

## University Council May 2024 Newsletter

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### Committee Updates

#### [Chancellor Search Advisory Committee](#)

The Chancellor Search Advisory Committee held its final meeting on April 19 and provided its recommendation to the Principal.

As a result of this recommendation, special meetings of the University Council Executive Committee and University Council were held on April 26 to approve the [appointment of the 16<sup>th</sup> Chancellor of Queen's University, Shelagh Rogers](#). Chancellor Designate Rogers will begin on July 1, 2024.

The Chancellor is the highest officer and the ceremonial head of the University. [The Chancellor](#) presides over [convocations](#), confers degrees, and chairs the annual meetings of the University Council. The Chancellor is also ex-officio voting member of the Board of Trustees and its committees.

Council Representatives on the Chancellor Search Advisory Committee: Heather Black, Samantha Cheung, Colin McLeod, and Mary Wilson Trider

#### [Executive Committee](#)

The Executive Committee met on April 26 to consider the recommendation provided by the Chancellor Search Advisory Committee and recommend its approval to the University Council.

Nominations for the Distinguished Service Awards closed on April 28. The Committee will review all nominations received during the month of May and will complete a ranking exercise. The Committee will then meet on June 7 to deliberate and select up to six recipients for this year's honours. Please stay tuned for an announcement in June regarding the 2024 recipients!

Executive Committee: Patrick Deane (Chair), Doug Bruce, Sc'85 (Vice-Chair), Chancellor Murray Sinclair, Petra Fachinger, Mary Drinkwater, Artsci'77, Ed'78, MPA'08, Letitia Golubitsky, MSc'06, Greg Frankson, Artsi'98, Ed'99, Tka Pinnock, Artsci'07, Noor Rahemtulla, Com'20

#### [Nominating Committee](#)

Please be advised that **Samantha Cheung and Alison Holt** are the successful candidates in the recent election to the Board of Trustees. Samantha and Alison will serve three-year terms, beginning June 1. **Noor Rahemtulla** was elected to the Board by acclamation and will serve a one-year term, beginning June 1. Congratulations to Samantha, Alison, and Noor!

The **Call for Nominations for the 2024 University Council election** closed on April 2. Over 15 complete nominations were received, and all nominees have been asked to complete the online

candidate's form. The election will open May 15 and close May 29. Please watch for your email with instructions on how to vote and ensure you cast your ballot in this important election!



Samantha Cheung, Sc'92 Chair

On behalf of your Nominating Committee: Doug Bruce, Sc'85, Mary Drinkwater, Ed'78, MPA'08, Chessa Jope, Com'09, David Pick, Artsci'89, Law'92, and Elaine Wu, Artsci'98, MIR'00, Law'03

### **Program Committee**

The Committee has elected its new Chair, L. Golubitsky. The Committee would like to extend a special thank you to former Chair, Tka Pinnock, for her leadership. The Committee continues to meet to develop the programming for:

**June 11 - Virtual Orientation:** Plans are finalized to welcome our newly elected Councillors, including an introduction to Governance at the University, the Councillors Role and responsibilities, and presentations by a Council Trustee and our Standing committee Chairs.

**Early October - Virtual AGM:** The formal governance items, such as Council Trustee and standing committee reports, will take place on a weeknight via Zoom. Date will be confirmed once with the calendar of our new Chancellor is known. Attendance is recorded. Note that in accordance with Bylaw C, section 10, the Executive Committee may, at its discretion, ask Councillors who have not participated in-person or remotely at more than one AGM to forfeit their membership on the Council.

**October 17 (pm) and October 18 (am) - In-Person Meeting:** The program and speakers are being reviewed and finalized and will go to the Executive Committee for approval in June.

**October 17 (5-7 pm) Hybrid Distinguished Service Awards:** Inaugurated by the University Council in 1974, this award recognizes individuals who have made the University a better place through their extraordinary contributions.

Don't forget! **Queen's Homecoming** takes place October 18 to 20. Councillors are welcome to participate in events hosted by various university units.



Letitia Golubitsky, MSC'06 Chair, Program Committee

On behalf of your Program Committee: John Armitage, BSc'71, Samantha Cheung, Sc'92, Chessa Jope, Com'09, Daria Juudi-Hope, BScN'11, MPH'20, and Colby Pereira, BA'13, MA'15, Tka Pinnock, Artsci'07

### **Board/Council Trustees**

The next regular Open Session of the **Board of Trustees** meeting will be held on **May 10** (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 the [Secretariat's Office](#).



Council Trustees would like to recognize that the May meeting will be the final regular Board of Trustees meeting for Doug Bruce. Doug has been a Council Trustee since 2015 and has served as a member on the following committees:

- Audit and Risk (Vice-Chair, 2018-21)
- External Relations and Development
- Governance and Nominating
- Board-Senate Advisory (Chair, 2017-18, 2019-20)
- Non-Academic Misconduct Subcommittee (Chair, 2021-22)

Thank you, Doug for your contributions to the governance of Queen's for your commitment to the University!

Council Trustees: Heather Black, Sc'80, Doug Bruce, Sc'81, MBA'01, Jeremy Gooden, Sc'16, Alison Holt, Artsci'87, Yanique Williams, Artsci'08, Mary Wilson Trider, Com'82

### **Senate**

The next Senate meeting will be held on September 26. You can review the Senate agenda/minutes on the [Governance Portal](#). To attend any portion of the meeting, please submit your request in advance to the [Secretariat's Office](#).

Senate Appointee to Council: Petra Fachinger, Professor of English, Queen's University

### **Queen's University Alumni Association (QUAA)**

The QUAA Board is in a time of major transition. You may recall that, earlier this year, Alumni Assembly voted to amend the QUAA Constitution and by-laws to simplify the Board's structure in an effort to be more inclusive and to ensure a more meaningful experience for our alumni volunteers. The major changes include eliminating specific portfolios and instead having general Director positions.

With only two returning Board members, including myself as the incoming QUAA President, we were thrilled to receive what I believe is an unprecedented number of applications to fill the open Board positions. By the time you are reading this, selection will be under way to fill these positions with an excellent slate of candidates to support a Board revamp.

The first task for the new Board will be evaluating the Board's current activities, considering which ones are critical or mandated by our Constitution and By-Laws to continue, while reimagining what might be done differently. It is hoped that these changes will permit the Board to be more agile and nimble in its activities moving forward, to meaningfully engage members in the life and work of the university, and to serve the alumni community in all its diversity. The world has changed rapidly in recent years, and we want to ensure the Board's relevance for years to come.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the departing QUAA Assembly members, appointed to represent University Council on Assembly. Thank you, Heather Black, Sc'80, and Bittu George, Artsci'95, Law'98, as your terms came to an end on April 30. We will be recruiting for these open positions, so please watch for this.

I look forward to working with you all during my term as QUAA President. If you ever have any questions about the QUAA, please do not hesitate to reach out.



[Allison P. Williams](#), Artsci'09, President and Chair, QUAA Board of Directors

QUAA Assembly Members [appointed by the University Council](#): Heather Black, Sc'80, Bittu George, Artsci'95, Law'98

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## News and Events

### [Teaching and Learning Month](#)



This May, under the sponsorship of the Office of the Vice-Provost, Teaching and Learning, Queen's University is excited to announce the launch of our first "Teaching and Learning Month." This initiative marks another step in our university's ongoing commitment to educational excellence, dedicating a month to celebrate and reflect on the innovative teaching practices and learning experiences that are central to our community. It brings together faculty, instructors, post-docs, support staff, and graduate teaching assistants in a shared mission to foster a culture of excellence in student learning. [More information on Teaching and Learning month.](#)

### **The first week of May is Hunger Awareness Week:**



At Queen's, [the AMS Food Bank](#) serves as a confidential and non-judgmental food service to ensure that Queen's students can be healthy and productive as they pursue academic achievement. They are a non-profit organization which aims to provide clients with food services in the most comfortable environment possible. They operate mainly on [donations](#) as well as an opt-outable student fee from both the AMS and the Society for Graduate and Professional Students. For more information, contact [foodbank@ams.queensu.ca](mailto:foodbank@ams.queensu.ca)

### **May 5 - National Day of Awareness for Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls**



Also known as [Red Dress Day](#), May 5 honours the thousands of missing and murdered Indigenous women, girls, 2 spirit, and gender diverse people in Canada by encouraging learning and building awareness to end violence against Indigenous women, girls, 2 spirit, and gender diverse people. Métis artist Jaime Black helped inspire the red dress movement, where red dresses are hung from windows and trees to represent the pain and loss felt by loved ones and survivors. Learn more on the [Office of Indigenous Initiatives website](#)

## May 6-10 - Mental Health Week



While life at university is exciting and filled with new experiences, it can also be overwhelming. It is common for students to experience feelings of stress, anxiety, low mood and depression; all of which may have an impact on day-to-day activities and basic decision making. Queen's offers a number of [mental health services](#) through [Student Wellness Services](#), and many [Queen's researchers](#) are tackling the Canadian mental health crisis. Learn more about and consider giving to the [Student Health and Wellness Fund](#) which supports student health and wellness through a number of initiatives, such as physical and mental health promotion, illness prevention, stigma reduction, education and awareness, inclusivity, transitions, resilience, facilities, programming, counseling and peer support.

## May 11 (10 am-3 pm) - [Science Rendezvous](#)



Bringing together the Kingston community with local S.T.E.M. (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math) experts and Queen's researchers. Join for a free Science Festival for the whole family. Held at the [Slush Puppie Place](#), 1 Tragically Hip Way. Check the [website](#) or [contact](#) organizers for more information.

## May 16 - [Moose Hide Campaign Day](#)



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The [Moose Hide Campaign](#) began as a BC-born Indigenous-led grassroots movement to engage men and boys in ending violence towards women and children. It has since grown into a nationwide movement of Indigenous and non-Indigenous Canadians from local communities, First Nations, governments, schools, colleges/universities, police forces and many other organizations – all committed to taking action to end this violence. Queen's is an [ambassador campus](#) for the Moose Hide Campaign, demonstrating our ongoing commitment to reconciliation and addressing violence on campus. Queen's [Event details](#).

## May 31 - [School of Rehabilitation Therapy Distinguished Service Alumni Award Nomination](#)



Established in 2013 through the generous support of Diana Hospkins-Rosseel, MSc'92 and her husband John Rosseel, BA'81 to celebrate exceptional achievements and contributions of our graduates from four programs: Physical Therapy; Occupational Therapy; Aging and Health; and, Rehabilitation Sciences. [Learn more about these awards](#) and [submit a nomination](#) for an alumni member you feel deserves this important recognition. The deadline is May 31, 2024.

## June 1 (6-9 pm) – [2024 Queen’s University Alumni Association \(QUAA\) Awards Gala](#)



[Register](#) and join us for an unforgettable evening of celebration and recognition at the 2024 QUAA Awards Gala! Set against the backdrop of the elegant [Gladstone House](#) in Toronto, Ontario, this gala promises to be a highlight of the year.

Prepare to applaud the exceptional achievements of our alumni and students, whose contributions exemplify the essence of Queen’s excellence. From global citizenship to volunteerism, equity, diversity, inclusion, and outstanding career accomplishments, our [award recipients](#) embody the values and impact of the Queen’s community.

Make sure you don’t miss out on this exciting celebration; [registration closes May 17](#).

### [Queen’s Alumni Review Class Notes:](#)



Marking career and personal achievements, special milestones, or the birth of future Queen’s alumni – Class Notes helps you stay in touch with former classmates, housemates, and faculty. [Submit now](#) and share with your alumni networks.

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## Educational Opportunities

### Elder Talks



[The Office of Indigenous Initiatives](#) builds community, advances reconciliation/conciliation and integrates Indigenous ways of knowing and being into the fabric and life of the university. Join [Cultural Advisor Te ho wis kwûnt, Allen Doxtator](#) for Elder Talk sessions to discuss various topics across Indigenous culture, traditions, ways of knowing, and more. Bi-weekly on Thursdays, 12-1 pm EST on Zoom. Register [here](#) for free. For any questions, please contact the [Office of Indigenous Initiatives](#).

- May 2 – Indigenization & Reconciliation
- May 16 – Moose Hide Campaign Day
- May 30 – Hope, featuring Stephanie Simpson, VP (Culture, Equity, Inclusion)

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## Councillor Spotlight

Get to know your fellow Councillor members by visiting their [biographical sketches](#). New profiles for the following Councillors can be found [online](#). And, if you have exciting personal or professional news you would like to share through your monthly newsletter, please reach out to [ucouncil@queensu.ca](mailto:ucouncil@queensu.ca)

[Allison P. Williams](#), President and Chair, QUAA Board of Directors **(May 1, 2024 – April 30, 2026)**



**Allison Williams**, Artsci'09, is a practicing lawyer at one of the province of Ontario's specialty community legal clinics, Justice for Children and Youth (JFCY). Originally from small-town Northwestern Ontario, Allison threw herself into student life while attending Queen's. She obtained an Honours Bachelor of Arts in Political Studies with a minor in Women's Studies (2009); however is most proud of being honoured with the Agnes Benidickson Tricolour Award upon convocation for her distinguished service to the University in non-academic extracurricular activities.

Allison went on to obtain her Masters of Arts from the University of Toronto (2011), before getting her Juris Doctor from Osgoode Hall Law School (2015). Allison was called to the Ontario bar in 2016. Prior to taking up the QUAA President's role, Allison served for four years as the QUAA Board's Director of Giving, promoting alumni philanthropy and giving through Queen's. [Get to know Allison](#) and [follow her on LinkedIn](#).

### [Jewish Alumni Chapter](#)



On Wednesday, April 3 the Queen's Jewish Alumni Chapter had their first virtual event, *Is contemporary EDI encompassing all equity seeking groups?* University Councillor and Chapter President, **Erin Polansky**, Artsci'05 organized the event and brought in two great speakers, Dr. Neil Orlovsky and Dr. Oded Haklai. The discussion was educational and engaging with over 50 alumni, student, parents, and community members attending. The chapters aim to create a space to connect

and inspire students, alumni, staff, and community partners. To stay up to date with the Queen's Jewish Alumni Chapter please visit their [website](#). For more information, please contact [jewishalumnichapter@queensu.ca](mailto:jewishalumnichapter@queensu.ca)

### [Agnes Benidickson Tricolour Award](#) – April 5, 2024



Councillors **Mary Drinkwater** and **Daria Juudi-Hope** attended the ceremony to congratulate recipients. This is the highest tribute that can be paid to a Queen's University student for distinguished service, leadership, character, and community impact during their time at Queen's.



### **Congratulations to Councillor Mary Drinkwater**



Since 2005, The Ontario Institute for Studies in Education of the University of Toronto OISE has recognized faculty and instructors who have made significant contributions to teaching and learning through its annual Teaching Excellence Awards. Mary received the Award for Distinguished Contributions to Teaching as an inspiring educator who has continually demonstrated a deep commitment to excellence in teaching. [Learn more about Mary's award and this year's winners and their achievements](#)

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## Student life

### Queen's Student Affairs Recognition Awards:

In partnership with faculties, student leaders, and colleagues across the university, [Queen's Student Affairs](#) delivers diverse high-quality programs and services that enhance the student experience from their first point of contact with Queen's through to graduation.

Every year, Student Affairs celebrates extraordinary contributions made by student leaders at Queen's to support their peers, and local community members and initiatives, and advance Indigenization, Equity, Diversity, Inclusion, Accessibility and Anti-Racism.



The [Student Leadership Awards](#) honour student recipients of the Peer Leadership Award, the Indigenization, Equity, Diversity, Inclusion, Accessibility and Anti-Racism (I-EDIAA) Impact Award, and the Brian Yealland Community Leadership Award. Nominations are submitted by students, faculty, community members, and staff. **Congratulations to the [2023-24 recipients!](#)**

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The annual [Michael Condra Outstanding Student Service Award](#) is presented to Queen's faculty or staff who have displayed a commitment to providing outstanding service to students, outside of a teaching role.

This award was established upon the retirement of Dr. Condra to recognize and honour his significant contributions and impact during his 30 years at Queen's. Dr. Condra was the long-time Director of what is now Student Wellness Services, and Assistant Professor in the Department of Psychology whose tenure at Queen's was marked by an incredible dedication to supporting student success and wellbeing. **Congratulations to the [2023-24 recipients!](#)**

If you have any questions about the awards or the nomination process, please email [studentaffairs@queensu.ca](mailto:studentaffairs@queensu.ca)



## AMS Awards recognize those who go above and beyond



The Alma Mater Society (AMS) hosted an Awards Gala on April 11<sup>th</sup> to present the [Alma Mater Society \(AMS\) Awards](#) and [AMS Club Awards](#) to recognize the outstanding contributions of clubs, students, and faculty in the Queen's and Kingston community.

Recipients were presented their awards by the [AMS Executive and Commissioners](#), and special guests, [Conny Glenn](#) (District 10 City Councillor), [Stephanie Simpson](#) (Vice Principal, Culture, Equity and Inclusion), [Deanna Fialho](#) (Director, Yellow House Student Centre for Equity and Inclusion), and [Niki Boytchuk-Hale](#) (University Rector).

## Congratulations to the following award recipients!

<b>Award:</b>	<b>Recipient:</b>
Best Event of the Year	ALGSQ (Diwali Event)
Best Event of the Year 22-23	NeuGeneration
Best Club of the Year	QuGujarat
Best Club of the Year 22-23	Queen's Chess Club
Best New Club of the Year	Extra Awesome
Best New Club of the Year 22-23	Queen's Black Fashion Association
Jeffrey McCarthy Award for Outstanding Individual Contribution	Simarjeet Singh
Jeffrey McCarthy Award for Outstanding Individual Contribution	Siena Margorian
Jeffrey McCarthy Award for Outstanding Individual Contribution 22-23	Daniel Reddy
Frank Knox Teaching Award W2024	Dr. Mariam Guizani
Cristopher Knapper Teaching Award F23	Samsoor Akberzai
Cristopher Knapper Teaching Award W24	Matthew Fishman
Undergraduate Mentorship Award F23	Dr. Fitz-James
Undergraduate Mentorship Award W24	Dr. Kevin De France
Civic Responsibility Award	Mikella Scheuttler
AMS Letter Award	Eve Harrison
Peer Support Award	Hannah McMaster

Camaraderie Voluneet Award	Niki Ehsan
Involvement Volunteer Award	Aviva Gerring
Community Volunteer Award	Emma Griffin
Robert Sutherland Award	Coljae Berry
Robert Sutherland Award	Mide Olenrewaju
7 Grandfather Teachings Award	Miriam Slessor
Impact in Equity Award F23	Sumaya Mehelay
Impact in Equity Award W24	Anne Fu
Advocacy in Equity Award F23	Layth Malhis
Advocacy in Equity Award W24	Jessie Forbes
Fostering in Well-Being in Equity Award F24	Sadia Akbar
Fostering in Well-Being in Equity Award W24	Mehak Chohan
Innovation in Equity Award F23	Malaieka Khan
Innovation in Equity Award W24	Amaiya Walters

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