

Annual General Meeting Minutes

York Federation of Students (YFS) – Local 68 Canadian Federation of Students
January 24th, 2022

1. **CALL TO ORDER - 17:14**
2. **LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT**
3. **WELCOMING REMARK**
4. **ANTI-HARASSMENT ADVISOR REMARKS**
5. **ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA**

MOTION 2022-01-24: A01

BE IT RESOLVED that the agenda be accepted as presented.

Moved: Grange **Seconded:** Seghal **Result:** Carries

6. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

MOTION 2022-01-24: M01

BE IT RESOLVED that the minutes of the January 28th, 2021 Annual General Meeting be accepted as presented in **APPENDIX A**.

Moved: Clarke **Seconded:** Uthayakumar **Result:** Carries

7. NEW BUSINESS

A. FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

MOTION 2022-01-24: N01

BE IT RESOLVED that the 2020-2021 Audit by Grant Thornton be received as presented in **APPENDIX B**; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Grant Thornton be accepted as the auditors for the 2021-2022 audit.

Moved: Duhra **Seconded:** Mohammed **Result:** Carries

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B. MOTION TO FIGHT FOR SAFE REOPENINGS AND REMOTE LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES

MOTION 2022-01-24: N02

WHEREAS the provincial government of Ontario is beginning the unsafe reopening of schools; and

WHEREAS York University is at risk of reopening unsafely amidst ongoing outbreaks and rising cases of COVID-19; and

WHEREAS there is a shortage in N-95 masks and appropriate personal protective equipment; and

WHEREAS the COVID-19 virus is proven to be able to cause chronic effects on neurological and cardiovascular health; and

WHEREAS students have voiced concerns for more opportunities for remote learning avenues; and

WHEREAS it is inequitable to force students to risk their health and physically attend class during a pandemic; and

WHEREAS students have not been comfortable in the University's reopening plans; therefore

BE IT RESOLVED that the York Federation of Students oppose all unsafe reopenings; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the York Federation of Students lobby the York University administration to expand remote sections for course delivery to be accessible to all students; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the York Federation of Students lobby for York University to provide students with personal protective equipment and rapid testing kits.

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Moved: D'Souza **Seconded:** Ortiz **Result:** Carries

C. MOTION TO DEVELOP A PROVINCIAL ELECTION CAMPAIGN

MOTION 2022-01-24: N03

WHEREAS the York Federation of Students is mandated to represent and advocate for the needs of undergraduate students at York University; and

WHEREAS the current provincial government of Ontario continues to make massive cuts to education and healthcare, continues to push for unsafe provincial reopenings despite the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic; and

WHEREAS an Ontario provincial election is scheduled to occur on or before June 2, 2022; and

WHEREAS students and youth make up a large percentage of the voting bloc; and

WHEREAS accessibility of polling stations has been decreased by removal of polling stations on campuses; and

WHEREAS election campaigns seek to advocate and lobby for the interests of post-secondary students; therefore

BE IT RESOLVED that the York Federation of Students, in collaboration with the Canadian Federation of Students-Ontario, launch a provincial election campaign in preparation for the 2022 Ontario election; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this campaign advocate for student needs including lower tuition fees and increased OSAP grants, call for accessibility of polling stations for students, and oppose increases in tuition and unsafe provincial reopenings.

Moved: Mbalaja **Seconded:** Ngeleka **Result:** Carries

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D. MOTION TO FURTHER SUPPORT AFFORDABLE HOUSING COMMITTEE AT YORK

MOTION 2022-01-24: N04

WHEREAS this project highly aligns with the values of YFS and its membership, and once completed, will provide affordable housing to members of the York community, including primarily YFS members; therefore

BE IT RESOLVED that the York Federation of Students will continue supporting the mission of the Affordable Housing Committee by providing two (2) representatives each school year to serve on the committee; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the York Federation of Students support the mission of the Affordable Housing Committee at York University by providing a \$2,000 donation for the 2021-2022 YFS fiscal year to support their work; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the York Federation of Students be actively involved in establishing an undergraduate student levy (50¢/credit) to support the creation of new affordable student housing by (1) providing an endorsement by the YFS membership at this AGM; (2) lobbying York University alongside the Affordable Housing Committee to arrange a Fall 2022 levy referendum; (3) actively campaigning in favour of the referendum; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the York Federation of Students will work with the Canadian Federation of Students – Ontario towards advancing support for the creation of new affordable student housing.

Moved: Hamilton **Seconded:** Mohammed **Result:** Carries

E. MOTION TO SUPPORT THE RADICAL KINDNESS ORGANIZATION

MOTION 2022-01-24: N05

WHEREAS Radical Kindness is a newly established and youth-driven organization dedicated to teaching youth (14-29) how to respond and address trauma - direct or indirect - and their mental health with kindness; and

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WHEREAS the hope is to equip future leaders and community members with the skills and the training to teach their respective communities how to process trauma in a positive, holistic, and easily accessible way; and

WHEREAS Radical Kindness was started by York University students; and

WHEREAS we are focused on the community we live in – Black Creek; and

WHEREAS our activities primarily serve youth in the community, we are ineligible for YFS clubs funding for most of our activities; and

WHEREAS we believe our work is important and contributes to the commitment of the York Federation of Students support for the community we reside in; therefore

BE IT RESOLVED that the York Federation of Students provide a \$1500 donation for the 2021-2022 school year.

Moved: Sadoon

Seconded: Weiderick

Result: Carries

F. MOTION FOR ADDITIONAL FUNDING FOR YORKU OUTDOORS CLUB

MOTION 2022-01-24: N06

WHEREAS YorkU Outdoors (Active York) has been a YFS recognized student club since 2018; and

WHEREAS YorkU Outdoors has been continually active during the COVID-19 pandemic, providing outdoor events for students, such as hikes, bike rides and camping trips; and

WHEREAS many of our activities take place during the summer term and we have no access to YFS clubs funding during the summer; and

WHEREAS we are planning many activities for students, including out-of-town hiking day trips and a summer camping trip; and

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WHEREAS the cost of transportation (e.g. car rental, gas) and accommodations (e.g. camp rental) is becoming increasingly expensive and cost-prohibitive for student participation; therefore

BE IT RESOLVED that the York Federation of Students provide a donation of \$1000 to allow YorkU Outdoors to provide hosting summer events.

Moved: Zamisa **Seconded:** Grange **Result:** Fails

8. REPORTS

A. REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE

MOTION 2022-01-24: R01

BE IT RESOLVED that the report of the Executive be accepted as presented in **Appendix C**.

Moved: Mbalaja **Seconded:** Grange **Result:** Carries

9. ANNOUNCEMENTS

10. MOTION TO ADJOURN

MOTION 2022-01-24: M02

BE IT RESOLVED that the meeting be adjourned at 18:50.

Moved: Duhra **Seconded:** Joseph **Result:** Carries