

Annual General Meeting

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

1. **CALL TO ORDER** at 6:52pm
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:** Sehgal **Result:** Carries

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:** Bilonda **Result:** Carries

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:** Jaeki **Result:** Carries

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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:** Sabesan **Result:** Carries

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.

AMENDMENT

BE IT RESOLVED that clubs ratified with YFS are provided with \$300 in base funding starting in the 2023-2024 year.

Moved: Lombardo **Seconded:** Lyttle **Result:** Carries

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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

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

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:** Musuku **Result:** Defeated

MOTION: To extend Speaker's List by two (2)

Moved: Campbell **Seconded:** Basri **Result:** Carries

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:** Cipi **Result:** Defeated

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

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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

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:** Musuku **Result:** Carries

F. MOTION FOR FIGHT THE FEES

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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

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

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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 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: Ali

Result: Carries

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

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

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:** Pasicolan **Result:** Carries

MOTION: To extend Speaker's List by one (1)

Moved: Tawonga Musuku **Second:** Jackson **Result:** Carries

10. REPORTS

A. REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE

MOTION 2022-11-24: R01

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

Moved: Mbalaja **Seconded:** Bilonda **Result:** Carries

11. ANNOUNCEMENTS

12. MOTION TO ADJOURN

MOTION 2022-11-24: A03

BE IT RESOLVED that the meeting be adjourned at 10:10pm

Moved: Kem-Bumbara **Seconded:** Villegas **Result:** Carries