



University Council October 2021 Newsletter

Council Updates

Committee Updates

Executive Committee: The Executive Committee met on Sept. 16 and approved the agenda for the 2021 AGM, as well as the 2023 AGM date (Nov. 4, 2023). **Reminder: Please hold Nov. 4-5 in your calendars for the 2022 Council AGM.**

Council Trustees: The next regular **Board of Trustees** meeting will be held on **Dec. 3-4** (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.

Nominating Committee:

- A big welcome to the new University Councillors who began their term on Sept. 1, 2021. Given our continued virtual world, we encourage all Councillors to reach out to the new Councillors to introduce themselves.
- An overview and introduction to the committee was provided at the recent University Council orientation session held Sept. 30, 2021. Feel free to reach out to Samantha Cheung with any questions.
- As previously announced, Dr. Anita Jack-Davies was appointed as Council's first EDII Advisor in 2020 for a 2-year term. In September, Dr. Jack-Davies submitted her resignation to take on a new position at Skidmore College. We thank Dr. Jack-Davies for all her work in establishing this role and wish her every success in her new position. With this in mind, the Committee is undergoing a review of the role and responsibilities of the EDII Advisor role and is working with the University Secretariat to determine the best way forward.
- Watch your inbox in the coming weeks for a Call for Executive Committee Elections. There will be three positions available for elected Councillors.



Samantha Cheung
Chair, Nominating Committee

Program Committee:

Thank you to this year's **Program Committee members** including J. Armitage, R. Baugh, H. Black, D. Bruce, M. Dodd, and A. Holt. The Committee has met since July to plan the fall sessions. Considering continued social distancing requirements required in Phase 3 of Ontario's Reopening for non-academic events over 25 people, the increasing spread of the Delta variant, travel challenges, and the University's announcement to postpone all Fall convocation ceremonies, the Program Committee recommended that we pivot to a virtual AGM and related sessions for the Fall of 2021.

Sept. 30 - The **Orientation Session** provided new Councillors with an overview of their role and responsibilities and an overview of Council's standing committees.

Oct. 5 – Councillors were honoured to hear from and look forward to working with our new Council Chair, and **Chancellor Murray Sinclair**.

Nov. 5 - The **Welcome Session** is designed to provide an opportunity to hear from the new Dean, Smith School of Business, Dr. Wanda Costen, and to ask questions related to the reports included in the AGM consent agenda. Building on the continuing education program, Councillors will be encouraged to do training in advance and will finalize their EDI Credential training during this session. At the end of the Welcome Session, Councillors will socialize via an online gathering, hosted by the Program Committee.

Nov. 6 - The Committee has selected the AGM theme "**Queen's and Council: Together Towards Tomorrow**". The **AGM agenda** will consist of impactful virtual presentations, including:

1. **Principal Deane** will provide general opening remarks and an update on the Strategic Framework and related initiatives. The Principal will identify Council's role in his plan and speak to how Councillors can help to advance different priorities for the University.
2. **Connecting with Senior Administration on the Strategic Framework:** Senior Leaders will outline the top priorities in their area to further the Strategic Framework. Following this, Councillors will be divided into preassigned breakout groups to discuss how they can contribute to achieving the objectives of the Strategic Framework.

REGISTER to confirm your attendance and preferred breakout groups.

Nov. 17 – Distinguished Service Award virtual presentation - The event provides an opportunity for the University and Council members to honour special guests (2020 and 2021 Recipients) for their distinguished service to Queen's University. **A special request for Councillors to attend and host a breakout group with an award recipient, following the award presentation.** Please volunteer by contacting ucouncil@queensu.ca

We look forward to 'seeing' you all!



Mary Drinkwater
Chair, Program Committee

EDI Awareness Building

Digital Badge Sneak Peak

Here is a sneak peak of the EDI Awareness Building Credential Councillors will receive after completing the three (3) online modules and facilitated session on November 5. Please note this is a concept version and subject to minor changes. Please [email Natalie Shearer](#) if you have any questions or concerns about the modules or session.



Senate: Meeting dates can be found on the [Senate website](#). The next regular meeting will be held on Oct. 26 via Zoom. You can check out the Senate agenda/minutes on the [Governance Portal](#). To attend any portion of the meeting, please submit your request in advance to senate@queensu.ca

Councillor Spotlight

Featured Speakers

On Oct. 14, Councillor **Rico Garcia**, joined a panel of fellow field experts in an instalment of the *Road to Recovery* series to discuss topics ranging across economic recovery, politics, public opinion, and health care. Aside from his roles as a University Councillor and QUAA President, Rico is an Engagement Manager at McKinsey, focused on economic and financial strategy development for government and public sector institutions.



On Sept. 28, Councillor **Aziz Garuba** hosted a Smith School of Business Alumni Town Hall with Dean Wanda Costen to talk about her journey to Smith, her early day findings, and what her vision for the future is.



The Gift of Education

This year, a new scholarship will be made available for Indigenous students pursuing a Bachelor of Commerce or a Bachelor of Arts with a concentration in economics or political studies at Queen's. In a Board of Trustees meeting on May 7, the **Daniel Tisch/Argyle Communications Bursary** was announced.

Councillor Daniel Tisch shared with The Journal, "It's a fund that could grow over time, and I think it'd be wonderful as a community if Queen's and its alumni could continue to expand the supports that are offered and remove the barriers to Indigenous students participating in a Queen's education."

[Read the full Queen's Journal article about the Daniel Tisch/Argyle Communications Bursary](#)

Featured Opportunities

Office of Indigenous Initiatives: Elder Meet & Greet

University Councillors are invited to join upcoming Elder Meet & Greet sessions, which feature topics on Indigenous teachings and knowledge. The first session took place **Thursday Sept. 9 from noon-1pm EDT on Zoom**. Upcoming sessions can be found below, with the link to registration here: [Registration](#)

Every second Thursday starting Sept. 9 from noon-1pm EDT. Remaining sessions include:

- **Treaty Week: Leadership Teachings – Nov. 4**
- **Traditional Indigenous Education and the Academy – Nov. 18**
- **Sustainability & Climate Change – Dec. 2**
- **Red Road & Future Generations – Dec. 16**

Indigenous Collaboration Day at Queen's

University Councillors are invited to attend the Indigenous Research Collaboration Day at Queen's University. This event is scheduled for Friday, Nov, 5 from 9am-3pm EDT. **Chancellor Murray Sinclair** will give the keynote address at 9:15am EDT, This year's Indigenous Research Collaboration Day will be hosted online, and the theme is "Weaving sustainable futures for the generations to come: Insights from Indigenous research."

Please read the [formal invitation to University Councillors \(PDF 103 KB\)](#) from Associate Vice-Principal, Indigenous Initiatives and Reconciliation, Janice Hill, and Associate Dean (STEM), School of Graduate Studies.

If you are able to attend, please email steerc@queensu.ca to receive further details and a Zoom link before the event.

University Updates

In the News

Queen's professors win Ideas Worth Teaching Award

Award recognizes educators using business to make the world a more inclusive place

Queen's United Way campaign reaches 72 per cent of overall goal

The Queen's United Way Campaign Committee has set a fundraising goal of \$425,000 for this year's campaign in support of United Way of Kingston, Frontenac, Lennox and Addington

Fostering Radical Collaboration

Queen's Health Sciences releases a new strategic plan with a focus on interdisciplinary science and interprofessional education.

Register Now

QUAA Accessibility Talk: A Queen's Panel

[The Queen's University Alumni Association](#) (QUAA) Board of Directors invites you to join the second virtual panel exploring themes within Equity, Diversity, Inclusion, and Indigeneity (EDI), as part of the 2021 [Alumni Volunteer Series](#).

[Queen's Student Alumni Association](#) (QSAA) President, Megan Divecha, Artsci'22, will be sitting down with special guest, [Amar Latif](#), and fellow panelists- Queen's accessibility experts- as they share their perspectives on disability awareness and accessibility, within the Queen's community, and beyond. This panel will be taking place on Wednesday, Oct. 27 from 9-10am EDT.



[Learn more and register for the QUAA Accessibility Talk](#)

QSAA Panel: Difficult Conversations

The Queen's Student Alumni Association (QSAA) is pleased to present their first Alumni Speaker Event of the year, "Difficult Conversations". This virtual event will focus on teaching students how to engage in conversations in the workplace regarding equity, diversity, inclusion, and Indigenization, while promoting valuable resources. The panel of alumni speakers each have diverse and unique experiences and include Jarret Leaman, MIR'10, Asha Gordon, Artsci'18, and former Councillor Chu Wang, Com'15

This event is for Queen's students. However, Councillors are invited to join! This panel will be taking place on October 27 from 5-6:30pm EDT.

[Register for the QSAA: Difficult Conversations Panel.](#)

Did You Know?

The Queen's Journal

Queen's University's students operate a number of media outlets throughout campus. [The Queen's Journal](#) is Queen's main student newspaper. During the academic year, the journal publishes two issues a week, until the last month of the semester, when only one issue is published each week. In total the Queen's Journal publishes 40 issues a year.



The newspaper was established in 1873, making it one of the oldest student newspapers in Canada.

If interested, you may [subscribe to the Queen's Journal](#).

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](#)

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