



**New College Council Meeting  
2025  
Wed. Jan. 15<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, January 15<sup>th</sup>, 2025, at 8:05 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, Emily Yanch, Noah Gawlik.

**Non-Voting Members:** Shawn Ugwudike, Navera Siddiqui, Naseem Mohsin, Marcus Delgado, Olivia Kagundah, Lena Kalher, Zayn Khan, Liam McDonald

**Announcement of Absentees and Proxies:**

- Nicholas Khatchadourian is absent from this meeting.
- Adriana Safatly is absent from this meeting.
- Sidak Sachdeva is absent from this meeting.
- Jasmine Houstan is absent from this meeting.
- Komeil Bahmani is absent from this meeting.
- Suhail Radia is absent from 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:** Wednesday, January 15<sup>th</sup>, 2025

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

**Moved by:** Arian

**Seconded by:** Giorgi

**In favour:** 7

**Opposed:** 0

**Abstained:** 0

**This motion has been:** Passed.



**Minutes from Previous Meeting**

**Motion Date:** Wednesday, January 15<sup>th</sup>, 2025

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

**Moved by:** Gift

**Seconded by:** Ebboni

**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**

- Welcome back everyone! Whether it is your first meeting or 20<sup>th</sup> meeting I hope this term is successful for you.
  1. Attended New College's audit meeting with Charmaine and VP Finance to discuss the financial position of the college throughout the years. Deficit is a big topic for this year and upcoming years that the council should focus on.
  2. Met with admin staff to update them on the missing terms. Requests for a change of locks for the back-office door and 104 door have been approved and will be done this week.
  3. Meeting with LAPS Clubs and presidents at the end of November to discuss our year and milestones.
  4. Remember everyone to please ensure to meet all the requirements of general members of the council and those specific to your position as that is what your honorarium will be based on. We do have a formula sheet that gives value to specific points so please ensure that if you want a full honorarium that you complete all of them.
  5. I worked on the NCC website and YU Connect. Requested event approvals for upcoming events (Niagara Trip and Case Competition) for advertisement on the platform but haven't heard back on an answer yet. YU Connect doesn't allow us to see membership yet, having a meeting in the last week of January and I hope that by then I can have good news so we can contact all constituents and increase participation.
  6. Cancelled missing cheques with the bank.



### VP Finance Update

- Had a meeting with Charmaine about the following:
  - Deficit.
  - Year End Audit completes 60% of levy will be received for the 2023-2024 year.
  - Currently doing 2024-2025 Interim Audit will finish by Jan 31<sup>st</sup>. 40% of 2024-2024 levy will be received.
  - One of the trips must be cut next year or formal (or formal must be much cheaper).
  - Along with Frosh must be cheaper by around 30k.
  - NC can make profit on events so forget about the myths you've been told.
  - Hold a little vote on whether you guys want little meetings for SIN (for honorariums above \$500).
    - Reason is because if NC is audited by CRA then us not having T4 documents could be an issue.
  - No updated currently on the stealing has called and filed a report with the police

### VP Operations Update

1. Set meeting time for Wednesdays at 8pm. I understand some people have classes, but that time works the best for everyone. As mentioned in the group chat, you can't just get a proxy for the whole semester. Valid excuses are always welcome and understood please reach out to me and not anybody else.
2. Deadline for Office Hours submissions is coming up. As mentioned, please provide at least 5 hours on 3 different days so I don't have to give you the time that doesn't work for you. There can't be 6 people do office hours on Wednesday and 1 on Friday.
3. 1-on1s will be booked throughout the month to assess your last semester, see how you're doing and if you need assistance.
4. Helped VP Academics with the case competition planning, all the details have been sorted out, only case preparation left which I've decided to start Wednesday (today) & will be finalized before its release date.



5. Let's move anything valuable from the office in Athletics and lock the room, since only Jason and Maria have access. Maybe duplicate the key for VP Ops and VP Finance as well.
6. Lastly, think about what changes you would like to see happen for the next year in new College. Personally, I will introduce motions to increase the Academics part in NC as it is a University Student Council, we should focus on it. I was talking to Maria and Nebiyu about spending less money on social events and more on Academics and luckily for me – Charmaine had the same point of cutting down on spending on Trips. I say we remove Niagara trip completely, which will provide a lot of leeway in the annual budget.
7. Lastly, we are looking at a new council position for case competitions within NC. Will elaborate in the meeting if I do not get stuck at work. (This Wednesday is a busy day).
  - Just in case, here are a few main points:
    - Make it a big conference in the First Student Centre (big rooms)
    - Have a council position under VP Academics who will mainly work on the conference & name them \*Conference Name\* Lead/Planner. – Must be a HIRED position.
    - By collaborating with all NC Clubs, we can have substantial turnouts and make revenue from delegate fees.
    - As we will be using the Second Student Centre as a venue there will be no substantial costs for running this big event.
    - Conference name somehow connect to NC/Eagles – Strive Conference, Soar Conference, or something. Opinions?
8. Finished Audit.

### Social Update

- Niagara Updates.
  - Rooming must be done if you have not done it yet and you are coming on the trip.
- Social events group chat.
  - A group chat was created for council members that are planning an event this semester to help with planning and such.



### **Athletics Update**

- Posted the January monthly challenge – burpees.
- Wrapping up intramural sign ups for the winter season.
- Created a document to track athletic events with requirement tracking for council members.
  - Three more events are yet to come and attending.

### **Promotions Update**

- Trained promo reps and delegated responsibilities, event photos, making posts from the marketing plan and working on the formal video to be exact.
- Focusing promotions on case competition and Niagara, try not to post too much other miscellaneous stuff.
- If you have any posts that you'd like to make please update the marketing plan and tag me in the group chat about it, so the entire promotion team sees it.
- Not promo related but a pool table and its equipment has recently been put in the lounge, please ensure the equipment is always kept in the office when not in use to ensure no more theft issues.

### **Academics Update**

- Info on new clubs joining NC.
  - Ratifying some new clubs like women in business, photography, and more!
- Case Comp & Clubs Fair Event.
  - Post was put up and a bunch of teams have already joined.
  - We have some great alumni judges, some returning from our LinkedIn event earlier this year and some new ones too!
- Leaving to study abroad.
  - Last event I am able to attend, even though I won't be here I want to still provide a strong academic environment for NC students!



- Completed all duties and will continue to send in club updates and act in the best interest of NC.

#### **Outreach Update**

- Thank you to everyone in council who donated to the toy drive
- Collected between 20-30 toys for the toy drive and donated them to Toy Mountain
- Donating a portion of the funds from the bar night during frost to Sick Kids
- Planning Red Table Talk with the social team at the moment and another event with another college, possibly Vanier.

#### **Orientation Chair Update**

- Thank you to all the council members that helped during frosh week!

#### **CRO Update**

- None.
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#### **Motions**

**Motion Date:** Wednesday, January 15<sup>th</sup>, 2025





**Motioned By:** Ebboni Blanchard

**Motion:** Be it resolved that NCC spends no more than \$1,000 on the Case Competition & Clubs Fair event.

**Motivation:** For the event to be a success we need prize money and food for attendees. Unlikely to spend the whole budget but this is the first NC event of its kind and I want to be a success so that in the future we can potentially have the same event and charge people to have a team (we can't do that for the first event).

**Moved by:** Gift

**Seconded by:** Emily

**In favour:** 10

**Opposed:** 0

**Abstained:** 0

**This motion has been:** Passed.

**Motion Date:** Wednesday, January 15<sup>th</sup>, 2025

**Motioned By:** Maria Aispuro Ramirez

**Motion:** Be it resolved that NCC spends no more than \$40 to print the pictures for Central Square.

**Motivation:** To print the pictures and update the board in Central Square of our Council

**Moved by:** Dina

**Seconded by:** Noah

**In favour:** 7

**Opposed:** 0

**Abstained:** 0



**This motion has been:** Passed.

**Motion Date:** Wednesday, January 15<sup>th</sup>, 2025

**Motioned By:** Jason Hoang

**Motion:** Be it resolved that NCC spends no more than \$30 on gift cards (1 gift cards w/ activation) for the January event.

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

**Moved by:** Jordan

**Seconded by:** Gift

**In favour:** 10

**Opposed:** 0

**Abstained:** 0

**This motion has been:** Passed.

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## **Adjournment**

**Motion Date:** Wednesday, January 15<sup>th</sup>, 2025



**Motion:** Be it resolved that the meeting be adjourned at 8:49 pm.

**Moved by:** Gift

**Seconded by:** Jordan

**In favour:** 10

**Opposed:** 0

**Abstained:** 0

**This motion has been:** Passed.

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