

University Council June 2024 Newsletter

Governance Updates



[Chancellor Emeritus Murray Sinclair](#)'s term comes to an end on June 30, 2024. We thank him for his service. He will continue with Queen's as a Special Advisor to the Principal on Reconciliation.

After decades in the public eye, the Indigenous advocate and former commissioner pivots to new chapter. Read the Globe and Mail's article - [Murray Sinclair on his life's new rhythm, same clear purpose.](#)

[Executive Committee](#)

The committee met on June 7th for the selection of the [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. The University Council Executive Committee may present up to six Distinguished Service Awards each year.

Congratulations to this year's recipients!

- Monica Corbett
- Wilma Hopman
- Stephen Lougheed
- Susan Moffatt
- Stephanie Simpson
- Mary Wilson Trider

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. Information on registration will be shared soon.

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](#)

The 2024 University Council by the Alumni election closed on May 29. The ten successful candidates for the four-year terms are (*candidates in **bold** were re-elected to the Council*):

- Yinka Adegbusi
- Leo Bailey
- **Samantha Cheung**
- Gregory Galligan

- **Bittu George**
- Alexander Lam
- Jennifer McMaster
- Irene Mukasa
- Alan Prendergast
- Sam Turgeon-Brabazon

They will begin their terms on Council effective September 1, 2024. Get to know our new Councillors by referencing their [respective biographies](#).

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](#)

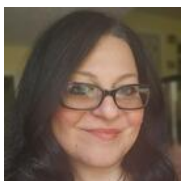
October 1- [Virtual AGM](#): The date has been finalized, so please mark your calendars! In addition to the formal governance items, the committee is pleased to confirm that 16th [Chancellor Designate Shelagh Rogers](#) will be our keynote speaker.

October 17 (pm) and October 18 (am) - In-Person Meeting: The program and speakers are being reviewed and finalized but was approved by the Executive Committee at their meeting in June.

October 17 (5:30-7:30 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.

Contact ucouncil@queensu.ca for more information and hotel group rates.



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 \(QUAA\)](#)

Greetings UC Members! Hope you are enjoying the descent into Summer!

[New Board Members](#)

My May update noted that we were in the process of recruiting QUAA Board members. We were thrilled and frankly a little overwhelmed by the number and quality of applications we received to fill the 11 vacancies on the QUAA Board. We received over 70 applications! Resultantly, the past few weeks have been spent busily reviewing applications and interviewing candidates.

Overall, the process was a wonderful opportunity to meet with some highly engaged alumni volunteers and donors who are looking for new ways to serve their alma mater, while also connecting with other alumni who have not previously been involved who are looking to reengage. It makes me optimistic for the future of Queen's alumni engagement.

I am looking forward to announcing our new slate of Board members in the coming weeks. Thank you to everyone who promoted this opportunity to your networks.

[QUAA Awards Gala](#)

We celebrated our 2024 QUAA Alumni Awards Recipients on June 1st, 2024. This over-sold event to be held at the Gladstone House in Toronto honoured an outstanding slate of alumni and students, who have distinguished themselves both locally and abroad. Of note, [Daniel Tisch](#), Artsci'91, MBA'96, whose service to the University includes 16 years on the University Council was among this year's honourees.

If you couldn't join us this year, we hope you will consider joining next year, or better yet you can also help us out with the identification of future award recipients, by nominating deserving alumni who you believe represent the very best from our community. If you have any questions about the nomination process, you are always welcome to reach out.

[Branch and Chapter Events](#)

In addition to the Gala, our branch and chapter volunteers have been planning or supporting some great upcoming events. To highlight a few, the [Toronto Branch](#) will host alumni at Cirque de Soleil on June 13th, 2024, and the [Calgary Branch](#) will be hosting a summer BBQ on June 16th, 2024. The Toronto event sold out in a day - but the BBQ is still open for registration.

For those in [Kingston](#), the Queen's Student Alumni Association have also invited alumni to participate in their Summerhill Send-off for graduating students. On Wednesday June 19th and Thursday June 20th, receptions will be happening on the Summerhill lawn from 11 am-2 pm. Please join us in welcoming the newest members of the Queen's University Alumni Association.

[QUAA Funds](#)

The QUAA Board is very pleased to be providing some financial support through our Projects Fund for the BFA/BAE 55th Anniversary Reunion Art Exhibition, which will be happening at Union Gallery in September 2024. We are very much looking forward to taking in the Exhibition and hope that members of University Council will support the exhibition of alumni talent as well. We will provide more information as it becomes available.

Note that the QUAA Projects Fund was established by the Queen's University Alumni Association Board to support various QUAA initiatives. In the past few years, we have also supported programing such as the Road to Graduation, for graduating students, as well as A Mile in their Shoes, an experiential learning opportunity guided by Indigenous partners, bringing alumni together in the spirit of Reconciliation.



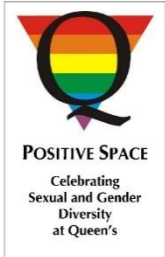
Thank you for your attention – I look forward to having the opportunity to connect with you again soon!

[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

News and Events

June is Pride month



June is Pride Month, a time to honour and support members of the LGBTQ2S+ community. It's a great time to [Review 2SLGBTQI+ terms and language](#). And, learn about the Queen's resources available:

- [Queen's Human Rights and Equity Office](#)
- [Positive Space program](#)
- [Principal's Action Group for Gender and Sexual Diversity](#)
- [Education on Queer Issues Project \(EQulP\)](#)
- [Levana Gender Advocacy Centre](#)
- [Queen's Pride Project](#)
- [Queen's Gender Neutral Washroom Locations](#)
- [Faith and Spiritual Life](#)
- [Yellow House](#)'s programming and services are designed **for** BIPoC and/or 2SLGBTQ+ students **by** BIPoC and/or 2SLGBTQ+ students and staff
- [Sexual Health Resource Centre \(SHRC\)](#)
- [Peer Support Centre \(PSC\)](#)
- [EngiQueers](#)
- [Four Directions Indigenous Student Centre](#)
- [SGPS Student Advisor Program](#)
- [Queen's University Association of Queer Employees](#)
- [Queer Alumni Chapter](#) to foster a supportive and useful community and build strong connections between our 2SLGBTQ+ students, alumni, faculty, and staff.

For more information, please contact the [Human Rights and Equity office](#).

June deadline -[The Social Impact Challenge](#) - **Call for Project Partners**

An opportunity to offer a social impact challenge to students passionate about bringing about positive societal change. Throughout the semester, Smith School of Business students will work in teams to conduct analysis and develop solutions to address a social impact challenge facing your organization. Complete and submit the following [project proposal](#). If you have any questions or would like more information, please contact the [Experiential Learning Team](#).

June 19 (12:30-2 pm) – Soft Launch for the [Office of Indigenous Health](#), Faculty of Health Sciences



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Everyone is invited to attend, and refreshments will be provided. During your visit to the Nest, 15 Arch Street, 4th floor, room 402, you can check out the new Office of Indigenous Health space and the addition of a change table in the breast/chest feeding space.

June 18-21 – [Spring Convocation](#), [Slush Puppie Place](#), [1 Tragically Hip Way](#)



Members of the Queen's University Council are invited to Spring Convocation to celebrate the achievements of our graduates, over 6000 undergraduates and graduate students receiving their degrees, diplomas and certificates. Check out the [full listing of ceremonies, dates and times, as well as participating programs](#). Please [RSVP for prominent reserved seating](#). Those requiring further assistance are encouraged to e-mail: graduand@queensu.ca or call extension 74050

June 19-20 (11 am-2 pm) - [Summerhill Sendoff](#) - [Call for Volunteers](#)



Congratulations to the Queen's Class of 2024 on their remarkable achievement! As they embark on the next chapter of their journey, the [Queen's Student Alumni Association \(QSAA\)](#) invites new grads, alumni, families, and friends, to a special Summerhill Sendoff to commemorate their journey from student to alumni.

At this exclusive event new grads can connect with fellow classmates, and alumni can reminisce about their time at Queen's while welcoming the class of 2024 into the alumni community. This reception will be happening outside of [Summerhill](#), the oldest building at Queen's. There will be refreshments,

CFRC will be broadcasting live on site, and Summerhill will be decorated in tricolour for the occasion. As a member of Council, please consider volunteering to welcome our newest alumni. For more information, please contact jessie.mercer@queensu.ca

June 21 - [National Indigenous Peoples Day](#) and [Indigenous History Month](#)



June is [National Indigenous History Month](#). Join us all month in discussing the true history of Indigenous Peoples across Turtle Island, as well as to learn more about the culture, languages, and contributions of First Nations, Métis, and Inuit peoples.

[National Indigenous Peoples Day](#) formerly National Aboriginal Day (June 21) is a day recognizing and celebrating the cultures and contributions of the First Nations, Inuit and Métis Indigenous peoples of Canada. For more information, please contact the [Office of Indigenous Initiatives](#).

June 23 (12-3 pm) - [Queen's University Biological Station](#) Open House



**QUEEN'S UNIVERSITY
BIOLOGICAL STATION**

The Queen's University Biological Station (QUBS) is one of the premier scientific field stations in Canada. [Come join us to celebrate our 79th year of operations!](#) There will be activities for all ages including tours of the facility along with refreshments and snacks - come learn more about the research, outreach and stewardship activities at QUBS and work of some of

our partners! No cost. For more information, please contact qubs@queensu.ca

July 1 - [Canada Day](#)



A Canadian federal holiday that celebrates the creation of the Dominion of Canada in 1867. Did you know that [John Matheson](#), Arts'40, LLD'84, was an influential figure in the development of national symbols such as the Canadian flag and the Order of Canada? And, enjoy [Four Seasons of the Canadian Flag](#) composed by [John Burge](#), professor of composition and theory at the Dan School of Drama and Music as a musical tribute to Canada.

Fall - [Career Services -Advertising Opportunities](#)



STUDENT AFFAIRS
Career Services

Career Services are now accepting requests to advertise in Queen's Career Services Guide to Cover Letters, Resumes and Interviews magazine. Several of the registration packages for the [Fall 2024 Career Expo](#) include advertisements in the magazine. [Contact](#)

[Career Services](#) to discuss other advertising options.

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

Educational Opportunities

[HREO - Creating Accessible Documents](#)



Making accessible documents ensures that they are usable by the widest range of users, but also ensures your document is easier to edit and navigate. If you plan, format, and structure your document correctly in the beginning, it will ensure the file is not only accessible but can also be converted into a variety of different alternate formats (e.g. PDF or braille) while retaining its accessibility features.

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This asynchronous module will guide you through how to add accessible features to your Word documents, the challenges and best practices of PDF conversion.

If you are interested in completing this asynchronous learning, provided by Queen's Human Rights and Equity Office, please reach out to [Lindsey Kull](#), Alumni Volunteer Liaison for access to this module.

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](#)

- June 13 – Consensus based decision making
- June 20 – Special session ahead of National Indigenous Peoples Day

Councillor Spotlight

Get to know your fellow Councillor members by visiting their [biographical sketches](#) and reviewing their [profiles \(or click on their name below\)](#). Let us know how you have engaged with the University. 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

Get to know your [Council Trustees](#): (click on name to go to their profiles)

The University Council elects six University Council Trustees to the Board of Trustees for 3-year terms. Two University Council Trustees elected by the Council shall retire each year and their successors shall be elected by the Council in accordance with Council By-laws. Trustees shall assume office for three years on 1 June following their election. Each elected, appointed and ex officio member of the Council shall have the right to nominate in each year two elected members of Council for the elected position of University Council Trustee. An elected member of Council who is in the final year of his or her term on Council is eligible to be nominated.



[Heather Black, Sc'80](#)



[Samantha Cheung, Sc'92](#)



[Jeremy Gooden, Sc'16](#)



[Alison Holt, Artsci'87](#)



[Noor Rahemtulla, Com'20](#)



[Yanique Williams, Artsci'08](#)



[GRADflix](#) offers an exciting opportunity for graduate students to share their current research in a dynamic and creative way using video and in only one minute! Thanks to [Councillor Chessa Jope](#) who volunteered in May to adjudicate the GRADflix Showcase.



[The 3 Minute Thesis \(3MT®\)](#) is a university-wide competition for graduate students in which participants present their research and its wider impact in 3 minutes or less to a panel of non-specialist judges. The challenge is to present complex research in an engaging, accessible, and compelling way, using only one static slide.

Thanks to [Councillor John Armitage](#) for being a Postdoc judge and [Councillor Colby Pereira](#) for being a final judge of the competition.



The winner of the 2024 3-Minute Thesis competition is Julia Tropak, a master's student in chemistry, for her presentation 'Bacteria: Friend or foe?'. [For the first time ever, this Queen's university student earned top honours at the provincial finals.](#)

Student life

We're pleased to introduce the newly elected Queen's Student Leaders (Rector, AMS, SGPS) who have officially started their terms. Check out their websites for photos/bios and don't forget to follow them on social media.



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