

**York Federation of  
Students, Local 68 CFS**

**November 24th 2022**

**ANNUAL  
GENERAL  
MEETING**



# Annual General Meeting

York Federation of Students (YFS) – Local 68 Canadian Federation of Students  
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## 1. CALL TO ORDER

## 2. LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

## 3. EQUITY STATEMENT

## 4. ANTI-HARASSMENT ADVISOR REMARKS

## 5. RATIFICATION OF CHAIR

### MOTION 2022-11-24: A01

**BE IT RESOLVED** that Alice Wu be appointed as chair of the Annual General Meeting 2022.

**Moved:** Kem-Bumbara

**Seconded:**

**Result:**

## 6. WELCOMING REMARKS

## 7. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

### MOTION 2022-11-24: A02

**BE IT RESOLVED** that the agenda be accepted as presented.

**Moved:** Mbalaja

**Seconded:**

**Result:**

## 8. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

### MOTION 2022-11-24: M01

**BE IT RESOLVED** that the minutes of the January 24th, 2022 Annual General Meeting be accepted as presented in **APPENDIX A**.

**Moved:** Lachporia

**Seconded:**

**Result:**

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## 9. NEW BUSINESS

### A. FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

#### MOTION 2022-11-24: N01

**BE IT RESOLVED** that the 2021-2022 Financial 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 2022-2023 audit.

**Moved:** D'Souza

**Seconded:**

**Result:**

### B. MOTION TO INCREASE CLUB BASE FUNDING

#### MOTION 2022-11-24: N02

**WHEREAS** clubs ratified with YFS are provided with \$200 in base funding each year; therefore

**BE IT RESOLVED** that clubs ratified with YFS are provided with \$300 in base funding.

**Moved:** Lyttle

**Seconded:**

**Result:**

### C. MOTION TO PROVIDE CLUBS WITH OPERATIONAL FUNDING

#### MOTION 2022-11-24: N03

**WHEREAS** YFS currently provides clubs with base funding and event funding; and

**WHEREAS** YFS' club funding specifically excluding funding for capital expenses; therefore

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**BE IT RESOLVED** that in addition to base and event funding, YFS also provides up to \$2500 in operational funding per club per academic year; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that an application process, similar to that of the current process for event funding, be set up to receive operational funding. The application process should require financial documents, such as the club budget and justification for the funds, and be subject to review internally by YFS.

**Moved:** Lyttle

**Seconded:**

**Result:**

## **D. MOTION TO REQUIRE TAKING SALSA CLASSES**

### **MOTION 2022-11-24: N04**

**WHEREAS** currently most YFS executive and board of directors members do not know how to salsa dance; therefore

**BE IT RESOLVED** that all YFS executive and board of directors members should be required to take at least 1 salsa class during their term of office.

**Moved:** Lyttle

**Seconded:**

**Result:**

## **E. MOTION TO FURTHER SUPPORT AFFORDABLE HOUSING COMMITTEE AT YORK**

### **MOTION 2022-11-24: N05**

**WHEREAS** the YFS has a demonstrated history of supporting social justice, equity and environmental causes; and

**WHEREAS** it is vital to support the creation of new affordable housing in Toronto; and

**WHEREAS** there are over 150 housing co-ops throughout Toronto, many of which were built through union support. However, very few new affordable housing buildings have been built since the 1990s because of neoliberal budget cuts to affordable housing programs; and

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**WHEREAS** to achieve the objective of creating affordable housing, we have set up the Affordable Housing Committee at York University involving union locals and community groups. The mission of the committee is to create new affordable housing on York University's surplus lands. We have the support of YFS, York University Graduate Student Association, CUPE3903, York University Faculty Association, York University Staff Association, OPIRG York, and Regenesys York; and

**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 \$1500 donation for the 2022-2023 YFS fiscal year to support their work; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the York Federation of Students support the establishment of an undergraduate student levy to support the creation of new affordable student housing by lobbying York University alongside the Affordable Housing Committee to push for the 2023 levy referendum to occur; 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:** Bhadra

**Seconded:**

**Result:**

## F. MOTION FOR FIGHT THE FEES

### MOTION 2022-11-24: N06

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

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**WHEREAS** international students pay approximately four times the domestic tuition amount, which is a direct result of the predatory practices of institutions across so-called “Canada” to recruit and financially exploit international students to supplement the lack of government funding to public education; and

**WHEREAS** students in Ontario pay some of the highest tuition in so-called “Canada” with a tuition rate that has risen over 200% in the last six years and that tuition fees actively create barriers for students in a variety of marginalized and low-income communities, causing students to take on thousands of dollars worth of debt; and

**WHEREAS** the Fight the Fees campaign boldly demanded free education for all through the elimination of tuition fees and saw major successes on multiple campuses across the country due to its unequivocal demands and calls to action; and

**WHEREAS** education should be a human right and should be free and accessible to all; therefore

**BE IT RESOLVED** that the York Federation of Students work alongside the Canadian Federation of Students to reinvigorate and relaunch the Fight the Fees campaign on our campuses; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that through this campaign, the York Federation of Students lobby the administration to immediately halt the increase of tuition fees for both domestic and international students indefinitely; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the York Federation of Students educate its membership on all aspects of the campaign through various promotional materials, including but not limited to: factsheets, infographics, posters, and electronic materials; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the York Federation of Students mobilize student organizations, such as the College and Faculty Councils, in a

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combined effort to fight for free and accessible education at York University;  
and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the York Federation of Students organize a Day of Action regarding Free and Accessible Education in collaboration with sibling students unions and the Canadian Federation of Students in 2023;  
and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the York Federation of Students' Executive Committee select a date for the Day of Action before the 2023 Annual General Meeting.

**Moved:** Joseph

**Seconded:**

**Result:**

## G. MOTION FOR COPS OFF CAMPUS

### MOTION 2022-11-24: N07

**WHEREAS** Toronto Police Services (TPS) continues to disproportionately target Indigenous, Black, and racialized people via surveillance tactics and police violence; and

**WHEREAS** York Security Services has a known history of causing harm to racialized and marginalized students on campus and consistently lacks transparency in their mandate and methods of accountability; and

**WHEREAS** police and security presence undermines the safety and wellbeing of many marginalized students, staff, and faculty on campus, especially Indigenous, Black, and racialized people; and

**WHEREAS** York University is in the final stages of the Community Safety Review; and

**WHEREAS** the York Federation of Students unequivocally supports abolition and the reallocation of all police funding to community supports and resources; therefore



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**BE IT RESOLVED** that the York Federation of Students create a Cops Off Campus campaign to be launched in the 2022-2023 Winter Semester; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the campaign be directed through the formation of a coalition alongside community forums; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that materials of the campaign be created and distributed to the membership as of the Fall 2023; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the York Federation of Students demand the removal of police presence at all on-campus events; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the York Federation of Students vehemently opposes all police on campus and firmly objects to the implementation of Special Constables; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the York Federation of Students advocate for York University to explore and implement community-based alternatives to safety and wellbeing.

**Moved:** Mbalaja

**Seconded:**

**Result:**

## 10. REPORTS

### A. REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE

#### MOTION 2022-11-24: R01

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

**Moved:** Mbalaja

**Seconded:**

**Result:**

## 11. ANNOUNCEMENTS

## 12. MOTION TO ADJOURN

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**MOTION 2022-11-24: A03**

**BE IT RESOLVED** that the meeting be adjourned at

**Moved:** Kem-Bumbara

**Seconded:**

**Result:**

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# APPENDIX A

## **Meeting Minutes**



# Annual General Meeting Minutes

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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.

**Moved:** D'Souza

**Seconded:** Ortiz

**Result:** Carries

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## 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

## D. MOTION TO FURTHER SUPPORT AFFORDABLE HOUSING COMMITTEE AT YORK

### MOTION 2022-01-24: N04

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**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

**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



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**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

**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

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## 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

# APPENDIX B

## **Financial Statement**



# Financial Statements

York Federation of Students

April 30, 2022

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# Independent auditor's report

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To the Members of  
York Federation of Students

## Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of York Federation of Students (the "Federation"), which comprise the statement of financial position as at April 30, 2022, and the statements of operations, changes in net assets and cash flows for the year then ended, and notes to the financial statements, including a summary of significant accounting policies.

In our opinion, the accompanying financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of York Federation of Students as at April 30, 2022, and its results of its operations and its cash flows for the year then ended in accordance with Canadian accounting standards for not-for-profit organizations.

## Basis for Opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with Canadian generally accepted auditing standards. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the *Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the financial statements* section of our report. We are independent of the Federation in accordance with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the financial statements in Canada, and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

## Responsibilities of Management and Those Charged with Governance for the Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of these financial statements in accordance with Canadian accounting standards for not-for-profit organizations, and for such internal control as management determines is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, management is responsible for assessing the Federation's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless management either intends to liquidate the Federation or to cease operations, or has no realistic alternative but to do so.

Those charged with governance are responsible for overseeing the Federation's financial reporting process.

## Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with Canadian generally accepted auditing standards will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these financial statements.

As part of an audit in accordance with Canadian generally accepted auditing standards, we exercise professional judgment and maintain professional skepticism throughout the audit. We also:

- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error, design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks, and obtain audit evidence that is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control.
- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Federation's internal control.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates and related disclosures made by management.
- Conclude on the appropriateness of management's use of the going concern basis of accounting and, based on the audit evidence obtained, whether a material uncertainty exists related to events or conditions that may cast significant doubt on the Federation's ability to continue as a going concern. If we conclude that a material uncertainty exists, we are required to draw attention in our auditor's report to the related disclosures in the financial statements or, if such disclosures are inadequate, to modify our opinion. Our conclusions are based on the audit evidence obtained up to the date of our auditor's report. However, future events or conditions may cause the Federation to cease to continue as a going concern.
- Evaluate the overall presentation, structure and content of the financial statements, including the disclosures, and whether the financial statements represent the underlying transactions and events in a manner that achieves fair presentation.

We communicate with those charged with governance regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit and significant audit findings, including any significant deficiencies in internal control that we identify during our audit.

Markham, Canada  
November XX, 2022

Chartered Professional Accountants  
Licensed Public Accountants



# York Federation of Students

## Statement of Operations - Operating

Year ended April 30

2022

2021

Revenue (Note 7)		
Student levies	\$ 2,413,345	\$ 2,497,046
Administration fee	487,200	458,878
Member services	41,993	1,000
Sundry	31,490	10,301
	<u>2,974,028</u>	<u>2,967,225</u>
Expenditures		
Amortization	3,360	7,874
Campaigns	209,154	256,333
Clubs funding	42,317	15,174
Conferences and meetings	550	475
Elections	18,627	24,781
Insurance	14,261	18,487
Member services costs	21,247	4,132
Office, stationery and computer expense	29,145	15,742
Photocopier	60,472	60,672
Professional fees	49,983	86,565
Programming	281,749	164,587
Promotions	10,187	8,914
Rent and occupancy costs	-	15,000
Salaries and benefits	1,039,242	987,066
Student advocacy and services	110,949	57,983
Sundry	5,585	5,295
Telephone	22,933	21,597
	<u>1,919,761</u>	<u>1,750,677</u>
Excess of revenue over expenditures from operating activities	1,054,267	1,216,548
Net Health Care activities (Page 4)	<u>495,742</u>	<u>1,008,093</u>
Excess of revenue over expenditures	<u>\$ 1,550,009</u>	<u>\$ 2,224,641</u>

See accompanying notes to the financial statements.

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**York Federation of Students**  
**Statement of Operations - Health Care**

Year ended April 30

**2022****2021**

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Revenue (Note 7)		
Health care fees	<b>\$ 8,751,438</b>	\$ 8,724,917
Interest income	<b>24,886</b>	22,994
	<b><u>8,776,324</u></b>	<u>8,747,911</u>
Expenditures		
Premiums	<b>7,793,382</b>	7,280,940
Administration fee	<b>487,200</b>	458,878
	<b><u>8,280,582</u></b>	<u>7,739,818</u>
Net Health Care activities	<b><u>\$ 495,742</u></b>	<u>\$ 1,008,093</u>

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See accompanying notes to the financial statements.

# York Federation of Students Statement of Financial Position

April 30

2022

2021

## Assets

### Current

Cash	\$ 2,844,758	\$ 1,826,439
Receivables		
Health Care	7,229,657	3,078,516
Other	60,299	50,208
Inventory	19,952	12,070
Prepaid expenses	<u>19,491</u>	<u>10,687</u>
	<b>10,174,157</b>	<b>4,977,920</b>
Cash - contingency reserves	627,391	614,266
Cash - restricted for Health Care	4,229,301	7,558,873
Claims fluctuation reserve - Health Care (Note 3)	1,074,827	1,129,886
Capital assets (Note 4)	<u>11,403</u>	<u>2,135</u>
	<b><u>\$ 16,117,079</u></b>	<b><u>\$ 14,283,080</u></b>

## Liabilities

### Current

Accounts payable and accrued liabilities (Note 5)	\$ 156,971	\$ 143,749
Deferred revenue - Health Care	<u>2,814,582</u>	<u>2,543,814</u>
	<b><u>2,971,553</u></b>	<b><u>2,687,563</u></b>

## Net assets

Net assets invested in capital assets	11,403	2,135
Contingency reserves (Note 6)	627,391	614,266
Health Care	9,719,203	9,223,461
Unrestricted	<u>2,787,529</u>	<u>1,755,655</u>
	<b><u>13,145,526</u></b>	<b><u>11,595,517</u></b>
	<b><u>\$ 16,117,079</u></b>	<b><u>\$ 14,283,080</u></b>

Commitments and contingencies (Notes 8 and 9)

Approved by the Council

\_\_\_\_\_ Director

\_\_\_\_\_ Director

See accompanying notes to the financial statements.

**York Federation of Students**  
**Statement of Changes in Net Assets**  
Year ended April 30

	Invested in capital assets	Internally Restricted Contingency reserves (Note 6)	Health Care Fund	Unrestricted	<b>2022</b>	2021
Beginning of year	\$ 2,135	\$ 614,266	\$ 9,223,461	\$ 1,755,655	<b>\$ 11,595,517</b>	\$ 9,370,876
Excess of revenue over expenditures	-	-	495,742	1,054,267	<b>1,550,009</b>	2,224,641
Transfers	12,628	-	-	(12,628)	-	-
Interest earned	-	13,125	-	(13,125)	-	-
Amortization allocation	<u>(3,360)</u>	-	-	<u>3,360</u>	-	-
End of year	<b>\$ 11,403</b>	<b>\$ 627,391</b>	<b>\$ 9,719,203</b>	<b>\$ 2,787,529</b>	<b>\$ 13,145,526</b>	<b>\$ 11,595,517</b>

See accompanying notes to the financial statements.

# York Federation of Students

## Statement of Cash Flows

Year ended April 30

2022

2021

Increase (decrease) in cash

### Operating activities

Excess of revenue over expenditures	\$ 1,550,009	\$ 2,224,641
Item not affecting cash		
Amortization	3,360	7,874
Changes in non-cash working capital		
Receivables	(4,161,232)	(1,057,639)
Inventory	(7,882)	-
Prepaid expenses	(8,804)	(3,774)
Claims fluctuation reserve - Health Care	55,059	1,394
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	13,222	19,617
Deferred revenue - Health Care	270,768	(254,302)

(2,285,500)      937,811

### Investing activities

Purchase of capital assets	<u>(12,628)</u>	<u>(2,823)</u>
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(Decrease) increase in cash      (2,298,128)      934,988

Cash, beginning of year      9,999,578      9,064,590

Cash, end of year      \$ 7,701,450      \$ 9,999,578

Cash balance consists of:

Restricted for contingency reserves	\$ 627,391	\$ 614,266
Restricted for Health Care	4,229,301	7,558,873
Unrestricted	<u>2,844,758</u>	<u>1,826,439</u>

\$ 7,701,450      \$ 9,999,578

See accompanying notes to the financial statements.

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# York Federation of Students

## Notes to the Financial Statements

April 30, 2021

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### 1. Nature of operations

York Federation of Students (the “Federation”), a not-for-profit association, was incorporated without share capital on September 15, 1978 under The Corporations Act (Ontario). The Federation acts as the central undergraduate student union of York University (the “University”) and represents the student body in all matters affecting students, including the administration of the health plan offered at the University. The Federation is exempt from income taxes under Section 149.

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### 2. Summary of significant accounting policies

#### Basis of presentation

The Federation has prepared these financial statements in accordance with Canadian accounting standards for not-for-profit organizations (“ASNPO”).

#### Financial instruments

##### *Initial measurement*

The Federation's financial instruments are measured at fair value when issued or acquired. Fair value is the amount of consideration that would be agreed upon in an arm's length transaction between knowledgeable, willing parties who are under no compulsion to act.

##### *Subsequent measurement*

At each reporting date, the Federation measures its financial assets and liabilities at cost or amortized cost (less impairment in the case of financial assets). The financial instruments measured at amortized cost are cash, receivables, claims fluctuation reserve and accounts payable.

For financial assets measured at cost or amortized cost, the Federation regularly assesses whether there are any indications of impairment. If there is an indication of impairment, and the Federation determines that there is a significant adverse change in the expected timing or amount of future cash flows from the financial asset, it recognizes an impairment loss in the statement of operations. Any reversals of previously recognized impairment losses are recognized in operations in the year the reversal occurs.

#### Inventory

Inventory is valued at the lower of cost and net realizable value. Cost is determined on a first in, first out basis. The inventory consists of TTC, movie and event tickets to be sold to students.

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# York Federation of Students

## Notes to the Financial Statements

April 30, 2022

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### 2. Summary of significant accounting policies (continued)

#### Capital assets

Capital assets are recorded at cost and amortized over their estimated useful lives using the straight-line method of amortization.

Leasehold improvements	6 years
Furniture and fixtures	6 years
Computer equipment	3 years

Capital assets are tested for impairment when events or changes in circumstances indicate that an asset might be impaired. The assets are tested for impairment by comparing their net carrying value to their fair value or replacement cost. If the asset's fair value or replacement cost is determined to be less than its net carrying value, the resulting impairment is reported in the statement of operations. Any write-downs recognized are not reversed.

#### Revenue recognition

Student levies are recognized as revenue over the school year.

Health care premiums are charged on a September to August coverage year and are recorded as revenue in the period they are earned. The Federation is acting as a principle with respect to the Health Care benefit plan and revenue is recognized using the percentage-of-completion method. Costs incurred as related to total estimated costs to be incurred is the basis of measurement of the percentage-of-completion.

Revenue from member services, administration, and sundry is recognized at point-of-sale or when the services are rendered and collection is reasonably assured.

#### Use of estimates

Management reviews the carrying amounts of items in the financial statements at each balance sheet date to assess the need for revision or any possibility of impairment. Many items in the preparation of these financial statements require management's best estimate. Management determines these estimates based on assumptions that reflect the most probable set of economic conditions and planned courses of action.

These estimates are reviewed periodically and adjustments are made to net income as appropriate in the year they become known.

Items subject to significant management estimates include deferred revenue - Health Care, claims fluctuation reserve - Health Care and useful lives in determination of amortization on capital assets.

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# York Federation of Students

## Notes to the Financial Statements

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### 3. Claims fluctuation reserve - Health Care

#### Claims fluctuation reserve

A claims fluctuation reserve is held by the insurance carrier on behalf of the Federation. It represents a maximum level of 15% of the annual premiums. This reserve is appropriated for the purposes of funding health care plan deficits and future health care premiums. These funds are held by the insurance carrier during the lifetime of the contract. Only upon termination of the contract would a final accounting be prepared and any funds remaining would be refunded.

#### Refund

Health care premiums are charged by the insurance carrier based on an experience-rating. Any excess of premiums paid above the claims fluctuation reserve will be refunded to the Federation or applied towards future payments.

These balances are provided by the insurance carrier based on their calculations.

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### 4. Capital assets

			<u>2022</u>	<u>2021</u>
	<u>Cost</u>	<u>Accumulated Amortization</u>	<u>Net Book Value</u>	<u>Net Book Value</u>
Leasehold improvements	\$ 326,004	\$ 326,004	\$ -	\$ 253
Furniture and fixtures	967	161	806	-
Computer equipment	14,484	3,887	10,597	1,882
	<u>\$ 341,455</u>	<u>\$ 330,052</u>	<u>\$ 11,403</u>	<u>\$ 2,135</u>

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### 5. Accounts payable and accrued liabilities

Included in accounts payable and accrued liabilities are government remittances of \$ Nil (2021 - \$Nil).

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### 6. Contingency reserves

The Federation established a policy to set up contingency reserves for Operating and Health Care. The purpose of these reserves is to accumulate balances up to the equivalent of a minimum of six months of operations in order to provide a financial fall back for the Federation during times of unforeseen circumstances.

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### 7. Revenue

Gross revenue from all sources including health care, net of administration fees, totals \$11,263,152 (2021 - \$11,256,258).



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# York Federation of Students

## Notes to the Financial Statements

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### 8. Commitments

The Federation has entered into agreements to lease office equipment and agreements for rent for various periods until 2025. Minimum lease payments for equipment and minimum payments for rent in aggregate are as follows:

2023	\$	63,556
2024		39,197
2025		<u>19,250</u>
	\$	<u>122,003</u>

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### 9. Contingencies

The Federation has provided a letter of credit in the amount of \$300,000 to the Toronto Transit Commission.

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### 10. Financial instrument risks

The Federation's main financial instrument risk exposure is detailed as follows:

#### *Credit risk*

The Federation has determined that the financial assets with credit risk exposure are receivables and the claims fluctuation reserve since failure of any of these parties to fulfill their obligations could result in significant financial losses for the Federation. The Federation is also exposed to concentration risk in that all of its cash is held with one financial institution and the balances held are in excess of Canadian Deposit Insurance Corporation Limits.

#### *Liquidity risk*

The Federation's liquidity risk represents the risk that the Federation could encounter difficulty in meeting obligations associated with its financial liabilities. The Federation is, therefore, exposed to liquidity risk with respect to its accounts payable and accrued liabilities.

#### *Other risk*

It is management's opinion that the Federation is not exposed to significant interest rate, currency or market risks arising from its financial instruments.

There are no changes in risks from the prior year.



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# APPENDIX C

## **Executive Report**

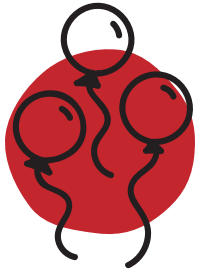




**November 24th 2022**

# ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

**Executive Report**



# meetings + events

## **CANADIAN FEDERATION OF STUDENTS - ONTARIO EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE (OEC)**

As Local 68 of the Canadian Federation of Students (CFS), the York Federation of Students (YFS) has one representative who sits on the Ontario Executive Committee. Vice-President Campaigns & Advocacy, Marsha Joseph is the representative for Local 68. This Committee allows space for constant updates from the Canadian Federation of Students - Ontario (CFS-O) and all member locals to stay informed on issues affecting post-secondary students across the province. It is an opportunity for folks to oversee new campaign initiatives and bring forth updates regarding solidarity work, outreach, government and media relations.

of planning and executing Orientation Week 2022. The Vice-President Campus Life, Rehaan Lachporia, and President, Adaeze Mbalaja, represented the York Federation of Students (YFS) on the committee and assisted in providing support for all YODA members and their respective Orientation Weeks.

The Executives of the YFS facilitated workshops and Anti-Oppression training for YODA members and their Orientation Leaders. Vice-President Campus Life, Rehaan Lachporia, also had the opportunity of being involved in the YODA introduction video that played at Orient the Leader (OTL). The YFS Executives thank all YODA members for their hard work in facilitating a successful transition and Orientation Week throughout the summer!

workshops gave everyone in attendance the chance to feel empowered and develop a larger understanding of what it means to be a part of the student movement.

## **BOARD RETREAT**

The York Federation of Students (YFS) held their annual Board Retreat this past July. Within this training, several workshops and resources are provided to the board members to equip them for their roles within the student community and their various constituencies. These include various presentations from each department of the YFS, the Canadian Federation of Students, a Robert's Rules workshop and more.



## **YORK ORIENTATION DIRECTORS ASSOCIATION (YODA)**

YODA is a committee composed of the 11 College and Faculty Orientation Chairs and Presidents, held weekly meetings throughout the summer with the purpose

## **CANADIAN FEDERATION OF STUDENTS - ONTARIO SKILLS SYMPOSIUM**

From June 14th to June 16th the York Federation of Students (YFS) Executive team, staff, and board members virtually attended the annual Ontario Skills Development Symposium organized by the Canadian Federation of Students - Ontario (CFS-O). This was an opportunity for everyone to build upon various skills and attend workshops that included topics such as: media engagement, funding Free Education, successful event planning, media engagement and more! These



## **CANADIAN FEDERATION OF STUDENTS - ONTARIO GENERAL MEETING (OGM)**

From August 16th to August 18th, the York Federation of Students (YFS) Executive team virtually attended the Canadian Federation of Students - Ontario (CFS-O) General Meeting (OGM). At this meeting the YFS put forth three motions, one regarding menstrual equity, another about food insecurity, and lastly an emergency motion

about the provision of resources and information regarding monkeypox. These motions each called on the CFS-Ontario to do take one of the following actions: conducting research, creating a task force, creating a toolkit, building a campaign, and/or lobbying the government. Elections were held to fill roles for the at-large positions, as well as for the constituency commissioners. We are happy to announce that Vice-President Campaigns & Advocacy, Marsha Joseph was elected as the Disabilities Constituency Group Commissioner, and Vice-President Campus Life, Rehaan Lachporia was elected as the Racialized Students Constituency Group Commissioner.

## CSG COUNCIL

Acknowledging diversity on our campus and emphasizing inclusion of all students means ensuring that marginalized students have a voice on campus. The York Federation of Students (YFS) has five Community Service Groups (CSGs) to ensure that marginalized students are heard, represented, and given spaces to find community. The five CSGs include The YFS Access Centre; Indigenous Students Association at York (ISAY); Trans, Bisexual, Lesbian, Gay, Asexual at York (TBLGAY); York United Black Students Alliance (YUBSA); and United South Asians at York (USAY). Through the support of the YFS, the Community Service Groups work together to create a support system, community and provide both resources and services to all students who identify with each group.



## CANADIAN FEDERATION OF STUDENTS - NATIONAL GENERAL MEETING (NGM)

From November 4th to 9th, President Aadaeze Mbalaja, Vice-President Operations, Ashley D'Souza, and YFS staff met with other Locals from across the country at the Canadian Federation of Students (CFS) National General Meeting in Ottawa. Delegates used this time to discuss upcoming campaigns, strategize on a national scale and connect about various updates regarding issues happening on each of our campuses. The NGM will conclude at a later date where voting for motions and elections will take place.

## COMMUNITY SAFETY COUNCIL

The York Federation of Students (YFS) has a seat on York's Community Safety Council held by Vice-President Campaigns & Advocacy, Marsha Joseph. The council has discussed updates on the Security Services Review, emergency preparedness, and new training media thus far. This meeting spent a concerning amount of time attempting to present solutions towards making the institution that is York Security Services (YSS) work on our campus instead of listening to the concerns and suggestions of council members outlining the harm they have caused to the York Community.

## CLUBS TOWN HALLS

Vice-President Operations, Ashley D'Souza and Director, Club Services Elise Lee Lai and Fatima Babiker hosted three Clubs Town Halls throughout the fall semester with both virtual and in-person sessions. The Town Halls were held on August 24th, September 14th, and October 28th. The presentations included a breakdown of the various services provided for Clubs ratified with the York Federation of Students (YFS), an explanation of the room and table booking processes, budget planning training and guidance on navigating a return to the in-person club experience. All three town halls were well attended, well received by Club Executives, and were major successes.

## **PARKING & TRANSPORTATION**

Vice-President Operations, Ashley D'Souza, attended meetings of the Parking and Transportation Advisory Committee in October with members of the York University administration on behalf of the York Federation of Students (YFS). A primary focus in these meetings was a push to lower parking costs for students across campus and to investigate options to save money for commuter students. The YFS looks forward to pushing York University to make parking and transportation more affordable and accessible for all students across campus.

## **STUDENT ADVISORY COUNCIL ON WELL-BEING**

The York Federation of Students' (YFS) President, Adaeze Mbalaja, holds a representative seat on the Student Advisory Council on Well-Being. This committee is made up of several student-led organizations and exists to provide a well-rounded student perspective on mental health and well-being strategies at York University.

## **STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE ROUNDTABLE**

The York Federation of Students (YFS) has one student representative seat on the Student Representative Roundtable (SRR), a forum for dialogue and an opportunity for student voices to serve as a guide when discussing and providing input on issues deemed important to the

York University administration's Office of Vice-Provost Students. President, Adaeze Mbalaja, holds the SRR seat and has been attending meetings for this academic term.

## **SENATE**

The York Federation of Students (YFS) has one student representative seat in the Senate, which is the highest academic decision-making body within York University. President, Adaeze Mbalaja, holds that seat and has been attending meetings for this academic term; discussions surrounding the Markham Campus, the extension of COVID-19 academic accommodations, and the provision of academic policies have occurred within the space thus far. Additionally, President, Adaeze Mbalaja, holds a seat on the Student Senate Caucus, a committee composed of all Student Senate members.

## **MEDIA**

This year, the Executives of the York Federation of Students (YFS) participated in several media interviews to provide an important perspective on several issues relevant to post-secondary students at York University. Vice-President Campus Life, Rehaan Lachporia, participated in a phone interview regarding Orientation Week 2022, YorkFest, and concerns regarding sexual violence and COVID-19. Vice-President Campaigns, Marsha Joseph, took part in a phone interview addressing the increased prevalence of food insecurity within post-secondary institutions. Lastly, President, Adaeze Mbalaja,

held an interview via phone about the lack of affordable housing for students both on campus and within the larger Greater Toronto Area.



## **ISAY POW WOW**

The All Nations Pow Wow is hosted annually by the Indigenous Students' Association at York (ISAY), one of the five Community Service Groups (CSGs) of the York Federation of Students (YFS).

This year ISAY held their 20th All Nations Pow Wow on May 7th at York Lions stadium. The Pow Wow is a celebration of Indigenous Nations and their culture through music, song, food, dance and storytelling, and the event was a major success with great attendance! The YFS Executives would like to thank the ISAY team and community members for hosting the first in-person Pow Wow in two years and for a wonderful event!



## **PRIDE**

Pride Month is celebrated every year in June as a way to recognize queer communities and their continued resistance against oppressive and discriminatory systems. The York Federation of Students (YFS) collaborated with the Community Service Group,



Trans, Bisexual, Lesbian, Gay, Asexual at York (TBLGAY), to plan a series of events aimed at educating and celebrating with students throughout the month of June. These events talked about the history of Pride, the Stonewall Riots, the stigma surrounding HIV, the politics of kink, and the fluidity of sexuality.

## **YORK 101 SESSIONS**

This past summer the office of Student Community & Leadership Development (SCLD) hosted York 101 Sessions for incoming students; these sessions equipped students with the information needed for their transition into York University, as well as a guided tour of the campus. Vice-President Campus Life, Rehaan Lachporia, facilitated several York 101 Sessions over the summer both virtually and in-person, and was able to provide insight into the many resources and supports offered by the York Federation of Students (YFS).

## **COLLEGES**

Throughout the summer the Executives of the York Federation of Students (YFS) met with and provided introductory presentations and Anti-Oppression Trainings to the College and Faculty Councils. The presentations work towards sharing available resources, services and overall support from the YFS to students of all constituencies, and the organizations that represent them, while the Anti-Oppression Training provided a thorough understanding of equity and inclusion in preparation for Orientation Week. The YFS was

able to provide each college and faculty with 200 YFS Swag Kits to welcome incoming students into the York University community.

## **REDPACK**

The York Federation of Students (YFS) was excited to bring back the RedPack volunteer program, in a fully in-person capacity! The RedPack Program provides York University students with the opportunity to volunteer at various YFS events throughout the year while creating relationships and connections. On August 3rd the YFS Executives hosted the first in-person RedPack Orientation since the COVID-19 pandemic. Vice-President Campus Life, Rehaan Lachporia, co-hosted alongside the YFS Executives to inform students about the YFS and the volunteer opportunities available throughout the year.

From YorkFest to Kit Stuffing, the RedPack volunteers have assisted the YFS in facilitating a wide range of in-person events this year! The YFS Executives would like to thank all students that have joined the RedPack program for their hard work and dedication in bringing many of the events to life!

## **ORIENT THE LEADER**

Orient The Leader (OTL), hosted annually, is a full day of training for Orientation Leaders across all colleges and faculties in order to provide them with the necessary tools in order to facilitate a successful Orientation Week for incoming students. This year, OTL was held on August 25th and the York Federation of Students (YFS) Executives had the opportunity to attend both as Orientation

Leaders, and as facilitators for The Centre for Sexual Violence Response, Support, & Education.

## **ORIENTATION WEEK**

This year Orientation Week took place from August 28th to September 6th and was held in-person. The York Federation of Students (YFS) was thrilled to be involved in Orientation Week this year to support the colleges and faculties; both Executives and members of the Board of Directors participated as Orientation Leaders. Throughout the week, the Executives also helped facilitate events and workshops on mental health and wellness.

The YFS Executives thanks the colleges, faculties, and Orientation Leaders for their dedication and hard work in facilitating the first in-person frosh in over two years, and giving incoming students a warm welcome to campus!

## **YORK ORIENTATION DAY**

Vice-President Campus Life, Rehaan Lachporia, co-hosted the York Orientation Day (YOD) Welcome Ceremony on September 6th. The York Federation of Students (YFS) Executives introduced themselves on stage to over 8,000 students, premiered their Executive introduction video and welcomed new students to York University!

## WELCOME BACK BREAKFAST

The York Federation of Students (YFS) annually hosts a Welcome Back Breakfast in Vari hall providing students with a free breakfast and an opportunity to meet their YFS Executives. On September 7th, the YFS Executives, along with the RedPack volunteers handed out free bagels to students walking by to start off their day. Students were eager to grab a free breakfast and speak with the Executives!

## DISORIENTATION WEEK

DisOrientation week (Dis-O) was hosted this year from September 26th to 30th by Ontario Public Interest Research Group (OPIRG) at York. It was designed to guide students towards varying degrees of political engagement. Much like how Frosh is meant to foster social connections, Dis-O helped foster student activism. The York Federation of Students (YFS) Executive team attended several events throughout the week, including a film screening of Sgaawaay K'uuna [Edge of the Knife] and discussion with one of the film's directors Helen Haig-Brown.

## CSG WELCOME BACK EVENTS

Coming out of a fully online year, a key focus for the Community Service Groups was to rebuild their memberships. As such, the United South Asians at York (USAY) and York United Black Students Alliance (YUBSA) partnered with The Centre for Student Community & Leadership Development (SC&LD) to hold

their Welcome Back events on September 28th and 29th, respectively. These events also included various cultural clubs with a shared membership under each CSG and were held in the Vari Hall Commons as an open event to allow all students to get a chance to meet the CSGs and the various clubs under them.



## YORKFEST

This year, the York Federation of Students (YFS) was excited to hold its first in-person YorkFest since 2019! YorkFest is the YFS' annual welcome back week for all new and returning students with a full week of free events! YorkFest was held from September 19th to the 23rd, and featured events such as a Sunset Movie Night, Drag Bingo hosted by Drag Queen Jada Shada Hudson, Drag King Manny Dingo, and Vice-President Campus Life, Rehaan Lachporia, and much more.

### *Rooted In Resistance (Theme)*

Every year, the York Federation of Students (YFS) decides on a theme that encompasses the overall goals and direction for the academic year. This year's theme was Rooted In Resistance, which indicated a commitment to moving forward while remaining grounded in the importance of

progressive organizing, the student movement, and the foundations of the student experience.

The branding for the Rooted In Resistance theme was very intentional. We wanted to focus on two things; the roots as barcodes, and what they grow into. The barcode reminds us of how students are objectified as "basic income units", as a profit margin for our governments and institutions, while the flowers are the "fruits" of rootedness in resistance. The contrast of the fiery redness with the flowers creates a juxtaposition of our collective action (the fight, the perseverance) against what our actions can bring about (beauty, growth, abundance), a garden of potential.



### *Festival Village*

Festival Village was one of the largest events held during YorkFest this year featuring over 100+ campus clubs and student organizations; these groups were able to table throughout the York University Commons to showcase their upcoming events and how to join! The YFS also handed out their branded Rooted in Resistance kits. This year, kits featured the YFS' Rooted In Resistance branding and contained a number of items such as a branded tote bag, YFS handbook, water bottle, lanyard, mask, and various sponsor materials.



### **Concert**

Every year during Yorkfest the YFS holds a free concert for all students. Previously, this concert has always taken place on York University Keele campus; this year, due to extenuating circumstances with the York University administration, the YFS had to move the concert to a venue off campus. The YFS was able to hold their free YorkFest Concert on October 24th at Universal Event Space featuring two OVO sound artists Roy Wood\$ and DVSN, with a surprise guest artist Smiley. The YFS Executives would like to thank students for their patience and for attending the very first in-person concert in two years!

### **BREAKROOM GRAND OPENING**

This year, the York University Student Centre (YUSC) opened the BreakRoom in the First Student Centre, after consultations with members of the York Federation of Students' (YFS) Board of Directors. The BreakRoom celebrated its grand opening on September 20th, as part of the YorkFest Festival Village programming this year. The YFS Executives collaborated with YUSC staff to assist in the

promotion, before and during the event, and were thrilled to see the space filled with many students.

### **TAKE OUR KIDS TO WORK DAY**

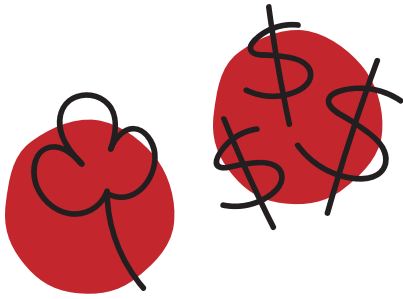
Kids Day is an annual event held each year for highschool students to attend, learn and ask questions on postsecondary education. In November, the Executives of the York Federation of Students (YFS) participated in Kids Day and provided students with an introduction to the resources, services and benefits provided by students' unions to undergraduate students.

### **STRESSBUSTERS (KICKBOXING)**

The York Federation of Students (YFS) hosted its first one-off event, Kick Back & Box, as part of its stressbusters events series on November 10th. Stressbusters are a series of one-off events throughout the year to help students de-stress and re-center during stressful academic periods. Kick Back & Box was a hybrid introductory kickboxing class for students to attend either in person or online. A kickboxing instructor was invited in to host the free class and to teach the fundamentals of kickboxing to students.

### **WINTER EXAMS CARE PACKAGES**

The York Federation of Students (YFS) is happy to relaunch the annual provision of YFS Winter Exams Care Packages. To help students release some of these stresses, the Care Packages this year included assorted snacks, as well as a playlist to help folks study. RedPack volunteers assisted in the creation of the Care Packages, and the YFS Executives look forward to handing the Care Packages out to students from Dec 5th to the 7th.



# clubs + services

## YFS WELCOME VIDEO

This year, the York Federation of Students (YFS) filmed and launched their annual Welcome Video that helped introduce the Federation, its services, campaigns, and events, as well as the YFS executives for this term. The video can be found on Instagram, Facebook, and YouTube at @yfslocal68.

## CLUBS WELCOME BACK KITS

As a way to welcome clubs back to in-person programming, Club Executives were given a Welcome Back Kit during the YorkFest Festival Village by the Executives of the York Federation of Students (YFS). The kits contained supplies and resources for clubs as they navigated a return to campus.

## CLUBS GUIDE

Heading into the fall semester, Vice-President Operations, Ashley D'Souza, helped create the Clubs Guide as a resource for Club Executives to have throughout the year. The guide included important information regarding the York Federation of Students' (YFS) club policies, funding guidelines, and the various services included in the YFS ratification process. More importantly, it served as a document to assist new Club Executives as they transition into their roles!

## CLUB POLICY UPDATES

Along with the York Federation of Students (YFS) Clubs Committee, the Vice-President Operations, Ashley D'Souza, submitted proposed changes to the Club Policies which were approved and introduced officially at the Board Meeting held in June. These changes included the re-integration of the Club Swag program which provided clubs with an additional \$200.00 in funding for club merchandise, and an updated funding policy, allowing clubs to receive their funding in a timely manner.



## CLUB SERVICES PROGRAM

This year, the clubs department introduced a variety of new services for clubs ratified with the York Federation of Students (YFS). Based on feedback and recommendations from clubs, the rental program was upgraded to include access to four Jackbox Party Packs, a speaker, microphones, megaphones, and

canopy tent rentals. The updated rental program has been received well by Club Executives thus far and many more applications for use of these items continue to be submitted.

## CLUB EVENTS

With the return to an in-person year on campus, we are excited to share that there has been an increase in active and ratified clubs with the York Federation of Students (YFS). The YFS is proud to ratify hundreds of student clubs, with different interests and missions every year; clubs are the heart of campus life, and the YFS Executives are excited to see the continued growth of both new and returning clubs!

So far this year, the York Federation of Students (YFS) Executives had the opportunity to attend events from various clubs including the Middle Eastern Students' Association (MESA), United Caribbean Islands (UCI), Nigerian Students Association (NSA), Filipino Students Association at York (FSAY), the Organisation of Latin American Students at York (OLAS), the Indian Cultural Association (ICA), Ghanaian Students Association (GSA), and the Criminology Society at York (CSY). The YFS Executives look forward to more events hosted by clubs throughout the rest of the year, and are appreciative of all the hard work and dedication clubs put into hosting events.

## **IMAGINUS POSTER SALE**

From September 26th to 30th, the York Federation of Students (YFS) collaborated with Imaginus to provide students with a week-long poster sale in Vari Hall. After a two year hiatus, the poster sale received great turnout from both students and community members alike. The YFS is excited to work with Imaginus to provide this great service onto campus for students in the coming years.

## **TTC PHOTO IDENTIFICATION PICTURE DAY**

On September 16th, the York Federation of Students (YFS) partnered with the Toronto Transit Commission (TTC) to bring a post-secondary photo identification picture day to campus. That day, students were able to receive a card that allowed them the opportunity to purchase a TTC post-secondary Metropass. As York University hosts a large number of commuter students, it was crucial that YFS provide students the chance to take advantage of this discounted rate for TTC passes.

## **SELF-SERVE PRINTING**

In 2019, the York Federation of Students (YFS) launched the Self-Serve Printing Centre located in the Second Student Centre. Unfortunately, the Centre was underused by students due to a less visible location within the building coupled with the closure of the service centres during the pandemic. This year, the YFS relocated the Self-Serve Printing Centre to the first floor of the Second Student Centre building, in a centralized location that is both more convenient and accessible to students. Results thus far have been promising, and the YFS looks forward to growing and expanding on the use of the Self-Serve Printing Centre in the upcoming years.

## **NEW DISCOUNTS**

The York Federation of Students (YFS) consistently strives to provide students with access to various discounts throughout the year. This year, the YFS continued to maintain old discounts and introduced a new suite of cost-saving services for students to access. These include; discounted tickets to Halloween Haunt and WinterFest at Canada's Wonderland, a 10% discount at both Pinot's Pallette locations, 20% discounts on tickets to the National Bank Open, discounted tickets to visit Medieval Times, and discounted tickets to Toronto Raptors games!



## **FOOD SUPPORT CENTRE**

The York Federation of Students' (YFS) Food Support Centre (FSC) strives to support students facing food insecurity by providing free access to healthy and balanced food choices. Registered FSC Members can access non-perishable food hampers on a weekly basis by visiting the service centre located in Suite 005 of the Second Student Centre, found in the basement across the elevators. To learn more about the YFS Food Support Centre, please visit [yfs.ca/fsc](http://yfs.ca/fsc).



# campaigns + equity

## ANTI-OPPRESSION TRAININGS

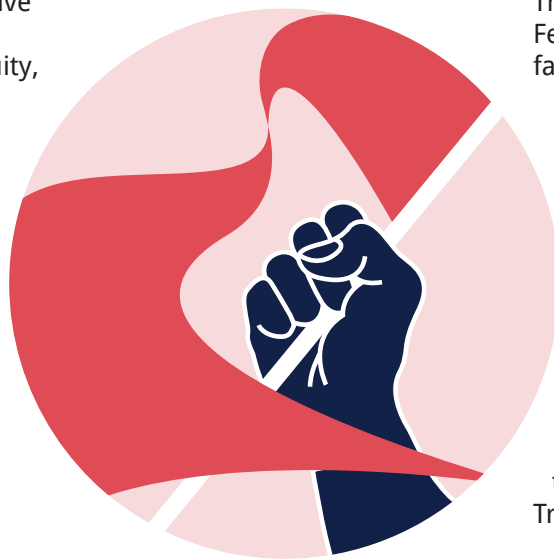
The York Federation of Students remains firm in its stance of building an anti-oppressive, anti-discriminatory, and equity-focused campus, Anti-Oppression Trainings are an important equity initiative of the YFS. Revamped and updated by Vice-President Equity, Beryl-Aissatou Kem-Bumbara, the Anti-Oppression training is provided to the wider York University community and is facilitated by the YFS Executives over the course of the year. This year, Anti-Oppression training sessions were provided to colleges and faculties, the York University Student Centre staff, and on-campus part-time staff.

Kem-Bumbara, The Wellness Centre organized a Mental Health Awareness Week, with events like Art Therapy and a Planting Workshop, catered to promoting students' mental health and wellbeing.

and free menstrual products in all bathrooms in both York University Student Centre buildings.

## ACTIVE-BYSTANDER TRAINING

The Executives of the York Federation of Students (YFS) facilitated several Active-Bystander Training sessions in collaboration with the Centre for Sexual Violence Response, Support, and Education. The Executives provided this training to college and faculty Orientation Leaders during Orient the Leader and to incoming first-year students entering their on-campus residences. In addition, the YFS continues to provide Active-Bystander Training to club executives to ensure clubs are equipped with the necessary resources and support to navigate these discussions.



## YFS WELLNESS CENTRE

The YFS Wellness Centre is a service centre created by the York Federation of Students (YFS), which supports the process of wellness to be acquired through its four pillars of operation: Mental Health, Physical Health, Sexual Violence and Harm Reduction.

Each of these pillars inform the other to provide students with a holistic and all-encompassing wellness experience. The Wellness Centre also provides students with multiple events, resources, and trainings pertaining to each pillar. In collaboration with the Vice-President Equity, Beryl-Aissatou

## ANTI-RACISM CAMPAIGN

### MENSTRUAL EQUITY

The York Federation of Students (YFS) firmly believes that menstrual products are a necessity and not a luxury, and as such, menstrual equity has been a long-running campaign of the YFS. Recognizing that menstrual equity is a right, the YFS has long advocated for free menstrual products in all bathrooms on campus. This year, the YFS successfully pushed for the implementation of menstrual product dispensers

### YORK ANTI-BLACK RACISM ACCOUNTABILITY

The York Federation of Students' (YFS) President, Adaeze Mbalaja, Vice-President Campaigns and Advocacy, Marsha Joseph, and Vice-President Equity, Beryl-Aissatou Kem-Bumbara, hold seats on the Black Inclusion Advisory Council. Alongside the York University Graduate Students' Association, the Executives have been working to ensure York University's implementation of the Black Inclusion Action Plan

is representative of the needs of the York University community. The YFS Executives continue to provide necessary student input and critique to be incorporated into the framework and its action items.

### **PRESIDENT'S ADVISORY COUNCIL ON EQUITY, DIVERSITY AND INCLUSION**

The President's Advisory Council on Equity, Diversity and Inclusion is a university council chaired by York University administration's Vice-President Equity, People and Culture. President, Adaeze Mbalaja, holds a seat on this council and has continued to voice student demands while also ensuring the data acquired from the launch of the first-ever student census, following the successful lobbying efforts of the York Federation of Students (YFS), is being used to inform the decisions being made by the President's Advisory Council on Equity, Diversity and Inclusion.

### **MAYDAY MARCH AND RALLY**

On May 1st, the York Federation of Students (YFS) Executives and staff had the pleasure of joining a post-secondary student contingent in the march which led to the YFS and several other students' unions joining together in the annual MayDay rally at Queen's Park held by the Ontario Federation of Labour (OFL). It was one of many held all over the world to support the fight for higher minimum wage, decent work, affordable housing, and issues impacting workers everywhere.

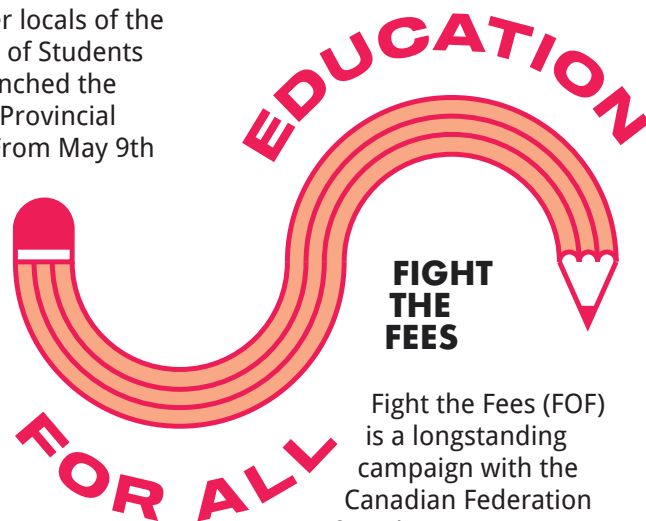
### **DEMAND OUR FUTURE - PROVINCIAL ELECTION CAMPAIGN**

The York Federation of Students (YFS) along with other locals of the Canadian Federation of Students - Ontario (CFS-O) launched the Demand Our Future Provincial Election Campaign. From May 9th to June 2nd, the day of the provincial election, the YFS worked to ensure post-secondary students were not left behind in this election. This campaign was centered around eight key demands including; Indigenous sovereignty, Free Education, students' right to organize, OHIP for International students, the climate crisis, affordable housing, food security, as well as decent work and wages. Students were informed of their eligibility, candidates running in the election, and how they could continue the fight for these demands long after the election was over.

### **ABOLITIONIST PRIDE**

The York Federation of Students (YFS) Executives attended Abolitionist Pride, organized by the No Pride in Policing Coalition. It was held in direct opposition to the PrideTO Parade which decided to move forward with including police in the parade. Participants marched to various sites in Toronto that the coalition felt represented historic and current queer and trans oppression within the city. Organizers called for the defunding, demilitarization, and eventual abolishment of police. One of the YFS Community Service

Groups, Trans, Bisexual, Lesbian, Gay at York (TBLGAY), had a role in supporting the event.



**FIGHT THE FEES**  
Fight the Fees (FOF) is a longstanding campaign with the Canadian Federation of Students (CFS)

that focuses on the fight for a Free and Accessible Education for all students, domestic and international. An important part of this campaign is recognizing and breaking down all barriers to education. This year, the Fight the Fees campaign was introduced to our members at the YorkFest Festival Village with a petition and accompanying activity that asked students to showcase their tuition debt and fees. This activity also gave students the opportunity to visualize the debts of fellow students. A giant lego block wall of debt was built brick by brick. On each block students wrote on a piece of paper the amount of debt they have so far in their time at a post-secondary institution, put it on a brick, and add it to the wall. After they saw the wall grow, students were told about the accompanying petition which will be sent to the Ontario Legislature.

## ORANGE SHIRT DAY

On September 30th the York Federation of Students (YFS) hosted a discussion and documentary screening of "Returning Home" directed by Sean Stiller in collaboration with their Community Service Group the Indigenous Students Association at York (ISAY). The discussion before the documentary was facilitated by Professor Brock Pitawanakwat. He educated attendees on the origins of Orange Shirt Day, the lack of progress being made on Truth and Reconciliation resolutions, and more. After the screening, ISAY had a tobacco burning ceremony that was closed to community members.

## DEMAND OUR FUTURE - MUNICIPAL ELECTION CAMPAIGN

Similarly to the provincial election campaign, the Demand Our Future municipal election campaign was aimed at getting students involved in the municipal election and to continue demands for a better world. This version of the campaign ran throughout the month of October and ended with the municipal elections all across Ontario. A key part of this campaign was making students aware of how important these municipal elections were, what eligibility looked like, and what the vision for a better future for students is. It focused on crucial demands including: affordable housing, accessible transit, removal of all policing bodies from campuses, an increase in social support funding and food security.



## XPRESSIONS AGAINST OPPRESSION (XAO)

The York Federation of Students' (YFS) Xpressions Against Oppressions (XAO) is an annual series of workshops, panels, and discussions centered around social and political topics. This series aims to both engage with and educate students on sociopolitical issues, while providing criticisms on the many oppressive structures and systems in our society. This year's XAO series took place over two weeks from October 18th to October 27th. It included panels and events highlighting the significance of solidarity across movements, Indigenous resistance, identity politics, and the oppressive carceral system; each of these events were inspired by the overarching XAO theme of Strength through Community.



The XAO series ended with a keynote event featuring activist, Dr. Angela Davis and exonerated Central Park Five member,

Dr. Yusef Salaam. Both of them spoke on various aspects of the prison system and what a realistic path to abolition could look like. These events were facilitated by both Vice-President Equity, Beryl-Aissatou Kem-Bumbara and Vice-President Campaigns and Advocacy, Marsha Joseph.



## COMMUNITY SERVICE GROUP (CSG) RETREAT

Each year, the five Community Service Groups (CSGs) of the York Federation of Students attend the CSG Retreat which serves as an orientation, and a chance to hear about expectations and goals for the upcoming year. One of the primary focuses of this year's retreat was to ensure that incoming executives were well versed on the history and the importance of each of their respective organizations. Vice-President Equity, Beryl-Aissatou Kem-Bumbara, is the liaison between all CSGs and the YFS and provided all five groups with an outline of YFS services and supports to ensure they are properly equipped to serve their memberships.



## **MENTAL HEALTH AWARENESS WEEK (MHAW)**

In collaboration with the York Federation of Students' (YFS) Wellness Centre, Vice-President Equity, Beryl-Aissatou Kem-Bumbara and Vice-President Campaigns, Marsha Joseph facilitated the YFS's annual Mental Health Awareness Week (MHAW) from November 14th to November 18th. The purpose of MHAW is to highlight the importance of mental health, as well as provide students with various skills to aid them in navigating their own mental health journey's within post secondary education. MHAW events this year included workshops on both planting and dancing, a teach-in regarding the differences between self care and community care, and events regarding Trans Day of Remembrance.

## **COLLABORATIONS WITH THE CENTRE FOR SEXUAL VIOLENCE RESPONSE, SUPPORT, AND EDUCATION**

The York Federation of Students (YFS) continues to work collaboratively with and support the Centre for Sexual Violence Response, Support, and Education (The Centre). The Centre is present at the YFS's major events to provide support and information to students on sexual violence, support, and education. These events include; YorkFest Drag Bingo, YorkFest Concert and various Xpressions Against Oppression series events. The YFS executives are active bystander facilitators for the Centre and continue to work towards fostering a culture of consent, and one that continues to stand against sexual violence everywhere.

## **STATEMENTS OF SOLIDARITY**

During the academic year, several statements of solidarity were published by the York Federation of Students (YFS) to provide awareness and express support for communities facing violence at the hands of anti-Black racism, imperialism, gender apartheid, and more. All of these statements can be found at [www.yfs.ca/statement](http://www.yfs.ca/statement).