

University Council October 2021 Newsletter

Council Updates

Committee Updates

Executive Committee: The Executive Committee met on Sept. 16 and approved the agenda for the 2021 AGM, as well as the 2023 AGM date (Nov. 4, 2023). Reminder: Please hold Nov. 4 -5 in your calendars for the 2022 Council AGM.

Council Trustees: The next regular Board of Trustees meeting will be held on Dec. 3-4 (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 trustees@queensu.ca.

Nominating Committee :

- A big welcome to the new University Councillors who began their term on Sept. 1, 2021. Given our continued virtual world, we encourage all Councillors to reach out to the new Councillors to introduce themselves.
- An overview and introduction to the committee was provided at the recent University Council orientation session held Sept. 30, 2021. Feel free to reach out to Samantha Cheung with any questions.
- As previously announced, Dr. Anita Jack-Davies was appointed as Council's first EDII Advisor in 2020 for a 2-year term. In September, Dr. Jack-Davies submitted her resignation to take on a new position at Skidmore College. We thank Dr. Jack-Davies for all her work in establishing this role and wish her every success in her new position. With this in mind, the Committee is undergoing a review of the role and responsibilities of the EDII Advisor role and is working with the University Secretariat to determine the best way forward.
- Watch your inbox in the coming weeks for a Call for Executive Committee Elections. There will be three positions available for elected Councillors.



Samantha Cheung
Chair, Nominating Committee

Program Committee :

Thank you to this year's Program Committee members including J. Armitage, R. Baugh, H. Black, D. Bruce, M. Dodd, and A. Holt. The Committee has met since July to plan the fall sessions. Considering continued social distancing requirements required in Phase 3 of Ontario's Reopening for non-academic events over 25 people, the increasing spread of the Delta variant, travel challenges, and the University's announcement to postpone all Fall convocation ceremonies, the Program Committee recommended that we pivot to a virtual AGM and related sessions for the Fall of 2021.

Sept. 30 - The Orientation Session provided new Councillors with an overview of their role and responsibilities and an overview of Council's standing committees.

Oct. 5 – Councillors were honoured to hear from and look forward to working with our new Council Chair, and Chancellor Murray Sinclair .

Nov. 5 - The Welcome Session is designed to provide an opportunity to hear from the new Dean, Smith School of Business, Dr. Wanda Costen, and to ask questions related to the reports included in the AGM consent agenda. Building on the continuing education program, Councillors will be encouraged to do training in advance and will finalize their EDI Credential training during this session. At the end of the Welcome Session, Councillors will socialize via an online gathering, hosted by the Program Committee.

Nov. 6 - The Committee has selected the AGM theme "**Queen's and Council: Together Towards Tomorrow**". The AGM agenda will consist of impactful virtual presentations, including:

1. Principal Deane will provide general opening remarks and an update on the



Mary Drinkwater
Chair, Program Committee

EDI Awareness Building

Digital Badge Sneak Peak

Here is a sneak peak of the EDI Awareness Building Credential Councillors will receive after completing the three (3) online modules and facilitated session on November 5. Please note this is a concept version and subject to minor changes. Please [email Natalie Shearer](mailto:natalie.shearer@queensu.ca) if you have any questions or concerns about the modules or session.

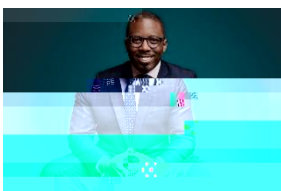


Senate: Meeting dates can be found on the [Senate website](#). The next regular meeting will be held on Oct. 26 via Zoom. You can check out the Senate agenda/minutes on the [Governance Portal](#). To attend any portion of the meeting, please submit your request in advance to senate@queensu.ca

Councillor Spotlight

Featured Speakers

On Oct. 14, Councillor Rico Garcia, joined a panel of fellow field experts in an instalment of the *Road to Recovery* series to discuss topics ranging across economic recovery, politics, public opinion, and health care. Aside from his roles as a University Councillor and QUAA President, Rico is an Engagement Manager at McKinsey, focused on economic and financial strategy development for government and public sector institutions.



On Sept. 28, Councillor Aziz Garuba hosted a Smith School of Business Alumni Town Hall with Dean Wanda Costen to talk about her journey to Smith, her early day findings, and what her vision for the future is.

Please read the [formal invitation to University Councillors \(PDF 103 KB\)](#) from Associate Vice-Principal, Indigenous Initiatives and Reconciliation, Janice Hill, and Associate Dean (STEM), School of Graduate Studies.

If you are able to attend, please email steerc@queensu.ca to receive further details and a Zoom link before the event.

University Updates

In the News

Queen's professors win Ideas Worth Teaching Award

Award recognizes educators using business to make the world a more inclusive

[Learn more and register for the QUAA
Accessibility Talk](#)

QSAA Panel: Difficult Conversations

The Queen's Student Alumni Association (QSAA) is pleased to present their first Alumni Speaker Event of the year, "Difficult Conversations". This virtual event will

- [Inclusive Queen's](#)
- [Viewbooks](#)
- [Queen's Encyclopedia](#)

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