

2024-2025 York Graduate Students in Education (YGSE) - October Meeting

Oct 10, 2024 11:00 a.m. EDT | Zoom

Attendance List

Role(s)	Name	Here?
PhD Co-chair, CUPE 3903 Unit 1 Steward	Ari Paranthahan	✓
MEd Co-chair	Stephanie Soares	
Secretary	Ian Chan	✓
Treasurer	Aurra Startup	
Social and Professional Development Coordinator	Safra Dean	✓
Equity and Communications Coordinator, Graduate Mentorship Program Coordinator	Jennifer Tran	✓
Equity and Communications Coordinator	Shenel Williams	✓
Elections Officer, Coordinating & Planning (C&P) Committee	Mahnaz Dehghantezerjani	✓
Indigenous Student Representative (ISR)	Melissa Somer	✓
YU-WRITE Journal Managing Editor, Admission Representative	Sheetal Prasad	✓
Graduate Lounge/Kitchen Manager	Tracy Kan	✓
Graduate Conference Coordinator, Committee for Faculty Research, Awards & Grants Representative	Ellie Van Berkel	✓
Graduate Conference Coordinator	Tesni Ellis	
PhD Representative	Ayesha Michelle Menezes	✓
MEd Representative	Aida Mohammadi	✓
Graduate Mentorship Program Coordinator	Runeni Mangwiza Zvemhara	
York University Graduate Student Association (YUGSA) Representative	Tristan Castro Pozo Castro	
York University Graduate Student Association (YUGSA) Representative	Chunlei Liu	✓
Faculty Council Representative	Sonia Martin	✓
Faculty Council Representative	Stella Kim	
Justice, Equity, and Redress of Anti-Black Racism (JERA) Committee Representative	Prilly Bicknell-Hersco	✓
Tenure & Promotions Committee Representative	Selina Greco	✓

Attendees (16 out of 22)

Ari Paranthahan, Ian Chan, Selina Greco, Ayesha Michelle Menezes, Ellie Van Berkel, Sheetal Prasad, Shenel Williams, Aida Mohammadi, Safra Dean, Jennifer Tran, Sonia Martin, Melissa Somer, Chunlei Liu, Tracy Kan, Prilly Bicknell-Hersco, Mahnaz Dehghantezerjani

Apologies (6 out of 22)

Stephanie Soares, Aurra Startup, Tesni Ellis, Runeni Mangwiza Zvemhara, Tristan Castro Pozo Castro, Stella Kim

Agenda

1. Call to order - 11:05 am
2. Land acknowledgement (by PhD Co-chair Ari Paranthahan)
3. Roll call (by Secretary Ian Chan) - $\frac{2}{3}$ majority (15 members) attendance fulfilled
4. Vote on the agenda - approved by unanimous majority consent (motioned by Equity and Communications Coordinator Shenel Williams, seconded by Social and Professional Development Coordinator Safra Dean)
5. Approval of [Previous Minutes](#) - approved by unanimous majority consent (motioned by YU-WRITE Journal Managing Editor / Admission Representative Sheetal Prasad, seconded by PhD Representative Ayesha Michelle Menezes)
6. Vote on [Updates to Constitution](#) - approved by unanimous majority consent (motioned by PhD Co-chair Ari Paranthahan, seconded by Secretary Ian Chan and the corresponding YGSE council members for the following positions who are present at the meeting)
 - Description of Positions (Secretary) - adding item h “Assisting the newly elected co-chairs in March with transitioning into their position over the summer.”
 - Description of Positions (Treasurer) - adding item i “Assisting the newly elected co-chairs in March with transitioning into their position over the summer.”
 - Description of Positions (Equity and Communication Coordinator) - adding item j “Assisting the newly elected co-chairs in March with transitioning into their position over the summer.”
 - Description of Positions (Social and Events Coordinator) - changing the role title to “Social and Professional Development Coordinator”; adding item g “Assisting the newly elected co-chairs in March with transitioning into their position over the summer.”
 - Description of Positions (Elections Officer) - adding item e “Assisting the newly elected co-chairs in March with transitioning into their position over the summer.”
 - Description of Positions [Indigenous Student Representative (ISR)] - adding item e “Assisting the newly elected co-chairs in September with transitioning into their position over the summer.”
 - Description of Positions [Dadaab (Kenya) Cohort Representative] - adding item b “Assisting the newly elected co-chairs in September with transitioning into their position over the summer.”
 - Description of Positions (YU-Write Journal Managing Editor) - adding item g “Assisting the newly elected co-chairs in March with transitioning into their position over the summer.”
 - Description of Positions (Graduate Lounge/Kitchen Manager) - adding item d “Assisting the newly elected co-chairs in September with transitioning into their position over the summer.”
 - Description of Positions [Graduate Conference Coordinator(s)] - adding item g(vi) “Assisting the newly elected co-chairs in March with transitioning into their position over the summer.”
 - Description of Positions (Masters and PhD Representative) - adding item g “Assisting the newly elected co-chairs in September with transitioning into their position over the summer.”
 - Description of Positions [Graduate Mentorship Program Coordinator(s)]
 - Bolding role title font
 - Adjusting role description font size to keep it consistent with that for other positions
 - Adding item g “Assisting the newly elected co-chairs in March with transitioning into their position over the summer.”
 - Description of Positions [York University Graduate Student Association (YUGSA) Representative] - adding item e “Assisting the newly elected co-chairs in September with transitioning into their position over the summer.”
 - Description of Positions (CUPE 3903 Unit 1 Steward) - adding item f “Assisting the newly elected co-chairs in September with transitioning into their position over the summer.”

- Description of Positions [Faculty of Graduate Studies (FGS) Representative] - adding item e “Assisting the newly elected co-chairs in September with transitioning into their position over the summer.”
 - Faculty of Education Committee Positions [Coordinating and Planning (C&P) Representative] - adding item c “Assisting the newly elected co-chairs in March with transitioning into their position over the summer.”
 - Faculty of Education Committee Positions [Faculty Council Representative(s)] - changing the number of Faculty Council Representatives from “2” to “1-2”; adding “s” for expressing the subject in plural instead of singular form; adding item b “Assisting the newly elected co-chairs in March with transitioning into their position over the summer.”
 - Faculty of Education Committee Positions [Justice, Equity and Redress of Anti-Black Racism (JERA) Committee Representative] - clarifying the number of position as “1”; adding item d “Assisting the newly elected co-chairs in September with transitioning into their position over the summer.”
 - Faculty of Education Committee Positions [Committee for Faculty Research, Awards and Grants (CFRAG) Representative (1 position)] - adding item d “Assisting the newly elected co-chairs in September with transitioning into their position over the summer.”
 - Faculty of Education Committee Positions (Admissions Committee Representative) - adding item c “Assisting the newly elected co-chairs in September with transitioning into their position over the summer.”
 - Faculty of Education Committee Positions [Tenure and Promotions (T&P) Committee Representative] - adding item c “Assisting the newly elected co-chairs in September with transitioning into their position over the summer.”
 - Faculty of Education Committee Positions [Hiring Committee Representative(s)] - changing the role title to “Tenure Stream Appointment Committee”; adding item d “Assisting the newly elected co-chairs in September with transitioning into their position over the summer.”
7. Vote on changing the YGSE meeting time from first Wednesday to first week of each month - approved by unanimous majority consent (motioned by Equity and Communications Coordinator / Graduate Mentorship Program Coordinator Jennifer Tran, seconded by Equity and Communications Coordinator Shenel Williams)
 8. Vote on the budget - presented by PhD co-chair Ari Paranthahan on behalf of treasurer Aurra Startup; pending for revision and vote in the next YGSE meeting
 - Social and Professional Development Coordinator Safra Dean expressed concerns of the lack of financial support for grad lounge and social events, suggesting to increase funding for both aspects to \$500 and \$1500 respectively
 - Equity and Communications Coordinator / Graduate Mentorship Program Coordinator Jennifer Tran proposed with the consent of fellow Graduate Mentorship Program Coordinator Runeni Mangwiza Zvemhara that the funds for Graduate Mentorship Program and YGSE team building activities can be reallocated for grad lounge and social events
 9. By-election vote
 - PhD Representative - Ayesha Michelle Menezes nominated and elected by unanimous majority consent (motioned by YU-WRITE Journal Managing Editor / Admission Representative Sheetal Prasad, seconded by Equity and Communications Coordinator Shenel Williams)
 - MEd Representative - Aida Mohammadi nominated and elected by unanimous majority consent (motioned by PhD Representative Ayesha Michelle Menezes, seconded by Equity and Communications Coordinator / Graduate Mentorship Program Coordinator Jennifer Tran)
 - Justice, Equity, and Redress of Anti-Black Racism (JERA) Committee Representative - Prilly Bicknell-Hersco nominated and elected by unanimous majority consent (motioned by YU-WRITE Journal Managing Editor / Admission Representative Sheetal Prasad, seconded by Secretary Ian Chan)
 - Graduate Lounge/Kitchen Manager - Tracy Kan nominated and elected by unanimous majority consent (motioned by Secretary Ian Chan, seconded by Equity and Communications Coordinator Shenel Williams)
 10. Chair’s remarks by PhD co-chair Ari Paranthahan
 - Welcome & Introductions
 - Updates
 - Fall Social, Movie nights, Faculty Meet N Greet
 - CUPE 3903 Steward 2nd position, YUGSA 3rd position
 - Grad Exec Updates

11. Reports of Officers

- Executive
 - Secretary
 - Equity and Communications Coordinators
 - Social and Professional Development Coordinator
 - Elections Officer
- Associates
 - Indigenous Student Rep
 - [Graduate Conference Coordinators](#)
 - Journal Managing Editor
 - Graduate Lounge/Kitchen Manager
 - YUGSA Reps
 - CUPE 3903 Steward(s)
 - M.Ed and Ph.D. Reps
 - Graduate Mentorship Program Coordinators
- Faculty Committee Representatives
 - Faculty Council Reps
 - CFRAG Rep
 - Admissions Committee Rep
 - Hiring (TSAC) Rep
 - Tenure and Promotions Committee Rep
 - Coordinating & Planning Rep
 - Justice, Equity, Redress & Anti-Black Racism (JERA) Committee Rep

12. Vote on extension of meeting time by 30 minutes - approved by unanimous majority consent (motioned by YU-WRITE Journal Managing Editor / Admission Representative Sheetal Prasad, seconded by PhD Representative Ayesha Michelle Menezes)

13. Multifaith Prayer Room for Education Students (Joy Manette) - cancelled

14. End time without adjournment - 1:09 pm