



**New College Council Meeting
September 21st 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 September 21st, 2020 at 1:02 PM .

Council Members:

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

Non-Voting Members: Maritza Mohammed, Kyra Bendastos, Alexis Marticorena, Sana Abidi, Krista Lopiccolo, Rachel Trinh

Absent: Negar Fathi, Filomena Pestana, Josh Raghurai, Victoria Hanna

Announcement of Proxies:

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

Minutes from Previous Meeting

Motion Date: Monday, September 21st, 2020

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

Moved By: Maritza Mohammed

Seconded By: Matthew Mohammed

This motion has been: Passed

In favour: 7

Opposed: 0

Abstain: 0

Motion Date: Monday, September 21st, 2020

Motion: Be it resolved that the next motion tables the minutes from the previous meeting.

Moved By: Maritza Mohammed

Seconded By: Matthew Mohammed

This motion has been: Passed

In favour: 7

Opposed: 0

Abstain: 0

Matters Arising from the Previous Minutes

None



Financial Updates

- **Executives:**
 - None
- **Athletics:**
 - None
- **Social:**
 - None

Department Updates

President's Update

- Elections
 - Maritza Mohammed
 - “This emergency meeting is about elections, last week I received an email from Jair from SCLD and the election timeline is starting this week. As you saw on our Instagram, we started promoting it and I believe this Thursday is when nominations start. As for the positions that are being run, VP Promotions, Director Promotions and myself must resign because we all got hired or appointed and now that fall elections are coming up constitutionally, we must have those position up for grabs for elections and because of that we either re-run or we resign. With that being said, we are in a more of a difficult situation compared to other councils because you don't have a President or a Promotions team. As per the constitution, it's the VP Operations job to cover the President when they're not available so that will be happening for the next 3 weeks. As well if you do need to reach out for anything, reach out to our VP Operations if it's something that you're confused about or you have a question about something you can always reach out to me as well but keep it more as advice and not me telling you what to do because I'm not in a position anymore.”
- Resigning
 - Maritza Mohammed



- “As for resigning, I will be resigning today so any type of information that you need from Execs it will be from VP Finance and VP Operations only. In the next 3 weeks, I’m going to give you all a bunch of stuff that I need y’all to complete and have done by the time reading week happens which is when elections should be over and the VP Operations will have a meeting with each department to let you know what you need to do and what you need to start planning because there’s a lot of things that still need to happen even though I’m gone and the Promotions team is gone as well. Those things will be sent to the VP Operations and he will let y’all know.”
- Kyle Fernandes
 - “I have a couple events from now until reading week, seeing as the Promotions team is gone will I be needing to make my own poster?”
- Maritza Mohammed
 - “The promotions team still said that they are willing to do that work until elections are done so you can reach out to them, but they have the right to say no because they aren’t holding the position anymore.”
- Goals for when elections are over
 - Maritza Mohammed
 - “Once elections are done and if we all are back into our positions, I’ll be checking in on all the departments to see if everything was done. As well, we will be hiring social representatives and athletic representatives.”
- Hiring timeline
 - Maritza Mohammed
 - “By the time voting happens, that’s when we will be starting to promote social representatives and athletic representatives. They will have 2 weeks to hand in both their resume and cover letter and after that the President and the VP Operations will be doing the interviews and we should have them hired by the end of October.”



- Krista Lopiccolo
 - “Did you end up getting the stuff up on the Website?”
- Maritza Mohammed
 - “I’m working on that, at the moment I’m really backed up on school work but it should be up by tonight.”
- Krista Lopiccolo
 - “When that is done can you let me know because that stuff needs to be up so that we aren’t behind seeing as things are starting Wednesday.”
- Kyle Fernandes
 - “Were you saying that it’s solely going to be the President and VP Operations that will hire the social and athletic representatives?”
- Maritza Mohammed
 - “Usually how it goes, the VP Social and VP Athletic can sit in on the interviews but it will be the President and VP Operations that make the decision.”

VP Finance Update

None

VP Operations Update

None

Social Update

None

Athletics Update

None

Academics Update



None

Orientation Chair Update

None

College Head Update

None



Motions

Motion Date: Monday, September 21st, 2020

Motion Pt 1: Be it resolved that Article 2 Section 2.b be updated to "The voting members of the Elections Committee shall be the Chief Returning Officer (CRO), two (2) impartial members of the New College Community, the Head, and a Residence Staff Representative"

Motivation: This update changes the language to include a wider range of eligible candidates for the elections committee including but not limited to Pond Road dons, NC Alumni, CRO's from other colleges and so on instead of exclusively non-returning members of council.

- Krista Lopiccolo
 - "It just changes the wording because what it was before was something like non-returning senior member of council, this just changes it so it doesn't necessarily have to be a senior member of council. It can be just anybody that's impartial so that would include Alumni's, Dons and anyone who is familiar with the community and the way that are college and council works that's not necessarily a senior non returning member of council so it just opens it up a little bit more. What the idea was as per the previous CRO's recommendation was that we use Dons as a part of our elections committee because they are fair impartial members and they are technically apart of our community. This would just broaden what the definition is for who can be an impartial member of the committee."
- Casey Medina
 - "Do they have a vote?"
- Krista Lopicollo
 - "The people who have a vote would be myself, Filomena form the Head Office, Melanie from Pond and the 2 impartial people if this motion does pass which would either be if we can find Dons, Alumni or if it's someone from another college. Right now, I have one Don already selected and the other one I'm hoping it would be another Don but it might have to be someone from another college or an Alumni."
- Maritza Mohammed
 - "When one-person reports demerit points or something like that, when situations do come up during elections. The elections committee is obligated to meet, and they must vote if they want these demerit points to be applied so that's when they will be voting...."



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- Maritza Mohammed
 - "...As well, it's mainly their job to make sure the elections process is fair and that each candidate has a fair chance. When situations do come up, they have to vote if they deserve the demerit points or not also if candidates want to appeal their demerit points and get them taken away, they can send in a letter or statement and the elections committee would vote on that. As for the Chair that's the one that does not have a vote and everyone else apart of the committee does."
- Kevin Chan
 - "In previous years, who were the 2 impartial voting members?"
- Maritza Mohammed
 - "In the past, they were members of council but didn't plan on running the following year but what the previous CRO saw that it wasn't 100% impartial and that they still had opinions on certain things so this year we decided to change it to 2 impartial people. We've seen other colleges do it, for example other colleges hire a CRO that isn't even apart of their college and has a different affiliation so we're trying to keep that same structure."
- Krista Lopicollo
 - "Not to say that it couldn't be a non-returning member of council, but it just depends on the situation. Say that they've been on council for years and they already know everybody, there will be a little bit of a bias so the point of this is to take that bias out of it."

Moved By: Maritza Mohammed

Seconded By: Matthew Mohammed

This motion has been: Passed

In favour: 7

Opposed: 0



Motion Date: Monday, September 21st, 2020

Motion: Be it resolved that article VI Section 13.4 “The number of signatures required in a nomination package during an online election will be reduced from 25 to 15” is added to the New College Bylaws.

Motivation: This change allows candidates to have an easier time gathering signatures as they will no longer be seeing each other in person and may not have large networks of people they know from New College (specifically first years but this can also occur in upper-year students as well)

- Krista Lopicollo
 - “I just want to make it clear that this is exclusively for online elections so once we get back on campus it will go back to 25. The reason why I would like to change this is because it’s been brought to my attention that people who are new in first year or don’t have that network of people yet, it’s harder for them to reach out to people to get over 25 signatures seeing as it’s not like you’re hanging out at New College, in the lounge, in the hallways and can see people and ask them regardless of whether you know them or not. Doing this online would be very hard so this is just to reduce those nerves and make it a little more attainable and comfortable for someone who doesn’t have that network of people yet. For example, me being in 4th year and other upper year students wouldn’t have that same issue but someone who is going for commuter rep or first year rep they might not have the same amount of people that they know from New College who can sign so this would make it more attainable solely for the online platform.”

Moved By: Maritza Mohammed

Seconded By: Matthew Mohammed

This motion has been: Passed

In favour: 7

Opposed: 0



Motion Date: Monday, September 21st, 2020

Motion: Be it resolved that Article 2 section 2.a be updated to "The Elections Committee shall be chaired by the most senior member of council (non-returning voting member) this person will not receive a vote.

Motivation: To clarify that the chair of elections committee meetings is there solely to provide insight, typically this position would not have a vote regardless, but this puts it in writing that the chair of the elections committee meeting will not receive a vote.

Moved By: Mohammed Obaid

Seconded By: Maritza Mohammed

This motion has been: Passed

In favour: 4

Opposed: 0

Abstain: 2

Motion Date: Monday, September 21st, 2020

Motion: Be it resolved New College Council accepts the resignation of Sana Abidi as Director of Promotions

Motivation: Elections are coming up so this position must be up for elections so she must resign.

Moved By: Maritza Mohammed

Seconded By: Mohammed Obaid

This motion has been: Passed

In favour: 7

Opposed: 0



Motion Date: Monday, September 21st, 2020

Motion: Be it resolved New College Council accepts the resignation of Rachel Trinh as Vice President of Promotions

Motivation: Elections are coming up so this position must be up for elections so she must resign.

Moved By: Maritza Mohammed

Seconded By: Mohammed Obaid

This motion has been: Passed

In favour: 7

Opposed: 0

Abstain: 0

Motion Date: Monday, September 21st, 2020

Motion: Be it resolved New College Council accepts the resignation of Maritza Mohammed as President

Motivation: Resigning because she was interim president for the summer and must rerun if she wished to hold the position.

Moved By: Matthew Mohammed

Seconded By: Kevin Chan

This motion has been: Passed

In favour: 7

Opposed: 0

Abstain: 0



Adjournment

Motion Date: Monday, September 21st, 2020

Motion: Be it resolved that the meeting be adjourned at 1:21PM.

Moved By: Mohammed Obaid

Seconded By: Casey Medina

This motion has been: Passed

In favour: 7

Opposed: 0

Abstain: 0