



New College Council Meeting #4

June 15th 2020

2:00PM - 2:30PM EST via Zoom

Chaired by Matthew Mohammed

Call to Order: (Date and time)

I would like to call this meeting to order on Monday June 15th at 2:05pm.

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

Non-Voting Members: Maritza Mohammed, Rachel Trinh, Sana Abidi, Josh Raghurai, Victoria Hanna, Kyra Bendastos, Krista Lopiccolo, Alexis Marticorena, Negar Fathi

Absent: Victoria Hanna, Negar Fathi, Filomena Pestana

Announcement of Proxies: Josh Raghurai will proxy Victoria Hanna.

Speaker Remarks:

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- 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, June 15, 2020

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

Moved By: Maritza Mohammed

Seconded By: Mohammed Obaid

This motion has been: Passed

In favour: 6

Opposed: 0

Abstain: 0

Minutes from Previous Meeting

Motion Date: Monday, June 15, 2020

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

Moved By: Maritza Mohammed

Seconded By: Casey Medina

This motion has been: Passed

In favour: 6

Opposed: 0

Abstain: 0

Matters Arising from the Previous Minutes

None



Financial Updates

- Executives:

- Maritza Mohammed
 - “We paid for the website and we’ve given all the reimbursements for last semester, there’s just one more that we need to do. We can now change the signing authority so Matthew, Mohammed and I just need to find the time to go to the bank.”

- Athletics:

- Casey Medina
 - “I sent an email, but I guess it didn’t go through, I answered emails from Clifford and he said that York Intramurals will be hosting a series of E-sport tournaments and virtual activities over the summer and all activities will be free for constituents and prizes will be Champion shirts. More updates will come when their promotional materials are ready.”
- Mohammed Obaid
 - “Are these activities and events free only for students with a college?”
- Casey Medina
 - “He didn’t say anything about students with a college, but they are completely free.”
- Maritza Mohammed
 - “I have a meeting with Rebecca and Clifford next week, so I’ll ask that.”

- Social:

None

Department Updates

President’s Update

- Action Plan, 2on1’s and Contracts
 - Maritza Mohammed
 - “Action plans were due an hour ago, hopefully all of you sent it in. Next up Matthew and I will be doing meetings with all of you so it’s 2 on 1’s, those will happen between this week and next week. Matthew will be sending out a doodle and you will have to pick one time, it’s first come first serve. You will also have to sign a contract and the contract will entail your general duties, specific duties and confirming that you know them, and we have proof that you knew what you have to do for your job.”
- Honoraria deductions
 - Maritza Mohammed



- “Throughout the year, it’s going to be the execs job to make sure that you are doing your job if you remember the timeline from NCC training there’s the summer review and fall review so during those times with the meetings we’re going to see how you did the whole semester and then depending on how severe it is you will get warnings first but depending on if it’s repeated, once you get an official letter from Matthew, Mohammed and myself, then that means you’re getting a deduction from your honoraria. That letter is final but before that letter you will have meetings and warnings about it. If it’s a continuous thing then you will have an automatic deduction so when honoraria does come up we have meetings, proof and a paper trail to show that you didn’t do your job.”
- Casey Medina
 - “Everything will be on file so at the end of the year it won’t be a surprise to us or anything?”
- Maritza Mohammed
 - “For honoraria sometimes people bring up stories that they never brought up the whole year so just to prevent all of that if you have something to tell us about another council member, you should be bringing it up in the moment and not only at honoraria meeting just so they lose their money.”
- Faculty Council Meetings
 - Maritza Mohammed
 - “This year the president work study now works under LAPS not SCLD and with that there come faculty council meetings. Pretty much it’s just your time to meet up with the dean and any type of people that work in admin at York. They want to hear students’ opinions so when those meetings happen, they happen once a month. I’ll put a text in the group chat and if any of you want to go, you can go ahead. You can talk about things such as summer school or online classes and how you want to improve it.”
- Signing authority update
 - Maritza Mohammed
 - “We’re switching the signing authority we just need to find the time to switch it so there will be a motion later extending Kristy’s signing authority just for another two weeks tentative on when we can switch it. We are going to try and go to the bank either this week or next week.”
- Virtual Concert
 - Maritza Mohammed
 - “For frosh one of the colleges brought up that they wanted to have a virtual concert so we would rent out a venue and each college would do a livestream and like Yorkfest we would get an artist to perform. All the



present O-chairs would be there, we would do giveaways and could have someone from York perform as well. I just wanted to get your opinions on it if you think it's worth doing during frosh. The biggest thing is that there's not much to do at frosh and there's nothing that would replicate a party. This is the one big event that would be worth paying for and worth going to. We were thinking of doing this on York Orientation day so both people that are attending frosh and just coming in for first years they could all go, or we were thinking the last day and it would be a college wide thing."

- o Josh Raghurai
 - "A lot of the in-person events that Kyle has tried to submit they've been shut down almost immediately by Jair how do you expect to get through him to make this happen?"
- o Maritza Mohammed
 - "Jair already knows about it and so does Spencer there are differences between this and an actual meet up event, even though we are social distancing as council we are able to meet up and do promo or events together it just were we are starting to do events where everyone else has to meet up with us that's when it becomes an issue so with is event everyone that wants to participate is staying in their own homes and are social distancing it would just be us meeting up so that's the difference between the ones that Kyle has suggested compared to this one."
- o Krista Lopiccolo
 - "It does sound like a good idea I'm just worried about the froshie participation in that mostly because if it's an event where you are on a zoom call. If you're engaged in the zoom call that's fine it will work because even though you are far apart you're still engaging with each other but for something like a concert it might be a little more hesitant to want to pay to watch somebody on zoom who they may or may not know as an artist and it's not like how they would have at Yorkfest before because the vibe is still there but when you're on zoom, I don't know if people would participate. I'm just worried because everyone would have to be on mute and I don't want it to be a glorified Youtube video."
- o Maritza Mohammed
 - "For Yorkfest they are planning the same thing for VP campus life. My thing is if it's going happen I prefer for it to be on York orientation day because if you all did frosh last year there's so many froshies that come that haven't bought a frosh kit and the minute they see all the O-chairs, the presidents and the frosh jerseys then so many froshies that didn't do frosh yet on Orientation day, they would come up to me and ask me what frosh



is, how do I buy a kit and all that type of stuff so I feel like it would kind of be the same vibe. Also, I feel like the first 2 days of frosh might be low participation compared to the rest of the week.”

- o Mohammed
 - “If you were planning to make people pay for the event, how much would it be?”
- o Maritza Mohammed
 - “They would be paying for the whole week, like their money would be going into something that’s actually a production so it’s not going to be like everyone is paying just for that one event. They pay in the beginning or mid-week just like frosh kits are, but they get access to all these events throughout the whole week.”
- o Mohammed Obaid
 - “When is Orientation day? Is it the first day of frosh, second day or other days?”
- o Maritza Mohammed
 - “It’s September 8th, it’s near the end of frosh.”
- o Kyle Fernandes
 - “I’ll be honest, I think it’s one of those events where people wouldn’t care if it was there or not there. If it’s there people might be like maybe I’ll join but if it’s not there no one is going to be like we need this event. First off you would have to find the venue and come together while maintaining social distancing and then we have to find an artist but if the artist is someone that went to your high school, there’s nothing that would really be enticing for people to come unless you get someone extremely popular. Honestly, I don’t think it’s a great idea, but we do have the money for it.
- o Maritza Mohammed
 - “The thing is it’s not an in-person frosh we are doing it online everything is not going to be like as usual, even though people may not want this or think that they need this by the time people are walking into online orientation not knowing what they’re expecting besides that event everything else they can do with or without it does anyone else have any opinions or questions.”
- o Krista Lopiccolo
 - “What about if instead of an artist we do something like a stand-up artist or comedy show because those don’t really matter if you’re there or not seeing as you would just be sitting in your seat.”
- o Maritza Mohammed
 - “I think Bethune was trying to do that, I think they were trying to make a collab event although that was in the beginning when we first started



planning it, I don't know if there still going through with it but ill ask then about that too."

- o Krista Lopiccolo
 - "I just don't know about a concert because I'm just worried about people getting bored just cause you're sitting by yourself but if its something where you just have to listen anyways, maybe it would be better."
- o Casey Medina
 - "Maybe something more collaborative because if they were doing stand-up comedy maybe they can call people out or ask questions. I don't know a concert sounds kind of detached from the audience like Krista said."
- o Kevin Chan
 - "Would frosh tickets be at a cheaper price than how it normally would be because everything is online?"
- o Maritza Mohammed
 - "Yes so what we're going to do is that we're going to have a starting fee of something like 20\$ as an example it's not confirmed yet but its going to be a lot cheaper than spending 120\$ on a frosh kit seeing as they aren't getting the kit with the tee shirts and all the samples but that's just to participate in frosh. If they wanted to do get a frosh kit on top of that then the price would go up to get merch and for it to get delivered to their place."
- o Kevin Chan
 - "What about for leader and captain jerseys?"
- o Maritza Mohammed
 - "Right now, we're just trying to see the amount of people that we are going to get and then we're going to figure out the pricing and stuff. It's still up for debate we're either going to do a cheaper cost or something free."
- o Josh Raghurai
 - "With the leader and captain jerseys it is still up in the air because were trying to purchase our jerseys with the other colleges so we can have a greater discount because the more jerseys we buy the greater discount we get so if we team up with the other colleges and get it for a cheaper price we'll be able to give it to you all for a cheaper price."
- o Maritza Mohammed
 - "Yes, and we also want to add other merch too like lanyards and what ever else we get so that'll be given to leaders too not just froshies."
- o Josh Raghurai
 - "Leaders are going to get like a frosh leader kit. It's just not going to get as in depth as the frosh kits."



- Tik Tok account and other promo options
 - Maritza Mohammed
 - “I made a Tik Tok account and it’s ready and live right now. We were just talking about it earlier we want to do the don’t rush challenge where we each introduce ourselves on council. I don’t know if all of you have seen it but essentially you pose with an item you’re holding and then you pass it over and then the next person would grab their item show it and pass it down and it would drop on top. Rachel and Sana are going to start organizing that soon as well any other ideas, it doesn’t have to be a big group thing if you want to just film a video with yourself or do one with one or two people on council just run it past Rachel and Sana then you can do your video and just post them. As well as other promo ideas we were thinking of doing a vlog for them to get to know us so it would be like an Instagram story take over kind of thing. You would just show your day and say, “Hey I’m Maritza pronouns she/her I’m president of New College council this year.” If you’re doing something fun that day you would take little video snippets here and there and then we would post it on our Instagram. Those things would be happening throughout the summer.”
- BLM Letter
 - Maritza Mohammed
 - “Last week the VP campus life from YFS approached me and ever since the BLM movement Rhonda Linton our president of York she posted a letter condemning the movement. It was vague she just said the next steps York was taking was they already had scholarships in place for the people that were black or were from a certain culture or country and those scholarships would go to those people but those have already been in place she didn’t really take action any other way so YFS before they reached out to me and all the other college Presidents, they were trying to get in touch with Rhonda to have some type of conversation to talk about the actions that they would like to take and fix the problems that they see and she would just never reply. Her secretary would reply with a very vague answer so after that they decided to make it more public and they wanted to post a letter on Instagram have students involved and have people at her so as execs Matthew Mohammed and I have decided to sign off on it as well as the other colleges so far her response is not the greatest she hasn’t really responded to New College directly she’s only responded to people who are black student leaders so far to set up a meeting but as for the people who actually signed on the letter she hasn’t responded back to everyone, only the presidents that are actually black but basically were going to continue having meetings because there are a lot of issues with



York. Security is one of the big things as well there's a very small percent of professors that are black, there are professors that go out and say the N word and other issues."

- o Alexis Marticorena
 - "There's only 1% of black professors on campus and there's only 14 black professors. They just hired another set of 6 professors in the last 3 years and that's how they say they are contributing to the black community."
- o Maritza Mohammed
 - "In my opinion that's just ridiculous because if you look at the students there, we are very multi-cultural, but it doesn't reflect in our professors and in the stuff we're learning. All the books and textbooks and stuff are all based on white race. Its all related in that culture and it doesn't bring in mixed race."
- Website Update
 - o Maritza Mohammed
 - "I'm almost done the website. There're photos on the homepage. Once we get merch, we're going to do a photoshoot and then I'll put pictures up. There's a spot for frost week and our Instagram will be on there as well. There's a meet the council page where we say what we are and what we do with your pictures. There's also a button for meting minutes. For social at the top, I'm waiting for Shenali and Kyle to send me a paragraph introducing themselves and then there's events from last year and an explanation of what it is, there's also last years Formal on there with a bunch of pictures from it then for athletics, there's also going to be a paragraph for Casey and Elena introducing themselves. After that, there's join us on Facebook, Instagram and what intramurals are and how to sign up."
 - o Casey Medina
 - "Is this like right now?"
 - o Maritza Mohammed
 - "I published it, but it's not done yet. As for academics there's a picture and paragraph as well. There's the New Beat newsletter, how you can contact the New Beat editor, what it is and then our latest issues. Then I just explained clubs and frosh. There's also the Constitution there, the By-Laws and the meeting minutes. That's what I have done so far there's just frosh we want to finish and we're thinking of selling merch on there as well I'm just in the process of figuring it out."

VP Finance Update



- Mohammed Obaid
 - “The budget is done, I changed the budget recently in order to accommodate frosh expenses and other department expenses. The contract for the Winters loan from last year is ready but they haven’t contacted us yet. As well as I have a meeting with financial round table on June 22nd.”

Exit Kyle Fernandes at 2:31pm

VP Operations Update

- Matthew Mohammed
 - “I’m going to go over everyone’s action plans and set up interview times.”

Social Update

- Matthew Mohammed
 - “He sent me our VP social plan welcome week. Planned all events for the fall according to the constitution. Submitted fall semester event break down for verifications. Attended multiple meetings and has had several meetings with the director social discussing events and ideas for merch.”

Athletics Update

None (stated earlier)

Promotions Update

None

Academics Update

- Kevin Chan
 - “We posted the New Beat article for this month and we have 4 articles for this upcoming month.”

Orientation Chair Update

- Josh Raghurai



- “The collab events that I’ve been working on with all other colleges I recently reached out to them to confirm that the events are still a go with time and stuff. On top of that I’m working on jersey designs and the pricing for the frosh kits, reaching out to vendors and stuff but that’s being handled by someone else. Victoria is also working on sponsorships.”

College Head Update

- Maritza Mohammed
 - “Doing summer orientation which happens in June or May but when Corona happened, they didn’t really know if they should do it so now they are doing summer orientation and parent orientation as well there going to do a run through of it so that they are ready for September when we do our big orientation with everyone. As for another update they’re also doing appointments where Michelle will be available at certain times to accommodate international students so that’s being set up so if anyone has any questions about academic advising or new college or orientation just direct them to Michelle and then she can set up a zoom call and answer all your questions.”

Motions

Motion Date: Monday, June 15, 2020

Motion: Be it resolved that Matthew Mohammed be speaker for the remainder of this meeting.

Moved By: Maritza Mohammed

Seconded By: Mohammed Obaid

Motivation: We need a speaker for the meeting seeing as the current speaker is sick.

This motion has been: Passed

In favour: 6

Opposed: 0

Abstain: 0



Motion Date: Monday, June 15, 2020

Motion: Be it resolved New College Council extends Kristy Chui's signing authority until June 29, 2020 tentative until the current execs can switch over.

Moved By: Maritza Mohammed

Seconded By: Mohammed Obaid

Motivation:

- Maritza Mohammed
 - "Kristy must run the account until we can switch over. We are going to give it a two-week grace period until us 3 can go to the bank to get it switched over. She will be signing authority until we can get it switched."

This motion has been: Passed

In favour: 5

Opposed: 0

Abstain: 0

Adjournment

Motion Date: Monday, June 15, 2020

Motion: Be it resolved that the meeting be adjourned at 2:36pm on Monday June 15th 2020.

Moved By: Casey Medina

Seconded By: Maritza Mohammed

This motion has been: Passed

In favour: 4

Opposed: 1

Abstain: 0