



**New College Council Meeting
October 19th 2020
1:00PM - 2:00PM EST via Zoom
Chaired by Nicholas Kriss**

Call to Order:

I would like to call this meeting to order on Monday October 19th, 2020 at 1:02 PM

Council Members:

Voting Members: Matthew Mohammed, Shenali Don, Elena Oganyan, Kyle Fernandes, Kevin Chan, Mohammed Obaid, Casey Medina

Non-Voting Members: Kyra Bendastos, Alexis Marticorena, Josh Raghurai, Tracy Hoang, Rachel Trinh, Maritza Mohammed

Absent: Negar Fathi, Filomena Pestana, Victoria Hanna, Krista Lopiccolo

Announcement of Proxies: Rachel Trinh is Victoria Hanna's proxy

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.



Adoption of the Agenda

Motion Date: Monday, October 19th, 2020

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

Moved By: Matthew Mohammed

Seconded By: Mohammed Obaid

This motion has been: Passed

In favour: 6

Opposed: 0

Abstain: 0

Minutes from Previous Meeting

Motion Date: Monday, October 19th, 2020

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

Moved By: Matthew Mohammed

Seconded By: Mohammed Obaid

This motion has been: Passed

In favour: 7

Opposed: 0

Abstain: 0

Matters Arising from the Previous Minutes

None



Financial Updates

- **Executives:**
 - None
- **Athletics:**
 - \$150 will be spent at the end of the month for the monthly challenge prizes.
- **Social:**
 - None

Department Updates

President's Update

- Elections and new NCC members
 - Maritza Mohammed
 - “Congratulations to everyone that was elected and within the next 2 weeks we will begin training and getting caught up with everything that they have to do.”
- Department Check-ins
 - Maritza Mohammed
 - “I just want an update from each department so if you all could send an email to the president email by the end of the day. For the social department I just want to know what other events you have planned, if anything has changed with your schedule and what will your big event be for fall. As for the athletics department, I just want to know how it’s going with Sirc and everything, who’s been participating in the IMleague events and who’s been doing the daily challenges and how that’s been going. As for academics, I just want to know how it’s going with club ratification and everything else. If you all can send me an email with that by the end of the day that would be perfect, if you need extra time just let me know.”
- Frost week plans
 - Maritza Mohammed
 - “Frost week will be virtual, I got an email from Jair around 2 weeks ago about it. He just wanted an update about what’s going to happen with that. I just wanted to get your opinion on dates. I know for this year’s frosh, participation was a lot right before classes started and when classes started a lot of people didn’t show up because online classes can be hard to adjust to. I don’t know if you guys wanted to do the same timeline where it’s just the first week of school or if you wanted to start a little earlier.”
 - Josh Raghurai



- “What day does school start and when are you planning on starting it?”
 - Maritza Mohammed
 - “I don’t have a date planned to start. Usually frost week is from January 4th to 8th if it was in person.”
 - Casey Medina
 - “To increase involvement, we should probably do it earlier in the year so that it doesn’t conflict with school.”
 - Maritza Mohammed
 - “I think every college will be doing frost week differently, weather it’s longer or shorty and so on. We could even add more days if you all wanted to start the weekend before and then still do Monday to Friday. Again, it’s up to the social department and the O-Chairs if they want to do full day events or one event per day. As for dates, I just wanted to see where everyone’s heads were at.”
- Hiring
 - Maritza Mohammed
 - “We plan on starting to hire social reps, athletic reps and a pond rep seeing as no one ran for that position so we need to hire one. If no one goes for that position, we would just have to deal with having one less voting member. We plan on starting this week. Applications will be open for 2 weeks, after that the VP Operations and I will be doing interviews, so they should be hired by the 2nd week in November.”
- Athletics and Academics events
 - Maritza Mohammed
 - “As for athletic and academic events, this is just a reminder that constitutionally, everyone must go to I believe 2 academic events per semester and 2 athletic events, but you must make playoff eligibility. For academic since club ratification isn’t done yet, instead there are BLM sessions that York is hosting as well as SCLD so the dates are all this month and next month. I will send a link with all that information so that you all can register. Just send me a screenshot that you registered, and I will be checking in with admin to see if you attended the event and that will count as your 2 academic events. For athletics, there are things going on with IM Leagues such as bingo night and trivia night so make sure you’re attending those. Usually you would play one sport and get playoff eligibility, since it’s just one game you must do 2 of those events. For example, 1 bingo night and 1 trivia night. The athletics department will be checking in to see if you attend and on top of that, you must do the monthly challenges at least once per semester. Once you do it, message our VP athletics and she will post it on our athletics Instagram story.”



- IG and FB standards
 - Maritza Mohammed
 - “Now that we have our Promotions team back, only they, our VP Social and I will have access to the main Instagram. As for post wise, when I was away, I saw a lot of posts that were made on the stories that weren’t made by the now VP promo and stuff like that. Just a reminder whatever goes on the Instagram account or Facebook account should be approved by the VP Promo or me. The Facebook account has been kind of dead, you all should utilize the Facebook account just as much as the Instagram account because some froshies don’t have Instagram and vice versa. Also, Facebook is used a lot to network, there’s so many groups and stuff like that on Facebook that relate to York and New College so utilise them. Even though it might seem pointless, if you have events or announcements post them on there to get a greater reach.”
- Emergency motions/professionalism
 - Maritza Mohammed
 - “Over the past 3 weeks, there were emergency motions made, and some didn’t have to be an emergency motion. An emergency motion is made when you must spend that money before the next meeting so if you don’t have to spend it wait till the meeting to motion for it. Make sure in the motion you’re stating the event or what it is for and then the amount and as the motivation why or when it’s happening. Remember for emergency motions, they are there for a reason, if people are putting them in, they are urgent and the longer you take it wastes peoples time and puts people behind. Keep in mind there is a deadline and it’s usually within the same day so make sure you vote on time.”

VP Finance Update

None

VP Operations Update

- Started making the new office hour format, should be in the group chat later today
- Attended “among us” social event
- Held meetings which each department (apart from promotions) before the break
- Assisted CRO with elections (assisted in understanding constitution/by-laws). Also attended the all candidates meeting to assist CRO.

Social Update



None

Athletics Update

- Attended the Bingo night which was 2 weeks ago
- Attended among us
- Will be attending the trivia night tonight
- Running Challenge ends Oct 31st so make sure you all do that
- Emergency motion has passed, and winners will be receiving E-gift cards from sport check and amazon.
- Please sign up for IMLeague games: game nights need more constituents and we encourage the student council representation!
- Constituents have asked for Among Us game nights for athletics, VP Social what are your thoughts on merging social and athletics to make this a recurring event
 - Kyle Fernandes
 - “All of November, we will be having Among us Fridays so it will be a recurring event.”
 - Casey Medina
 - “Okay so I will direct them over to your events.”

Promotions Update

None

Academics Update

- Started the club affiliation process were almost done and we’re waiting for an updated application. I’m just going to set up a meeting with the VP Operations and Filomena to approve all the necessary changes that this year has. We will send that out, wait for the club’s responses and decide whether or not to affiliate.
- Posted the monthly New Beat article on our socials
- Wrote one article for New Beat
- Went to the academics meeting two weeks ago, it was brought up that we wanted to do a collaboration event with all the other colleges

Orientation Chair Update

- Confirmed that the Froshie of the year has received the Air Pods on Oct 7



College Head Update

None

Motions

Motion Date: Monday, October 19th, 2020

Motion: Be it resolved that New College Council ratifies Vansh Chopra as 1st year representative for the 2020/2021 school year.

Motivation:

- Krista Lopiccolo
 - “Dear New College Council, my recommendations for who I deem to be fairly and justly elected are above. Although this elections period was completed completely online it did have its fair share of irregularities however hard you work to combat them. To begin I believe I was very clear and communicative with all candidates and their expectations of them during the process, however some by-laws surrounding elections I believe need to be changed further to create better consistencies between the by-laws and constitution, as well as remove rules that are not beneficial to the efficacy of elections. Overall there were cases where some tried to take advantage of the online platform but to maintain the integrity of the New College elections, it is important to preserve the meaning of the election rules. I aim to take another look at the election rules and make amendments as necessary over the next few months. Although these hiccups did cause strain on my end, it did not make an impact on the candidate’s nomination, campaign, or voting period, and thus I believe that the election results were unaffected by this strain.”

Moved By: Matthew Mohammed

Seconded By: Mohammed Obaid

This motion has been: Passed

Krista – He won fairly with 26 votes but got penalized with 3 demerit points.



Motion Date: Monday, October 19th, 2020

Motion: Be it resolved that New College Council ratifies Tracy Hoang as Commuter representative for the 2020/2021 school year

Motivation:

- Krista Lopiccolo
 - “Dear New College Council, my recommendations for who I deem to be fairly and justly elected are above. Although this elections period was completed completely online it did have its fair share of irregularities however hard you work to combat them. To begin I believe I was very clear and communicative with all candidates and their expectations of them during the process, however some by-laws surrounding elections I believe need to be changed further to create better consistencies between the by-laws and constitution, as well as remove rules that are not beneficial to the efficacy of elections. Overall there were cases where some tried to take advantage of the online platform but to maintain the integrity of the New College elections, it is important to preserve the meaning of the election rules. I aim to take another look at the election rules and make amendments as necessary over the next few months. Although these hiccups did cause strain on my end, it did not make an impact on the candidate’s nomination, campaign, or voting period, and thus I believe that the election results were unaffected by this strain.”

Moved By: Matthew Mohammed

Seconded By: Mohammed Obaid

This motion has been: Passed

Krista – She won fairly with 60 votes



Motion Date: Monday, October 19th, 2020

Motion: Be it resolved that New College Council ratifies Rachel Trinh as Vice President Promotions for the 2020/2021 school year

Motivation:

- Krista Lopiccolo
 - “Dear New College Council, my recommendations for who I deem to be fairly and justly elected are above. Although this elections period was completed completely online it did have its fair share of irregularities however hard you work to combat them. To begin I believe I was very clear and communicative with all candidates and their expectations of them during the process, however some by-laws surrounding elections I believe need to be changed further to create better consistencies between the by-laws and constitution, as well as remove rules that are not beneficial to the efficacy of elections. Overall there were cases where some tried to take advantage of the online platform but to maintain the integrity of the New College elections, it is important to preserve the meaning of the election rules. I aim to take another look at the election rules and make amendments as necessary over the next few months. Although these hiccups did cause strain on my end, it did not make an impact on the candidate’s nomination, campaign, or voting period, and thus I believe that the election results were unaffected by this strain.”

Moved By: Matthew Mohammed

Seconded By: Mohammed Obaid

This motion has been: Passed

Krista – She won fairly with 65 votes



Motion Date: Monday, October 19th, 2020

Motion: Be it resolved that New College Council ratifies Nabihah Tariq as Director promotions for the 2020/2021 school year

Motivation:

- Krista Lopiccolo
 - “Dear New College Council, my recommendations for who I deem to be fairly and justly elected are above. Although this elections period was completed completely online it did have its fair share of irregularities however hard you work to combat them. To begin I believe I was very clear and communicative with all candidates and their expectations of them during the process, however some by-laws surrounding elections I believe need to be changed further to create better consistencies between the by-laws and constitution, as well as remove rules that are not beneficial to the efficacy of elections. Overall there were cases where some tried to take advantage of the online platform but to maintain the integrity of the New College elections, it is important to preserve the meaning of the election rules. I aim to take another look at the election rules and make amendments as necessary over the next few months. Although these hiccups did cause strain on my end, it did not make an impact on the candidate’s nomination, campaign, or voting period, and thus I believe that the election results were unaffected by this strain.”

Moved By: Matthew Mohammed

Seconded By: Mohammed Obaid

This motion has been: Passed

Krista – She won fairly with 32 votes



Motion Date: Monday, October 19th, 2020

Motion: Be it resolved that New College Council ratifies Maritza Mohammed as President for the 2020/2021 school year

Motivation:

- Krista Lopiccolo
 - “Dear New College Council, my recommendations for who I deem to be fairly and justly elected are above. Although this elections period was completed completely online it did have its fair share of irregularities however hard you work to combat them. To begin I believe I was very clear and communicative with all candidates and their expectations of them during the process, however some by-laws surrounding elections I believe need to be changed further to create better consistencies between the by-laws and constitution, as well as remove rules that are not beneficial to the efficacy of elections. Overall there were cases where some tried to take advantage of the online platform but to maintain the integrity of the New College elections, it is important to preserve the meaning of the election rules. I aim to take another look at the election rules and make amendments as necessary over the next few months. Although these hiccups did cause strain on my end, it did not make an impact on the candidate’s nomination, campaign, or voting period, and thus I believe that the election results were unaffected by this strain.”

Moved By: Matthew Mohammed

Seconded By: Mohammed Obaid

This motion has been: Passed

Krista – She won fairly with 57 votes



Adjournment

Motion Date: Monday, October 19th, 2020

Motion: Be it resolved that the meeting be adjourned at 1:29PM

Moved By: Casey Medina

Seconded By: Mohammed Obaid

This motion has been: Passed

In favour: 10

Opposed: 0

Abstain: 0