



New College Council Meeting #2
May 31st 2021
7:00PM - 8:00PM EDT via Zoom
Chaired by Kyle Fernandes

Call to Order: (Date and time)

I would like to call this meeting to order on May 31st, 2021 at 7:40pm.

Council Members:

Voting Members: Blake Donovan, Ilyass Sellouf, Kyra Bendastos, Nabiha Tariq, Nesha Thambirajah, Nicholas McFarlene, Rachel Trinh, Sean Lee

Non-Voting Members: Vaneeza Malik, Katherine Borges, Maham Faisal, Michelle Jung, Sofia Aaud, Tracy Hoang,

Absent: Shenali Don, Negar Fathi

Announcement of Proxies: Maritza Mohammad will be Shenali Don's proxy

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

Motion Date: Monday, May 31, 2021

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

Moved By: Kyra Bendastos

Seconded By: Blake Donovan

This motion has been: passed

In favour: 9

Opposed: 0

Abstain: 0

Minutes from Previous Meeting

Motion Date: Monday, May 31st, 2021

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

Moved By: Kyra Bendastos

Seconded By: Nicholas McFarlene

This motion has been: passed

In favour: 9

Opposed: 0

Abstain: 0

Matters Arising from the Previous Minutes: none



Financial Updates

- **Executives:**
 - hired auditors
 - renewed website
 - renewed domain
- **Athletics:** none
- **Social:** none

Department Updates

President's Update

- attended yoda meetings
- attended LAPS meetings
- attended CPA meetings
- attended college head meetings

President: "On that note, I will get VP academics to touch up on that."

VP Academics: "We met with the college heads this week and we talked about New Beat. If you don't know what that is, it is a magazine produced by New College and distributed among the students. This year, New College told me the Head of York is going to check statistics to see how many viewers they get so it is important we try to save New Beat. They were saying a lot of members last year on council left their articles till last minute and it is part of your honorarium so if you want to get paid in full you would have to write an article per semester which is only about 250-500 words. Not too bad. You could write about anything: study habits, life in COVID, etc. The problem with last year was that the College was saying that people were leaving articles till last minute and submitting all at once at the end of the semester. We need to change that this year so Filomena said that we can send up a signup sheet where people can sign up for each month so that is a good idea that will ensure that everyone writes quality articles for the semester. I will create a signup sheet and send it in the group chat."

Presidents updates continued:

- attended YFS meetings
- hired auditors
- renewed website



- renewed domain
- coordinated dates for club ratification with VP Academics
- assisted in the hiring process with VP Operations
- reviewed budget with VP Finance

VP Finance Update

- budget

“I hired the auditors. I met with the o-chair and we went over the frosh budget and I finished creating the preliminary budget. I will share my screen and share the budget with everyone. We do have money but please look at your budget and don’t go over it. Before you spend money on anything, talk to me as the President said beforehand.”

VP Operations Update

- hired new members

“We conducted all our interviews and we hired new members of council.”

Social Update

none

Athletics Update

none

Promotions Update

none

Academics Update

none



Orientation Chair Update

- In person events

“Pretty much how it's working right now all colleges are planning online frosh. When it comes to public health guidelines, that's what York follows for all in-person classes or in-person events. What we have been told is that there is some part of it that's going to be online, that's not going to change but if York says they are able to have class in person then we are also able to have in person events. When it comes to that we have to follow public health guidelines, it won't be like a party, yoga or bbq since it all depends on the situation. So when it comes to in person events it is all up in the air, we don't have a firm answer. It is kind of just on a case by case basis but York is going to let us know automatically if anything changes.”

- What's expected of council

“This year council is going to have a big role in frosh cause last year I noticed after frosh people mostly made connections with myself being president or o-chairs. They came to our instagram and social media less but that changes once social and athletics have their events but I would rather have that from the beginning of the year. So with that being said, it will be less of me hosting events and more you all hosting events and getting your faces out there and making connections. I will be reaching out to you all to host events when it comes to frosh. On top of that since it is all virtual there is going to be a lot of promotion. So again I am going to be requesting you to film videos, take pictures and send them in on time just because we will have to edit them and then either post them or use them for events. So get them ready on time. I will probably share more plans for promotions in July. Finally, when it comes to money, currently I am still the signing authority for the new college so I cannot send anything, so I will just be reaching out to you to run the cost yourself and then later on be reimbursed.”

- Rough schedule

“I was going to share the screen but I can't right now so I will just send that in the group chat. But frosh is going to be 9 days and we are going to start around noon and end by 11pm, which will be 3-4 events per day. It won't be like previous years, where you start before classes and run midway through the week. Instead frosh is starting week before classes and so for the whole 9 days there won't be any classes and we will have more time to work with.”

- Theme

“As for the theme, myself and the president came up with the theme. It is fast and furious so we are going to call it **new fast, new furious**. Merch is on its way. Once I have final designs I will share with you all.”

- Leader applications

“As for leader applications, you all have one more day. I am worried about getting leader applications. People are going to be excited about doing frosh online. If anyone asks if it is in person, tell them that if York goes in-person, then we go in person, just to give them that hope. Please push the applications on your stories. I will be sending extra promos so you can share that and push the giveaway as well. When it comes to applications, council is required to apply and be a part of frosh so please send in your applications and creative pieces by the deadline.”



- Recommendations

“If you have any feedback from frosh last year or what you saw online or any ideas, please let me know within the next two weeks. Right now I am building the schedule so we are flexible with changing stuff. Let me know what you liked and what you didn't or what you would like to change. Regarding the changes that have been made, I have told you that the council members are hosting a lot more events than just the O-chair and president. We are going to switch to discord for the platform we are going to use. We are starting to use the frosh Instagram and are hosting more events with other colleges too so we can build that bond and network. We are doing more giveaways. I am thinking of doing a point system for froshies so instead of just attending what they want, they get points for attending more events and participating and winning and in the end you win a huge prize. Me and VP Finance will be assessing it and it will either be an ipad mini and airpods or something like that. We are going big cause, we dont want to go home!”

- Mental health panelists

“We are planning a mental health panel with Calumet and so are looking for speakers. it's just panelists talking about their mental health whether it is about life in COVID, handling anxiety or depression, or working with a therapist. It doesn't have to be a big tragic story. I need two panelists, so if you are interested please let me know. If you don't know what to say but are interested, just let me know and we can work that out.”

- App development

“Other colleges got an app last year like discord or twitter, basically just a different platform. Right now it's all up in the air. I haven't done any demos. But I wanted to get everyone's opinion. It would be a way for everyone including froshies to message each other. You can make announcements and push notifications and it will be on your phone, which is convenient. For me I would say my opinion is positive as we can make those connections with members and send notifications so people know about events and they don't even have to log in to something to see it. This could work with in-person and online events so we could use it next year too. I think discord is good for online but when we are back in person people would just forget about it. But when it comes to apps we can use it later too. We can use athletics and social groups there as well. If anyone has any opinions you can say it now or text us later.”



College Head Update

Motions

Motion Date: Monday, May 31, 2021

Motion: Be it resolved New College Council extends Maritza Mohammed and Mohammed Obaid signing authority till June 14th , 2021

Motivation: Because of pandemic the current executive team has not been able to get signing authority so it is easier to extend signing authority and keep working around a way to get new signing authority

Moved By: Kyra Bendastos

Seconded By: Nicholas McFarlene

This motion has been: passed

In favour: 8

Opposed: 0

Abstain: 1



Motion Date: Monday, May 31, 2021

Motion: Be it resolved New College Council spends no more than \$18 000 on frosh week 2021

Motivation: This budget works to keep us financially stable for an online frosh.

Moved By: Kyra Bendastos

Seconded By: Nicholas McFarlene

This motion has been: passed

In favour: 9

Opposed: 0

Abstain: 0

Motion Date: Monday, May 31, 2021

Motion: Be it resolved New College Council reimburses Judy Mohammed for merch shipments

Motivation: Maritza purchased the merchandise on behalf of council with Judy Mohammed's credit card

Moved By: Kyra Bendastos

Seconded By: Nicholas McFarlene

This motion has been: Passed

In favour: 9

Opposed: 0

Abstain: 0



Motion Date: Monday, May 31st, 2021

Motion: Be it resolved that the meeting be adjourned at 7:59pm

Motivation: Meeting is done

Moved By: Blake Donovan

Seconded By: Nicholas McFarlene

This motion has been: Passed

In favour: 9

Opposed: 0

Abstain: 0

Adjournment
