>th</sup>, Advancement Events partnered with University Relations and the Faculty of Health Sciences to launch a virtual event series called The Road to Recovery. The pilot event, Reintegration, was moderated by BuzzFeed writer and editor and CBC podcast host, Elam in Abdelmahmoud, Artsci'11. Abdelmahmoud led a lively paneled discussion with experts from health care, psychology, organizational behaviour, and education, on what life will look like as we move toward a "new normal."

You can watch the recording of the event on the [Media Hub section of the Queen's alumni website](#).

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## Did You Know?

### Alumni Relations

When the Queen's University Alumni Association (QUAA) was founded in 1926, an Alumni Office was also created to serve as its secretariat. That office was located on campus and received some funding from the University, but operated independently.

In 1985, to regularize its relationship with the University, the Alumni Office was renamed the Department of Alumni Affairs (now known as Alumni Relations) and made into a full department of the University, reporting to the Vice-Principal (Resources).

Since 1993, the department of Alumni Relations has belonged to the Office of Advancement and reports to the Vice-Principal (Advancement).

The Department of Alumni Relations is dedicated to keeping Queen's alumni connected to their University and to one another through a variety of programs and services. Alumni Relations staff work closely with the volunteers of the QUAA to provide the highest standard of service and programming to Queen's alumni.

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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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