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### SAVE THE DATE NOW

Breaking with tradition, **the next University Council meeting** will be held in Kingston on **Oct 18-19, 2013** to coincide with the second weekend of the newly reinstated **Homecoming.**

The meeting will run from the morning of Oct 18th until lunchtime on Oct 19th. The Council Dinner will be held on Friday and the Tricolour Guard Dinner on Saturday.

Stay tuned for more details.

The **Reform Planning Group** (RPG) appointed by Council Executive last fall to lead the effort to come up with a model for the new streamlined Council and headed by **Alison Holt**, has been hard at work on your behalf. The reform process consists of a number of steps:

**Step One:** Elected Councillors provided insight and direction on the appropriate model to explore at the May 2012 meeting. A roadmap and timeline was developed, including striking the RPG and electing new members to be part of it in September.

**Step Two**: With the results of the May meeting, the RPG proposed a draft model to UCEC, the content of which was sent in December to each Councillor seeking input. Councillors also had the opportunity to participate in a moderated teleconference to discuss and provide input to the model.

**Step Three:** On Jan. 17, 2013 the RPG presented the revised **Council Reform Plan,** incorporating many of the views and suggestions of all Councillors who responded to the survey and participated in the teleconference, to the University Council Executive Committee which enthusiastically endorsed the Plan.

**Step Four:** The RPG will finalize the Council Reform Plan during February and distribute it to all Councillors electronically in March for their consideration. RPG members will contact elected Councillors individually to answer questions and address concerns. The plan will also be presented to Trustees and Senators during March.

**Step Five:** All Councillors (including Trustees and Senators) will have the opportunity to vote on the final Council reform plan in April via an **electronic vote.**

For more information on the Council Reform process, see http://www.queensu.ca/secretariat/council.html

**SNEAK PEEK at article set for Spring 2013 issue of Queen's Alumni Magazine**

**Stay tuned for an advance look at a lengthy interview with Chancellor Dodge and Principal Woolf on Governance at Queen's and how "getting it right" is inextricably linked to our collective long-term success. Coming in March.**

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Councillors play key roles on the **Board of Trustees** through committees and special taskforces:

**Bruce Mitchell**: Vice Chair of the Board, Finance Committee (vice chair), Campus Planning & Development, Human Resources Committee

**Innes van Nostrand:** Governance & Nominating Committee (chair), Advancement Committee Working Group

**David Pattenden:** Audit & Risk Committee, Pension Committee, Student Health and Safety Task Force (chair)

**Dan Tisch:** Governance & Nominating, PARTEQ Board, Advancement Committee Review Working Group (chair)

**Toby Thomas:** Governance & Nominating

**Colin Lynch**: Finance

## UPDATE FROM YOUR FELLOW COUNCILLORS ELECTED TO THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

**Colin Lynch** one of six fellow Councillors elected to the **Board of Trustees** has provided this update of recent activities of the Board of particular interest to Councillors.

The Board reconvened at the start of this year at **29 members** (26 elected/appointed, 3 ex officio), reduced from its previous size of 44 and on its way to 25 members. During the fall, the Board of Trustees met four times: twice in person in Kingston (September & December) and twice via telephone (August & November).

The **September** meeting coincided with the public launch of **the Initiative Campaign** (GOAL: $500M in donations + $100M in estate donations by 2016). Many trustees attended the Initiative Campaign launch in Kingston – an event attended by close to 500 in Kingston

In September a joint **Board-Senate retreat** was held on campus. This was the first time in 7 years that the Board and Senate met in one forum (outside of University Council meetings). This meeting (i) introduced Trustees to Senators; (ii) saw Trustees and Senators consider questions addressing issues of concern to both bodies such as: How can the University deliver its academic mission given financial realities? How can Board and Senate work more collaboratively together?

The Board received an update on the Principal's Goals for 2012-2013 which include:

- Expand relationship-building with internal constituencies.
- Achieve workable solutions for non-academic discipline and alcohol policy
- Implement the new budget model
- Successfully launch the public campaign
- Continue governance reform.
- Complete planning for the safe return of fall reunions
- Advance international profile building

At their **December** meeting, the Board:

- Approved construction of **two new residences** (~550 beds) for $70M;
- Received DBRS report **confirming Queen's University bond rating at AA stable)**
- Reviewed progress on the Queen's Initiative Campaign;
- Appointed trustees Toby Abramsky, Karyn Brooks, Bob Burge, Nick Francis, Kelley McKinnon, Bruce Mitchell, Barb Palk, Don Raymond and Dan Tisch to the joint Board and Senate committee to review the **Principalship chaired by Chancellor David Dodge**
- Reviewed and provided advice to administration on the development of a **strategic framework for Queen's**

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**Key 2012 University Events**

**Sep 28:** Launch of the Initiative Campaign in Kingston-on campus (Sep 27), Kingston-full launch (Sep 29), Calgary (Oct 3), Toronto (Oct 10), Ottawa (Oct 18). CNN's Chief Business Correspondence Ali Velshi launches Sep 29 event

**Sep 29:** First joint meeting of Senate and Board in 7 years

**Oct 13:** David Johnston, Governor General of Canada visits Queen's to accept QUAA award and deliver inaugural Principal's Distinguished Visitor Lecture

**Oct 31:** Executive Heads of the Mataraki Network of Universities visit campus

**Nov 21:** Former U.S. President Jimmy Carter and Mrs. Rosalynn Carter visit Queen's to accept honorary degrees

**Nov 26:** Alison Redford, Premier of Alberta, participates in the inaugural Principal's Campus Forum

**Dec 11:** Queen's announces the return of Homecoming

## UNIVERSITY COUNCIL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Chancellor **David Dodge**, Principal **Daniel Woolf** (Chair) - ex officio

Councillors **Kingsley Chak, Ellen Henderson, Alison Holt** - elected members of University Council

Trustee **Blair Erskine** - appointed by the Board of Trustees

Senator **Jennifer Medves** - appointed by the Senate

Dean **Richard Reznick**, Vice-Provost, Dean **Ann Tierney**, VP **Caroline Davis** - designated by the Principal

Administrative support: **Celia Russell,** University Secretariat

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## *REFORM PLANNING GROUP MEMBERSHIP*

Councillor **Alison Holt** (Chair)

Councillors **Heather Black, Bob Pritchard, Mary Wilson Trider, Alan Whyte**

University Council Trustee **Colin Lynch**

Senator **Jennifer Medves**

VP **Caroline Davis**

Administrative support: **Sally Rigden**, Office of the Principal