

GOVERNANCE UPDATES

[16th Chancellor of Queen's University Shelagh Rogers](#)



November 11, 2024 (2:30 pm) -Installation ceremony in Grant Hall.

Details/registration by Nov 4th: [Ceremony 1 / Installation of the Chancellor \(November 11\)](#)

November 11, 2024 (5:30 pm – 7:00 pm) -University Councillors are invited to a reception to celebrate the official installation of Queen's 16th Chancellor Shelagh Rogers at the [Isabel Bader Centre for the Performing Arts](#),

390 King Street West. RSVP to principal.events@queensu.ca Please indicate any dietary restrictions and accessibility requirements. The speaking program will also be broadcast at 6:00 pm on [CFRC Radio](#), 101.9 FM in Kingston

[Executive Committee](#)

The Executive Committee would like to thank the Program Committee for their excellent work in planning the 2024 virtual AGM and in-person Retreat in Kingston. The Committee will meet early in the new year to receive the Program Committee's final report.

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 December to discuss current priorities for the Board of Trustees and the upcoming election of Council Trustees, which will be communicated to Councillors during the annual call for nominations in early 2025.

On behalf of your Nominating Committee: John Armitage, Mary Drinkwater, Chessa Jope, Alexander Lam, Irene Mukasa, David Pick, Elaine Wu

[Program Committee](#)



Thank you to all Councillors who took part in the Council AGM and Retreat. All Councillors are encouraged to complete the [Post Meeting Survey](#). The committee reviews the events to make recommendations for next year. If you have any additional feedback you would like to provide, please send to ucouncil@queensu.ca

The [University Council group photo](#) has been added to the website. [Photos](#) and [video](#) of the Distinguished Service Awards are now available.

Thank you to all Councillors who donated to the AMS Food Bank. Total donations = \$2285. It's not too late to [donate](#).

Looking ahead, we will be looking for new committee members in the new year. If interested, reach out to a member of the Program Committee with your questions and watch your email for the call for expressions of interest.

And due to his absence from the Student Leader Panel, a message from:



Owen Rocchi, Comp '24,
President, AMS
president@ams.queensu.ca

For those of you who I did get to meet and chat with at the Council meeting, it was a pleasure. Due to an illness, I was not able to attend any events past the initial retreat, but I was told they were a great experience for all who were able to attend.

I want to start by thanking you all for your generosity with over \$2000 been raised on behalf of councillors towards [the AMS food bank](#). I'll also extend a big thank you to Emils who brought up this idea in my absence. The AMS food bank works tirelessly to support members of the Queens community facing food insecurity, your kindness will be felt by many patrons.

At the student leader panel, I was planning to ask you all to share experiences on how you've seen student leaders at Queens successfully empower student voices. I've been able to call myself a proud Queens student, but I understand many students don't share that common sentiment. I'd love advice on how to best listen to students and address the issues they raise such that we can all be proud to be at this school.

Secondly, I wanted to gain some insight into any advice you could give into working with alumni to support and amplify student voices. I was blown away with the passion for Queens that I've experienced speaking with alumni, and I only see this as an opportunity to explore ways they can empower current Queens students. Anything you can share with me as to next steps to cultivate this idea would be much appreciated.

If any of you would like to connect and speak further about anything I've mentioned, please book 30 minutes with me at the following link: [Book time with Owen Rocchi: Book time with Owen \(private link - 30m\) • This link will expire on: January 19, 2025](#) . I'd love to be given advice or any stories I can share with my team, I'm looking forward to seeing how I can learn from you all to continue to be the best advocate for undergraduate students possible.

Lastly if anyone was involved in the AMS during their time at Queens and are curious on what the modern proceedings look like, we'll be live streaming all remaining major assemblies of the term over YouTube! You can find the schedule for upcoming assemblies at this link <https://www.myams.org/about/governance/assembly/>, and access the livestreams from the AMS YouTube channel at <https://www.youtube.com/@AlmaMaterSociety>.



Letitia Golubitsky, MSC'06 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 November 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](#)

It was so nice reconnecting with many of you and meeting others at the UC retreat last month. It is so energizing to be surrounded by such highly engaged alumni who are so invested in Queen's. It was a wonderful opportunity to get together.

It was also nice to stay on after the retreat for Homecoming! I celebrated my 15th year reunion with friends and classmates, and also squeezed in some volunteering at the Welcome and Check-in at Grant Hall on Friday afternoon. The energy was amazing as alumni arrived back from near and far. Looking ahead...

QUAA AGM November 26th

The QUAA's AGM is coming up on Tuesday November 26th. While the AGM is typically held in the Spring, it was delayed this year as a result of all the changes to our Board structure.

The QUAA Board is looking forward to welcoming many new members of Alumni Assembly to our meeting, including University Councillor Erin Polansky (while welcoming back Bittu George as well, of course!). The most recent additions to Alumni Assembly over the past few weeks include Beau Sackey, the Ghana Branch President, and Maynard Plant, the Japan Branch President. We are very excited to continue developing a greater international presence on this body.

2025 QUAA Gala Award Nominations Opening

On October 25 the QUAA Gala Award Nomination cycle opened for the 8 alumni awards and 1 student award presented by the QUAA. The nomination cycle will close on December 10, 2024.

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

Giving Tuesday

The QUAA Board is busy preparing for Giving Tuesday, coming up on December 3rd, 2024. Hearing our student leaders at the UC retreat speaking of the challenges the cost of living pose to students today was disheartening, but the spontaneous donations collected from Councillors on the spot to replace the AMS Food Bank fridge was such a good reminder of the impact many smaller gifts can have, all together.

There are so many amazing ways to give through Queen's, and I would encourage you to explore the opportunities and to make a Giving Tuesday gift to Queen's on December 3rd: <https://givetoqueens.ca/>

Thanks and take care!



[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.).

November 7, 2024 (11:30 am-1:00 pm EST) Gift Planning Educational Session (virtual)



Building on the Annual Giving session in 2023, the [Office of Advancement](#) invites members of the [University Council](#) and [QUAA Board](#) to a [Gift Planning](#) educational session. There are many ways for you to [support Queen's](#) both as ambassadors and donors. Planning your gift can be one of the most tax effective ways to make a charitable donation, while supporting the causes you care about and the people you care for by planning your estate. As ambassadors of Queen's we invite you to join [Carmen Vanderlinde](#), Director of Gift Planning to learn more about the complexities of life insurance, bequests, and many other giving options to establish your legacy at Queen's.

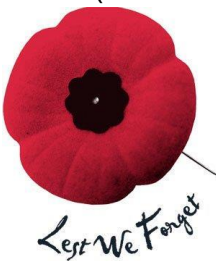
A meeting invite and Zoom link will be sent to all current Council and QUAA Board members to attend this information session. For more information, questions or issues connecting to this educational session please contact [Lindsey Kull](#), Alumni Volunteer Liaison. lindsey.kull@queensu.ca

November 7 (7-8 pm)- A Conversation with Principal Patrick Deane (virtual)



Alumni, supporters, and friends are invited to a virtual conversation with [Patrick Deane](#), Principal and Vice-Chancellor, to discuss key topics affecting Queen's University. This one-hour conversation includes opening remarks by the Principal, followed by 45 minutes of Q&A. This conversation will be moderated by [Queen's University Alumni Association](#) (QUAA) President Allison Williams, Artsci'09, and will offer participants an opportunity to engage directly with the Principal. To help guide our discussion, we encourage you to submit your questions in advance. You can share your questions directly through the [registration form](#).

Nov 11 (10:45- 11:30 am)-[Remembrance Day Service](#) in Grant Hall



The service at Queen's pays special remembrance to the many students, faculty, and staff, who have lost their lives in the defence of freedom. We remember especially the [5th Field Company](#), Royal Canadian Engineers (a military unit which comprised mostly Queen's, faculty, students, and staff). To learn more about the Queen's community's contributions to the Canadian effort during First World War and Second World War, visit the [Queen's University Archives website](#).

November 11-15 – Fall [Convocation](#), Grant Hall



Members of the Queen's University Council are invited to Fall Convocation to celebrate the achievements of our graduates receiving their degrees, diplomas and certificates. Check out the [full listing of ceremonies, dates and times, as well as participating programs](#).

Please RSVP by November 4th for prominent reserved seating for:

- [Ceremony 1 / Installation of the Chancellor \(November 11\)](#)
- [Ceremonies 2 to 8 \(November 12 to 15\)](#)

Those requiring further assistance are encouraged to e-mail: graduand@queensu.ca or call extension 74050

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

Elder Talk sessions with our [Cultural Advisor, Te ho wis kwûnt \(Al Doxtator\)](#)



Nov 14 (12-1 pm): Haudenosaunee Ways of Being and Knowing

Nov 28 (12-1 pm): Open Session (Questions + Discussion)

Dec 12 (12-1 pm): Topic – to be determined.

Please note some topics may be subject to change

RSVP HERE: <https://forms.office.com/r/6fbbgwifMr> Zoom links will be sent upon registration. All are welcome!

November 15 – [Bader Day](#)



Nov. 15, 1941, a young student arrived on campus for the first time to begin his studies. It was the beginning of a historic relationship that would eventually transform Queen's. That was the day the university's most prominent and generous supporter, [Alfred Bader](#), BSc'45, BA'46, Msc'47, LLD'86, arrived. On November 15th, 2021, which marked the 80th anniversary of Alfred Bader's arrival on our campus, the day was declared "[Bader Day](#)."

November 23, 2024 (1:00 pm) – Vanier Cup at Richardson Stadium



The [Vanier Cup](#) is a post season [college football](#) championship game, used to determine the national champion in [U Sports football](#).

Queen's is hosting the 59th edition of the Vanier Cup and [tickets are available now!](#)

Learn more on the [Queen's Athletics & Recreation website](#).

LEARN AND SHARE

[This Month in History – The First Homecoming](#)



The first reunion in 1926 attracted 870 alumni drawn from the classes of 1874 to 1926. Although technically scheduled for the entire week, most of the alumni attended only the weekend events. This included the **football** game that was held on Saturday, November 13 between Queen's and the University of Toronto, which Queen's won 3-1. It was at this first official alumni reunion that the **Alumni Association** was formed, thanks to a unanimous vote by those graduates in attendance. See the [Queen's Encyclopedia](#) for more details.

Canadian Institute for Military and Veteran Health Research



With a Canadian population of 60,600 military families, 71,500 primary force members, 30,000 reserve force members and 639,900 Veterans, there is an inherent need to advance health research for our nation's heroes. CIMVHR creates countless connections each year with individuals and organizations in Canada and around the world who are committed to improving the lives of those who serve and have served. On a global scale, CIMVHR collaborates with international research centres in a coordinated effort to advance health research for military personnel, Veterans

and their families; to date, CIMVHR has developed a network of 13 global affiliates.

Career Services - Employing Student Talent



Queen's University students and alumni are talented, innovative, and ready to work. Review our **Employing Student Talent Guide** (PDF, 5.23 MB) to learn about various programs and opportunities for finding the talent your organization needs.

If you have any questions, contact mycareer@queensu.ca.



Arthur B. McDonald
Canadian Astroparticle Physics Research Institute

The MI-HQPAC ([McDonald Institute Highly Qualified Personnel Advisory Committee](#)) **needs new members!** This volunteer committee are passionate about improving the HQP experience in astroparticle physics in Canada. The Committee meets monthly

to discuss and organize initiatives and has a modest operating budget. It is a great way to develop leadership skills and connect with other keen members of their broad national network.

New this year, the Committee is hosting **monthly virtual town hall meetings** open to all research community members to ask questions and share ideas. These meetings are held on the first Monday of the month. Connection details will be posted on the [Advisory Committee website](#). Have something to share but can't attend a meeting? Let the committee know through their [Community Interest Survey](#).

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 all Councillors who volunteered to assist with Homecoming, as a [Reunion Coordinator for your Class, Club or Group](#), or as a greeter at one of the many [Homecoming events](#) or attending to represent University Council.

STUDENT LIFE

Smith Commerce Society



The Smith Commerce Society is Canada's largest undergraduate business society comprising over [55 conferences and committees, powered by more than 1,000 student held positions](#). Mission: To be the most respected and innovative faculty society, while providing ever-increasing opportunities that enable all students to realize their full potential. Check out the [ComSoc website](#) for more information about their values, platform and upcoming events



Mahir Hamid, ComSoc President is a fourth-year Commerce student at Queen's. During his time in the Commerce program, he has been an active leader in the student government and entrepreneurship community. Mahir founded Queen's Startup Consulting (QSC), a startup agency, and co-chaired Queen's Technology & Media Association (QTMA), a product incubator. Aside from his campus involvements, Mahir is also a Cansbridge fellow, where he received \$10k to pursue an internship in Asia, and he dedicates his time to teaching young people about the value of pushing boundaries and stepping outside their comfort zones. This marks Mahir's 4th year on ComSoc, and he is honored to serve the team as President. His hope is to build a genuine ComSoc "family" while helping underserved students in the Commerce program. To reach Mahir, email president@comsoc.queensu.ca

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