

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

Mar 5, 2025 12:00 p.m. EST | Zoom

Attendance List

Role(s)	Name	Here?
PhD Co-chair, CUPE 3903 Unit 1 Steward	Ari Paranthahan	✓
PhD Co-chair	James Thomas	✓
Secretary	Ian Chan	✓
Treasurer, Graduate Lounge/Kitchen Manager	Tracy Kan	
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 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	
York University Graduate Student Association (YUGSA) Representative	Helen 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 (14 out of 22 - not simultaneous)

Ari Paranthahan, James Thomas, Ian Chan, Safra Dean, Shenel Williams, Mahnaz Dehghantezerjani, Melissa Somer, Sheetal Prasad, Tesni Ellis, Ellie Van Berkel, Ayesha Michelle Menezes, Sonia Martin, Stella Kim, Prilly Bicknell-Hersco

Apologies (8 out of 22)

Tracy Kan, Jennifer Tran, Aida Mohammadi, Runeni Mangwiza Zvemhara, Tristan Castro Pozo Castro, Chunlei Liu, Helen Liu, Selina Greco

Agenda

1. Call to Order - 12:09 pm
2. Land Acknowledgment (by PhD Co-Chair Ari Paranthahan)
3. Roll Call (by Secretary Ian Chan)
4. Vote on the Agenda
5. Approval of [Previous Minutes](#)
6. Changes to Budget & Vote (by PhD Co-Chair Ari Paranthahan)
7. PhD Co-Chair's Remarks (by PhD Co-Chair Ari Paranthahan)
 - Grad Exec Updates (by PhD Co-Chair Ari Paranthahan)
 - Emergency Meeting Updates - 2 Motions (by PhD Co-Chair James Thomas)
 - Replace Article 6: Quorum - "A quorum of membership, for all purposes, shall be reached when 51% or 1/2+1 of voting Council Members are present. Quorum for the June meeting will be set at 50% of voting council members."
 - Replace the first two paragraphs following Co-chairs (2 positions) with: Both co-chairs must be either a Master's or PhD student in the Faculty of Education. The 2 students in this role will take on the co-chair position for a 2 year term, one serving as the senior co-chair, the other as a junior co-chair."
8. Reports of Officers
 - Executive
 - Equity and Communications Coordinators
 - Social and Professional Development Coordinator
 - Elections Officer
 - Associates
 - Indigenous Student Rep - [Indigenous Studies Response to York University](#)
 - Graduate Conference Coordinators
 - Journal Managing Editor
 - Graduate Lounge/Kitchen Manager
 - YUGSA Reps
 - CUPE 3903 Steward
 - MEd and PhD Reps
 - Graduate Mentorship Program Coordinators
 - Faculty Committee Representatives
 - Faculty Council Reps
 - CFRAG Rep
 - Admissions Committee Rep
 - Tenure and Promotions Committee Rep
 - Coordinating and Planning Rep
 - Justice, Equity, Redress and Anti-Black Racism (JERA) Committee Rep
9. Grad Retreat Planning Committee & Ideas (Ari, James, Sheetal, Ellie, Safra, Tracy)
10. End Time Without Adjournment - 1:44 pm