University Council April 2023 Newsletter Council Updates

April 16-22 - <u>National Volunteer Week</u>

On behalf of your Nominating Committee: Heather Black, Sc'80, Judith Brown, Artsci'70, Sc'92, and Mary Drinkwater, Ed'78, MPA'08, and Elaine Wu Artsci'98, MIR'00, Law'03

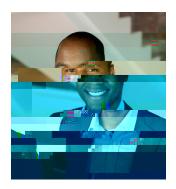
The committee hosted their first meeting to concentrate on the 2023 Programming Calendar. We welcomed new committee members and would like to extend a thank you to outgoing members Mary Drinkwater and Richard Baugh. And a special thank you to our outgoing Chair, Mary Dodd, for your leadership.

Orientation has been shifted to June to provide new Councillors with an overview and understanding of Council; committee term start dates have been shifted later, so newly elected Councillors then have the opportunity to join committees the year they are elected.

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dates can be found on the Senate <u>website</u>. The next regular Senate meeting will be held on April 18. You can check out the Senate agenda/minutes on the <u>Governance Portal</u>. To attend any portion of the meeting, please submit your request in advance to <u>senate@queensu.ca</u>

Meet A Councillor



I met my wife in first year at Queen's, but it's tough to narrow down a single moment together. Breakfasts at Ban Righ, studying together, watching her walk across the graduation stage...too many to count!

I have two primary reasons for being involved in University Council – supporting & advancing Black equity (and more broadly, DE&I) at Queen's and having a platform to support young alumni as they transition from Queen's to the workforce, given the stresses of the pandemic. It's encouraging to see the progress we've made on DE&I at Queen's and as well the programming to help young grads, but of course we're in the early innings for both of these efforts. For young grads' transitions to the workforce, now is a particularly tough time for finding employment, given the labour market squeeze (primarily in tech but also other sectors), and I've seen grads have full-time offers rescinded. I'm looking forward to staying involved in both topics and helping out where I can!

Connect with Councillor Gooden on LinkedIn.

Get to know more about your fellow Council Members by visiting the <u>Biographical Sketches</u> page of the website.

News

A new partnership to prepare Indigenous students for health care careers: The Weeneebayko Area Health Authority (WAHA), Queen's University, and the Mastercard Foundation are partnering to transform health care in Northeastern Ontario and to expand education and employment opportunities for Indigenous youth by creating the Queen's Weeneebayko Health Education Program. If you missed the press conference on this significant initiative, you can view the recording online.

Queen's Vice-Provost for Teaching and Learning, John Pierce, has released a statement about the university's stance on generative AI in the academic setting.

You can read the <u>full statement here</u>.

Events

Mark your calendars for (AVS) and QUAA Awards Gala.

for the return of the Alumni Volunteer Summit













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