

YORK GRADUATE STUDENTS IN EDUCATION

Full Council Meeting Minutes

Meeting Date: Wednesday, June 7, 2023 @ 7:00-9:00 pm via Zoom

1. **CALL TO ORDER BY Marika**
2. **TIME 9:04 AM EST**
 1. **Land Acknowledgement by Nesha**
 2. **HIGHLIGHTED = ACTION ITEM**

YGSE List of Members/Attendance

Position	Name	Email	Present
CUPE 3903 Steward	Alicja Frankowski	alicjafr@yorku.ca	PRESENT
YUGSA Representative	Alicja Frankowski	alicjafr@yorku.ca	PRESENT
Hiring Committee Representative	Alicja Frankowski	alicjafr@yorku.ca	PRESENT
Chief Returning Officer	Chunlei Liu	chunleil@yorku.ca	PRESENT
Graduate Lounge Manager	Chunlei Liu	chunleil@yorku.ca	PRESENT
Graduate Conference Coordinator	Ellie VanBerkel	evanberk@yorku.ca	PRESENT
Graduate Conference Coordinator	Esther Martinez	estherm@yorku.ca	PRESENT
YUGSA Representative	Helen Liu	hliu566@yorku.ca	ABSENT
Equity & Communications Coordinators	Helen Liu	hliu566@yorku.ca	ABSENT
Tenure & Promotions Committee Representative	Jenna D'Andrea	jdandrea@yorku.ca	ABSENT
Treasurer	Lisa Johnston (she/her)	lkj@yorku.ca	PRESENT
Committee for Faculty Research, Awards And Grants (CFRAG)	Lisa Johnston (she/her)	lkj@yorku.ca	PRESENT
Coordinating & Planning Committee	Lisa Smith	smithl68@yorku.ca	PRESENT
Co-Chair (Ph.D)	Marika Kunnas (she/her)	rmkunnas@yorku.ca	PRESENT
M.Ed Representative	N/A	N/A	N/A
Ph.D Representative	N/A	N/A	N/A
Dadaab (Kenya) Cohort Representative	N/A	N/A	N/A
Community & Professional Development Coordinator	Nana Adu-Poku	adunana@my.yorku.ca	ABSENT
YUGSA Representative	Nana Adu-Poku	adunana@my.yorku.ca	ABSENT
Co-Chair (M.Ed)	Nesha Charles (she/her)	nscharle@yorku.ca	PRESENT
Urban Indigenous Cohort Representative	Roxanne Gillis	rtgrc93@yorku.ca	ABSENT
CUPE 3903 Steward	Ryan Collis	ryan.collis@gmail.com	PRESENT
Equity & Communications Coordinators	Shannon Hyatali	shannon.hyatali@hotmail.com	PRESENT

Position	Name	Email	Present
Anti-Black Racism Representative	Shayna Brissett-Foster	shayna93@yorku.ca	PRESENT
Journal Managing Editor	Sheetal Prasad (she/her)	sp96@yorku.ca	PRESENT
Secretary (IT merged)	Sheetal Prasad (she/her)	sp96@yorku.ca	PRESENT
Admissions Committee Representative	Sonia Martin	smartin1@yorku.ca	PRESENT
FGS Representative	Stephanie Cheung	stephche@yorku.ca	ABSENT
Faculty Council Representative	Zahra Mawani	mawaniz@my.yorku.ca	ABSENT

- 2. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA BY Sonia and Ryan—voted in favour
- 3. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES BY Sonia and Ryan—voted in favour

OLD BUSINESS

Item	Note
Peer Mentors	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Budget request—electronic vote
Constitutional Changes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Motion to extend meeting to 15 minutes—voted in favour • https://docs.google.com/document/d/1M9K-6xxZVrkXv-X0eqRNO8XfrOdn3s8PIb0FdvLeteU/edit?usp=sharing <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Meeting Dates • Number of positions you can run for • Election —vacancies <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Co-Chair vacancies • Electronic budget/reimbursement protocol (by-law 2) • End of year event in lieu of honoraria - CPD responsibility • Moving executive and select positions to the spring election • Master’s and PhD Representative positions - discussion <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To be replaced with either First Year Rep or Peer Mentor Coordinator • Motion to have a peer-mentorship position—Sonia and Alicja —discussions: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Discussions on whether to replace the PhD and MEd rep positions with the Peer Mentor position • No quorum so vote will be moved to electronic

NEW BUSINESS

Item	Notes
Electronic Votes	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Peer-Mentor Position• Peer-Mentor Budget
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EXECUTIVE REPORTS

<p>Chairs' Remarks</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Renovations <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Grad Lounge will be done soon—inspections are left by the city • Projected to be open by Fall • GPD Search Update <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • We have a GPD—Gabby Moser! • Enrolment <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • mostly steady, MCLE program lower than usual • Awards <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • apply to them! <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Student Financial Profile: https://sfs.yorku.ca/aid/sfp • Faculty of Education Awards: https://www.yorku.ca/edu/students/graduate-students/graduate-forms/#awards • Sent Land Acknowledgement Fund: https://www.asemaa.org/about-us • Proposed CE/DP changes <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • should be approved soon • Update: they are putting in a page range 35-50 pages • Specializations/Fields <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • They are going back with Specialization and Clusters for areas of research • Changes to grading scale <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • From 9-point to 4-point • https://www.yorku.ca/secretariat/wp-content/uploads/sites/107/2020/11/Conversion-Scales-for-the-new-Grading-Schemes-Updated-May-2022.pdf • C+ is now higher - 67 - important for staying in the program • B+ is now higher - 77 - important for applying to the program • EVERYONE: Submit your end of year summary reports: https://docs.google.com/document/d/1SaZS6jPf5BqMyGdJmhe6qbP3q6RuMcEUPdIxNuQ6gYY/edit?usp=sharing • Open positions Vote <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • PhD Co-Chair—Sheetal Prasad—voted in • MEd Co-Chair—Esther Martinez—voted in! • CRO—Marika Kunnas—voted in!
<p>Treasurer</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Outstanding fees to be accepted • Closing balance: \$16309.36 • \$2000 was set aside for bursaries—motion to add \$1000 additional to overall budget for bursaries—seconded by Ellie—no discussions—voted in favour
<p>Community & Professional Development Coordinator</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Alternate Campus tour went well. Should be done again next year. • Town hall generated some useful feedback. One suggestion was that current members of the council have a brief meeting with the individuals who take over our positions next year. This will help smoothen the transition and hopefully get the next council off to a running start. • The difficulty with booking spaces this year should be clarified with the grad program office. • As mentioned earlier “Renovations still incomplete, hoping they will be done shortly – the graduate lounge event is postponed until it is done”. • Reimbursement approved for Teresa—next steps outlined by Lisa

Secretary

- If you were given an email, please let me know if you have changed the password. All emails will have their passwords changed by end of August
- TIM + JENNA: Peer-Mentor email and password must be sent to Secretary to ensure record keeping of email addresses
- Year-End Reports due end of June

ASSOCIATE REPORTS

Chief Returning Officer	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Vote for Ph.D Co-Chair• Vote for M.Ed Co-Chair• Vote for CRO• Form was sent for Grad Student Lounge
Graduate Conference Coordinators	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• The Graduate Conference was a success and we thank everyone for their help and support, specifically to our wonderful Conference Committee!• Most of the honorariums have been sent, with the exclusion of those that will be sent through etransfer• We have a Conference feedback form that we will use as we write up our End of Year Report. Feel free to fill it out if you were an attendee/presenter.• We set apart a portion of our budget for the Indigenous Elder for the conference, however, since that was not possible, we decided we will donate this portion to Aseemaa• We offered an honorarium to Faculty for their help with the conference, however, many of them declined (and are waiting on one more to respond) and asked that it be put back into the funds/ use for next year's conference. Suggestion to use it for bursaries—discussions on where to put the extra funding—to be put into the bursary funds—motion to add extra funds to bursaries—Ellie and Sonia—voted in favour

CUPE 3903 Steward

- Our Collective Agreement with York University expires on August 31, 2023. This means that we are about to begin bargaining.
- <https://cupe.us17.list-manage.com/track/click?u=06b0a8c0baeb41aa80f2ed7b3&id=d9adfc18e8&e=7ddf2a09ae>
- With Bill 124 having been declared unconstitutional, and with historic inflation and increased cost of living, this round of bargaining is a unique opportunity to fight for higher wages.
- <https://cupe.us17.list-manage.com/track/click?u=06b0a8c0baeb41aa80f2ed7b3&id=51f1590d9b&e=7ddf2a09ae>
- With a recent wave of strike activity and unionization, the power of organized labour to deliver significant benefits to workers is more evident than ever. It's our turn to have similar successes. This survey is the first step to elaborating our priorities so that we can fight for them together. Please take 15 minutes to share what matters most to you for your working conditions as we enter the next round of bargaining. This survey will inform the bargaining proposals that will be presented to the union membership and ultimately to the Employer.
- This survey is for members of CUPE 3903 Unit 1/Unit 2/Unit 3 only. All information collected will be treated as strictly confidential by the Bargaining Team and the Executive Committee. To ensure you receive up-to-date communications during bargaining, your contact information will be kept, but it will not be associated with your answers.
- <https://cupe.us17.list-manage.com/track/click?u=06b0a8c0baeb41aa80f2ed7b3&id=c7c53a8585&e=7ddf2a09ae>
- Please click the Bargaining Survey for your Unit:
 - Unit 1 – Full-time Graduate students who work as Teaching Assistants, Marker/Graders, Lab Assistants, Tutors, and more.
 - <https://cupe.us17.list-manage.com/track/click?u=06b0a8c0baeb41aa80f2ed7b3&id=238816ee55&e=7ddf2a09ae>
 - Unit 2 – Contract faculty who are not full-time graduate students.
 - <https://cupe.us17.list-manage.com/track/click?u=06b0a8c0baeb41aa80f2ed7b3&id=c5b7fb47cb&e=7ddf2a09ae>
 - Unit 3 – Full-time graduate students with a graduate assistantship or a research assistantship.
 - <https://cupe.us17.list-manage.com/track/click?u=06b0a8c0baeb41aa80f2ed7b3&id=939252b213&e=7ddf2a09ae>
- We hope you answer as many questions as possible but you can skip individual questions if you like. Please complete the survey once you have started it. If you need to re-start the survey or have other problems, please contact the Bargaining Team at 3903bargaining@gmail.com. For bargaining to succeed, we need a full and accurate picture of 3903 needs and priorities, so please discuss the survey with other members!
- Thank you! Teamwork makes the dream work!
- In solidarity,
- Erin
- Events:
 - Summer sessions—discussion-oriented sessions meant to give union members a space to learn about the organization
 - June—theme: tactics, July—theme: solidarity, August—theme: building power
 - Email Ryan if interested in attending

M.Ed Representative	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • N/A
Ph.D Representative	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • N/A
Dadaab (Kenya) Cohort Representative	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • N/A
Urban Indigenous Cohort Representative	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • N/A
FGS Representative	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • N/A
Graduate Lounge Manager	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Vote for budget for student lounge: https://docs.google.com/document/d/13w1QPq1j836rCTs5xzIplPwmKsg66xP-O-A3qgoxnGU/edit • Furniture and Decor: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wall decorations: \$200 • Electronics and Entertainment: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Board games: \$150 • Snacks and Refreshments: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Coffee machine and supplies: \$150 • Tea selection: \$100 • Snacks (chips, cookies, etc.): \$300 • Beverages (soda, juice, water): \$250 • Cleaning and Maintenance: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cleaning supplies: \$100 • Trash bins and bags: \$50 • Maintenance tools: \$100 • Printing and Office Supplies: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Printer: \$300 • Printer paper: \$100 • Ink cartridges: \$200 • Office supplies (pens, notebooks): \$150 • Miscellaneous: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Whiteboard or chalkboard: \$100 • Total Budget Estimate: \$2250 • Budget will need to be revised as this budget is too large • Warren Crichlow donated books to our lounge • Motion to rough budget—Chunlei—seconded by Sonia—discussions: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • New budget is \$1375—motion for new budget—Sonia—no discussions—voted in favour
YUGSA Representatives	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There are some issues with the last YUGSA election, the election validity was figured out on April 28th. However, the allegations will be settled in the upcoming year.
Anti-Black Racism Representative	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • rewriting the committee mandate to better fit all racialized students and not Black students specifically • Will continue to host Black focused events • Gap with Anti-Black racism student support - no channel to turn to • Recruiting professors to join committee (many education profs are on sabbatical or have prior commitments) • Still meetings!
Equity & Communications Coordinators	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nothing to report

Journal Managing Editor

- Our open-call issue is currently being copyedited. Projected to be in the production stage by early July
- Special-Issue deadline has been extended to June 12 to accommodate the authors who had to also present at Congress
- The Journal recommends to the future Conference Coordinators (add to Year End Report) to not hold next year's conference near the dates of AERA and Congress (reference back to how 2022's conference was held)
- Stipend sent to our Lead Reviewers for completing this issue's review

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Faculty Council Representative	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Nothing to report
Committee for Faculty Research & Awards Representative (CFRAG)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Nothing to report
Admissions Committee Representative	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Admissions complete. Nothing to report.
Hiring Committee Representatives	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 2 positions are filled and 1 is still needed to be confirmed• Have attended meetings. Meetings are done.
Tenure & Promotions Committee Representative	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Have attended meeting. Nothing to report
Coordinating & Planning Committee	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Nothing to report. Attended last meeting
Other Reports/Special Committees/Announcements	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• N/A

3. CALL TO AJOURN MEETING BY

1. TIME: 11:20 AM EST
2. SECONDED BY: No quorum