



**New College Council Meeting
2025
Wed. Jan. 22nd, 8:00 PM EST via Zoom
Chaired by Arkash Namasivayam**

Call to Order:

I would like to call this meeting to order on Wednesday, January 22nd, 2025, at 8:05 pm.

Council Members

Voting Members: Giorgi Sharabidze, Marifer Aispuro Ramirez, Nebiyu Abraha, Jason Hoang, Arian Forootan, Nicholas Khatchadourian, Mashrur Rahman, Gift Osarunwense, Tiarah McIntyre, Ebboni Blanchard, Dina El-Taii, Hanna Parma-Miller, Noah Gawlik, Emily Yanch.

Non-Voting Members: Shawn Ugwudike, Jasmine Houston, Adriana Safatly, Navera Siddiqui, Naseem Mohsin, Marcus Delgado, Liam McDonald.

Announcement of Absentees and Proxies:

- Jordan Lee is absent from this meeting.
- Jasmine Houston is absent from this meeting.
- Sidak Sachdeva is absent from this meeting.
- Olivia Kagundah is absent from this meeting.
- Lena Kalher is absent from this meeting.
- Zayn Khan is absent from this meeting.
- Komeil Bahmani is absent from this meeting.
- Suhail Radia is absent from this meeting.

Speaker Remarks

- If you wish to obtain the floor, quietly raise your hand or leave a message in the zoom chat
- To avoid constant circling of a topic at hand, I will end the discussion, so we move forward to a solution or table the topic.



- Please refrain from making any side remarks, murmurs, sighs, chuckles or anything of that nature. We aim to be as professional as possible and want to get business dealt with so such behaviour must be avoided. If need be, one warning will be given, and anything after that you will be asked to leave the meeting
- Please remain seated with your camera on throughout the entire meeting unless it is an emergency.

Land Acknowledgement

York University recognizes that many indigenous nations have longstanding relationships with the territories upon which York University campuses are located that preceded the establishment of York University. York University acknowledges its presence on the traditional territory of many Indigenous Nations. The area known as Tkaronto has been care taken by the Anishinabek Nation, the Haudenosaunee Confederacy, and the Huron-Wendat. It is now home to many First Nation, Inuit, and Métis communities. We acknowledge the current treaty holders, the Missisaugas of the Credit First Nation. This territory is subject of the Dish with One Spoon Wampum Belt Covenant, an agreement to peaceably share and care for the Great Lakes region

Adoption of the Agenda

Motion Date: Wednesday, January 22nd, 2025

Motion: Be it resolved that the agenda be adopted as presented

Moved by: Arian

Seconded by: Maria

In favour: 10

Opposed: 0

Abstained: 0

This motion has been: Passed.



Minutes from Previous Meeting

Motion Date: Wednesday, January 22nd, 2025

Motion: Be it resolved that the minutes from the previous meeting be adopted as presented

Moved by: Arian

Seconded by: Jason

In favour: 9

Opposed: 0

Abstained: 0

This motion has been: Passed.



Financial Updates

- Executives
- Athletics
- Social

Department Updates

President's Update

- Attended CPA Meeting. All details discussed to be provided during the meeting for discussion/feedback.
 - With other presidents from other colleges
 - YU Connect still does not have a proper release date, so that is to be determined
 - Elections & Hiring Deadlines
 - Different from previous years.
 - Full council wanted by mid-March.
 - Meaning we must figure out how to get around constitutional term (May 1st- May 1st) because the first day of work-study O-Chair is May 1st, so we can't be hired later than April.
 - New council is meant to hire O-Chairs from April 3rd – 9th meaning holding interviews, etc.
 - Folks who'd like to do O-Chair must decide whether they will go for the hiring process of O-Chair or decide to run for an elected position on Council as the other positions will be elected and the election period and the O-Chair application period overlap. O-Chair application period is March 4th – 22nd and the election results are posted on March 25th, meaning they must decide between one or the other.
- New changes to be implemented for the upcoming council
 - Going to be a more guided and standard way of doing everything ex. Audits.
 - Other roles having more knowledge on certain processes in case one person can't complete it, there are other people who can.



- Discussion about O-Chairs, whether it should be a whole year's role or a summer-only role.
 - Benefits for the whole year:
 - They created a relationship with the first years, so when first years come to events and see their O-Chairs they can continue to build that relationship.
 - Downside:
 - O-Chairs only focus on Frost and Frosh week. If they want to be a council role all year around, they are expected to do more than just those.
 - Possible ways O-Chairs can be more involved
 - Helping with First Year Rep's event and implementing first year activities.
 - Helping with Pond Rep's event.
- Social team is overcrowded
 - We have four people on the Social Team, suggesting making it two reps and allowing those reps to work with O-Chair and First Year Rep or other departments to have more duties to prepare for higher roles in Council.
- Hiring Committee
 - No official hiring committee, we have the execs do the hiring process most of the time.
 - Something to implement for the future.
- AGM Best Practices
 - Still needs to be worked on.
 - If we get a certain number of motions, we must figure out how they will be presented in a way that does not make our meeting super long, especially if there are a lot of motions to go through.
- YFS Reps
 - Some colleges do not recognize their YFS Reps as they do not specifically contribute to the college's council. However, if colleges would like to recognize



the YFS Rep, then the member must have certain responsibilities to complete. This helps determine what they are bringing to the council, why they get honorariums, and why they have a recognized role.

- Clubs and Ratification
 - What's the benefit of having clubs ratify and how does it support the student body.
 - Suggested, it's a good thing to have clubs ratified because they are mostly in charge of the academic side and certain aspects our council/college does not cover ex. Networking sessions, case competitions, etc.
 - However, we must review our bylaws and see how we want to manage this because we cannot have 100 clubs and be funding all of them.
 - Some colleges mentioned having an application form which we also have in our bylaws, I want to just meet with VP Academics first to see how the process is done and where we can improve.
 - Some colleges do the process with multiple forms, one form for ratification, one form stating your event and why you'd like funding. They even hold incentives to receive this funding, like coming to at least one council meeting, coming to at least one social event, etc.
 - We want to give these clubs funding, but we also want to see them be active and involved in our college community.

VP Finance Update

- Niagara ticket update.
- There's only four ticket left that are not sold, and I want to see who from the council is going so please confirm by the end of the night. Thanks.

VP Operations Update



- Proposed a plan for Winter retreat.
 - The decision is still being decided based on a poll on the group chat, please respond and let me know what you choose.
- Finalized Lounge Hours.
- Finished the case with VP Academics.
- Will book 1-on-1s in the coming weeks; I must finalize the format and then depending on how much time each person will take – I'll book you guys in.
- Will plan office cleanup day in the next couple of the weeks so I encourage you all to help.

Social Update

- None.

Athletics Update

- None.

Promotions Update

- None.

Academics Update

- Case was sent out today for Case Competition.
- Communicated with judges and clubs for the event.

Outreach Update

- None.



Orientation Chair Update

- None.

CRO Update

- None.

First Year Rep and Pond Rep Update

- Cross College First Year Events.
 - First Year Rep met with Vanier's First Year Reps about a cross-college first year event, they discussed and plan to start fully planning after reading week. They are also planning on reaching out to other colleges.
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Motions

Motion Date: Wednesday, January 22nd, 2025

Motioned By: Ebboni Blanchard

Motion: Be it resolved NC reimburses APAA \$17.95 for their conference event.

Motivation: Every NC club receives up to \$150 per year in funding, and APAA spent this on their event (the remainder of the money they spent last semester).

Moved By: Arian

Seconded by: Tiarah

In favour: 10

Opposed: 0

Abstained: 0

This motion has been: Passed.

Motion Date: Wednesday, January 22nd, 2025

Motioned By: Hanna Parma-Miller

Motion: Be it resolved NCC spends no more than \$204 to donate to SickKids charity

Motivation: This way the money raised from Bar Night that is now being donated.

Moved by: Gift

Seconded by: Noah

In favour: 10

Opposed: 0

Abstained: 0

This motion has been: Passed.



Motion Date: Wednesday, January 22nd, 2025

Motioned By: Hanna Parma-Miller

Motion: Be it resolved NCC spends no more than \$100 for the Red Table Talk event

Motivation: To purchase food and drinks to have throughout the event.

Moved by: Maria

Seconded by: Gift

In favour: 10

Opposed: 0

Abstained: 0

This motion has been: Passed.



Adjournment

Motion Date: Wednesday, January 22nd, 2025

Motion: Be it resolved that the meeting be adjourned at 8:44 pm.

Moved by: Jason

Seconded by: Gift

In favour: 10

Opposed: 0

Abstained: 1

This motion has been: Passed.
