

GOVERNANCE UPDATES

[The Chancellor](#) is the highest officer and the ceremonial head of the University. Modelled after similar positions at Scottish universities, the office was created in 1874 and first filled in 1877, although it was only enshrined in law in 1882 after a convoluted process (see [Royal Charter](#)).

The Chancellor presides over [convocations](#), confers degrees, and chairs the annual meetings of the [University Council](#). He or she is an ex-officio voting member of the [Board of Trustees](#) and many of its committees. The Chancellor is also a member of the University Council Executive Committee and the [Honorary Degrees](#) Committee of the [Senate](#). Joint Board-Senate committees for the selection of a [Principal](#) are normally chaired by the Chancellor.

The Chancellor is appointed for a renewable three-year term by the University Council.



Welcome to Shelagh Rogers, an esteemed Canadian broadcaster and Queen's alumna and [the 16th Chancellor of Queen's University as of July 1, 2024](#). She will be introduced to Councillors as the keynote speaker at the Council AGM. Mark your calendars now for October 1st.(4-5:30 pm EST)

[Executive Committee](#)

As a reminder, the committee met on June 7th for the selection of the Distinguished Service Awards. Please read the details below to learn a little more about each of the six recipients this year.

MONICA CORBETT

Director of Admissions and Student Services for the School of Graduate Studies and Postdoctoral Affairs with 36 years of service in various roles. Queen's alumna, outstanding and tireless contributor to the quality of the graduate student experience with exceptional support of the academic community across over one hundred graduate programs and six faculties/schools enduring dedication to the advancement of student well-being, and encyclopedic knowledge of policy and procedure.

WILMA M. HOPMAN

Adjunct Faculty member and Department of Public Health Sciences and Research Methodologist with nearly 40 years of service, who has positively impacted thousands of faculty, staff, and trainees in the Schools of Medicine, Nursing, and Rehabilitation Therapy. Expert staff scientist and resource to the research community with national and international reach, and a pivotal player in maintaining Queens' reputation for high quality, innovative research and teaching.

STEPHEN C. LOUGHEED

Professor of Biology for 30 years and Director and Baillie Chair of the Queen's University Biological Field Station, visionary leader, accomplished scholar, and mentor with a local and international breadth of impact focused on ecology and conservation, and a sustained record of outstanding scientific contributions to the understanding of biodiversity and species conservation. Decorated educator renowned for his tireless dedication to fostering an appreciation for nature to all.

SUSAN MOFFATT

Associate Professor of Medicine since 1992, interim Chair of the Division of Respiriology and Sleep Medicine, alumna, and affiliated with Queen's for 50 years as both staff and student. Exemplary clinician, educator, mentor, and administrator whose dedication to excellence in patient care, education, and community service has greatly enhanced the University's reputation as an outstanding medical school, and winner of a plethora of prestigious awards with an unwavering dedication to fostering the next generation of healthcare professionals.

STEPHANIE SIMPSON

Inaugural Vice-Principal (Culture, Equity, and Inclusion) with a career spanning 25 years, Queen's alumna, and pillar of wisdom and compassion, who displays unwavering commitment to the pursuit of anti-racism and equity, is intimately involved with policy development to make Queen's a more accessible and equitable place, and whose work continues to have a lasting effect on equity deserving staff, faculty, and students, and those seeking to support enduring change for the betterment of the Queen's community.

MARY WILSON TRIDER

Quintessential Queen's volunteer as former Board Chair, alumna, long-serving University Councillor, Trustee, Reunion Coordinator, and member of multiple committees, who skillfully led the Board with strategic vision through turbulent, pandemic-times all while she was simultaneously the CEO for two separate hospitals in Ontario. A thoughtful and impactful leader, student champion, and voice of reason dedicated to the betterment of Queen's.

Save the Date: Councillors are encouraged to recognize and celebrate the outstanding achievements of the 2024 recipients at a reception held during the Retreat on the evening of October 17. [All University Councillors are encouraged to register](#) (discounted rate for Councillors).

Executive Committee: Patrick Deane (Chair), Doug Bruce (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](#)

As the following Councillors' terms come to an end, it is with sincerest gratitude that we would like to thank them for their service on the University Council. Since 1874, Queen's alumni have served in this capacity for the continued prosperity and welfare of the University, and these Councillors have joined those leaders as valued ambassadors and advisors to the University. (Listed in alphabetical order)

- Richard Baugh
- Nosa O. Egiebor
- Abdul-Aziz Garuba
- Kasmet Niyongabo
- Precious Nyarko-Antwi
- Sari Ohsada

To those noted above: please know that your dedication to Queen's is incredibly valued. We look forward to seeing you at university events and encourage you to stay in touch. If you would like to explore other volunteer opportunities or ways to stay connected to the university, please do not hesitate to contact [Lindsey Kull](#), Alumni Relations Volunteer Liaison. Thank you for your ongoing commitment to your alma mater; it is alumni efforts like this that sets Queen's apart from other universities.

Call for Expressions of Interest in Council's Committees: A call for expressions of interest will be circulated to all Councillors in July. Please keep your eyes peeled for an email with additional information on how to join one of Council's standing committees.

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](#)

October 1- [Virtual AGM](#): The date has been finalized, so please mark your calendars! In addition to the formal governance items, the committee is pleased to confirm that 16th [Chancellor Designate Shelagh Rogers](#) will be our keynote speaker. Registration link will be sent later this summer.

October 17 (pm) and October 18 (am) - In-Person Meeting: The Executive committee approved the proposed program for the in-person Retreat. [Registration is now available.](#)

Theme: Enhancing University Council Engagement at Queen's.

Agenda overview:

Thursday, October 17, 2024, 1:00-3:30 pm EST - Councillors as Advisors Donald Gordon Centre , 421 Union St.	
12:30 pm	Registration and networking reception, with light refreshments
1:00 pm	Welcome Remarks
1:10 pm	Queen's Strategy Update - Patrick Deane, Principal and Vice-Chancellor
2:10 pm	Nutrition Break
2:30 pm	Academic Planning initiative and budget status - Matthew Evans, Provost and VP (Academic)
3:30 pm	Adjournment
5:30 pm	Distinguished Service Awards Celebration Location: The Isabel Bader Centre for the Performing Arts Inaugurated by the University Council in 1974, this award recognizes individuals who have made the University a better place through their extraordinary contributions. All University Councillors are encouraged to register (discounted rate for Councillors)
	Accommodation block Kingston Market Square Hotel (Marriott), 285 King St E. BOOK NOW! There are a limited number of rooms reserved for the University Council meeting . Guests staying for homecoming will have to make a second reservation for Homecoming , but the Hotel will combine the reservations, so you do not have to change rooms. Note: Please book prior to September 24th as rooms will be released. As there is a great demand for accommodation for Homecoming, please do not share these links outside of the University Council.
Friday, October 18, 2024, 8:30 am -12:30 pm EST - Councillors as Ambassadors Event Commons, Mitchell Hall , 69 Union St.	
8:00 am	Registration and continental breakfast
8:30 am	Welcome Remarks
8:45 am	Research Excellence Panel – A panel of speakers will showcase exceptional research with Councillors.
9:40 am	Networking Break
10:00 am	Student Leader Panel - Queen's Rector, the AMS President, and the SGPS President
10:30 am	Table break out discussion on how Councillors can assist students throughout the year.
11:15 am	JDUC Revitalization Exclusive Tour: The JDUC is scheduled to reopen in August 2024 after a multimillion-dollar revitalization . Councillors will receive an exclusive tour of the new space with a focus on the JDUC's role as the centre of Queen's student life.
11:50 am	University Council group photo
12:00 pm	Adjournment/Lunch: Experience student life and interact with current students with lunch in Ban Righ Dining Hall .

Oct 18 -20	Once the Retreat has concluded, Councillors are invited to participate in Homecoming activities . Separate registration required. Register now .
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Contact ucouncil@queensu.ca for more information.



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 September 27 (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](#).

University Council Trustees: Heather Black, Sc'80, Samantha Cheung, Sc'92, Jeremy Gooden, Sc'16, Alison Holt, Artsci'87, Noor Rahemtulla, Com'20, Yanique Williams, Artsci'08,

[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 \(QUAA\) President Update](#)

I hope you all are having a fun and safe summer, and that you get a chance to enjoy some much deserved down time.

[New Board Members Announced](#)

Our new slate of QUAA Board members have been announced!

These volunteers are ready to hit the ground running and to get to work as we continue the significant QUAA Board revamp I have discussed in past updates. This big job has unfortunately delayed some of our usual, core activities such as our Annual General Meeting; however there is a real sense of optimism and excitement among this group as we shake things up and continue to work towards a more collaborative and equitable experience for Board and Assembly members.

You can find the new member [bios](#) online. We are very pleased with the range of graduation years, faculties and geographic locations represented. I note that the 2024-26 Board membership includes two past University Councillors, Sarah Virani, Artsci'11 and Toby Thomas, Sc'85, and I am sure we will benefit from the breadth and depth of experience they bring to us from the UC table.

Thank you to Outgoing Alumni Assembly Members

Speaking of our AGM and Alumni Assembly, the two University Councillors who currently sit on Alumni Assembly are reaching the end of their terms. I want to extend a thank you to Bittu George, Artsci'95, Law'98 and Heather Black, Sc'80 for their contributions. We appreciate you!

Gearing up for Fall – Young Alumni Welcome Events

I am starting to look forward to the Young Alumni Welcome events this Fall. Attending these events is a great way for members of our alumni community to help orient new Queen's graduates as they begin to build their networks. I hope if there is an event in your city that you will consider attending. If you are Toronto-based, hope to see you there!



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

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

NEWS AND EVENTS



[Queen's places 8th globally in the 2024 Times Higher Education Impact Rankings.](#)



July - Summer Orientation to Academics and Resources (SOAR) is an on-campus summer orientation program for incoming first-year students and their parents and supporters, run by the Student Experience Office. SOAR aims to help prepare students for new academic expectations, address questions or concerns about university life, and introduce resources and support services for all incoming students. Faculty determines date. Questions? Contact student.experience@queensu.ca



Queen's University [Industrial Relations Centre](#) (IRC) is a leading provider of premium professional development programs in labour relations, human resources and organization development. Programs offered by Queen's IRC are tailored to busy workplace professionals, and we are delighted to offer **a 50% discount on program registrations** for our Queen's family, including our esteemed Councillors. In addition, the IRC invites Councillors to attend the following free webinars:

July 24 (1:00-2:00 pm) – [Unlock Your Leadership Potential: Strategies for Performance Coaching](#)

What is the biggest challenge many leaders face when developing in their role? Recognizing that addressing performance issues is the main part of their job, and that it actually fosters productive relationships with their employees. Managers often express frustration with wanting to get to their "real work" rather than spending so much time on the "people stuff". But for leaders, the "people stuff" is the real work. Facilitated by [Linda Allen-Hardisty](#).

In this webinar, you will:

- Understand three key factors that help leaders embrace their primary role of engaging in performance coaching conversations with employees
- Gain a practical tool for starting and ending performance conversations
- Enhance your coaching skills and strengthen the relationship between you and your employees.

[Registration is open](#). For more information, call [1-888-858-7838](tel:1-888-858-7838) between 8:00 AM to 4:30 PM ET or email irc@queensu.ca

August 12 (1:00-2:00 pm) – [Building and Supporting Deeper Organizational Engagement through EDI](#)

The call for equity, diversity, and inclusion (EDI) in our workplaces is omnipresent – from boards of directors, employees, and organizational partners. While the importance of inclusive workplace cultures is widely recognized, the path to achieving them is less clear. During this webinar, Facilitators [Sena Paradis](#) and [Janet Stewart](#) will share insights and invite discussions on key steps to support success in building and implementing a workplace EDI plan.

In this webinar, you will:

- Become inspired to guide change
- Foster deeper engagement within your organization
- Gain clarity on organizational engagement through EDI
- Learn how to have constructive conversations about this complex topic with others

[Registration is open](#). For more information, call [1-888-858-7838](tel:1-888-858-7838) between 8:00 AM to 4:30 PM ET or email irc@queensu.ca



Orientation – [Fall Orientation](#) is a combination of [University Orientation](#) and [Faculty Orientation](#) programming. Both aspects of Fall Orientation are designed to support student transition to University, connect them with other students, and prepare them for the school year ahead. In addition, there is [Graduate Orientation](#), [International Student Orientation](#), and a [Welcome Day for Indigenous Students](#). Reach out to your [Faculty](#) to investigate options to welcome new students.

September 3 – Fall Term Classes Begin

September - Young Alumni Welcome Events – [Call for Volunteers](#)



QUEEN'S STUDENT
ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

The Young Alumni unit is excited to invite Councillors to help welcome the Class of 2024 into the Queen's Alumni Community. As the newest class embarks on the next steps of their Queen's journey, from student to alumni, we will host various welcome events across Canada and the Globe to connect new alumni with their local alumni community and ensure they are able to continue to embrace all the benefits that come just Queen's!

- [Calgary, AB – Sept. 12th](#)
- [Northern California Sept. 15th](#)
- [Ottawa, ON – Sept. 19th](#)
- [Toronto ON, Sept. 19th](#)
- [Vancouver, BC – Sept. 19th](#)
- [London, UK - Sept 26](#)
- [New York City, NY – Oct. 5th](#)

Last year we had over 500 alumni attend these events, 75% of which were from the class of 2023 looking to make connections with fellow Queen's alumni. Be sure to mark your calendar for the event closest to you for a great celebration of Queen's. For more information, please contact jessie.mercer@queensu.ca

October 18-20 – [Homecoming 2024](#)



HOMECOMING

QUEEN'S UNIVERSITY

2024

Join us fall 2024 and reconnect with friends and former classmates, while creating new traditions and showing your tricolour spirit. This is a milestone reunion year for graduating class years ending in 4, 9, and members of the Tricolour Guard (alumni celebrating having graduated 50 years ago, or more). However, all alumni are welcome back to campus to celebrate! Mark your calendars, and [plan your visit](#) with [Class activities](#) and [Homecoming events](#). For more information, contact reunions@queensu.ca

LEARN AND SHARE

Email for Life



Keep your Queen's connections alive with a permanent Queen's email address. As alumni, you can sign up for a permanent @queensu.ca email address.

For recent graduates (2013 and beyond) your student email automatically converts to a permanent email address. To keep your email service active, you must log into your account at least once per year. If you are only using your Queen's email account to forward mail to another address, then you will still need to log in to avoid loss of service.

For other alumni, you will need to reactivate your NetID to gain access to Alumni Email for Life. [Instructions for reactivating your NETID](#).

Once your NetID is activated, you can log into your Office 365 email at [this link](#). If you have completed the setup process and have issues with the activation/authentication process, please contact IT Services directly at 613-533-6666 or via their [contact page](#).

QUEEN'S ALUMNI REVIEW

[Advertise](#) in the [Queen's Alumni Review](#) to reach a network of leaders, innovators, and influencers who are actively involved in diverse industries worldwide. As a subscription-free publication distributed to Queen's alumni, friends of the university, and the campus community, the magazine offers an exclusive platform to showcase your brand to a highly engaged audience. Check out the [media kit \(3.2 MB, PDF\)](#) for information about the audience, production timeline, ad sizes and rates. And, as a valued member of our alumni community, you have access to preferred advertising rates. [Contact them](#) to learn more about this exclusive offer.

COUNCILLOR SPOTLIGHT

Get to know your fellow Councillor members by visiting their [biographical sketches](#) and their [online profiles](#). Let us know how you have engaged with the University or if you have exciting personal or professional news you would like to share through your monthly newsletter, please reach out to ucouncil@queensu.ca



Convocation - Councillor **Samantha Cheung** volunteered to hand out the alumni pins to Queen's newest grads. Always a special moment – Alumni volunteers receive their gown, march in with the faculty and are seated on stage for the duration of the ceremony until they welcome grads with their alumni pin. Interested in future convocations? Register with jessie.Mercer@queensu.ca, Student and Young Alumni Officer.



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. Alumni Representatives: **Safia Chowdhury** (Co-Chair) and **Bittu George**.



STUDENT LIFE



QUEEN'S STUDENT
ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

[Queen's Student Alumni Association \(QSAA\)](#) is a student-run organization that prepares students for success by connecting them to alumni, encouraging them to be leaders, and supporting their journey towards becoming engaged Queen's alumni.

The QSAA facilitates [programming](#), [events](#) and [fundraising](#) opportunities to inspire students to give back to the Queen's community.

The [Queen's Student Alumni Association \(QSAA\)](#) is excited to announce Samantha (Sam) Rogers, HSc'27 as the QSAA President for 2024-25. Originally from Auckland, New Zealand, Sam was so impressed with the Queen's spirit and presence of alumni connections during her first few weeks on campus that she decided to join the QSAA as their First Year Ambassador.



"I am incredible passionate about the QSAA and believe every current student should have the opportunity to connect with alumni, and eventually become active alumni themselves. Alumni are a pillar of our Queen's community and can share their wisdom, ideals, and tips to inspire current students to succeed. Together the QSAA, students, and alumni, can continue to work together to cultivate our close-knit Queen's community!"

Sam is looking forward to furthering the QSAA's relationship with other student groups throughout her term as President. Sam can be reached at qsaa.president@queensu.ca

Queen's University links to keep you informed

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