

University Council Newsletter

December 2020/January 2021

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COUNCIL UPDATES:

Please contact the Secretariat at ucouncil@queensu.ca if you have questions about any Council business.



Chancellor Search Advisory Committee Update:

The search for Queen's next Chancellor continues! The nomination deadline was December 4th - thanks to those Councillors who submitted a nomination. The Advisory Committee continues to meet to review the shortlist of candidates on the way to the selection of a final candidate for Council approval.

Upcoming key dates:

- February 19 (noon EST) – The recommended candidate will be presented to the University Council for approval at a special meeting, after which the new Chancellor will be announced.
- July 1 – [Chancellor begins term](#)

[Details are posted on the Secretariat website.](#) Don't hesitate to reach out to us if you have any questions!

Contact: ucouncil@queensu.ca

145th University Council Annual General Meeting Follow up: Thank you all for making our first virtual AGM such a big success! Based on our observations and the feedback from all of you in the survey, Councillors were engaged and enjoyed the AGM. The Program Committee has recently met to debrief, and we are already hard at work planning the follow-up sessions. It is too early to say when the next meeting will be, but we'll be sure to let everyone know as soon as a date is set. In the meantime, please feel free to forward any thoughts about the past AGM or ideas for subsequent meetings to the Program Committee via ucouncil@queensu.ca



Stay tuned - we'll be in touch soon,

Doug Bruce

Chair, Program Committee

Councillors are asked to hold these dates in their calendars for future AGMs (dependent on term lengths found [here](#)): **2021** - November 6; **2022** - November 5

Executive Committee: Congratulations to [Opiyo Oloya](#) on being elected to the Committee! Thank you to [Alison Holt](#) for her service as she nears the end of her term on UCEC.

Nominating Committee

At the request of the Executive Committee, and in response to recommendations made by the Taskforce for a 21st Century University Council, the Nominating Committee drafted proposed models for the appointment/reappointment of Council Trustees to the Council, and for the election of Councillors to the Board of Trustees. Following a consultation period which comprised two Councillor information sessions, the revised By-laws and models were presented to Council and approved at the November AGM. Thank you to everyone who provided input and took the time to attend the consultation sessions. It provided for a hugely interactive and helpful set of discussions that altered the ultimate proposals that we all voted to support. The [By-laws have been updated on the Secretariat website](#).

In addition, the Council approved the updated Councillor Role Description at the November AGM. [The approved Role description can now be found on the Secretariat website](#). Keep the role description in mind as you contemplate nominating candidates for election to the Council in the new year.

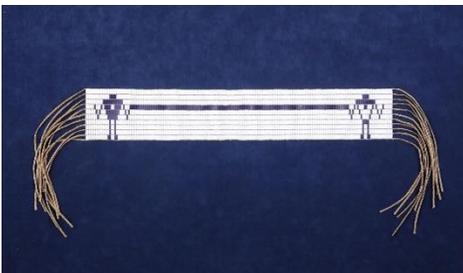
The Nominating Committee will continue to issue calls for expressions of interest via email for the Council committees (typically in February) and the Board of Trustee election (typically in December). We encourage you to [review the opportunities presented in the emails and contact the Secretariat if you have any questions or if you are interested in connecting with a current committee member or Chair](#).



Cha Gheill!

Kate Wilson

Chair, Nominating Committee



The friendship [wampum belt was presented](#) to Queen's University Senate by the Clan Mothers at Tyendinaga, and the Grandmothers' Council in Kingston, on March 7, 2017. This cherished symbol is now present at all **Senate meetings**, to represent the lasting covenant of peace and friendship. Yearly, Senate hosts the [Polishing the Chain Ceremony](#), a commitment ceremony to reaffirm the promise of the friendship wampum. This year, Patrick Deane, Principal and Vice-Chancellor is pleased to invite you to attend the ceremony on **Tuesday,**

January 26, 2021 – Registration begins at 3:15 pm with a special video of [Voice from Here, by Richard Hill](#), Ceremony begins at 3:30 pm and Queen's Senate meeting begins at 4:00 pm. Zoom meeting link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88348323744> Meeting ID: 883 4832 3744 Questions: senate@queensu.ca

Personal Engagement Plan: As outlined in the new [role description](#) - Although the mission to promote and represent Queen's is universal for Council, the practical expression of the role may look different for each Councillor depending on location, expertise, personal/professional network, and availability. Councillors are expected to develop and maintain a Personal Engagement Plan as both a self-assessment tool and a tool to help the University match councilors with projects and initiatives within the University that align with their

skills, experiences, and interests. As we approach the end of the year, take time to reflect on the past year and think about the year ahead and how you can maximize your impact as a Councillor. Let us know how we can help you fulfill your role as a University Councillor! Share your engagement experiences and areas of interest with your [Engagement Officer](#).

COUNCILLORS MAKING A DIFFERENCE:

Learn more about how you can [support Queen's University](#). And Councillors, [please share](#) your participation with University activities to record the impact of Council.

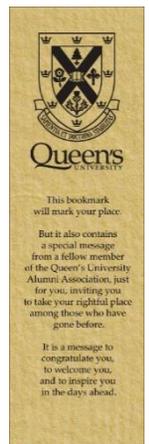


[From Ugandan Refugee to School Superintendent](#) - Thank you to [Opiyo Olayo](#) for sharing his story of his time at Queen's.

How are your fellow Queen's alumni impacting the world? Get to know Queen's donors and student recipients to learn how they are making a difference. Do you want to share your story? [Contact the Office of Advancement](#)

The Class of 2020 has faced challenges we could not have imagined, and that has shown a remarkable resilience. Councillors were invited to participate in welcoming the Class of 2020 with a unique gift, a keepsake box with:

- a **vintage-style notebook**, created by a Canadian press owned and operated by one of our alumni. A percentage of the cost of the journals will also be given to a charity chosen by the Class of 2020.
- an **invitation** for each of our new alumni to give of themselves, by contributing 180 minutes of their time to a cause of their choice, in celebration of the 180th year of Queen's University (**#180for180 initiative**).
- Bookmark with signature and inspiring messages by alumni.
- a custom Queen's tartan-style scarf.



Thank you to Queen's Councillors **Heather Black, Judith Brown, Samantha Cheung, Mary Drinkwater, Rico Garcia, Precious Nyarko-Antwii, Michael Parsche, Amrita Singh, Susan Smith, Chu Wang, Yanique Williams, Thomas Woodhall, and Elaine Wu** for helping with a gift that our newest alumni will appreciate, and treasure, forever.



Jess and I chose to make Queen's part of our legacy and take action to help students reach their educational goals. Completing my undergrad at Queen's was a transformational experience. Years later, I can still remember how much every bursary helped. We believe that no talented person should be held back simply due to the lack of financial means. Education has been the best investment Jess and I have made and it our honour and privilege to give back to the Queen's community.

[Kasmet, Sc'11, MBA'20](#) and [Jessica Niyongabo](#),

Queen's University alumnus, Councillor and bequest donor

queensu.ca/alumni/supporting-queens/ways-to-give/give-later

[Councillors - Let us know why you donate to Queen's.](#)

COUNCILLOR PROFILES - Get to know your [fellow Councillors](#).

Reach out to terri.flindall@queensu.ca with your ideas to encourage networking among Councillors.

Thank the following Councillors (terms ending in 2021):

- [Greg Frankson](#)
- [John Frezell](#)
- [Anjali Helferty](#)
- [Cathy Matthews](#)
- [Tka Pinnock](#)
- [Kathleen Pritchard](#)
- [Julia Reid](#)
- [Chu Wang](#)
- [Kate Wilson](#)
- [Tom Woodhall](#)

FEATURED OPPORTUNITIES:

The Office of the University Secretariat and the Office of Advancement are partnering to investigate additional opportunities for Councillors. We will continue to roll out opportunities as they arise. Or, if you are interested in a particular area, please contact your Council Engagement Officer terri.flindall@queensu.ca

Give Now

Annual Giving: Call for Expressions of Interest for **Giving Champions**. In this role, you will do outreach to fellow Councillors and thank them for their past support, outline the need for giving and encourage Councillor support to achieve the 100% giving goal. Training will be provided. Please indicate your interest by emailing Emily.mackwood@queensu.ca



The [SGPS](#) feel that graduate and professional students could really benefit from Council experiences as alumni. To that end, they are hoping some Councillors might be interested in sharing their professional expertise by participating in a panel during the second annual SGPS [Scholarship Beyond Boundaries Conference](#) occurring from March 20-21st, 2021. The panel will deal specifically with transitioning from student to professional life.

A brief description follows: “Are you a student interested in learning about how former graduate and professional students secured their full-time positions? Want to hear from graduate and professional student alumni on their experience searching for jobs? Then please join us for our upcoming panel discussion! The session will also include interview tips and great networking opportunities.”

The “**Campus to Career: Alumni panel discussion and Networking**” will focus on various fields of interest and are designed to provide students with an opportunity to connect with Queen’s Alumni; gain insight into areas of interest to them, and get advice from professionals currently working in the field.

If you are interested in participating as a panelist, please contact scholarshipbeyondboundaries@sgps.ca.

Additionally, they are also accepting applications to present and facilitate discussions within their sponsored multidisciplinary panels. For more information about the conference, the specific panel themes, and a link to the submission portal, please visit <https://sgps.ca/sbbc/>

Queen's Career Network: Do you have any job opportunities in your workplace? Tap into the Queen's alumni network by posting on [MyCareer](#) to find new Queen's talent for your team. Do you want to be a career mentor for new Queen's graduates? Offer your guidance on the [Queen's Connects Career Network on LinkedIn](#).



**HUMAN RIGHTS
AND EQUITY OFFICE**

Tri-awards Nominations are open. Each year the Human Rights and Equity Office honours individual and group accomplishments in the areas of employment equity, accessibility, and human rights. If you know a Queen's individual, group, or organization who you'd like to recognize, please click the [HERE](#) for more information and to nominate. Deadline to nominate is **January 11, 2021**



EDII: Queen's releases [yearly progress reports](#) on campus-wide equity, diversity, inclusivity, and Indigenization initiatives.

Read and share the [2019/20 Equity, Diversity, Inclusivity, and Indigeneity Annual Report \(pdf\)](#) in its entirety.

Read and share the [Yakwanastahentéha Aankenjigemi \(Extending the Rafters\) implementation report \(pdf\)](#) in full.



The Student Experience Office recently hosted a virtual [Queen's Reads Teach-in](#) focused on Remembering Blackness and Anti-Blackness at Queen's. The event was an opportunity to learn more about the history and impact of anti-Blackness in the community and some of the work being done by the community of Black students and researchers at Queen's today. A recording can be found on the Student Experience Office [website](#).

In Memory & In Honor Giving: A commemorative gift is a meaningful way to express your lasting affection and gratitude for a friend, relative or colleague while at the same time, supporting Queen's University. The commemorative giving program features two components, Memorial Gifts (honour a friend or loved one who has passed away) and Honorary Gifts (thank you, birthday, graduation, retirement or any special occasion).

- Make your [memorial or honorary gift now](#).
- Find a [list of commemorative funds](#).

For more information on this program, please email [Alumni Relations and Annual Giving](#)



Share the excitement of learning. [Queen's Enrichment Studies Unit](#) connects students in Grades 7-12 with challenging and inspiring university experience programs to help uncover their potential. Winter Programs offer a variety of online courses in various academic disciplines like pathology, engineering, web development, marine biology and drama! [Registration](#) for winter programs opens on January 12th.



Every weekday morning, thousands of college and university leaders across North America and around the world benefit from Ken Steele's unique perspective and insight in our free email newsletter, the *Eduvation Insider*. Keep abreast of the latest COVID19 developments, higher ed news, trends and innovations, bright ideas and promising practices. If interested, [subscribe to the mailing list](#).

FEATURED EVENTS – BE AN AMBASSADOR:

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

December 24-January 3 – Queen's University observed holiday – the university will be closed.

January 18 (4:30-6:00 pm) (and mark your calendars for April 12, 2021): [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. This Council helps to shape the vision and strategy of the university and serves as a critical voice for diversity and inclusion at Queen's. UCARE normally meets three times per calendar year.

UCARE membership includes two members of the Kingston community or alumni. In addition, the following Sub-Councils were finalized at the last UCARE meeting:

1. Student Recruitment, Support and Success
2. Inclusive Community
3. Academic and Curricular Diversity
4. Faculty and Staff Recruitment, Retention and Support

If you are interested in attending a meeting, or joining UCARE or one of the sub-councils, please contact Jill Christie at jjc@queensu.ca

January 25 (12-1 pm) [Dr. Jackie Davies on Empowering Others: Carving Spaces in the Academy](#)

Speakers share what brought them to academia, some of the challenges they've faced, and how they have carved a space for themselves and others in their fields. By creating space for balanced representation and illuminating diverse lived realities in academic contexts, we might all be empowered to learn about our own journeys in academia. Free event. Register at <https://empoweringothersseries.eventbrite.com> This event is supported by Queen's Inclusive Community fund and the Sociology Department/



January 25 (6:30 pm) – Please join the [Queen's Toronto Alumni Branch quarterly meeting](#) on Zoom. Councillor [Cathy Matthews](#) will discuss the nomination and election process for becoming a University Councillor. And, the meeting will feature a special talk and Q&A with former Councillor Colin Lynch, recipient of the [2020 Toronto Branch Award](#). This award is presented to a Toronto-area alumni who have distinguished themselves in their careers, in their volunteer work, in the arts, or in other ways they have contributed to society. To attend the meeting, [please register here](#). To send a note of congratulations to Colin, please send to Branch President, [Aliya Hollingsworth](#).

STUDENT PROFILE:



[Justine Aman](#), President, [Society of Graduate and Professional Students \(SGPS\)](#)

As President, Justine's role is to represent the Society of Graduate and Professional students to Queen's senior administrators and stakeholders. This includes holding a position on Senate, the Board of Trustees, and University Council. She works with the entire SGPS team to establish, present, and support the vision of Graduate and Professional students. Justine works with all SGPS members, the Executive team, and permanent staff to ensure the visibility of the SGPS.

Justine is a second year MSc Candidate in Epidemiology completing her thesis on the impact of patient self-reported fear of COVID-19 on health-related quality of life among Canadians living with cancer.



To learn more, contact the SGPS by [email](#), [facebook](#), [twitter](#), or [Instagram](#)

DID YOU KNOW?



Grant Hall

With its tall limestone clock-tower, this assembly and concert hall, completed in 1905, is Queen's best-known landmark. Fittingly, it is named after Queen's most important principal, [George Monro Grant](#), a national figure in his own right who gave Queen's, for the first time, a national mission and profile.

The hall seats 900 people and is used for public lectures and meetings, concerts, convocation ceremonies, dances, and exams.

It was also used as a military hospital during the First World War. During WWII, Grant Hall was used as an entertainment centre for troops and a meal hall (see [Wartime at Queen's](#)).

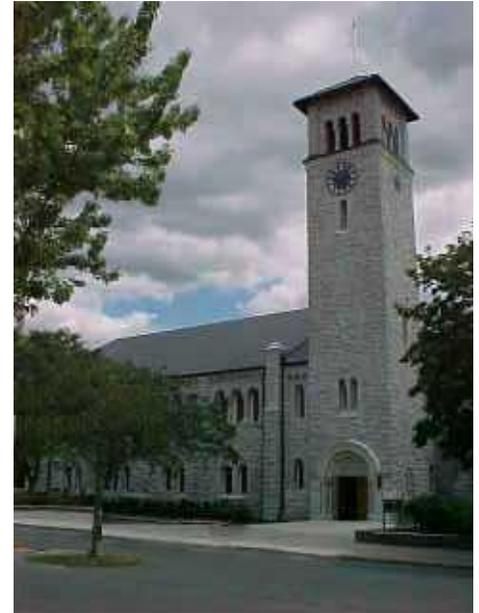
The building was originally supposed to be funded by the Frontenac County Council and named Frontenac Hall. However, the citizens of Frontenac County voted overwhelmingly against the idea.

One theory on why Frontenac refused to fund the building states that it was simply too much to ask, as Frontenac was not a rich county and was populated mostly by farmers. The other theory is that the refusal was the result of a grudge: Grant publicly opposed abstemious county councillors' plan to ban the sale of alcohol in the county. As a result, in 1901, they withdrew their support - despite an emotional plea by the now weak and ailing Principal.

Such was the devotion that Grant inspired in his students that they stepped in, raising the necessary \$35,000 over the winter of 1901-1902, one third of which came from the students themselves, many of whom lived on the poverty line. They named the building Grant Hall to honour the 25th anniversary of his Principalship in **December 1902**. Grant, unfortunately, died in May, several months short of that anniversary, and so the building was named for him posthumously on its completion in 1905.

Grant Hall was designed in the Victorian Romanesque style by Symons and Rae, an architectural firm from Toronto that also designed [Kingston Hall](#) and [Ontario Hall](#). The original tower clock was designed by [Nathan Dupuis](#), a professor of mathematics and other sciences and Dean of Practical Science at the turn of the century.

After years of unreliable service, the old clock was replaced in 1993 with an electrical mechanism designed in England and - like the building itself - paid for by students. The old clock mechanism is on display in [Stirling Hall](#). Grant Hall is located at the south end of [University Avenue](#).



QUEEN'S LINKS TO KEEP YOU INFORMED:

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[COVID update](#): Look for the latest updates and more information on COVID-19 on this website. [Queen's recently launched a refreshed COVID-19 website.](#)

- [Queen's Gazette](#)
- [Queen's Alumni Review](#)
- [Queen's Quarterly](#)
- [Queen's Law Reports](#)
- [Smith Magazine](#)
- [The Complete Engineer](#)
- [Inclusive Queen's](#)
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