

**Principal's Written Report**  
Queen's University Senate  
12<sup>th</sup> February, 2013

**Government update**

Now that the Ontario Liberal leadership has been finalized, the province has its first female premier, Kathleen Wynne, a Queen's BA'77. With the announcement of her cabinet and her conciliatory approach to the PC and NDP, we are hopeful for some measure of stability in the short term. Balancing the provincial budget will continue to be the government's highest priority and as a consequence there is likely to be a continuance of austerity measures including salary restraint and reduction of government grants.

While the Ontario Budget is likely to be later than usual this year because of the Government leadership change, the 2013 Federal Budget is expected in March. The AUCC and the COU have both made submissions to the Minister of Finance calling for continued and enhanced support for the granting councils, for funding of international research initiatives and scholarships, and for support, including scholarships for Aboriginal students.

**Advancement Activities**

Over the past month I have been devoting a significant amount of time to the Queen's Initiative Campaign. While I have been traveling with members of the Advancement team since the public launch of the Initiative Campaign in September, this has ramped up since the beginning of this year. Latest reports show that \$330 million has been raised to date; this is excellent progress towards the goal of \$500 million along with \$100 million in planned estate giving. When I speak to prospective donors I stress our many accomplishments as well as our plans for Queen's future success, success that will only be possible through the efforts of our excellent students, outstanding faculty and dedicated staff.

Support for University priorities in the areas of undergraduate and graduate students is helping to fund classroom renovations, mental health initiatives, and blended learning initiatives within first-year programs in Arts and Science. Campaign money will also be used for many other endeavours including expansion of the university's holdings at the Queen's University Biological Station on Lake Opinicon, and program development in Geological Sciences and Geological Engineering, along with funding professorships, positions for teaching assistants, research and student assistance.

A recent donation of \$1 million from benefactors Drs. Alfred and Isabel Bader will be used to create a fund in honour of Robert Charles Wallace, who served as the University's 11th Principal from 1936-1951. That fund will support refugee and international students who want to study at Queen's. I will continue to report regularly on philanthropy that supports Queen's academic core and I am very grateful for the professional approach of Vice-Principal Harris and his Advancement Team.

**On Campus**

I am awed by the quality and diversity of activities occurring on campus through the initiative of students, faculty and staff and, as an illustration, would like to share with you just a few of the events

that I have been fortunate to attend since last Senate. The accompanying Schedule Highlights provide a snapshot of events in which I have participated on campus and beyond.

- I recently hosted a tea for the leadership of the Queen's Student Alumni Association who work hard to develop connect current students with the QUAA, host many events including lectures by well-known alumni and seminars that provide students with skills that will be useful after graduation, and provide opportunities to represent Queen's to the alumni community.
- Queen's Entrepreneurs' Competition Reception and Dinner provided an opportunity to connect with outstanding student entrepreneurs and to hear, first-hand about their achievements in this, the 25<sup>th</sup> year of this competition that has been recognized as the foremost international business plan competition in Canada.
- It is always a pleasure to meet with the talented recipients of the Robert T. Jones Scholarship. A lunch was held in January where I had the pleasure of connecting with students from St. Andrews University who are at Queen's this year and with Queen's students who studied at St. Andrews in 2011-12.
- I was honoured to speak at the opening of Black History Month at the end of last week, the beginning of a whole series of events to celebrate the contributions of black Canadians throughout our history. This was a student-led initiative and one that has undergone resurgence this year.

As I have reported previously, I have been meeting throughout the year with small groups of Senators. I am hearing that Senators appreciate the efforts we are making to increase of level of constructive debate in Senate and to improve communication between Senate and the Board of Trustees. Last term I met with the Student Senate Caucus and held four lunches with faculty Senators, initially those who were unable to attend the Board/Senate Retreat in September. This term I have had two more lunches, with staff and faculty Senators and two more later this month will complete those for this year. I have found it extremely valuable to hear individual perspectives of Senators and have passed on a number of suggestions they have made to the Secretariat.

**Principal Daniel Woolf: Schedule Highlights**  
**January 15 - February 12, 2013**

Month	Day	Location	Activity
January	15	Kingston	The Historica-Dominion Institute Annual General Meeting
			AUCC Standing Advisory Committee on International Relations (SACIR) and Standing Advisory Committee on University Research (SACUR) Teleconference
	16	Kingston	Alumni, Prospective Donors and Friends
	17	Kingston	Robert T. Jones Scholarship Luncheon
			Association of Universities and Colleges of Canada (AUCC) Board Teleconference
			Rosen Lecture Series
	18	Kingston	AMS Assembly
			Council of Ontario Universities (COU) Teleconference
			Faculty Budget Presentations
	21	Kingston	Queen's Entrepreneurs' Competition Reception and Dinner
			Interview with the Queen's Journal
			Alumni, Prospective Donors and Friends
			CFRC Live Radio Show "Dark Glasses"
	22	Kingston	SGPS Executive
			POLS 261 Lecture: Introduction to International Relations
Dean, Faculty of Health Sciences			
Summer Job Fair			
23	Kingston	AMS Executive	
	Toronto	Law Students' Society	
24	Toronto	Alumni, Prospective Donors and Friends	
25	Kingston	Alumni, Prospective Donors and Friends	
		AMS Contender Team PDA	
		Live-in for Literacy event	
		AMS Contender Team TNL	
		Inaugural Speech of the Queen's Innovation Connector Seminar Series Reception	
30	Toronto	Oil and Gas Speaker Series	
		Parteq Innovations Board	
31	Kingston	Alumni, Prospective Donors and Friends	
		Malcolm Brown, Deputy Minister University Champion and Executive Vice-President, Canada Border Services Agency	
		Royal Society Executive Committee Teleconference	
		Duncan G. Sinclair Lecture	
		Glen Vollebregt, President of St. Lawrence College	
February	1	Kingston	Men's Hockey: 2013 Carr-Harris Challenge Cup
			Dean, Faculty of Education
			Faculty/Staff/Student Advisory Meeting
	4	Kingston	Black History Month Opening Ceremony
			Lunch with Faculty Senators
	5	Ottawa	AMS Executive
			Queen's Student Alumni Association (QSAA) Tea with the Principal
			AUCC Meeting with Gary Goodyear, Minister of State (Science and Technology)
			AUCC Meeting with government members of the House of Commons Committee on International Trade
			Courtesy Visit with Israel's Ambassador to Canada, Miriam Ziv
6	Montreal	Courtesy Visit with the Encounters with Canada Director General, Linda Brunet	
		Senator Hugh Segal	
7	Toronto	Alumni, Prospective Donors and Friends	
		Canadian Association for Mental Health President, Dr. Catherine Zahn	
		COU Executive Heads Roundtable	
8	Kingston	John Gerretsen, MPP for Kingston and The Islands	
		Lunch with Faculty Senators	
		Gord Brown, MP for Leeds-Grenville	
		Queen's School of Music's Broadway: Live in Concert	
11	Kingston	Queen's University Planning Committee	
		Dean, Faculty of Arts and Science	
		The 72nd Annual Andrina McCulloch Public Speaking Competition	
12	Kingston	Live and Work Kingston Fair	
		Senate Meeting	