Principal's Written Report
Queen's University Senate
14th January, 2013

My written report to Senate for this, first, meeting of 2013 will be brief.

Homecoming's return

Last month I was in a position to announce, to the acclaim of alumni, students and many Kingston community partners that we will be restoring fall Homecoming celebrations in 2013. Homecoming will be held on two separate weekends in October when Queen's has home football games. The restoration of these fall reunions has been possible now that the occurrences of dangerous behaviour have been significantly reduced and that excessive risks to the students, alumni and citizens of Kingston have been mitigated. We must continue to remain vigilant and to monitor any changes to the situation but I am hopeful that we will, once again, enjoy the celebration that is Homecoming for the foreseeable future.

This result would not have been possible without the dedication and hard work of many members of the Queen's and Kingston communities. I would like to acknowledge particularly the support and leadership of the student leadership and the QUAA in working with other students in planning for the future.

Mental Health initiatives at Queen's

The final report of the Principal's Commission on Mental Health was released on November 28, 2012. This report will help Queen's in its ongoing efforts to be a proactive and responsive community that promotes the wellbeing and success of all students.

Advancement Activities

The momentum of the Initiative Campaign launch this past September is starting to pay dividends. Strong fundraising results for the final few months of 2012 are the result of a higher university profile and key meetings with various alumni and friends. I am hearing a great deal of confidence in Queen's. For the fiscal year we are currently in, we have raised more than $50 million, compared with just $18 million by this time last year.

Notable donations include several large gifts totaling more than $10 million for the Innovation centre and program in the Faculty of Engineering and Applied Science, several large gifts for student assistance, several chairs and professorships, a gift to support the Queen's Biology Station and a gift to support much-needed classroom renovations.

Emergency Blue Light Phones

The Office of the Vice-Provost and Dean of Student Affairs has taken the necessary steps to reduce inappropriate behavior and misuse of the emergency blue light phones. It will continue to work with Faculty/School Deans, student Societies/Associations, Health Promotions, Campus Security and Residence Life and Councils to develop strategies and policies to address this issue in the short and long-run. Campus Security has increased its focus on direct patrolling of these phones.

Principal Daniel Woolf: Schedule Highlights November 28, 2012 - January 14, 2013			
Month	**Day**	**Location**	**Activity**
November	28	Toronto	Interview with the Globe and Mail
			Telephone interview with the Toronto Star
			Telephone interview with the Kingston Whig Standard
			Telephone interview with Queen's Journal
		California	Alumni, Prospective Donors and Friends
	29	California	Alumni, Prospective Donors and Friends
		California	Alumni Reception co-hosted with David Fransen, Consul General of Canada in Los Angeles
	30	California	Alumni, Prospective Donors and Friends
December	3	Kingston	Radio interview with CBC The Current
	5	Kingston	Principal's Holiday Reception and Staff Recognition Awards
			SGPS Executive
	6	Kingston	Meeting with trustees
			PARTEQ 25th Anniversary Celebration
			Memorial and Candlelight Vigil
	7	Kingston	Board of Trustees: Governance and Nominating Committee
			Board of Trustees: Campus Planning and Development Committee
			Board of Trustees: Audit Committee
			Board of Trustees: Finance Committee
			Board of Trustees Meeting
	8	Kingston	Breakfast with Trustees
			Board of Trustees
	10	Kingston	Standing Advisory Committee on International Relations (SACIR) and Standing Advisory Committee on University Research (SACUR) teleconference
	11	Kingston	Homecoming Public Announcement
			Business Forecast Luncheon
			Telephone Interview with CBC Radio
			Principal's Community Holiday Reception
	12	Kingston	Alumni, Prospective Donors and Friends
	13	Kingston	University Budget Presentations
			Meeting with Councillor Dorothy Hector
			Dinner with a faculty member
	14	Kingston	Interview with the Globe and Mail
			Physical Plant Services Christmas Party
	17	Kingston	Faculty of Law Holiday Lunch
			Call with the Associate Editor of the Royal Society of Canada
	18	Kingston	Lunch with Denise Stockley, Acting Director of the Centre for Teaching and Learning
			Faculty/Staff/Student Advisory Committee
			Interview with CBC Radio Canada International
	19	Kingston	AMS Executive
			Lunch with the Managing Editor, The Kingston Whig-Standard
			Call with Eve Adams, Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Veterans Affairs
	21	Kingston	Lunch with Queen's University Faculty Association's President and Vice-President
			Alumni, Prospective Donors and Friends
January	8	Kingston	Teaching History Class: Englightenment Part 1
	9	Kingston	Teaching History Class: Englightenment Part 1
			Obstetrics and Gynaecology Department Visit
	10	Kingston	Teaching History Class: Englightenment Part 1
	11	Kingston	University Budget Presentations
	14	Kingston	University Budget Presentations
			Lunch with Staff Senators
			Senate Meeting