



## **QUEEN'S UNIVERSITY COUNCIL**

### **Report to Senate**

### **September 17, 2013**

#### **University Council plans first post-reform annual meeting**

The first fall meeting of the newly constituted Queen's University Council will take place on October 18-19, 2013 following the culmination of a year of great change. During a 12-day voting period in late April and early May, councillors voted 89-6 to adopt new bylaws aimed at improving the advisory body's role at the University.

For the first time, on August 27, the University Council Executive Committee approved a meeting program that was developed by a group of elected councillors. Councillors will be contributing their expertise, perspective and ideas to the following areas:

- The development of long-term enrolment planning
- Expanding experiential learning at Queen's
- The globalization of Queen's
- Engaging young alumni

#### **Governance changes**

The Council, which formerly consisted of all senators and all trustees plus an equal number of elected alumni, now consists of elected alumni only. By 2017, that membership will reduce to 40 elected councillors, plus additional ex-officio members including the chancellor, principal a senator, a member of the Queen's University Alumni Association, and any trustee elected by the Council whose term on the Board of Trustees has not yet expired. The changes to Council are part of Queen's University's overall governance reform. These include a reduction in size of the Board of Trustees from 44 to 25 members, effective this year; and a review of and revisions to the Board and Senate committee structures. Although not directly involved in operations, the Council may bring to the Senate or Board of Trustees any matter that it believes affects Queen's well-being and prosperity. With these reforms, Council will continue to play an important advisory role at the University, be responsible for approving the appointment of the chancellor, and will elect six of the 25 trustees on the Board.

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Respectfully submitted,

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