

University Council Newsletter

December 2024/January 2025

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, ~~DBugce~~ (ViceChair),

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 iperson meeting. The committee will meet ~~4~~ 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.

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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 15, 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 19 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 2024, both of which were accepted. At the AGM, I was also formally ratified as President, as required by our Constitution and Bylaws—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 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.).

January - [QUAA Grant Application](#)

CFRC 101.9 FM Annual Funding Drive

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.

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