

# YORK GRADUATE STUDENTS IN EDUCATION

## Full Council Meeting Minutes

**Meeting Date: Tuesday, January 11, 2022 4:00pm-5:30pm via Zoom**

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

**1. TIME: 4:11 PM EST**

**2. HIGHLIGHTED = ACTION ITEM**

YGSE List of Members/Attendance

Position	Name	Email	Present
Co-Chair (M.Ed)	Trevor Wang	<a href="mailto:trevor91@my.yorku.ca">trevor91@my.yorku.ca</a>	PRESENT
Co-Chair (Ph.D)	Alicja Frankowski (she/her)	<a href="mailto:alicjafr@yorku.ca">alicjafr@yorku.ca</a>	PRESENT
Co-Chair (Ph.D)	Ryan Collis	<a href="mailto:ryan.collis@gmail.com">ryan.collis@gmail.com</a>	PRESENT
Secretary	Sheetal Prasad (she/her)	<a href="mailto:sp96@yorku.ca">sp96@yorku.ca</a>	PRESENT
Treasurer	Lisa Johnston (she/her)	<a href="mailto:lkj@yorku.ca">lkj@yorku.ca</a>	PRESENT
Community & Professional Development Coordinator	Marika Kunnas (she/her)	<a href="mailto:rmkunnas@yorku.ca">rmkunnas@yorku.ca</a>	PRESENT
Chief Returning Officer	Diana Yoo (she/her)	<a href="mailto:yu267070@my.yorku.ca">yu267070@my.yorku.ca</a>	PRESENT
Graduate Conference Coordinator	Marika Kunnas (she/her)	<a href="mailto:rmkunnas@yorku.ca">rmkunnas@yorku.ca</a>	PRESENT
Graduate Conference Coordinator	Jenna D'Andrea	<a href="mailto:jmdandrea@live.com">jmdandrea@live.com</a>	PRESENT
CUPE 3903 Steward	Ryan Collis	<a href="mailto:ryan.collis@gmail.com">ryan.collis@gmail.com</a>	PRESENT
M.Ed Representative	Sebastian David	<a href="mailto:sdavid11@my.yorku.ca">sdavid11@my.yorku.ca</a>	PRESENT
Ph.D Representative	Ellie VanBerkel	<a href="mailto:evanberk@yorku.ca">evanberk@yorku.ca</a>	PRESENT
Dadaab (Kenya) Cohort Representative	Mohamed Osman	<a href="mailto:Mohamedabdirahmanosman143@gmail.com">Mohamedabdirahmanosman143@gmail.com</a>	ABSENT
Urban Indigenous Cohort Representative	N/A	N/A	N/A
Anti-Black Racism Representative	Nesha Charles (she/her)	<a href="mailto:nscharle@yorku.ca">nscharle@yorku.ca</a>	PRESENT
Graduate Lounge Manager	Ari Para (they/them)	<a href="mailto:mancharip@gmail.com">mancharip@gmail.com</a>	ABSENT
YUGSA Representative	Sebastian David	<a href="mailto:sdavid11@my.yorku.ca">sdavid11@my.yorku.ca</a>	PRESENT
YUGSA Representative	Helen Liu	<a href="mailto:hliu566@gmail.com">hliu566@gmail.com</a>	PRESENT
YUGSA Representative	Alyssa Racco	<a href="mailto:alyssa_racco@edu.yorku.ca">alyssa_racco@edu.yorku.ca</a>	PRESENT
IT Coordinator	Sheetal Prasad (she/her)	<a href="mailto:sp96@yorku.ca">sp96@yorku.ca</a>	PRESENT
FGS Representative	Lisa Johnston (she/her)	<a href="mailto:lkj@yorku.ca">lkj@yorku.ca</a>	PRESENT
Faculty Council Representative	Jenna D'Andrea	<a href="mailto:jmdandrea@live.com">jmdandrea@live.com</a>	PRESENT
Faculty Council Representative	Sebastian David	<a href="mailto:sdavid11@my.yorku.ca">sdavid11@my.yorku.ca</a>	PRESENT
Committee for Faculty Research, Awards And Grants (CFRAG)	Meezan Eglen (she/her)	<a href="mailto:eglenm@yorku.ca">eglenm@yorku.ca</a>	ABSENT

<b>Position</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Email</b>	<b>Present</b>
Admissions Committee Representative	Kristy Smith (she/her)	<a href="mailto:smithkd5@yorku.ca">smithkd5@yorku.ca</a>	PRESENT
Hiring Committee Representative	Katie Barron (she/her)	<a href="mailto:kbarron@yorku.ca">kbarron@yorku.ca</a>	PRESENT
Tenure & Promotions Committee Representative	Selina Greco	<a href="mailto:selina_greco@edu.yorku.ca">selina_greco@edu.yorku.ca</a>	PRESENT
Coordinating & Planning Committee	Ellie VanBerkel	<a href="mailto:evanberk@yorku.ca">evanberk@yorku.ca</a>	PRESENT

## 2. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF AGENDA

### OLD BUSINESS

Item	Note
Last Meeting Minutes and agenda	-motion to approve minutes from last meeting—Katie and Nesha -motion to approve agenda—Diana and Lisa
Any corrections?	N/A

**NEW BUSINESS**

<b>Item</b>	<b>Notes</b>
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## EXECUTIVE REPORTS

Chairs' Remarks	Nothing to remark
Treasurer	-Check in with Trevor—funding has been secured (OGF) -First installment has been made (any reimbursements will be requested through Lisa)
Community & Professional Development Coordinator	-Social committee has been form and they have met twice to finalize details for upcoming events -December Social event had 12 attendees -writing retreat had 12 attendees over two days -no on-campus activities will be held currently due to COVID -upcoming events: -Jan 17—Plan your degree (M.Ed) -Jan 18—Plan your degree (Ph.D.) -Jan 20—Accountability Buddies -Jan 31—Conference Workshop -Feb—TBA -Mar—Graduate Conference

## ASSOCIATE REPORTS

Chief Returning Officer	Nothing to report
Graduate Conference Coordinators	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-submissions are open and are due February 9 <a href="https://ygse.info.yorku.ca/2022-graduate-student-conference-in-education/">https://ygse.info.yorku.ca/2022-graduate-student-conference-in-education/</a></li> <li>-sent out to York students and other faculties in other universities</li> <li>-Might end up online due to COVID</li> <li>-March 24-26 are the conference dates</li> <li>-Next Conference meeting is next week to discuss hybrid format</li> <li>-funds have been applied for, may be requesting additional funds from YGSE to mail out swag/merch</li> </ul>
CUPE 3903 Steward	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-No meeting has ben scheduled</li> <li>-Union is not happy with the return to campus plan</li> <li>-It is not safe to return to work and requests that any contract holders notify union of unsafe conditions, options, etc.</li> </ul>
M.Ed Representative	Nothing to Report
Ph.D Representative	Nothing to Report
Dadaab (Kenya) Cohort Representative	Nothing to Report
Urban Indigenous Cohort Representative	N/A
FGS Representative	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-Jan 6 meeting has been cancelled</li> <li>-revising the council to make it smaller due to growing faculties               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-pushback—concerns over lack of representation from marginalized groups</li> </ul> </li> <li>-discussions on transferring undergrad credits towards graduate coursework requirements</li> <li>-vaccination—confusion over the two forms of screening—further discussion will be held in the next meeting</li> </ul>
Graduate Lounge Manager	Nothing to Report
YUGSA Representatives	-Have attended meetings
IT Coordinator	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-Website is almost complete</li> <li>-Requests everyone to contact Sheetal about any changes to the members site: <a href="https://ygse.info.yorku.ca/ygse-council-members/">https://ygse.info.yorku.ca/ygse-council-members/</a></li> <li>-Still in the process of recovering three emails—will have to contact past members for access</li> </ul>

Anti-Black Racism Representative

-had three meetings so far  
-Molade and Vintimilla were chairing the meeting  
-Committee did an environmental scan of initiatives and activities to support Black inclusion and combat anti-black racism  
-example: professional development conference, workshops which includes 365 black curriculums in Progress—working with Sue Winton is creating initiatives to bridge Black faculties' existing relationships with students success beyond limits (currently an ongoing initiative—intention is to approach discussions around anti-black racism  
-Gina Boston was chairing different meeting session  
-have activities that are specifically focused on advancements in equity inclusion and community engagement, and then they are also looking into advancing portions of black students for GPD  
-currently ongoing courses in anti-black racism and Black Studies education for the Urban Education Diploma, etc.  
-in-progress proposal of more black studies and education courses and content specifically—possible book deliverable: <https://www.penguinrandomhouse.ca/books/605288/they-said-this-would-be-fun-by-eternity-martis/9780771062186>  
-Hired a Research Assistant and Special Advisor to create a database for training and support for faculty and staff, and recruitment to increase access for racialized students  
-to diversify physical and virtual Faculty of Education spaces—curriculum development was reviewed to create new anti-racism policies and procedures within each of the communities—part of the community mandates offer webinars that could count towards course credits  
-Admissions and Scholarships to include anti-black racism orientation mandates, orientations for CUAAS and grad admissions, review Faculty of Education Awards and particularly the language that's used for research graduate students, review of petitions committee, and for access and mentorship to develop digital materials for school guidance counsellors and for potential black applicants, highlight the advanced credit experience program creates students spaces for open discussion and create a mentorship program for access students, and create a transition team for the Jane and Finch community as well  
-currently initiating conversation and partnership to survey faculty and staff for a webinar series on anti black racism and develop partnerships with schools and school boards and community representative and create space and networking opportunities.  
-Next meeting is next week

## COMMITTEE REPORTS

Faculty Council Representative	Nothing to Report
Research & Awards Committee Representative CFRAG	Nothing to Report due to confidentiality
Admissions Committee Representative	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-Had first meeting on Dec 15</li> <li>-received 79 applications for PhD apps (will be accepting 18 domestic and 1 international students—may change soon)</li> <li>-Celia Popovic was elected as chair</li> <li>-M.Ed FT apps</li> </ul>
Hiring Committee Representatives	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-Have been going to meetings</li> <li>-2 positions have been offered</li> </ul>
Tenure & Promotions Committee Representative	-T&P meeting was today this afternoon
Coordinating & Planning Committee	Have attended meetings
Other Reports	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-Equity &amp; Communications Committee has met               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-Have contacted the Centre for Human Rights <a href="https://rights.info.yorku.ca/redipd/">https://rights.info.yorku.ca/redipd/</a></li> <li>-survey has been sent out about student opinions regarding return to campus</li> <li>-finding were presented in Grad Council meeting—not much response on the seriousness of students’ concerns or moving back to online learning <a href="https://docs.google.com/document/d/1a7-_iRDFvdz6Bk69TSBBenCztXEFgb3pv1LcBK2ZeSA/edit">https://docs.google.com/document/d/1a7-_iRDFvdz6Bk69TSBBenCztXEFgb3pv1LcBK2ZeSA/edit</a></li> </ul> </li> <li>-Document has been sent out amongst faculty</li> <li>-Discussion on reimbursement for students who had sudden changes since the declaration of in-person learning especially for international students who face bigger barriers when coming into the country (follow-up meeting is needed at Town Hall meeting)</li> <li>-Associate Dean is unimpressive</li> <li>-Alicja and Lisa went to the YGSE office to clear out ledgers in the filing cabinets—unfortunately they were cleaned out. Both have the keys to the office and filing cabinet in case anyone needs them.</li> </ul>

### 3. CALL TO AJOURN MEETING BY Lisa

1. TIME: 5:03 PM EST
2. SECONDED BY: Ellie