

GOVERNANCE UPDATES

[Chancellor Installation:](#)



[Shelagh Rogers](#), Artsci'77 was officially installed as Queen's University's 16th Chancellor on November 11th during fall convocation,

- CFRC Podcast of the [Installation Ceremony](#)

Following, there was a reception to celebrate the official installation at The Isabel.

- CFRC Podcast of the [Reception](#)
- CFRC [Chancellor Rogers curated playlist](#)



[Queen's remembers The Honourable Murray Sinclair](#)



[Chancellor Emeritus Leech honoured with Lifetime Achievement Award by the Ontario Chamber of Commerce.](#)

[Executive Committee](#)

The Executive Committee will meet in February to review and discuss the report from the University Council Program Committee on the 2024 AGM and Retreat.

Executive Committee: Patrick Deane (Chair), Chancellor Shelagh Rogers, Petra Fachinger, Doug Bruce (Vice-Chair), Mary Drinkwater, Letitia Golubitsky, Chessa Jope, Noor Rahemtulla, Yanique Williams

[Nominating Committee](#)

The Nominating Committee will meet in January to discuss the upcoming 2025 University Council Trustee election. There will be two vacancies on the Board of Trustees, for three-year terms commencing June 1, 2025. Committee Chair, Chessa Jope, met with the Chair of the Board's Governance and Nominating Committee to discuss competency priorities for the Board in 2025. Further details, including eligibility and the nominations process, will be provided to all Councillors via email.



Chessa Jope, Chair, Nominating Committee

On behalf of your Nominating Committee: John Armitage, Doug Bruce, Alexander Lam, Irene Mukasa, David Pick

[Program Committee](#)

The [Program Committee](#) sets the strategic direction and priorities for the annual meeting of the Council. This includes planning the Council Orientation, AGM, and yearly in-person meeting. The committee will meet 4-6 times by videoconference from February to October 2024

Councillors interested in serving are asked to submit an expression of interest (max. 90 words) to ucouncil@queensu.ca by **Monday, January 6 at 12:00 pm ET**. Appointments are then made by the Executive Committee on the recommendation of the Nominating Committee.

Questions regarding this Committee may be directed to the 2024 Program Committee Chair, Letitia Golubitsky. The Committee will elect a chair annually, normally from among the returning members.



[Owen Rocchi](#), AMS President, [Niki Boytchuk-Hale](#), Rector, [Emils Matiss](#), SGPS President and Abdullah Arif, [Food Bank](#) Manager wish to thank all Councillors who donated to the [AMS Food Bank](#) during the Council Retreat. Total donations = \$2285. It's not too late to [donate](#). Financial or a list of [non-perishable goods](#) are outlined on their website. Please help fill the shelves to help students in need! And, please spread to your networks



Letitia Golubitsky, Chair, Program Committee

On behalf of your Program Committee: John Armitage, Samantha Cheung, Chessa Jope, Daria Juudi-Hope, Colby Pereira, Tka Pinnock

[Board/Council Trustees](#)

The next regular Open Session of the **Board of Trustees** meeting will be held on December 6 (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, Samantha Cheung, Jeremy Gooden, Alison Holt, Noor Rahemtulla, Yanique Williams.

[Senate](#)

The next Senate meeting will be held on January 30 at 2:30 pm (meeting dates can be found on the [Senate website](#)). 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](#).



Honorary Degrees: Councillors are requested to consider submitting nominations of worthy individuals for an honorary degree. Nominations are open for degrees to be awarded in 2025 and the deadline is March 1, 2025. Information can be found on the [Secretariat's website](#).

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

[Queen's University Alumni Association \(QUAA\) President Update](#)

The holiday season is upon us, and I hope you all are able to do take a break and to do some things that bring you joy and restore you.

Giving Tuesday

For many, myself included, philanthropic giving can be a real joy booster. And, on December 3rd, 2024, I am looking forward to making a gift to Queen's for Giving Tuesday. I will be supporting the Giving Committee of the QUAA as they have put together a matching campaign with funds from our QUAA Special Projects Fund, to hopefully inspire some Giving Tuesday gifts to the Queen's Fund. Stay tuned for details. Of course, gifts to Queen's can be made any time of year at: <https://givetoqueens.ca/>

QUAA Retreat, Assembly Orientation, and QUAA AGM

November was a busy month for the QUAA Board! The Recruitment and Recognition Committee organized an orientation for new members of Alumni Assembly on November 19th, ahead of the QUAA's AGM held November 26th. Thank you to our Alumni Assembly members from University Council, Erin Polansky and Bittu George, for RSVPing and participating where possible.

At the much-delayed AGM, I was joined by the immediate past-President of the QUAA, Colin McLeod, Artsi'10, to assist me with presenting the President's Report and the Financial Statements for 2023-2024, both of which were accepted. At the AGM, I was also formally ratified as President, as required by our Constitution and By-laws –phew!

Also in November was our much anticipated, in person QUAA Board retreat, held at the Smith School of Business' space in Toronto. If you have not yet visited, I hope you get a chance to some day. It is a beautiful space, with an awesome view of the lake (and of all the Taylor Swift excitement, which coincided with our visit). The retreat afforded a great opportunity for the Board Members to discuss the new committee structure and to do some forward-planning. We are optimistic and excited!

One of the benefits of the new structure is that it allows for participation in our committees by non-Board members. If you or anyone you know might be interested in participating on our Giving, Recruitment and Recognition or Alumni Engagement Committees, please don't hesitate to reach out.

Happy holidays and a very happy new year!



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

QUAA Assembly Members [appointed by the University Council](#): Bittu George and Erin Polansky

UPCOMING EVENTS

Please check the [Alumni Events calendar](#) for a list of all upcoming alumni events (including branch, reunion, etc.).

Dec 6 - [National Day of Remembrance and Action on Violence Against Women](#) (all academic activity suspended)
Queen's University marks the National Day with community members taking part in a memorial for the victims of the Dec. 6, 1989 shooting at Polytechnique Montreal.

Dec 7-21 - Final Assessments in Fall Term classes

Fall term classes end Dec 3. But the final few weeks of the term can be particularly stressful for many students balancing final assignments, projects, and exams. Units across Student Affairs have collaborated to offer a variety of events and programming, with a particular focus on promoting health and wellbeing. For more information and links to exam prep resources and services to share with Queen's students and parents, visit the [Student Affairs Student Resources webpage](#)

December 10 - 2025 QUAA Gala Award Nominations Close



Do you know a student or alum in your network deserving of a QUAA Gala Award?

The QUAA Gala Award Nomination cycle will close on December 10, 2024.

Nomination submissions require contact information (for nominee, nominator and a person to record a short video of congratulations should the nominee be selected) biographical summary, reason for recommendation and any additional documents (such as letters of support, awards or other items of note) supporting the nomination.

To learn more about the awards, nomination process or 2024 recipients please visit the [QUAA Gala webpage](#) or reach out to [Lindsey Kull](#), Alumni Volunteer Liaison.

*Notes: The Queen's Student Alumni Association (QSAA) Volunteer of Distinction Award is selected by the QSAA. The Initiative of the Year Award was not awarded in 2024, for more information on this award please visit the [Alumni Awards and Fellowships webpage](#) and scroll down to the Gala Awards section.

December 24-January 3 – Queen's University observed holiday – the university will be closed. Winter Term classes will begin on January 6.

January 28 - Queen's [Summer & Part-Time Opportunities Fair](#)



Councillors – if you know of any employer interested in connecting with Queen's students for summer and part-time opportunities, please encourage them to [register](#) to attend the Job Fair. Students can sign up to receive updates in [MyCareer](#).

January 29 - Queen's [Engineering and Technology Fair](#)



Do you have opportunities for Queen's students in the Engineering, Computing, and Technology fields? [Register now](#). Space is limited and this event is expected to sell out quickly.

January - [QUAA Grant Application](#)

Members of the Queen's community who have an idea for an innovative program that enriches the University may qualify for special project funding from the Queen's University Alumni Association (QUAA). Grants are normally for a few hundred dollars but can go as high as \$2,000.

You can directly support student and alumni-led initiatives that foster innovation and inclusion at Queen's and help the QUAA Board provide even more funding to deserving groups and initiatives each year by [donating to the QUAA Grants](#).

Please reach out to the QUAA Board (quaa.board@queensu.ca) if you have questions about applying in the upcoming cycle.

LEARN AND SHARE

This month in history - [Queen's Royal Charter](#)



When the Reverend Thomas Liddell arrived in Kingston in **December** 1841 to begin his role as Queen's first principal, his luggage contained more than clerical robes and academic books. Tucked into his trunk was an oddly-shaped tin canister — called a “banjo box” by today's Queen's archivists — which contained the college's royal charter. Learn more about the Queen's Royal Charter and its restoration on the [Queen's Encyclopedia](#).



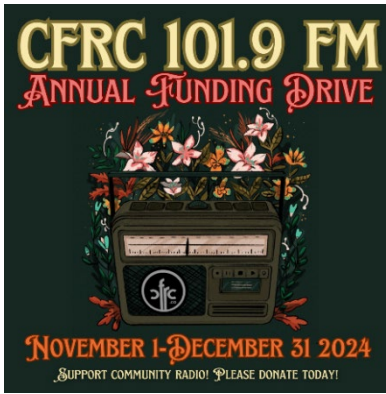
[Smith School of Business Experiential Learning](#)
Call for industry and community partners!

Discover the [benefits](#) and multiple [ways of participating](#), and the various [incentives](#), tax credits and grants available to organizations. Course-Embedded Projects can take projects with no cost to organizations. These include:

- [Volunteer Outreach Project](#) Certificate in Social Impact
- [Digital Capstone Project](#) Master of Digital Product Management
- [Team-Based Capstone Project](#) Bachelor of Commerce
- [International Marketing Project](#) Master of International Business
- [Global Consulting Project](#) Master of International Business
- [Go-To-Market Team Project](#) Master of Management in Innovation & Entrepreneurship
- [Capstone Project](#), Master of Management, Artificial Intelligence
- [Corporate Innovation Internship](#), Master of Management, Innovation & Entrepreneurship
- [Individual Consulting Project](#), Full-time MBA
- [Global Business Project](#), Executive MBA
- [Global Business Project](#), Executive MBA Americas
- [Strategy Report Project](#), Bachelor of Commerce
- [Social Impact Challenge](#), Bachelor Commerce
- [Strategy Study Project](#), Bachelor of Commerce

Whether you have an opportunity in mind or are new to thinking about how experiential learning can support your organization, the Experiential Learning team is committed to helping you determine the best ways to engage with Smith students. And, this greatly benefits students by providing real-world experience they will face post-grad by bringing industry into the classroom. Learn more by [Speaking with an Experiential Learning Advisor](#). And, follow on [social media](#).

CFRC 101.9 FM Annual Funding Drive



CFRC 101.9 FM, operating at Queen's University since 1922, has launched its annual funding drive! In 2024, CFRC spent \$85,000 to replace its 40-year-old FM antenna while operating on just over \$200,000. Long acquainted with running on a shoestring budget, your campus radio station does need help. CFRC is now raising \$25,000 to support continued station operations, local news and creative arts programming, essential upgrades to our recording and performance studios, and valuable employment opportunities for Queen's University students! You can make a difference to ensure we can continue to serve our Queen's and Greater Kingston Area listeners for years to come!

Please visit cfrc.ca right now to **make your gift!** Through CFRC's website, you can donate [via Queen's University](https://www.queensu.ca) and receive a tax receipt OR give securely through PayPal to receive CFRC gifts and chances to win weekly raffle draws featuring gifts from amazing local donors! Thank you for your support!

COUNCILLOR SPOTLIGHT

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



Thanks to Councillors **Kieva Hranchuk** and **Daria Juudi-Hope** for volunteering for Fall Convocation pinning.

Interested in volunteering to welcome our newest graduates to the alumni community at Spring Convocation ceremonies? You will be asked to sit on stage and hand an alumni pin to each graduand. Simple, but so meaningful. Please reach out to [Jessie Mercer](#), Alumni Relations with questions.

STUDENT LIFE

The **Senate Student Caucus (SSC)** is an independent entity jointly defined by the Society of Graduate and Professional Students (SGPS) and the Alma Mater Society (AMS). The group consists of the 15 elected student senators representing each faculty, the AMS president, SGPS president, both student trustees, and the rector for a total of 20 members. A chair and vice chair are elected by the caucus every March. This group serves to better organize, train, and transition senators. They meet twice a month. Once to prepare for Senate the other to discuss any issues students are seeing in the purview of senate.



The Chair this year is **Lucas Balog**, a 3rd year Mechatronics and Robotics Engineering Student and recipient of the Chancellor's Scholarship for community leadership. Lucas has set out a number of goals for this year including making the caucus more present in student leadership, reviewing the structure to better adapt to new and challenging issues, and creating a better transition plan for the yearly changeover of senators. Student voices play an integral role on Senate and its committees providing student views on current issues, better ways to implement the goals of the university, and how policy should be written.

Call to action:

Student senators often take a big leap joining senate and for many it is the first time sitting at the "adult table". The senators who come out confident and were most effective in their role are often the ones who found mentors in faculty, secretariat, and other members of Queen's governance structures. Student senators would welcome and

appreciate the ability to work with university council members who can share their advice and experience working with university governance. I'm also sure many will look to join Council in years to come. If you would like to reach out and help, please feel free to contact the caucus chair at sscc@ams.queensu.ca. Student leaders are always looking for ways to do joint events and work alongside our alumni and faculty counterparts.

Queen's University links to keep you informed

[Principal](#)

[Queen's Strategic Goals](#)

[QUAA](#)

[Rector](#)

[Alma Mater Society](#)

[SGPS](#)

[QSAA](#)

[Queen's Alumni Review](#)

[Queen's Gazette](#)

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