



University Council Newsletter

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GOVERNANCE UPDATES:

Council Updates:

- We are sad to let you know that Lindsay Board has submitted her resignation from Council due to work commitments. In addition to the 10 positions available in the 2020 Council election, there will be one position for a two-year broken term of service to fill the remainder of her term.
- On a happier note, a huge Queen's thank you to Jeremy Mosher for his service to Council! His term on Council has ended and the [Queen's University Alumni Association](#) welcomes [Rico Garcia](#) as their new President who will serve on the University Council until 2022.
 - As a reminder, University Council may appoint two University Councillors to the QUAA Assembly. Current appointed representatives are Heather Black and Elaine Wu.
- **EDI Champion:** The University Council Executive Committee, on the recommendation of the Nominating Committee, has approved Councillor Anita Jack-Davies' appointment as Council's first EDI Champion. As the inaugural EDI Champion Anita will be responsible for reviewing Council activity through an equity lens and providing EDI advice to the Executive Committee and the Chairs of the Nominating and Program Committees, as required or requested. The term is effective immediately until May 2022.
- **University Council Engagement Officer:** As a result of the recommendations of The Taskforce on Council in the 21st Century, a new role of a University Council Engagement Officer has been created to fulfil the need for consistent, focused support to enhance the effectiveness of individual councillors in their roles and, by extension, the University Council as a whole. Terri Flindall will lead this initiative through the early stages and building the base for an ongoing engagement strategy. Please [reach out](#) to Terri with any questions.

[University Council Call for Nominations](#) (May 4-18, 2020): Consider nominating fellow alumni and share the call for nominations to spread awareness about University Council amongst your alumni network.

[Distinguished Service Awards:](#) This award recognizes individuals who have made the University a better place through their extraordinary contributions! You are invited to nominate candidates for a Queen's Distinguished Service Award. Nominations are due soon - **Friday, May 29, 2020.**

[Senate meeting:](#) Senate is working hard to make adjustments to various academic policies and processes in light of COVID-19. Let us know if you want to attend the May 19 meeting via Zoom. Check out the Senate meeting agenda/minutes on the [Governance Portal](#). All Senate meeting dates can be found on our [website](#).

[Board meeting:](#) The Board of Trustees held its regular May meeting. Check out the Board meeting agenda/minutes on the [Governance Portal](#). All Board meeting dates can be found on our [website](#). Councillors Black, Brown, and Virani observed the May Board Open Session virtually by Zoom.

FEATURED OPPORTUNITIES:



The Office of the University Secretariat and the Office of Advancement are partnering to investigate additional opportunities for Councillors. Stay tuned! We will be rolling out more ideas in the coming weeks and there will be something for everyone.

In the meantime, subscribe and commit to sharing information through Queen's [Social Media](#) (links below).

[Queen's Connects](#) Do you have time to help a student today? "Queen's Connects Career Network for Students and Alumni" facilitates conversations about career experiences. Join up and share your insights, perspectives, and encouragement with current Queen's students and graduates. Feel free to share the twists and turns of your career path and what you've learned along the way. And Councillors, don't forget to [develop your LinkedIn profile](#) and update your personal profile to list your involvement with University Council. Here are some additional tips on a [LinkedIn Strategy](#).

REMINDER: Council Video Messages to Students, Prospects: Queen's needs your assistance. The Office of Advancement is seeking a diverse group of alumni who can take selfie videos of themselves on their smart phone to offer advice, perspectives and guidance to students who are seeking support and reassurances in uncertain times. So, we encourage you to put on your tricolour, be creative, and supportive! The attached document outlines the project, messaging (but use your own words), and some tips. Please submit to [Terri Flindall](#) as soon as possible (but no later than **May 15, 2020**). Thanks to Councillors Armitage, Drinkwater, and Wong for submitting their videos

REMINDER: [Dunin-Deshpande Queen's Innovation Centre \(DDQIC\)](#)

- **Mentors for [Queen's Innovation Center Summer Initiative \(QICSI\)](#)**

The DDQIC team is seeking expressions of interest for alumni mentors for this summer's virtual Queen's Innovation Centre Summer Initiative (QICSI). Those who are selected as mentors will join the DDQIC's roster of mentors who they can call upon when a team needs support. Time commitment would be June to end of August – but this is flexible. Please see full details attached for an outline of the program and mentor needs. Please submit your expression of interest to maryanne.wainman@queensu.ca by **Friday, May 15th** with the following information. Thanks to Councillors Drinkwater and Moellers for their expressions of interest.

- Name:
- Degree/year:
- Email:
- Job title/area of expertise:
- (If applicable) Current or past volunteer role(s):
- Any additional notes/context as required:

- **[DDQIC Global Network Opportunities:](#)**

The DDQIC Global Network leverages the expertise of over 70 Queen's University alumni to support ventures who are expanding globally. Alumni in the Global Network provide valuable mentorship and connections to support entrepreneurs. Alumni can support entrepreneurs by connecting them with local business people in a new city, helping them to navigate cultural nuances, finding an apartment or even an empty cubicle. In addition, alumni mentors share their expertise through on-campus and remote speaking and pitch judging opportunities. The Global Network consists of eight "nodes" in [Toronto](#), [London UK](#), [New](#)

[York](#), [San Francisco](#), [Los Angeles](#), [Shanghai](#), [Hong Kong](#) and [Beijing](#). Councillors who live in these areas and wish to contribute are welcome to [complete this survey](#) to submit interest directly to the DDQIC team.

REMINDER: [Bader International Study Centre \(BISC\) Alumni Network](#)

Did you attend the BISC? If yes, here are some opportunities just for you:

- BISC alumni are asked to [complete this survey](#) to let Queen's know how they'd like to engage. The survey also includes the opportunity for alumni to provide feedback that will be helpful for the Recruitment team, and to volunteer their interest in submitting a testimonial for Instagram to help with recruitment efforts.
- In addition, expressions of interest are encouraged to be submitted to Maryanne.wainman@queensu.ca for:
 - the [BISC Alumni Spotlight Series](#), shining a light on the Castle alumni community.
 - the **30th reunion planning** efforts to build on the Castle's [25th anniversary](#) celebrations
 - **BISC Careers Night panelist.**

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](#).

October 16-18, 2020 - Homecoming The university is closely monitoring the situation and plans to make a final decision on the format of this year's Homecoming by June. In the meantime, if your graduation year ends in a 0 or 5, you can [confirm your Reunion Coordinator](#). If your class doesn't have a reunion Coordinator, consider this important volunteer role. Alumni volunteering as Reunion Coordinators plan activities to celebrate their Queen's reunion, and help their fellow alumni renew and maintain connections with one another and with the Queen's community throughout their 5-year volunteer term. Questions? [Contact the Reunions Team](#).

November 13-14, 2020- Mark your calendar for the 145th Annual University Council Meeting

QUEEN'S LINKS TO KEEP YOU INFORMED:

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

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