



University Council May 2024 Newsletter

Committee Updates

[Chancellor Search Advisory Committee](#)

The Chancellor Search Advisory Committee held its final meeting on April 19 and provided its recommendation to the Principal.

As a result of this recommendation, special meetings of the University Council Executive Committee and University Council were held on April 26 to approve the [appointment of the 16th Chancellor of Queen's University, Shelagh Rogers](#). Chancellor Designate Rogers will begin on July 1, 2024.

The Chancellor is the highest officer and the ceremonial head of the University. The

Council Trustees would like to recognize that the May meeting will be the final regular Board of Trustees meeting for Doug Bruce. Doug has been a Council Trustee since 2015 and has served as a member on the following committees:

Audit and Risk (Vice-Chair, 2018-21)

External Relations and Development

Governance and Nominating

Board-Senate Advisory (Chair, 2017-18, 2019-20)

Non-Academic Misconduct Subcommittee (Chair, 2021-22)

Thank you, Doug for your contributions to the governance of Queen's for your commitment to the University!

Council Trustees: Heather Black, Sc'80, Doug Bruce, Sc'81, MBA'01, Jeremy Gooden, Sc'16, Alison Holt, Artsci'87, Yanique Williams, Artsci'08, Mary Wilson Trider, Com '82

[Senate](#)

I look forward to working with you all during my term as QUAA President. If you ever have any questions about the QUAA, please do not hesitate to reach out.

[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

[Teaching and Learning Month](#)

This May, under the sponsorship of the Office of the Vice-Provost, Teaching and Learning, Queen's University is excited to announce the launch of our first "Teaching and Learning Month." This initiative marks another step in our university's ongoing commitment to educational excellence, dedicating a month to celebrate and reflect on the innovative teaching practices and learning experiences that are central to our community. It brings together faculty, instructors, post-docs, support staff, and graduate teaching assistants in a shared mission to foster a culture of excellence in student learning. [More information on Teaching and Learning month.](#)

The first week of May is Hunger Awareness Week:

At Queen's, [the AMS Food Bank](#) serves as a confidential and non-judgmental food service to ensure that Queen's students can be healthy and productive as they pursue academic achievement. They are a non-profit organization which aims

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May 6-10 - Mental Health Week

While life at university is exciting and filled with new experiences,

June 1 (6-9 pm) – [2024 Queen's University Alumni Association \(QUAA\) Awards Gala](#)



[Register](#) and join us for an unforgettable evening of celebration and recognition at the 2024 QUAA Awards Gala! Set against the backdrop of the elegant [Gladstone House](#) in Toronto, Ontario, this gala promises to be a highlight of the year.

Prepare to applaud the exceptional achievements of our alumni and students, whose contributions exemplify the essence of Queen's excellence. From global citizenship to volunteerism, equity, diversity, inclusion, and outstanding career accomplishments, our [award recipients](#) embody the values and impact of the Queen's community.

Make sure you don't miss out on this exciting celebration; [registration closes May 17](#).

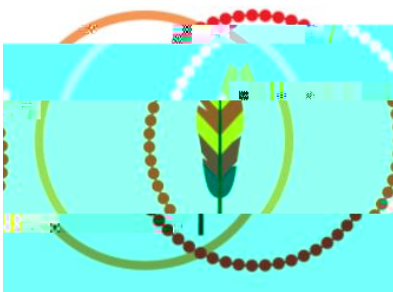
[Queen's Alumni Review Class Notes:](#)



Marking career and personal achievements, special milestones, or the birth of future Queen's alumni – Class Notes helps you stay in touch with former classmates, housemates, and faculty. [Submit now](#) and share with your alumni networks.

Educational Opportunities

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 kwūnt, 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](#).

May 2 – Indigenization & Reconciliation

May 16 – Moose Hide Campaign Day

May 30 – Hope, featuring Stephanie Simpson, VP (Culture, Equity, Inclusion)

Councillor Spotlight

Get to know your fellow Councillor members by visiting their [biographical sketches](#). New profiles for the following Councillors can be found [online](#). 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

[Allison P. Williams](#), President and Chair, QUAA Board of Directors (May 1, 2024 – April 30, 2026)

Allison Williams, Artsci'09, is a practicing lawyer at one of the province of Ontario's specialty community legal clinics, Justice for Children and Youth (JFCY). Originally from small-town Northwestern Ontario, Allison threw herself into student life while attending Queen's. She obtained an Honours Bachelor of Arts in Political Studies with a minor in Women's Studies (2009); however is most proud of being honoured with the Agnes Benidickson Tricolour Award upon convocation for her distinguished service to the University in non-academic extracurricular activities.

Allison went on to obtain her Masters of Arts from the University of Toronto (2011), before getting her Juris Doctor from Osgoode Hall Law School (2015). Allison was called to the Ontario bar in 2016. Prior to taking up the QUAA President's role, Allison served for four years as the QUAA Board's Director of Giving, promoting alumni philanthropy and giving through Queen's.

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