

University Council June 2021 Newsletter



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Newsletter Update

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Hello University Councillors! As you will notice, this edition of the newsletter has a different look and is coming to you from a different source. May 2021 marks one full year of the Council Newsletter reaching your inboxes each month. We have been working together to transfer the curation and distribution of the Council newsletter from Terri Flindall to Natalie Shearer. As Terri continues her work with Council in other meaningful ways, Natalie will be liaising with you- individually and as a group- to seek out and create opportunities for engagement with the Queen's community. We look forward to working together and with each of you to continue advancing the great work and momentum of University Council as key advisors and ambassadors for Queen's.

Council Updates

Chancellor Search Advisory Committee Update

At the May Board of Trustees meeting, Chancellor Leech was presented with a gift for his extraordinary service:

Rights, Privileges and Responsibilities

A collection of 78 Honorary Degrees the Chancellor conferred over 174 Convocations



United by Service

A publication that captures the scope and depth of his commitment.

On July 1st, 2021, The Honourable Murray Sinclair begins his term as Queen's 15th Chancellor



Committee Updates

Executive Committee: The Executive Committee will meet in June to select the 2021 Distinguished Service Award recipients.

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, please submit your request in advance to trustees@queensu.ca.

Nominating Committee: Welcome to Samantha Cheung, the new Chair of the Nominating Committee! Samantha is assuming the chair after the commendable work of her predecessor, Kate Wilson.

University Council Election Update
Voting ended on Monday, June 15, 2021 at 09:00 am EST.

Program Committee - Please save the date for the following sessions/events:

- **June 22, 2021 (11-12:30 EST): Inclusive Language & Practices** is a 90-minute workshop, facilitated by a Queen's alumna-founded Diversity & Inclusion management consulting agency, Feminuity. This interactive session explores why language matters, how it often influences our biases and provides 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. Please reach out to Natalie Shearer for additional details.

 - **November 5-6, 2021:** Save the date for the **University Council AGM** and related events.
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Councillor Spotlight



Councillor Aziz Garuba, AMBA'12, is helping to tell the stories of amazing Black leaders around the world. Read the Smith School of [Business Impact and Influence interview here](#). "Everyone is a leader in their own way," says Abdul-Aziz Garuba. He should know. The Accelerated MBA grad is the host of Made to Lead (madetolead.co), an up-and-coming podcast that's all about leadership.

Connect With Us

If you have a personal initiative, project, or endeavor you would like to share with your fellow Councillors, let us know and we will feature it in next month's newsletter.

[Share an Initiative](#)

Golden Ticket Event: On May 19th, the exclusive **Golden ticket event** was held with introducing new graduates who received a Golden Ticket in their notebooks to featured Queen's alumni mentors. They heard first-hand accounts about how they can respond to challenges, make good decisions, and take control of their future with incredible results. The event started with opening remarks by **Chancellor Jim Leech**, Mentor presentations (including **Councillor Dan Tisch**), and a moderated Q&A.

Queen's Grattuesday campaign: Councillors have been invited to take part in the **Queen's Grattuesday** campaign sharing their stories and personal motivations for supporting Queen's. You provide a photo and few paragraphs on why you donate (or we can arrange a colleague to interview you). A social media graphic will be created and shared on an upcoming Tuesday on Queen's social media platforms.



Thanks to **Doug Bruce** who was recently featured with his [story of impact](#).

[Share Your Story of Impact](#)

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.**



Thank you to the following Councillors for helping welcome the Class of 2021 with a gift they will appreciate, and treasure, forever: **Heather Black, Judith Brown, Samantha Cheung, Mary Drinkwater, Jim Leech, Michael Parsche, Amrita Singh, Yanique Williams, Mary Wilson Trider, Elaine Wu.**



ASUS Scavenger Hunt for Orientation 2021
The scavenger hunt will take place August 30 to September 4 and will be spread out across several different locations/buildings on campus (or virtual pending Public Health guidelines).

Thank you to the following Councillors who will make a video (1-2 minutes) to be presented at each station, which may include presenting a clue for the next station, or sharing a fun anecdote relating to a location that is meaningful to them: **Greg Frankson, Alison Holt, Precious Nyarko-Antwi, Michael Parsche, Marcus Wong, and Elaine Wu.**

The **University Council on Anti-Racism (UCARE)** is seeking an alumni/community member

The University Council on Anti-Racism and Equity (UCARE) was established to coordinate, monitor, and report on the progress of university-wide initiatives to address racism and promote equity, diversity, and inclusion. The Council helps to shape the vision and strategy of the university and serves as a critical voice for diversity and inclusion at Queen's.

The UCARE is currently looking for one alumni/community member to fill a vacancy on the committee and applications are being accepted now. Applicants can **fill out a short form**, and include the names of two references. The UCARE Governance and Nominating Sub-Council

will review and evaluate the applications. The term is for two-years and would start on September 1, 2021. Please consider applying and/or sharing with your networks (particularly those based in Kingston)

Your Voice Matters

Naming Policy Feedback

Earlier this month, Vice-Principal (Advancement), Karen Bertrand, invited University Council to provide feedback on the University Naming draft policy, found on the [University Secretariat and Legal Counsel website](#). You have until June 30th to provide feedback by filling out the online [survey](#). If you wish to provide additional feedback, please send your comments to policies@queensu.ca.

Alumni Values Survey

We want to know what you value most about your relationship with Queen's and what we can do to show you how much we value you as one of our Queen's alumni. As key stakeholders of the University, your response to this 10-minute survey will help us to get to know you better, so we can offer the programming and opportunities that will be meaningful to you. Please provide your thoughts about your relationship with Queen's - your voice matters!

[Complete the Alumni Values Survey](#)

This Month at Queen's

In light of COVID-19, in-person gatherings are still suspended, but online activities continue to take place! Check the calendar to review upcoming [Alumni Events](#) or [Queen's Events Calendar](#).

June is Pride month: Are you aware of the [Queer-Positive resources](#) available at Queen's?



The [Positive Space Program](#) is to identify and encourage the development of positive spaces within the Queen's Community, and to empower members of the Queen's Community to be agents of positive change. [View their video](#). For more information, contact posspace@queensu.ca

[Queen's Pride Project](#) exists to celebrate the history, courage, diversity and future of Queen's and Kingston's [LGBTIQ2SA*](#) communities. Queen's Pride offers programming throughout the year, with concentrated programming during Pride month. Councillors are welcome to participate. For details, contact queensprideproject@gmail.com

The recently formed [Queen's Queer Alumni Chapter](#) aims to foster a supportive and useful community among and build strong connections between Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Queer, Two Spirit, and other identifying (LGBTQ2S+) students, alumni, faculty, and staff.

June 21 - Canada's National Indigenous Peoples Day, is annually held on June 21 to celebrate the unique heritage, diverse cultures, and outstanding achievements of the nation's Aboriginal peoples. There are three Aboriginal groups in Canada – the First Nations, Inuit, and Métis peoples. Queen's University is situated on traditional [Anishinaabe and Haudenosaunee Territory](#). On Queen's campus, there are a number of [Indigenous supports](#), programs and services for Indigenous students and the broader Queen's community.

June 29 (11am-12pm EST) - [Road to Recovery: Reintegration](#)

The COVID-19 pandemic has challenged Canada and the Queen's community to think creatively about how they can harness their expertise and research skills to help confront the crisis, socially, economically, politically, and technologically.

Join the conversation led by CBC podcast host and BuzzFeed culture writer and editor, Elamin Abdelmehmoud, Artsci'11, where he will speak to experts in health care, psychology, organizational behaviour, and education on how we will reintegrate as a society, and what we have to look forward to. [Register here](#).

June 30 (12-1pm EST) - How to Make More Rational Decisions at Work: (Mis)perception, Blind Spots, and Better Decisions

In this revealing webinar, Professor Laura Rees will challenge participants to question how rational and bias-free their decisions and actions really are. She will share key findings that researchers have discovered about the pitfalls that lead to misperceptions and poor decisions. And she will show how we can all recognize and take charge of our assumptions and behaviours to build more honest workplace relationships and make better decisions. [Register Here.](#)

July 1 – Canada Day – University Closed.

June Special: Tricolour Masks at the QShop



Want to look great, stay safe and show your Tricolour spirit! [Queen's masks](#) (and many other products) are now available through the [Athletics Q Shop](#) and for the month of June they are 3 for \$25.00. [Subscribe to their newsletter](#) for promotions, new products and sales. Questions? Contact custserv@queensu.ca

Student Spotlight

Agnes Benidickson Tricolour Award

The [Agnes Benidickson Tricolour Award](#) is the highest tribute that can be paid to a student for their valuable and distinguished service to the university. On **June 10, 2021 the Queen's community** celebrated the newest inductees of the Tricolour Society through a virtual reception. [You can learn more about the Agnes Benidickson Tricolour Award recipients for 2020 and 2021 here.](#)

2020 Recipients

Jared den Otter, Artsci'20
Beatrice Hur, Artsci'20
Chayce Perkins, Artsci'20
Liam Tharp, Sc'19

2021 Recipients

Jodi Basch, Con.Ed.'16, PhD'22
Shohsannah Bennett-Dwara, Artsci'21
Catherine Haba, Artsci'21
Nicole Osayande, Cmp'21
Michaela Patterson, NSc'21
Kelly Weiling Zou, Com'21

Queen's Student Alumni Association

Introducing QSAA President: Megan Divecha

Megan Divecha, ArtSci '22 (Politics & Certificate in Business), recently started her role as the 2021-22 QSAA President. Megan is a 4th year student from Hamilton, Ontario, who brings her positive nature and strong work ethic to lead the QSAA this coming year. As a former QSAA Student Transition Ambassador, Megan assisted in the facilitation of QSAA alumni speaker events, gaining experience into the student-alumni connection. This year, Megan looks forward to strengthening the QSAA's relations with on-campus clubs and affiliated Queen's organizations through active partnerships, increasing philanthropic education on campus, and amplifying opportunities for unique student-alumni connections.



In a recent Coffee Chat with fellow members of the [Alumni Assembly](#), Megan spoke about the goals of the QSAA, life on campus, and the valuable role Queen's alumni play in supporting today's students.

Megan's favourite advice she received from a Queen's alumni:
"Partnerships are powerful, but only if they are intentional."

If you would like to connect with Megan, you can reach out to her directly at qsaa.president@queensu.ca

Did You Know?

Convocations

The first convocation ceremony in Queen's history took place on **June 2, 1847**, when the [Senate](#) awarded degrees to the University's first three graduates, probably in [St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church](#). It was not until 1858 that convocations got their first designated, on-campus home: in a special convocation hall, constructed as part of the [Old Medical Building](#). The University soon outgrew that venue and the hall was dismantled after a larger [Convocation Hall](#) was included in [Theological Hall](#), which opened in 1878. Convocations soon moved on again, to the yet more spacious [Grant Hall](#), completed in 1905.

After the rapid growth of Queen's in the 1950s and 1960s, convocations moved to the [Jock Harty Arena](#) in the early 1970s, although fall ceremonies continued to be held at Grant Hall. With the dismantling of Jock Harty Arena in 2007, Grant Hall has once again become a host location for spring ceremonies, along with the [Queen's Centre](#)



First spring convocation in Jock Harty Arena, 1971

Learn more about [Convocation](#).

If you need to update any of your personal contact information, please let us know .

[UPDATE YOUR INFO](#)

Queen's Links to Keep You Informed

COVID update: Look for the latest updates and more information on COVID-19 on this website

- [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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