



Annual General Meeting

2025

Mar. 16th, 8:00 PM EST via Zoom

Chaired by Arkash Namasivayam

Call to Order:

I would like to call this meeting to order on March 16th, 2025, at 8:17 pm.

Council Members

Voting Members: Giorgi Sharabidze, Marifer Aispuro Ramirez, Nebiyu Abraha, Jason Hoang, Arian Forootan, Jordan Lee, 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, Adriana Safatly, Navera Siddiqui, Naseem Mohsin, Suhail Radia.

Announcement of Absentees and Proxies:

- Jasmine Houston is absent this meeting.
- Lena Kalher is absent this meeting.
- Olivia Kagundah is absent this meeting.
- Komeil Bahmani is absent this meeting.
- Liam McDonald is absent this meeting.
- Zayn Khan is absent this meeting.
- Marcus Delgado is absent this meeting.
- Sidak Sachdeva is absent 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: March 16th, 2025

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

Moved by: Dina

Seconded by: Gift

In favour: 21

Opposed: 0

Abstained: 0

This motion has been: Passed.



Motions

Motion Date: March 16th, 2025

Motion: Be it resolved NCC adds the following to the constitution.

College Council Credit Card Usage Policy:

- The college Council credit card is provided to facilitate official council-related expenses, including but not limited to event planning, administrative costs, and purchases necessary for council operations. The use of the credit card must comply with the following guidelines:
 1. Authorized Users: The credit card can only be used by executive members of the council. Non-executive members are prohibited from using the credit card.
 2. Authorized Purchases: The credit card should only be used for expenses directly related to council activities and events. Personal expenses are strictly prohibited.
 3. Pre-Approval: All purchases must be pre-approved by the council's finance committee or another designated body, as per the established budget.
 4. Receipts and Documentation: All credit card transactions must be accompanied by receipts and appropriate documentation, including a brief description of the expense and its connection to council activities.
 5. Spending Limits: The credit card should not be used for expenses exceeding pre-determined limits without prior authorization from the council president or finance committee.
 6. No Debit Card Use: Debit card use is strictly prohibited, regardless of the situation.
 7. No Cash Withdrawals: Withdrawing cash or making cash advances using the council credit card is not allowed under any circumstances.
 8. No Apple Pay or Digital Wallets: The credit card may not be added to Apple Pay,



Google Pay, or any other digital wallet. All transactions must be made using the physical card.

9. Card Return at Year-End: At the end of the term, all credit cards must be returned to the VP Finance. The VP Finance will oversee the transition of financial responsibilities and reissue the cards to the incoming executive council.
10. Monthly Financial Review: The VP Finance must hold a meeting every month with the College Head or the Head of College Finances to review the credit card statement and ensure all transactions comply with council policies.
11. Accountability: Regular reviews of credit card statements will be conducted to ensure that all expenses are legitimate and align with council policies. Any unauthorized or inappropriate use will be subject to disciplinary action.
12. Reporting: Executive members must submit a monthly expense report for review, detailing all credit card purchases, accompanied by the necessary documentation.
13. Violation Consequences: Any violation of this policy—such as unauthorized purchases, failure to return the card, improper use of funds, or adding the card to a digital wallet—is considered a serious offense. Any misuse of the credit card is immediate grounds for impeachment or dismissal, no matter the circumstances.
14. The College Council credit card must be paid down in full every month to avoid interest charges. The President, VP Finance, or VP Operations are responsible for ensuring that the credit card balance is paid on time. Any interest incurred because of a late payment must be reported to the council during a meeting. An explanation must be provided regarding why the interest was charged, including the reasons for the delay in payment. If the council deems the explanation unprofessional or



inappropriate, a meeting may be convened to determine disciplinary actions or potential consequences for the executive council members responsible for the delay.

- By adhering to these guidelines, we ensure responsible and transparent use of council funds, maintaining the trust of our student body.

Discussion Highlights:

- Cheque system is working fine
- Intent and Benefits
 - Useful for frosh time, or bigger social events, when we have multiple payments to make. This would make tracking those expenses easier as well since we can see payments happening and when. Some people also don't have massive credit card limits for bigger purchases, which is where this would be of use. Only execs such as President, VP Ops, and VP Finance would have the card information on them.
- Concerns
 - What is the need for this? Is it a necessity or is it something nice to have as back-up? Do we have a relationship with the College Head to make this happen?
 - Council changes every year; new members could be more irresponsible and not care about getting payments done on time. Plus, if we are concerned about purchase sizes, we have multiple members of the council and can help one another out.

Unfortunately, a while back with a different council there was an issue with credit card payments and embezzlement and having a known history in that, we must be extra cautious with this, and we cannot guarantee future council will proceed with extra caution. Lastly, credit cards don't expire for about 5-6 years. If we get a credit card, and we have members of the council who had access to that information, once they



graduate they can still have this confidential information and possibly use it, creating a safety concern.

In favour: 10

Opposed: 13

Abstained: 6

This motion has been: Not passed.

Motion Date: March 16th, 2025

Motion: Be it resolved NCC adjust Honoraria for Orientation Chairs to Orientation chair #1 (Work-Study) to \$500 and Orientation Chair #2 to \$2,000.

Motivation: Whereas the New College Council provides honoraria to recognize the work of the Orientation Chairs (O-Chairs), and one of the two O-Chairs may also receive financial compensation through a work-study position, it is important to fairly distribute council funds while ensuring both O-Chairs are recognized for their contributions. Be it further resolved that the O-Chairs must inform the Executive Committee which of them holds the work-study position before honoraria are distributed.

Discussion Highlights:

- Intent and Benefits
 - Even though O-Chair #1 is in school from 8am-4pm four days a week, does not mean O-Chair #2 is not doing a lot of work, they are still doing other work contributing. Therefore, if O-Chair #1 were to get work-study pay, O-Chair #2 also deserves a fair share of pay, which is why we would increase their honorarium.
 - It is up to O-Chair #1 who is getting the work-study pay could give a portion to the



other O-Chair, however it is completely their choice, therefore O-Chair #2 is not guaranteed that money. This would be good compensation.

- Some students don't qualify for work-study and don't get that money.
- Concerns
 - One O-Chair is genuinely doing more work as they are taking the time out of their day to show up and attend meetings and doing other hands-on work. Yes, O-Chair #2 is doing work, but it is not equal to O-Chair #1, therefore the pay should not be the same.

In favour: 14

Opposed: 4

Abstained: 9

This motion has been: Not passed.

Motion Date: March 16th, 2025

Motion: Be it resolved NCC removes the following positions:

- Pond Representative.
- Commuter Representative.

Motivation: Whereas the roles of Commuter Representative and Pond Road Residence Representative were created to address specific student needs; whereas these positions no longer serve a meaningful purpose within the New College Council; and whereas removing these positions would allow for a more efficient and streamlined council structure; be it resolved that the positions of Commuter Representative and Pond Road Representative be eliminated from the New College Council. Be it further resolved that all references to these positions be removed from the NCC



Constitution and By-Laws.

Discussion Highlights:

- Intent and Benefits
 - Pond representative unfortunately does not contribute much to the council.
Engagement from pond residence has not engaged over the years with this position.
 - Commuter Representative and Pond Representative are paid positions. For the amount they are doing, it is unfortunately not equal to the work being put in.
 - Council has other hiring positions on the council that genuinely contribute to the council and are already positions open.
- Concerns
 - Commuter Rep is a good way to get students involved and gives them a steppingstone to other positions of council, eliminating this position is taking away that participation.

In favour: 19

Opposed: 5

Abstained: 4

This motion has been: Passed.

Motion Date: March 16th, 2025

Motion: Be it resolved NCC sets a \$1,000 limit on Emergency Motions.

Motivation: Whereas emergency motions are necessary for urgent financial decisions; whereas it is important to maintain transparency and proper financial oversight; be it resolved that emergency motions for funding be capped at a maximum of \$1,000. Be it further resolved that any emergency



funding requests exceeding \$1,000 must be approved through an emergency meeting of the New College Council.

Discussion Highlights:

- No comments were made. Moved on to vote.

In favour: 20

Opposed: 2

Abstained: 5

This motion has been: Passed.

Motion Date: March 16th, 2025

Motion: Be it resolved NCC suspends all non-essential spending during strikes.

Motivation: Whereas financial responsibility is crucial during periods of uncertainty; whereas strikes may impact council operations and student activities; be it resolved that all non-essential spending by the New College Council be suspended during any official strike affecting the university. Be it further resolved that only essential expenses necessary for council operations be permitted until the strike is resolved.

Discussion Highlights:

- Intent and Benefits
 - Using last year as an example, there was a strike, and New College still held their formal even though it was ultimately a massive loss financial-wise for the council. It is for situations like this where it may be better to suspend spending when there are strikes as we are going to be losing a lot more due to decreased engagement overall.
- Concerns



- Strikes should not affect events. People would be more encouraged to come out if we hold events and gave students the opportunity to hang out and make friends.
- As limiting events would affect honorariums, we shouldn't just cut the events, we could maybe make them smaller.

In favour: 7

Opposed: 14

Abstained: 6

This motion has been: Not passed.

Motion Date: March 16th, 2025

Motion: Be it resolved NCC amends Article 11.2.D adding “Shall coordinate any postering of events on campus with the assistance of Director Promotions and Promotions Representatives.”

Motivation: This is more of a formality just to add postering in the constitution basically. It is not specifically saying every event should have a poster around, but just that the promotions team should also consider postering as one of their responsibilities.

Discussion Highlights:

- No comments were made. Moved on to vote.

In favour: 21

Opposed: 0

Abstained: 1

This motion has been: Passed.

Motion Date: March 16th, 2025



Motion: Be it resolved NC adds point 6 for article 7 as follows: “Any motions or changes passed during AGM (Annual General Meeting) shall be effective the following council year following the amendment.”

Motivation: This is to give a bit more clarity to when changes are to take place following AGM.

Discussion Highlights:

- No comments were made. Moved on to vote.

In favour: 22

Opposed: 0

Abstained: 1

This motion has been: Passed.

Motion Date: March 16th, 2025

Motion: Be it resolved NC amends point 9.1 to the following:

“The members of the council of no more than the following shall manage the affairs of the Council.

The composition of the council shall be:

1. President
2. Vice-President Operations
3. Vice-President Finance
4. Vice-President Athletics
5. Vice-President Social
6. Vice-President Academics
7. Vice-President Outreach
8. Vice-President Promotions



9. Director Social
10. Director Finance
11. Director Promotions
12. Director Athletics
13. First Year Representative

Ex-Officio Officers:

- Promotions Representative (1)
- Social Representatives (2)
- Athletic Representative (1)
- Finance Representative (1)
- YFS Representative (1)
- Secretary
- Chief Returning Officer
- Head of New College or Representative of the College Head in its absence.
- Orientation Chairs (2)

Any other person appointed by the council with Ex-Officio Officer status as deemed necessary.”

Discussion Highlights:

- No comments were made. Moved on to vote.

In favour: 22

Opposed: 1

Abstained: 3



This motion has been: Passed.

Motion Date: March 16th, 2025

Motion: Be it resolved NC amends point 13.b from “The Council AGM shall always take place on campus” to “The Council AGM shall take place on campus or online, as deemed necessary by the council.”

Motivation: Both formats are valid and it’s just to include it there as well in writing.

Discussion Highlights:

- No comments were made. Moved on to vote.

In favour: 22

Opposed: 2

Abstained: 0

This motion has been: Passed.

Motion Date: March 16th, 2025

Motion: Be it resolved NC amends point 14.7.2 to replace “Director outreach for Vice President Outreach.”

Motivation: This is to update the position.

Discussion Highlights:

- No comments were made. Moved on to vote.

In favour: 19

Opposed: 3

Abstained: 3



This motion has been: Passed.

Motion Date: March 16th, 2025

Motion: Be it resolved NC adds point xxii to 11.2 A as follows “shall ensure that updated constitution is uploaded to the New College Eagles Website by May 1st.”

Motivation: To give someone responsibility in writing of AGM constitution. It’s usually done by the president, thus adding this responsibility.

Discussion Highlights:

- No comments were made. Moved on to vote.

In favour: 19

Opposed: 1

Abstained: 2

This motion has been: Passed.

Motion Date: March 16th, 2025

Motion: Be it resolved NC adds point xxiii to 11.2 A as follows: “Shall ensure in conjunction with VP Finance that audited financial statements are posted in the website before the end of the term or by May 1st, whichever happens first.”

Motivation: This is something we do post on our website but just giving clarification in writing.

Discussion Highlights:

- No comments were made. Moved on to vote.

In favour: 22

Opposed: 1



Abstained: 1

This motion has been: Passed.

Motion Date: March 16th, 2025

Motion: Be it resolved NC adds point xxviii to 11.2 C as follows: “Shall ensure in conjunction with the president that audited financial statements are posted on the website before the end of the term or by May 1st, whichever happens first.”

Motivation: This is something we do post on our website but just giving clarification in writing.

Discussion Highlights:

- No comments were made. Moved on to vote.

In favour: 21

Opposed: 1

Abstained: 1

This motion has been: Passed.

Motion Date: March 16th, 2025

Motion: Be it resolved NC adds point 16.9 to “should the council deem necessary to reduce honorarium for wrongdoings of a council member, it must do so in-camera session and the reduction cannot surpass 5% of the position’s expected or total honorarium.”

Motivation: We need to add some specifics in the constitution for deductions to honoraria.

Discussion Highlights:

- Intent and Benefits
 - Winters College follow the same rule. Per complaint, it should not be more than 5% as



if they get more honoraria taken away, they will have less reason to continue in their position. Once they hit below 50%, they won't have a reason to keep going. Therefore keeping deductions smaller will keep them in their position, especially if there is more than one mistake.

- Concerns
 - 5% is a fairly small amount depending on the impact or damage caused. Council should hear the situation and discuss in a meeting and then decide on the amount deducted from there. The deduction should reflect the amount of impact.
 - Even if an incident happens and 5% is deducted, it is very low and would not change much for the person receiving the honorarium. They still get almost all their honorarium even if they did something wrong.
- No comments were made. Moved on to vote.

In favour: 4

Opposed: 14

Abstained: 9

This motion has been: Not passed.

Motion Date: March 16th, 2025

Motion: Be it resolved NC adds point 16.10 to “should the complaint be against the complaint’s committee or executive team; the council must appoint up to 3 individuals to handle the complaint appropriately. If necessary, support from SCLD can be requested.”

Motivation: We need to add some specifics in the constitution for complaints.

Discussion Highlights:



- Intent and Benefits
 - This means whoever council has to deal with the complaint (VP Operations or exec team) then they can have support to deal with it.
- Concerns
 - None stated.

In favour: 14

Opposed: 5

Abstained: 5

This motion has been: Not passed.

Motion Date: March 16th, 2025

Motion: Be it resolved NC changes the constitution in section 9.5 Section P from “P. Shall participate in at least four (4) outreach events per year” to “P. Shall participate in at least three (3) outreach events annually.”

Discussion Highlights:

- Intent and Benefits
 - The person proposing this motion believes that there are many great clubs on campus that aren't getting the recognition they deserve. That person believes we should attend more club events on campus and therefore wants to deduct a mandatory event from one area and add it to another.
 - Outreach does not hold as many events as other required events (athletics or social) and therefore should be deducted.
 - The purpose of this is to just make it easier and more realistic for our council members



to get our outreach events out of the way.

- Concerns
 - The council does not need to alter other requirements to make room for others. On the premise of adding one more event, it does not affect the numbers that deeply and therefore it should be fine to add one more event without taking away from another.
 - It takes more than just the council to participate in these events. While it's important for council members to show their participation in the college, it is not just council members who can attend these events, there are many students in the college community that need to get involved.
 - No event is more important than the other. VP Outreach could also take the initiative to host more events and make the target of getting four complete done faster.

In favour: 10

Opposed: 13

Abstained: 3

This motion has been: Not passed.

Motion Date: March 16th, 2025

Motion: Be it resolved NC changes the constitution in section 9.5 Section J from “J. Shall participate in at least four (4) New College affiliated club events per year” to “J. Shall participate in at least five (5) academic events annually; whereas at least two (2) of which are hosted by NC-Ratified clubs, and will help out for at least one (1) club fair in the year.”

Discussion Highlights:

- Intent and Benefits



- 5 academic events is not a hard target to hit considering how many events that New College hosts themselves or that clubs we are affiliated with that we can attend.
- It's important to show support to these clubs as we are faces of New College and they deserve support.
- Concerns
 - Maybe not everyone wants to be as involved on the academic side the way they want to be involved on the social or athletic side (athletics) or volunteering side (outreach). Furthermore, if we are not increasing honorarium there is no point in adding another event to get completed as honorarium is tied to these events and determines how much council members get paid based on completion.

In favour: 14

Opposed: 9

Abstained: 4

This motion has been: Not passed.

Motion Date: March 16th, 2025

Motion: Be it resolved NCC adds a section xvii to section G for VP Academic to say 'Shall be responsible for keeping an up-to-date alumni database for alumni events and resources.'

Discussion Highlights:

- No comments were made. Moved on to vote.

In favour: 20

Opposed: 0

Abstained: 2



This motion has been: Passed.

Motion Date: March 16th, 2025

Motion: Be it resolved NCC changes VP Academic honorarium from \$1,300 to \$1,600.

Motivation: This is due to the great turnouts of events this past year. We had great success with all events and I think this needs to be seen. VP Academics was overlooked last year and did not get a raise, I feel this evens out and I know that the bar has been set now and there is room for growth in this position. I have brought in alumni, new clubs, and more engagement for NC. We can also charge for certain events such as a case competition next year to bring in some funds for NC and I did not spend near the budget I had for some events.

Discussion Highlights:

- Intent and Benefits
 - No points stated.
- Concerns
 - Put into writing in the constitution more responsibilities for VP Academics. While this year's VP took the initiative to get more involvement and more events done, which is why they are proposing a raise, we need to ensure that this level of performance continues and that the \$300 increase is shown through the work put out.

In favour: 19

Opposed: 7

Abstained: 3

This motion has been: Passed.



Motion Date: March 16th, 2025

Motion: Be it resolved NC changes Vice President Outreach to Director Outreach.

Motivation: I believe it does not need to be a VP position as their duties are not as heavy as the other VP positions and if other positions are getting a raise, I don't believe outreach needs the same jump. Also the constitution was not changed last year.

Discussion Highlights:

- Intent and Benefits
 - There's a lot of planning and work that go into the VP positions, and due to VP outreach having less responsibilities, the person who proposed this motion believes we should change the tier of the role.
- Concerns
 - Just because outreach is not doing as much as the other VPs, does not mean they are not doing VP worthy work. They are still doing more work than a director position even if it's smaller than the other VP positions.
 - This is reflected in VP Outreach's honorarium as their honorarium is about 30% lower than the other VP positions. It would be unnecessary to change the title when we acknowledge the difference with honorarium.

In favour: 8

Opposed: 16

Abstained: 3

This motion has been: Passed.

Motion Date: March 16th, 2025



Motion: Be it resolved NC changes the by-laws. 4. Student club privileges section ii) from (ii) Up to \$150 by NCC subject to availability and timely request for funds to (ii) Up to \$250 by NCC subject to availability and timely request for fund. Therefore, funding for all clubs rises from \$150 per year to \$250 per year.

Motivation: Clubs are struggling, and we need to use our platform to support them.

Discussion Highlights:

- No comments were made. Moved on to vote.

In favour: 19

Opposed: 4

Abstained: 4

This motion has been: Passed.

Motion Date: March 16th, 2025

Motion: Be it resolved NC eliminates the line in the constitution G. iv. Shall work with the representative of the Head of the College's Office in the implementation of Academic Orientation, Reorientation, any other Academic workshops, and lecture series;

Discussion Highlights:

- No comments were made. Moved on to vote.

In favour: 19

Opposed: 2

Abstained: 2

This motion has been: Passed.



Motion Date: March 16th, 2025

Motion: Be it resolved NC adds in section 3.9 to the NCC by-laws to say “New College shall ratify a maximum of ten (10) clubs per academic year. In the event that the number of proposed clubs exceeds this limit, the VP Academics and the President shall deliberate to determine which clubs best align with the interests and needs of New College constituents.”

Discussion Highlights:

- Intent and Benefits
 - When we have clubs, we need a limit to how many are made and how many receive funding, so it should be limited to 10. The council does not want to be juggling too many clubs and keeping a limit is important.
- Concerns
 - As there is another club coming to New College next year, there will be 9 officially ratified clubs with New College and therefore stopping at 10 clubs does not leave room for improvement.

In favour: 15

Opposed: 4

Abstained: 6

This motion has been: Not passed.

Motion Date: March 16th, 2025

Motion: Be it resolved NC amends article 9.1 The Composition of Members of Council, the Title of “VP Promotions” and “Director Promotions” be changed to “VP Marketing” and “Director Marketing”

Motivation: Both formats are valid and it’s just to include it there as well in writing.



Discussion Highlights:

- No comments were made. Moved on to vote.

In favour: 24

Opposed: 0

Abstained: 0

This motion has been: Passed.



Adjournment

Motion Date: March 16th, 2025

Motion: Be it resolved that the meeting be adjourned at 9:40 pm.

In favour: 20

Opposed: 3

Abstained: 0

This motion has been: Passed.
