



**New College Council Meeting**  
**June 29<sup>th</sup> 2020**  
**2:00PM - 3:30PM EST via Zoom**  
**Chaired by Nicholas Kriss**

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**Call to Order:**

I would like to call this meeting to order on Monday June 29, 2020 at 2:04 PM .

***Council Members:***

**Voting Members:** Matthew Mohammed, Mohammed Obaid, Kyle Fernandes, Casey Medina, Kevin Chan, Shenali Don, Elena Oganyan,

**Non-Voting Members:** Maritza Mohammed, Rachel Trinh, Victoria Hanna, Josh Raghurai, Kyra Bendastos, Krista Lopiccolo, Alexis Marticorena,

**Absent:** Sana Abidi, Filomena Pestana, Negar Fathi

**Announcement of Proxies:** Josh Raghurai will be proxying for Victoria Hanna

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***Speaker Remarks:***

- If you wish to obtain the floor, quietly raise your hand or leave a message in the zoom chat
- To avoid constant circling of a topic at hand, I will end the discussion so we move forward to a solution or table the topic.
- Please refrain from making any side remarks, murmurs, sighs, chuckles or anything of that nature. We aim to be as professional as possible and want to get business dealt with so such behaviour must be avoided. If need be, one warning will be given, and anything after that you will be asked to leave the meeting
- Please remain seated with your camera on throughout the entire meeting unless it is an emergency.



### ***Adoption of the Agenda***

**Motion Date:** Monday, June 29<sup>th</sup>, 2020

**Motion:** Be it resolved that the agenda be adopted as presented.

**Moved By:** Mohammed Obaid

**Seconded By:** Matthew Mohammed

**Motivation:** We need to do a meeting and an agenda is crucial to run this meeting.

**This motion has been:** Passed

**In favour:** 6 (Casey, Kyle, Kevin, Matthew Mohammed, Shenali)

**Opposed:** 0

**Abstain:** 0

### **Minutes from Previous Meeting**

**Motion Date:** Monday, June 29<sup>th</sup>, 2020

**Motion:** Be it resolved that the minutes from the previous meeting be adopted as presented.

**Moved By:** Mohammed Obaid

**Seconded By:** Maritza Mohammed

**Motivation:** We need to adopt the minutes.

**This motion has been:** Passed

**In favour:** 6 (Casey, Kyle, Kevin, Matthew, Shenali, Mohammed)

**Opposed:** 0

**Abstain:** 0

### **Matters Arising from the Previous Minutes**

None

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### *Financial Updates*

- **Executives:**
  - None
- **Athletics:**
  - Jersey prices for winters college last year were \$1000 for 35 jerseys. Leah from winters said the company was not hers or her family's so a discount cannot be guaranteed. She told me she would email me the contact information but has not replied yet, I will send a follow-up email next week.
  - Casey Medina
    - “She said that it wasn’t her company, it wasn’t owned by her family. She just got the information from someone from London and she was able to get a discount but she doesn’t know if she would be able to get us a discount or anything.”
- **Social**
  - None

### *Department Updates*

#### **President’s Update**

- Reforming By-Laws + what’s next
  - Maritza Mohammed
    - “I finally finished reformatting the By-Laws, now it’s much easier to read. We are going to vote on that later in the meeting. Once we’re done confirming the format, there are a couple changes that I would like to make or amendments I want to make for the By-Laws. One thing that I’ve mentioned before is changing general members back to social rep and athletic rep. As well, I’m going to start working with the CRO to make changes for the election process so it can fit online but also to make it less of a popularity contest so those motions are going to be coming up in the next few meetings because I want to get it done before fall elections and I want to get it done before hiring as well.”
- Signing authority update
  - Maritza Mohammed



- “The execs and I have been informed that we can finally change our signing authority to the 3 execs. Again, there’s going to be a motion about the guidelines of signing authority and how reimbursements are going to work. Once the motion passes we’re going to try and go to the bank this week but after that it’s going to be myself, the VP Finance and VP operations on the account.”
- Hiring a designer
  - Maritza Mohammed
    - “For frosh we needed help with the jersey’s so the past VP promo, Adam Chan. We’re going to hire him on behalf of NCC and we’re going to be paying him, I believe it’s going to be \$150 or \$200 but that will be coming out of the exec budget.”
- Council poster
  - Maritza Mohammed
    - “We have had some suggestions for the council poster and the manager of LAPS wanted something to look more uniform. It wasn’t anything wrong that we did or that y’all did. They just wanted pictures that look more uniform so we’re going to be re-doing the council poster. Y’all will just have to take a picture with a black shirt and a white background. If you want, we might add a new college logo to it but just keep your clothes all black and take a headshot. The VP promo or the director promo will give you more information on that.”
- Frosh theme
  - Maritza Mohammed
    - “The frosh theme has now changed to Quarantine Dreams.”
- Action plans and 2 on 1s
  - Maritza Mohammed
    - “Action plans and the 2 on 1s will be starting today, we’ve already done a few this morning but they will be done on Wednesday night.”
- Microsoft Teams
  - Maritza Mohammed



- “As for Microsoft Teams some of you have messaged me that you haven’t logged in yet so just to clear up the confusion, if you’re trying to log in with @my.yorku.ca it won’t work you have to log in with @yorku.ca. Please make sure you’re on Microsoft Teams that’s where our meeting minutes will be and that’s where all our important documents will be. If you have any problems just let me or the VP operations know.”
- Casey Medina
  - “Some of the files aren’t on there. I couldn’t find the receipts.”
- Maritza Mohammed
  - “When you go to important documents or files, if the motion passes today the By-laws, the constitution and everything will be there. You will just have to print it out and fill out the top part and send it to the President and VP Finance email. There’s a private channel for each department and you will be able to see the exec schedules, so you know when we’re busy throughout the summer. Meeting minutes will be there and on the website. The zoom call link is also on there for the whole summer. The summer training is on there as well in case you need to revise it or if you have forgotten anything.”

### **VP Finance Update**

- Mohammed Obaid
  - “This is our budget for 2020 – 2021. As you can see, we are in a very good financial standing so please try to come up with something to do with our constituents because we have an obligation to try and make this money work. If you have any ideas, please send it to your VP if you’re a director or just send it to me and our president.”

### **VP Operations Update**

None

### **Social Update**

- Kyle Fernandes
  - “Since athletics is doing that 2k and FIFA tournament a lot of people have been messaging me to have a Call of Duty tournament I also messaged the people in



my SayYu group chat, and a lot of other colleges are down for that too, so I was just wondering your thoughts on that.”

- Mohammed Obaid
  - “It’s a great idea but I would like the VP social to contact York admin to make sure that we are within the guidelines of York because some people might say that it promotes violence and guns so if you could just double check that before moving forward.”
- Josh Raghurai
  - “When are you thinking about doing this?”
- Kyle Fernandes
  - “I was thinking of doing it over the summer like mid-July.”
- Casey Medina
  - “Is this going to be an event for social?”
- Kyle Fernandes
  - “Yes, I was thinking of making it one of my events.”

### **Athletics Update**

- Casey Medina
  - We were looking into getting jerseys to have a new set of them. I looked into other sites like AdWear but I couldn’t email them due to it being under construction. The same with 11th hour, the site was not found due to quarantine.
  - KahunaUniverse offers York a club discount so we are looking into their designs. We are hoping to have designs ready and have a company chosen to work with for next week.
  - Attended summer orientation, June 25, 2020.
  - Posted on Facebook and Instagram to promote IMLeagues' E-games.
  - Sent in my video for the Tik Tok

### **Promotions Update**

None

### **Academics Update**

None

### **Orientation Chair Update**



- Victoria Hanna
  - “I hope everyone is excited for frosh, we’ve been working tirelessly to make sure everything is going smoothly. We have our frosh schedule made and at 9am we have our daily challenges, those are not going to be an event where you must wake up at 9am to participate. It’s going to be a post or a video.
- Josh Raghurai
  - “For the daily challenges like Victoria said it’s going to be posted in the morning and then we’ll just leave it till the end of the day and then at the end of the day or the next day, we will pick a winner and based on that we will give points to the individual personally or we aren’t necessarily doing teams this year. We will have an individual scoreboard and at the end of frosh, the person with the most points will win a prize such as New College merch. If you have any ideas of any type of challenges that correlate to Quarantine Dreams feel free to send them in. We will try to work them in and see if they apply to our situation.”
- Victoria Hanna
  - “Right now, we have like cooking challenges, trivia challenges or Tik Tok dance challenges. Anything you want to add let us know and we will add it.”
- Josh Raghurai
  - “On the first day we are doing a meet your council event, it’s where all of the froshies get to meet our council and we get to show them what we have to offer and show them the resources that we have available to us.”
- Victoria Hanna
  - “The meet your council is also going to be like an opening ceremony just to open up the week. For the York Campus Tour we are going to try and figure out some kind of video. We are still in the process of trying to figure out how we are going to do this.”
- Josh Raghurai
  - “The lounge chat is for in-between events when people either want a break or they just want to continue to hang out. This kind of resembles the lounge but on a zoom call until the next event. This would also be the place where they would meet up before an event and it is to give the froshies a place to just talk and get to know other froshies in between events.”



- Victoria Hanna
  - “We’re trying our best to resemble a sort of meeting place where they can just chill without having anything really scheduled.”
- Josh Raghurai
  - “We can add things and kind of direct the conversation but it’s not going to be an actual event.”
- Victoria Hanna
  - “We also have speed-friending, where we would just have everyone come on and do break out rooms so we can ask random questions for everyone to meet different people in these randomized groups. That’s it for day 1. For day 2, we have Zumba with York through Tait Rec and athletics. Then there’s a meet your major event which would be our sort of replacement for our clubs’ fair so usually, we have that event near the end of the week but since we can’t do that we are going to be doing more of groups where you can meet people whether you’re in accounting or marketing. We will be having a powerpoint to kind of guide the conversation and then hopefully we’ll get a leader or a captain to run through these power points.”
- Josh Raghurai
  - “When we break it down into different majors we will try and get an upper-year student so that they can answer most of the questions seeing as the first years will probably have a lot of questions.”
- Victoria Hanna
  - “After that we will have our lounge chat again and potentially our dance tutorial. If y’all have ideas for songs or dances, please let us know. That is followed by our virtual board game night such as taboo, jack box. This will occur in different break out rooms so you can jump between games as you wish.”
- Josh Raghurai
  - “On the Monday again, we post daily challenges. Then we have a website where there’s a volunteer to show the students how to enroll in courses, how to navigate the website, how to use a timetable.”
- Victoria Hanna



- “It’s essentially everything academic to the social aspect such as IMleagues. We were hoping to get academics to go through the academic portion and then potentially athletics to go through the social events. This event is not confirmed yet, but we are trying to do a social scavenger hunt type of thing. Where you guys are put into teams and there’s riddles and challenges that you must go through with your teammates. Then there’s the lounge again. After that there’s Nuit Blanche and Winters is hosting that. There’s going to be break out rooms for improv and things of that sort. For York Orientation Day we are still trying to figure that out with the Head of New College, so we don’t have too many updates on that. There’re some more challenges on the Wednesday, first year survival guide is kind of like a York 101. We will be trying to get YFS to come in, but we’ll see how that works out. That’ll lead us nicely into York Jeopardy. Which is then followed by Stong’s bingo night which is a college wide event.”
- Josh Raghurai
  - “Thursday there’s the daily challenge and then the health talk and wellness center. Leaders will get this talk during training and we thought it would be helpful for the froshies as well.”
- Victoria Hanna
  - “After that we will again have the lounge chat and then there’s a move-athon which is York’s replacement for the soccer tournament so there still trying to plan that out and all the colleges will be attending that. We might have a yoga session on the Friday morning and then there’s a treasure hunt.”
- Josh Raghurai
  - “It would be like what we kind of do in person for example first person to bring a pencil and show it on camera would get points. It would bring out people’s competitive nature which would facilitate more conversation and they would turn on their cameras.”
- Victoria Hanna
  - “We also wanted to add in an e tournament like FIFA or NBA, I know that York athletics are doing that so hopefully we can incorporate that as well. Strong is also going to do their pit party so we don’t exactly know what’s happening with that at the moment. After that, we are going to finish the week off with a talent show.”
- Josh Raghurai



- “We are going to be doing a Tory Lanez style talent show PG18 of course and I will be getting all the equipment, it’s going to be on Instagram live. Strong, Calumet, Founders and Vanier will be attending so it will be quite a large event which is why we chose to do it on Instagram live. We only ask that a couple of you come and participate as well as looking for froshies that are doing vulgar or rude.”
- Victoria Hanna
  - “After that we are ending the night with closing ceremonies. We will be having leader retreats August 8<sup>th</sup> and August 15<sup>th</sup>, council training will be August 24<sup>th</sup> in the morning, captain training will be August 24<sup>th</sup> in the afternoon and then August 25<sup>th</sup>, 26<sup>th</sup> and September 3<sup>rd</sup> everyone has to attend.”
- Josh Raghurai
  - “September 3<sup>rd</sup> is OTL, if you don’t know what OTL is, it’s the events where all colleges meet up and we do an overall training.”
- Victoria Hanna
  - “Just to finish off, we do need your help. Although this is not set in stone, we were thinking that Promo has already started decorating our schedule and they are trying to do an opening ceremony type of video. For athletics, we were thinking they could do something like Fifa or NBA tournament. The website walkthrough we said we were going to divide it between athletics and academics to show IMleagues and how to enroll in courses and stuff like that. Meet your major academics would do and we’d give you a rough template. For everyone else, we need daily challenge ideas and fun Jeopardy questions so you can send your ideas to us.”

Exit Victoria Hanna at 2:29PM

### **College Head Update**

None

### ***Motions***



**Motion Date:** Monday, June 29<sup>th</sup>, 2020

**Motion:** Be it resolved New College Council adds a table of contents to the By-laws

**Motivation:**

- Maritza Mohammed
  - “Like I said in my updates, we reformatted the By-Laws by now you should have already seen the look of it on Microsoft Teams. I’m just motioning to put in a table of contents because it was never there so people can easily navigate through each section of the By-Laws.”

**Moved By:** Maritza Mohammed

**Seconded By:** Mohammed Obaid

**This motion has been:** Passed

**In favour:** 5

**Opposed:** 0

**Motion Date:** Monday, June 29<sup>th</sup>, 2020

**Motion:** Be it resolved New College Council removes all “and” at the end of each point.

**Motivation:**

- Maritza Mohammed
  - “For By-Laws, in each section the “and” is the end of each point to lead to the next point so it’s like a flowing thing. Although when going through the previous By-laws, it was all over the place seeing as “and” was at the end of every single line which is why I presented a motion to remove them all.”

**Moved By:** Maritza Mohammed

**Seconded By:** Mohammed Obaid

**This motion has been:** Passed

**In favour:** 5

**Opposed:** 2

**Abstain:** 0



**Motion Date: Monday, June 29<sup>th</sup>, 2020**

**Motion:** Be it resolved New College Council accepts the numbers and letters for the lists on by-laws in each section.

**Motivation:**

- Maritza Mohammed
  - “I reformatted the By-Laws, each title has a different number, roman numeral or letter as well within the points sometimes they refer to different sections in the By-Laws so I just changed those too. I believe it was 2 points that I changed but it just says refer to subsection A instead of subsection 5.”

**Moved By:** Maritza Mohammed

**Seconded By:** Mohammed Obaid

**This motion has been:** Passed

**In favour:** 6 (Matthew, Shenali, Kevin, Kyle, Mohammed, Casey)

**Opposed:** 0

**Motion Date: Monday, June 29<sup>th</sup>, 2020**

**Motion:** Be it resolved New College Council makes Maritza Mohammed, Matthew Mohammed, and Mohammed Obaid signing authorities during the 2020/2021 Council Year.

**Motivation:**

- Maritza Mohammed
  - “Usually we don’t have to motion for this but seeing as this year is online, we have to motion to make the switch. From now on it will only be the 3 execs on the account and the prior execs from last year will not be on it.”

**Moved By:** Maritza Mohammed

**Seconded By:** Mohammed Obaid

**This motion has been:** Passed

**In favour:** 5 (Kevin, Kyle, Casey, Elena, Shenali)

**Opposed:** 0



**Motion Date:** Monday, June 29<sup>th</sup>, 2020

**Motion:** Be it resolved New College Council permits e-transfers for reimbursement to all council members except for the signing authorities and to companies and businesses when needed.

**Motivation:**

- Maritza Mohammed
  - “As for reimbursements execs can’t be the ones fronting the costs in the first place unless we put in a motion but even then, for our audit there would be a conflict of interest. As for e-transfers since there can’t be a paper trail of that, we won’t be accepting e-transfers if we ever front the cost it’s just going to be for y’all, any constituent or businesses that can front the cost.”
- Kevin Chan
  - “Is this just going to be temporary, till we get back on campus or is it permanent?”
- Maritza Mohammed
  - “Obviously before hand we can only sign checks but seeing as there’s COVID adjustments have been made so we can do e-transfers and cash withdrawals, but we do need to set guidelines for them. If COVID does lift SCLD will let us know but as for now this will be for the whole year.”

**Moved By:** Mohammed Obaid

**Seconded By:** Maritza Mohammed

**This motion has been:** Passed

**In favour:** 7(Kevin, Shenali, Elena, Casey, Matthew, Mohammed, Kyle)



**Motion Date:** Monday, June 29<sup>th</sup>, 2020

**Motion:** Be it resolved New College Council spends no more than \$15,000 on frosh week.

**Motivation:**

- Maritza Mohammed
  - “We’ve already started planning our frosh week and now payments will be starting to go through soon for merch and events and stuff of that sort, so this is how much it’s going to cost. Right now, we’re probably spending 6000 to 1000 on merch so leader jerseys, frosh kits and others. The other 5000 will go to events as well we’re going to use a platform to run the whole week so the payments will also be going to the platform that we choose.”

**Moved By:** Maritza Mohammed

**Seconded By:** Mohammed Obaid

**This motion has been:** Passed

**In favour:** 6 (Kevin, Kyle, Casey, Elena, Shenali, Matthew)

**Opposed:** 0

**Motion Date:** Monday, June 29<sup>th</sup>, 2020

**Motion:**

Be it resolved New College Council does not permit cash withdrawals unless they are motioned prior to and only used during extenuating circumstances deemed necessary by the executives.

**Motivation:**

- Maritza Mohammed
  - “We can do cash withdrawals, but I don’t want to completely say we can’t do it because I’m trying to expect the unexpected for the times where we might need it so execs will not be withdrawing cash at all until it is necessary and we will be doing an emergency motion or making it a motion in a meeting before withdrawing the cash.”

**Moved By:** Maritza Mohammed

**Seconded By:** Mohammed Obaid

**This motion has been:** Passed

**In favour:** 6 (Kevin, Kyle, Casey, Elena, Shenali, Mohammed)

**Opposed:** 0



*Adjournment*

**Motion Date:** Monday, June 29<sup>th</sup>, 2020

**Motion:** Be it resolved that the meeting be adjourned at 2:52pm

**Moved By:** Matthew Mohammed

**Seconded By:** Kyle Fernandes

**This motion has been:** Passed

**In favour:** 6 (Mohammed, Casey, Kyle, Matthew, Shenali, Elena)

**Opposed:** 1 (Kevin)

**Abstain:** 0