



**New College Council Meeting  
2025  
Wed. Mar. 12<sup>th</sup>, 8:00 PM EST via Zoom  
Chaired by Arkash Namasivayam**

**Call to Order:**

I would like to call this meeting to order on Wednesday, March 12<sup>th</sup>, 2025, at 8:24 pm.

**Council Members**

**Voting Members:** Giorgi Sharabidze, Nebiyu Abraha, Arian Forootan, Nicholas Khatchadourian, Mashrur Rahman, Gift Osarunwense, Tiarah McIntyre, Ebonni Blanchard, Dina El-Taii, Hanna Parma-Miller, Noah Gawlik, Emily Yanch.

**Non-Voting Members:** Shawn Ugwudike, Adriana Safatly, Navera Siddiqui, Naseem Mohsin, Marcus Delgado, Sidak Sachdeva, Suhail Radia.

**Announcement of Absentees and Proxies:**

- Marifer Aispuro Ramirez will proxy Giorgi Sharabidze.
- Shawn Ugwudike will proxy Jason Hoang.
- Hanna Parma-Miller will proxy Jordan Lee.
- Jasmine Houston is absent.
- Lena Kahler is absent.
- Olivia Kagundah is absent.
- Zayn Khan is absent.
- Komeil Bahmani is absent.
- Liam McDonald is absent.

**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, March 12<sup>th</sup>, 2025

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

**Moved by:** Tiarah

**Seconded by:** Arian

**In favour:** 8

**Opposed:** 0

**Abstained:** 0

**This motion has been:** Passed.



**Minutes from Previous Meeting**

**Motion Date:** Wednesday, March 12<sup>th</sup>, 2025

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

**Moved by:** Nebiyu

**Seconded by:** Noah

**In favour:** 9

**Opposed:** 0

**Abstained:** 0

**This motion has been:** Passed.

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## Financial Updates

- Executives
- Athletics
- Social

## Department Updates

### President's Update

- Last meeting of this year will be on April 2<sup>nd</sup> 8pm. By then, elections will be over, and the new council will be ratified in our last meeting
- Week of March 21<sup>st</sup> will be the last week of office hours
- Honoraria meeting March 22<sup>nd</sup> from 8pm – 11pm, we will do the elected positions first then the hired positions. Please try to work your schedule around to make it to the meeting. If you definitely cannot make it, please let me or operations know. \*Show how it is expected for council members to do their report\*
- Please keep in mind that one of your duties is to transition the upcoming person into your position. Kindly schedule these meetings before May 1<sup>st</sup>, as they start then and would like to have everyone transitioned before then.
- I am working on merch design with Prestige Promotions. I will provide 2 mock samples via Whatsapp for y'all and vote. I will also send a spreadsheet for sizing. Once they are ready, I will let you know about pickup at New College.
- O-chair hiring post coming up soon. The application period will be from the 27<sup>th</sup> to the 27<sup>th</sup> at 11:59pm EST. Interviews will follow during April, and the estimated interview timeline is from April 4<sup>th</sup> to 17<sup>th</sup>. The goal is to have a selection on the 20<sup>th</sup> so we can meet SCLD's timeline.
- AGM is on Sunday March 16<sup>th</sup> at 7pm. Reminder to please attend and invite your friends as we require 25 constituents either by proxy or present to be able to run it. Please also send in any changes you think might be of importance to add this year to the constitution or bylaws in the form of motions.



- Retreat is on the evening of the 21<sup>st</sup>. Place is to be determined. Reminder this is an honorarium requirement to please attend.
- NCC bursary. It is a \$3,000 commitment for 3 years (\$1,000 each year). For simplicity we will do the payment upfront and York will be in charge of distributing it each year based on the criteria we provide them. We will do \$500 in the fall and \$500 in Winter, 2 different students preferably per semester. After the 3 years, the council at the time will have the option to either renew it or discontinue it depending on the circumstances.
- Characteristics discussion:
  1. Type of student. Domestic or International?
    - First vote was 50-50, then we decided to add in the option to select from both options
    - Second voting round the both option won.
  2. Do we want to base it on GPA or financial need? Or only financial need? If considering GPA as well, what overall GPA do we think is fair?
    - Leaning towards the GPA side rather than financial need.
    - A lot of scholarships consider the financial need aspect, so we are thinking of focusing on the GPA aspect to give a variety and take into account other students and other circumstances.
    - Looking into what kind of GPA standard we want. We are thinking around 6.5 as it seems to be the most reasonable.
    - If we decide on GPA however, we would have to elevate it a bit to ensure there is not too many applicants. Some folks still feel the financial aid aspect should still be taken into consideration, so we might do a mixed option.
    - This scholarship is specified for New College, so other members think we should emphasize that part most in who is awarded, not on their financial need. Are they involved?
    - A decision was not made, higher up execs will decide the requirements and will come back the next meeting.
  3. Do we want to include volunteering? Does volunteering externally from NC count? Or involvement in the community?



- We are not sure how this section would be done exactly. Maria will double-check if the requirement for this section is a small written piece to verify what volunteer work one has done and the impact it had on them.
- No one stated how they felt about volunteering.
- 4. Suggestions?
  - Suggest merging some options to make the target audience a bit more inclusive.
- Attended CPA meeting.
- Updated the board in Central Square with our council.
- Just received the minutes from Bylaws changes. They should be reflected by the end of the week.
- Updated website.

#### **VP Finance Update**

- None.

#### **VP Operations Update**

- Office hours sheets getting locked every week. Make sure to fill it out.
- Finished 1-1s. Very informative. Will expand on it in the meeting.
- Suggestions for the retreat are welcome!

#### **Social Update**

- Formal Updates.
  - Give final cheque to DJ.
  - Thank you to everyone who sent song recommendations.
  - Three people helping with check-in.



- Please ensure you are there before 7pm so you can do check-in on time since there is a strict itinerary.
- Event Updates.
  - Noah's event is coming up.
  - The social reps' event is also up and coming.
  - Bake-off is still waiting for a date but will be happening.
  - If you need any more social events for honorarium, these two are in your best interest to attend!

#### **Athletics Update**

- None.

#### **Promotions Update**

- None.

#### **Academics Update**

- Attended meeting with President and CRO with LAPS to discuss clubs and for them to get to know some of the council better. Discussed funding, clubs, and council duties.
- See announcements group chat for upcoming club events as there are still many of you with outstanding academics events to attend.
- Just as we like and share Instagram please can we start doing the same with our LinkedIn. Most of us are business students and I would like to see more engagement on the LinkedIn page as there is a lot we could do with this which I am trying to accomplish (i.e. share job postings, events, clubs, events in community, etc.) but can only do so if we're getting engagement.



**Outreach Update**

- None.

**Orientation Chair Update**

- None.

**CRO Update**

- None.

**First Year Rep and Pond Rep Update**

- None.
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## Motions

**Motion Date:** Wednesday, March 12<sup>th</sup>, 2025

**Motioned by:** Noah Gawlik

**Motion:** Be it resolved NCC spends no more than \$100 for the first year rep event

**Motivation:** Expenses for food + drinks, decorations, etc.

**Moved by:** Emily

**Seconded by:** Ebboni

**In favour:** 9

**Opposed:** 0

**Abstained:** 0

**This motion has been:** Passed.

**Motion Date:** Wednesday, March 12<sup>th</sup>, 2025

**Motioned by:** Jason Hoang

**Motion:** Be it resolved NCC spends no more than \$30.60 on a gift card (1 gift card with activation fee) for the March Challenge event.

**Motivation:** This is to get gift cards for the monthly challenges as a reward for the winner selected.

**Moved by:** Arian

**Seconded by:** Hanna

**In favour:** 7

**Opposed:** 0

**Abstained:** 0

**This motion has been:** Passed.



**Motion Date:** Wednesday, March 12<sup>th</sup>, 2025

**Motioned by:** Maria

**Motion:** Be it resolved NCC spends no more than \$2,000 on council year-end sweaters.

**Motivation:** This is to get the year-end sweaters for council members as a token of appreciation for their hard work throughout the year.

**Moved by:** Tiarah

**Seconded by:** Emily

**In favour:** 10

**Opposed:** 0

**Abstained:** 0

**This motion has been:** Passed.

**Motion Date:** Wednesday, March 12<sup>th</sup>, 2025

**Motioned by:** Giorgi Sharabidze

**Motion:** Be it resolved NCC spends no more than \$2,500 on council winter retreat.

**Motivation:** To wrap up the year and provide dinner.

**Moved by:** Emily

**Seconded by:** Shawn

**In favour:** 6

**Opposed:** 1

**Abstained:** 0

**This motion has been:** Passed.

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## **Adjournment**

**Motion Date:** Wednesday, March 12<sup>th</sup>, 2025

**Motion:** Be it resolved that the meeting be adjourned at 9:02 pm.

**Moved by:** Emily

**Seconded by:** Ebboni

**In favour:** 8

**Opposed:** 0

**Abstained:** 0

**This motion has been:** Passed.

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