



University Council March Newsletter

Council Updates

Committee Updates

Council Trustees: The Board met on March 4 and 5 via Zoom. The next regular Board of Trustees meeting will be held May 13 and 14, 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 May 13, 2022, please [email the Board of Trustees](#) with your request in advance.

The Board-Senate Retreat was held March 5 with the theme *Embedding Queen's in the Community*. We heard from [Sheila Sammon](#), and a local and Queen's response from [Bridget Doherty](#), [Bhavana Varma](#), and [Dr. Jane Philpott](#), followed by breakout groups focusing on four areas of discussion:

1. Teaching and Learning,
2. Responsible and Supportive Investments,
3. Research, and
4. Co-curricular Community Engagement and Skill Development.

A final report on the Retreat will be developed to ensure that the work completed will be captured for the future.

Nominating Committee:

2022 University Council Election: The 2022 University Council election will be held from May 30 to June 13, 2022. The Call for Nominations were 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:

At the 2021 AGM, Senior Administration outlined the top priority in their area to further the strategic framework. Following, Councillors were divided into breakout groups to discuss how Councillors can contribute to achieving the objectives of the strategic framework. An [outline of the strategic framework discussion](#) is accessible in the Governance Portal (sign-in will be required):

University Councillors will have received a calendar invitation (with Zoom links) to the following presentations:

March 28 (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.

April 20 (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.

Distinguished Service Awards: Do you know someone who has made Queen's a better place and deserves to be recognized? Inaugurated by the University Council in 1974, this award recognizes individuals who have made Queen's a better place through their outstanding contributions. [Learn more and submit a nomination for the Distinguished Service Awards.](#) The deadline for nominations is Friday April 29, 2022 at 4 pm ET. Please [email the University Secretariat](#) if you have questions about the Awards or the nomination process.

And, mark your calendar for the University Council AGM on Nov. 4 and 5, 2022.

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 March 29, 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:

The QUAA is pleased to announce that the incoming QUAA President will be Colin McLeod! Colin will share a bit more about himself and his vision for the QUAA in an upcoming newsletter. Many thanks to Rico Garcia for his incredible leadership as President over the last two years, and many contributions during his time on Council.

Many thanks to Councillor Heather Black for participating in the first-ever President Nominating Committee, tasked with making this important decision.

Apply to Join the QUAA Board of Directors:

The QUAA Board is currently recruiting for multiple roles, to serve a two-year term beginning in May 2022:

Director, Young Alumni
Director, Alumni Constituency Groups
Director, Alumni Awards
Director, Marketing & Communications
Director, Digital Media

Please consider applying or sharing these listed vacancies with fellow Queen's alumni. Joining the QUAA Board is a great opportunity to expand on your volunteer experience and continue contributing your time and talent to foster alumni engagement. There are also vacancies on Assembly, so please share with your networks! Deadline for applications is April 4, 2022. If you have any questions or would like to learn more, please [email the QUAA Board](#).

Apply for a Role with the QUAA

Queen's Student Alumni Association (QSAA) Update:

The QSAA is thrilled to announce Samara Lijjam, Artsci'22 (Politics) as the 2022-2023 President.

Samara (she/her/hers) is an exceptional and experienced student leader, holding roles in the AMS (Social Issues Commissioner), ASUS (Director of Student Affairs Research) and the Queen's University Liberal Association (Vice President Provincial) as well as roles with CRFC and the Queen's Female Leadership in Politics (QFIP) conference and is a past QSAA Director and Ambassador.



Councillor Spotlight

Nirosha Balakumar: International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination

Every year, March 21 is recognized as a day where the international community can come together in an effort to eliminate all forms of racial discrimination. This year, the Queen's Human Rights and Equity Office highlighted activism and the arts in our Queen's, local, and global communities. [Follow the HREO on Instagram](#) to see this campaign.

The HREO wrapped up the project with an Instagram Live event featuring spoken word artist and Councillor: **Nirosha Balakumar** on March 21. Nirosha is known for her work as a spoken word artist and TEDx speaker who highly values the integration of art and advocacy as an approach to decolonizing education.



Bittu George: 3 Minute Thesis

Councillor **Bittu George** will be a judge at the [3 Minute Thesis](#) final on March 24 in Mitchell Hall. 3MT® is a university-wide competition for Queen's Masters (thesis or research project) and doctoral students in which participants present their research and its wider impact in three minutes or less to a panel of non-specialist judges. This is a unique opportunity to communicate the innovative and significant research undertaken by our graduate students.



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. Please [email Sohee](#) if you have any questions or would like to learn more about giving opportunities.

[Give to Queen's](#)

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:](#)

March 24: Language Revitalization

April 7: Moving forward with Reconciliation

April 21: Indigenous Ceremonies

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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