

# University Council Report to the Senate

May 27, 2014

At a Special Meeting of the University Council via teleconference on May 13, 2014, councillors approved the formation of three Special Purpose Committees and amended the by-laws.

## Special Purpose Committees

The creation of these new committees is an important step forward for the reformed University Council. Each has a one-year mandate, effective June 1, 2014, to examine and discuss matters of importance to the prosperity and well-being of the University:

- **Special Purpose Committee on University Stances on Current Political Issues**

This committee will provide an opinion to the administration, on behalf of the University Council, regarding whether the University should speak out through the Principal, and to what extent, on current political issues.

*Members:* N. Crawford, J. Elson, S. Fairley, A. Helferty, C. Lynch

- **Special Purpose Committee on Advocating for American-Style Athletic Support in Ontario**

This committee will provide an opinion to the administration, on behalf of the University Council, regarding whether Queen's should press Ontario University Athletics (OUA) to adopt a more American-style of athletic support, including larger scholarships, as has been the trend in Western Canada.

*Members:* G. Bavington, D. Cook, D. McCotter, T. Woodhall

- **Special Purpose Committee on Council Engagement**

This committee will provide strategic oversight regarding the development of a University Council communications strategy. This will include gaining a better understanding of councillors' priorities, professional skills and experiences to determine how they can best serve Queen's in an advisory capacity.

*Members:* E. Henderson, L. Hermann, A. Holt, L. Robinson, M. Wilson Trider

## By-Law Amendments

Councillors unanimously approved by-law amendments to permit electronic voting on items that are time-sensitive, non-controversial, and/or that do not require extensive background explanation or information.

## Next Meeting

The 139<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of the University Council will take place on Saturday, November 8, 2014 at Queen's University. A Program Committee comprised of elected University Councillors will set the strategic direction and priorities for the meeting under the guidance of the Executive Committee and the University Secretariat.