

# YORK GRADUATE STUDENTS IN EDUCATION

## Full Council Meeting Minutes

**Meeting Date: Wednesday, December 1, 2021 3:30pm-5pm via Zoom**

**1. CALL TO ORDER BY Ryan Collis**

**1. TIME: 3:35 PM EST**

**2. HIGHLIGHTED = ACTION ITEM**

YGSE List of Members/Attendance

Position	Name	Present
Co-Chair (M.Ed)	Trevor Wang	PRESENT
Co-Chair (Ph.D)	Alicja Frankowski (she/her)	PRESENT
Co-Chair (Ph.D)	Ryan Collis	PRESENT
Secretary	Sheetal Prasad (she/her)	PRESENT
Treasurer	Lisa Johnston (she/her)	PRESENT
Community & Professional Development Coordinator	Marika Kunnas (she/her)	PRESENT
Chief Returning Officer	Diana Yoo	LATE
Graduate Conference Coordinator	Marika Kunnas (she/her)	PRESENT
Graduate Conference Coordinator	Jenna D'Andrea	PRESENT
CUPE 3903 Steward	Ryan Collis	PRESENT
M.Ed Representative	Sebastian David	LATE
Ph.D Representative	Ellie VanBerkel	LATE
Dadaab (Kenya) Cohort Representative	Mohamed Osman	ABSENT
Urban Indigenous Cohort Representative	N/A	N/A
Anti-Racism Representative	Nesha Charles	PRESENT
Graduate Lounge Manager	Ari Para (they/them)	ABSENT
YUGSA Representative	Sebastian David	LATE
YUGSA Representative	Helen Liu	PRESENT
YUGSA Representative	Alyssa Racco	PRESENT
IT Coordinator	Sheetal Prasad (she/her)	PRESENT
FGS Representative	Lisa Johnston (she/her)	PRESENT
Faculty Council Representative	Jenna D'Andrea	PRESENT
Faculty Council Representative	Sebastian David	LATE
Committee for Faculty Research, Awards And Grants (CFRAG)	Meezan Eglen (she/her)	PRESENT
Admissions Committee Representative	Kristy Smith	PRESENT

<b>Position</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Present</b>
Hiring Committee Representative	Katie Barron (she/her)	PRESENT
Tenure & Promotions Committee Representative	Selina Greco	PRESENT
Coordinating & Planning Committee	Ellie VanBerkel	LATE

## 2. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF AGENDA

### OLD BUSINESS

Item	Note
Last Meeting Minutes and agenda	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-motion to approve minutes from last meeting—Kristy and Meezan</li> <li>-motion to approve agenda—Meezan and Lisa</li> </ul>
Constitution Updates	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-change in positions in the council               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-Hiring Committee Representative(s) (2 positions) changed to 1 position</li> <li>-Curriculum Committee Representative (1 position) removed (no such committee)</li> <li>-Anti-Black Racism Committee (ABR Committee)                   <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-The Anti-Black Racism Committee Representative is responsible for:                       <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) Attending and participating in faculty Anti-Black Racism Committee meetings.</li> <li>b) Voting on motions brought forward at Anti-Black Racism Committee meetings.</li> <li>c) Providing a report to YGSE on issues relevant to education graduate students after each Anti-Black Racism Committee meetings.</li> <li>d) Sharing Anti-Black Racism Committee reports with YGSE.</li> </ul> </li> </ul> </li> <li>-RAC needs to change to CFRAG (Committee for Faculty Research Awards and Grants) —motion to add to list of changed (Meezan seconded by Kristy)</li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p>Voted to keep the changes—passed</p>
Updates for the Equity and Communications Committee	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-Equity issues with TAs with students who have no accountability with privilege and ethics</li> <li>-considering equity and ethics workshops for students</li> <li>-Nicola Dove—works with Prof. Sarah Barrett and is willing to collaborate on professional capacities (<a href="mailto:ndove@yorku.ca">ndove@yorku.ca</a>) (Alicja will reach out)</li> <li>-consider reporting systems for student accountabilities</li> <li>-Bringing up these issues during Faculty Council Meeting</li> </ul> <p><a href="https://docs.google.com/document/d/1e6gZjRb0-g7a_2ndzhxu5kRC4RGZIdVF2Xzfp2oAXc/edit?usp=sharing">https://docs.google.com/document/d/1e6gZjRb0-g7a_2ndzhxu5kRC4RGZIdVF2Xzfp2oAXc/edit?usp=sharing</a></p>

**NEW BUSINESS**

Item	Notes
Anti-Black Racism Rep Vote	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-1 person nominated</li> <li>-Nesha Charles accepts position!</li> <li>-motion to appoint—Diana and Alicja—motion passes</li> </ul>
Indigenous Cohort Rep	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-no one has expressed interest</li> <li>-consider a meeting and building a relationship with the Indigenous cohort and honouring protocols, and building ally-ship</li> <li>-reaching out to professors</li> <li>-If not, consider providing supports for the Indigenous cohorts to help with future programming, etc.—no expressed interest is also an answer</li> <li>-donating to land protection groups in recognition of land acknowledgements (Chairs will compose list of organizations)</li> </ul>
Recording Meetings	Recording meetings going forward—vote passed
Grad Exec Meeting Outcomes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-lack of regard for medical accommodations</li> <li>-no regards for student input and no documents recorded</li> <li>-Equity team may reach out and work out solutions</li> <li>-AODA Violations from York—contact chairs if you feel your accommodations are being violated</li> </ul>
Change to Constitution Meetings	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-desire to have more meetings (monthly)—separate from constitutional meetings (doodle poll to be sent out)—second week of January (Sheetal will remind chairs and send notices)</li> </ul>
Representative Reports	See next page for reports

## EXECUTIVE REPORTS

Chairs' Remarks	Nothing to remark
Treasurer	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>-applied for funding—no response yet—Lisa will follow up (Dec 15)</li><li>-reimbursed for the Faculty Meet &amp; Greet</li><li>-reimbursed BHER program for Mohamed's data plan</li></ul>
Community & Professional Development Coordinator	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>-Faculty Meet &amp; Greet went very well (over 20 students attended)</li><li>-Time management workshop went well (over 10 students attended)</li><li>-Dec—social night and online writing retreat</li><li>-Jan—accountability buddies, conference proposal workshop, getting your degree on track workshop,</li><li>-Feb—CV workshop, social event possibly on campus (not confirmed)</li><li>-Apr—Game night</li><li>-May—proposal writing workshops</li><li>-July &amp; August—Writing retreat</li></ul> <p>Motion to form a Social Committee—Marika and Lisa—Vote passed</p>

## ASSOCIATE REPORTS

Chief Returning Officer	Nothing to report
Graduate Conference Coordinators	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-decided on a theme “Re:”</li> <li>-all meeting minutes for grad conference is on the website</li> <li>-March 24-26 (dependent)</li> <li>-Possible proposal for funds</li> <li>-consider off-campus location or have completely online</li> <li>-Alicja will bring the financial books from two years ago</li> <li>-Aparna GAships—have not heard back from them (Ryan will follow up)</li> </ul>
CUPE 3903 Steward	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-province will not accept COVID as reason to have courses online (not considered unsafe or grounds for work stoppage)—let Ryan know if you are feeling unsafe for options and procedures</li> </ul> <p><a href="https://3903.cupe.ca/right2refuse/">https://3903.cupe.ca/right2refuse/</a></p>
M.Ed Representative	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-addressing the issue from Master students on MRP versus Thesis for PhD application—does not matter if you are doing MRP or Thesis... all applicants are eligible for applying (only Dalhousie has a preference for MRP)</li> <li>-Considering workshop to debunk PhD myths</li> <li>-Sebastian’s report will be put on the YGSE website under Resources (Sheetal is tasked to update website)</li> </ul>
Ph.D Representative	Nothing to report
Dadaab (Kenya) Cohort Representative	(Sheetal will email Mohamed for report)
Urban Indigenous Cohort Representative	N/A
FGS Representative	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-attended meetings</li> <li>-no longer have input on individual curriculums for different Faculties</li> <li>-Changes to the numbers of representations to include marginalized and racialized individuals</li> <li>-questions answered on vaccine mandate—TAs who have not uploaded their vaccine to the YU Screen portal or are unvaccinated will be removed from teaching assignments</li> </ul>
Graduate Lounge Manager	(Sheetal will email Ari for report)
YUGSA Representatives	-attended all meetings
IT Coordinator	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-website has been updated</li> <li>-people need to email secretary with their preferred email address, name and pronouns displayed on website</li> <li>-Possible deletion of Facebook group due to inactivity</li> </ul> <p><a href="https://ygse.info.yorku.ca/ygse-council-members/">https://ygse.info.yorku.ca/ygse-council-members/</a></p>

## COMMITTEE REPORTS

Faculty Council Representative	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-senate is ensuring back to campus</li> <li>-attended all meetings</li> <li>-issues with the educational streams, and expanding the IT funding and supports</li> <li>-Dean Savage spoke on the Five Year plan which should be finalized in a few months</li> <li>-there is a recognition of online streams</li> <li>-dissteration defences will continue online</li> <li>-Jenna will forward emails to Sebastian</li> </ul>
Research & Awards Committee Representative CFRAG	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-attended all meetings and there will be a faculty event to get to know each other's research and talk about the different awards and streams</li> <li>-consider sending out a list of awards</li> </ul>
Admissions Committee Representative	-no meetings yet but applications are due soon
Hiring Committee Representatives	Attended all meetings
Tenure & Promotions Committee Representative	Attended all meetings
Coordinating & Planning Committee	Attended all meetings
Other Reports	<b>SIGN THE CONSTITUTION! Email Sheetal with signed constitution</b>

### 3. CALL TO AJOURN MEETING BY Alicja

1. TIME: 5:22 PM EST
2. SECONDED BY: Diana