

## York Graduate Students in Education (YGSE)

Meeting: Wednesday October 18, 2023 at 3.00pm via Zoom

### ATTENDING:

Sheetal Prasad (Co-Chair), Esther Martinez (Co-chair), Lisa Smith, Aurra Startup, Shayna Brissett-Foster, Helen Liu, Marika Kunnas, Chloe Jones-Westgarth, Chunlei Liu, Mercedes Veselka, Emina Gladstone, Suad Ahmed, Ryan Collis, Ellie Van Berkel, Jenna D'Andrea, Rick Powless, Stella Kim, Jessica D'Andrea, Alicja Frankowski, Sarah Crouthers

### MINUTES OF MEETING

1. Call to Order - Meeting called to order by the Co-Chairs at 3.01pm.
2. Land Acknowledgement
3. Roll Call by secretary.
4. Proposed Budget
  - The proposed budget was put forward. At the current time the budget is somewhat tight and we are not aware of what YUGSA's contribution might be.
  - Faculty Meet & Greet on October 19th, funding for this (\$233.91) is out of pocket which will be covered by YGSE, who in turn will be reimbursed by the Dean's office.
  - The Graduate Mentorship Program has put forward a budget proposal for \$500 to cover a workshop for mentors and mentees (\$400) and refreshments (\$100). Other funding opportunities will also be explored.
  - The emergency reserve will be reduced from \$3000 to \$2500.
  - The vote was approved by Jenna and seconded by Rick. Vote carried with one abstention.
5. YUGSA Representative
  - Suad Ahmed was voted in as YUGSA representative.
6. Ad Hoc Committees
  - These can be created by the Chairs.
  - They do not need to have their standing committees put to a vote.
  - A page will be added to the website giving details of the standing committees and links to their Terms of Reference/how to join. **Action:** Sheetal/Esther
7. YUGSA's Statement
  - YGSE was not consulted and did not approve the statement.
  - YGSE would like more transparency with regard to the decision making process which led to the publication of this letter, as it presumes that YGSE and their students are involved by implication.
  - The open letter, which has since been deleted, was shared with meeting attendees.

- YUGSA Representatives will take part in the meeting tomorrow to seek further clarity, particularly in the light of the most recent email from the Vice-Chancellor. YUGSA and the other student unions have committed to making a response by the end of tomorrow (Thursday, October 19th).
- Strong and differing opinions were voiced during the meeting and concerns were raised about how we needed to represent all students.
- The Co-Chairs will email the three YUGSA meeting attendees directly and copy in the YUGSA VP Internal. **Action:** Sheetal/Esther
- YUGSA representatives at the meeting will be able to vote, bearing in mind the discussion that has taken place today
- YUGSA representatives will note the key points of the meeting and on that basis YGSE will consider next steps **Action:** YUGSA Representatives

8. Meeting Adjourned