

YORK FEDERATION OF STUDENTS
LOCAL 68 CANADIAN FEDERATION OF STUDENTS



**ANNUAL
GENERAL
MEETING**

Annual General Meeting

York Federation of Students (YFS) – Local 68 Canadian Federation of Students
Thursday, November 29, 2018 @ 5:00PM – York University, Toronto, Ontario

1. **CALL TO ORDER**
2. **LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT**
3. **WELCOMING REMARKS**
4. **ANTI-HARASSMENT OFFICER**
5. **ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA**

A. MOTION 2018-11-29: A01

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the agenda be accepted as presented.

Moved: Habib

Seconded:

Result:

6. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

A. MOTION 2018-11-29: M01

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the minutes of the November 30, 2017 Annual General Meeting be accepted as presented in **APPENDIX A**

Moved: Arigbabu

Seconded: **Result:**

7. NEW BUSINESS

A. FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

MOTION 2018-11-29: N01

BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE 2017-2018 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 2018-2019 audit.

Moved: Madeira

Seconded:

Result:

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B. MOTION TO FURTHER SUPPORT THE WUSC REFUGEE INITIATIVE

MOTION 2018-11-29: N02

WHEREAS there is a global refugee crisis, not just limited to Syria; and

WHEREAS since 2012, refugee movements have increased rapidly as there have been over 4 million registered refugees that have fled to neighbouring countries such as Turkey, Lebanon, Greece, Germany, and various countries within North Africa; and

WHEREAS the world's reluctance to help the millions of refugees in need is something that is incredibly unfortunate and disheartening, however, it is for these very reasons that several initiatives have come to existence to allow individuals to help in ways the government is refusing to do; and

WHEREAS there are several campus organizations such World University Service of Canada (WUSC), International Refugee Assistance Program (IRAP), and others that are committed to successfully resettling refugees to Canada as well as raising awareness and funds around the refugee crisis; and

WHEREAS our own university has also joined in the attempt to help and sponsor refugees through supporting their access to post-secondary education through the WUSC Student Refugee Program; and **WHEREAS** this support is highly dependant on fundraising, donations, and a \$0.03 levy per credit;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the York Federation of Students makes a donation of \$5,000.00 to the WUSC Keele & Glendon Transportation Loan Fundraising Campaign.

Moved: Hanlon

Seconded:

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C. MOTION TO INSTITUTE ELECTRONIC VOTING FOR YORK FEDERATION OF STUDENTS ELECTIONS

MOTION 2018-11-29: N03

WHEREAS the YFS is committed to combating ableism and providing full accessibility to its programs, services, and procedures for all its members, including those with visible and hidden disabilities; and

WHEREAS accessible participation in elections and referenda of the York Federation of Students' [YFS] is a fundamental right for all federation members; and

WHEREAS online voting increases accessibility compared to traditional paper ballots, particularly for students who are part-time, taking eLearning courses through Distance Education, and/or suffering from mental or physical disabilities (e.g. students with mobility devices); and

WHEREAS the YFS is committed to achieving sustainability in all of its programs, services and procedures; and

WHEREAS paper ballots use enormous quantities of paper every election; and

WHEREAS online voting provides an environmentally-friendly alternative to paper ballot voting, by eliminating material waste (e.g. paper, tape, ink), which abides by the Union's mandate to seek out sustainable mechanisms in its operations; and

WHEREAS counteracting the declining student voter turnout (2017: 13%; 2018: 12%) is in support of the YFS' commitment to the equitable representation and participation of its union members in its programs, services and procedures; and

WHEREAS online voting has significantly increased student participation rates at numerous universities across Canada; and

WHEREAS the YFS is committed to transparency, fairness and integrity in the election process; and

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WHEREAS there is a set precedent for online voting as a secure, efficient, and transparent alternative that reduces human error, double voting, spoiled votes and other voting issues; and

WHEREAS the online voting system would better integrate the electronic database that YFS already uses to securely and accurately verify voter eligibility and the various ballots that students receive; and

WHEREAS a growing number of students have expressed interest in the implementation of an online voting system, as evidenced by the Evolve YU student campaign; and

WHEREAS countless student and/or university groups, organizations, faculties, and departments have had continuous success using electronic voting systems; and

WHEREAS the York Federation of Students' (YFS) is fundamentally committed to equitable democracy, accessibility, sustainability, transparency & security.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Bylaw 10.17.a (titled Voting Process) be amended to read as follows:

- a. The method of voting in the Election Process shall be through online voting via the York University E-Vote server, or a similar method, as well as through computerized polling booths for all elections and referenda conducted by the YFS; valid identification from members is required for voting; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Elections & Referenda Committee investigate what electronic devices would work best at polling booths at the most reasonable price (e.g. iPads, laptops, desktop computers) and make a recommendation for how many should be ordered; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the appropriate YFS representatives immediately begin engaging relevant stakeholders to initiate the change of voting system. This implementation shall be completed before the upcoming 2019 YFS General Election.

Moved: Sibony

Seconded:

Result:

D. MOTION TO REJECT FORD'S ATTACK ON FREE SPEECH

MOTION 2018-11-29: N04

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WHEREAS Doug Ford has directed Ontario universities and colleges to adopt an Orwellian “free speech” policy or face funding cuts; and

WHEREAS this policy is based on the University of Chicago statement which prohibits “ongoing disruptive protesting”. But such vague criteria leaves the road open to prohibit all protests. Who decides what period is too long? Who decides how big a protest can become before it becomes “disruptive”?; and

WHEREAS this policy would require schools to police protests on campus and potentially threaten students, student groups, and student unions with disciplinary measures; and

WHEREAS this policy will provide a police-protected “safe space” to anti-abortionists holding obscene displays, alt-right racists, and holocaust deniers; and

WHEREAS A resolution was approved at the AGM, the highest democratic body of our union, in 2017, that our executive must organize protests against fascists and alt-right speakers that may be invited to this campus; and

BE IT RESOLVED that the YFS go on record as opposing the Ontario government’s anti-democratic “free speech on campus” mandate, and refuse to participate in its implementation; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the YFS demand that the York administration also refuse to implement any policy that may restrict the right to protest, especially those referencing the University of Chicago statement, which itself violates free speech rights."

Moved: Zeineddine

Seconded:

Result:

E. MOTION TO FIGHT FOR FREE EDUCATION AND ORGANIZE STUDENT STRIKES

MOTION 2018-11-29: N05

WHEREAS tuition fees in Canada have risen by over 40% in the past decade, causing enormous hardship for working class students. In addition, Canadian students owe 28 billion dollars in student loans, causing students that graduate to be saddled with unpayable debt in a failing economy; and

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WHEREAS tuition fees have steadily risen in Ontario despite years of lobbying, showing that student strikes are the only way to win lower tuition as proven by the 2012 Quebec Student strike; and

WHEREAS the Ford government has cancelled more than 300 million dollars to post-secondary funding in Ontario; and

WHEREAS during their election campaign, the YFS executive promised to fight for free education and to hold a student strike referendum in 2019; and

BE IT RESOLVED that the YFS openly denounce and fight against the Ford government's cuts to post-secondary education; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the YFS take on a serious fight for free education and the cancellation of all students debt, starting with a series of escalating actions involving rallies, occupations, and mass meetings in the year 2019; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the YFS hold a student strike referendum in February, 2019; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that these actions lead up to a one day student strike in March, 2019.

Moved: Nourmohammadi **Seconded:** **Result:**

F. MOTION TO KEEP GO TRANSIT AND VIVA RUNNING ON CAMPUS

MOTION 2018-11-29: N06

WHEREAS both Viva and Go bus will no longer come directly to campus, impacting students that commute with an additional thirty minutes of commuting time as well as over 50 dollars a month in transit costs; and

WHEREAS this move is part of a pattern of rising transit fees and worsening service across the entire GTA, which impacts all students on our way to school and work; and

BE IT RESOLVED that the YFS start a mass campaign to reinstate Viva and Go services on campus, so students don't have to face delays and extra fees; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this mass campaign include a series of rallies against those responsible for this service cut: Metrolinx and various city councillors; and

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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the YFS link this campaign to the broader need for free and accessible transit for all.

Moved: Lam-Bellissimo **Seconded:**

Result:

G. MOTION TO ACKNOWLEDGE POLICE MISCONDUCT ON CAMPUS

MOTION 2018-11-29: N07

WHEREAS On September 21st, 2018 a Black community member has been tackled by multiple police officers in a violent manner in the Student Centre and has been recorded; and

WHEREAS There have been incidents in the past where TPS has been called to de-escalate situations, especially ones involving Black students or community members, and it had only led to them using force. In the most recent event, the YFS had a detailed agreement with police officers to not interfere and TPS violated it; and

WHEREAS York Security is required to record incidents that happen on campus, and ones that are reported. However, this incident is missing from their logs despite the documented evidence. York University is required to send out Security Bulletins to all students, faculty, and staff. There has not been any sort of publicity or broadcast on the matter; and

BE IT RESOLVED that the YFS is to issue a statement that entails the incident, and condemns the actions of TPS as well as the York administration; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the YFS demands York Administration to take accountability for these actions and file complaints against Police Officers that violate their terms and conditions.

Moved:

Seconded:

Result:

H. MOTION TO SUPPORT REMOVAL OF TPS ON CAMPUS

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WHEREAS the police have a known history of using disproportionate force, up to and including violence, against non-violent members of the black community; and

WHEREAS Doug Ford has revoked The Police Oversight Act that was passed earlier this year as part of bill 175 that entailed:

- “1. The importance of holding police officers and other policing officials accountable, on behalf of the public, for the effective delivery of community safety services in Ontario.
2. The impartial and independent operation of the policing oversight system, with decision-making authority that is not subject to the influence of government nor of the persons who are subject to oversight.
3. The public sharing of information about the oversight of policing in a manner that promotes openness and public education, while balancing privacy interests and the integrity of oversight investigations.
4. Recognition of and respect for,
 - i. the diverse, multiracial and multicultural character of Ontario society, and
 - ii. the rights and cultures of First Nation, Inuit and Métis Peoples.”

WHEREAS there have been numerous cases of such disproportionate force against the black community within the last year; and

WHEREAS racialized students and faculty have the right to work and study on campus without fear of being targeted by an institution founded on their subjugation; and

WHEREAS York Security are not transparent about their by-laws and their mandate;

BE IT RESOLVED that The YFS fight for a democratically controlled campus, without police for the safety of racialized community members that have historically been victimized by the police and a York security unit that is democratically controlled by students and teachers; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED The YFS to call for the removal of Toronto Police from our campus while fighting for a more democratically-run campus that relies on the community for security, not the oppressive police force; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED To demand oversight of York Security on campus, with emphasis on misconduct on the basis of anti-blackness.

Moved:

Seconded:

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I. MOTION TO COMBAT FOOD INSECURITY

MOTION 2018-11-29: N09

WHEREAS food security at York University is a serious issue which affects students during their studies; and

WHEREAS the YFS Food Support Centre has seen an exponential growth in its members and use from February 2018 at nearly 750 members to over 1,200 members and counting as of November 2018; and

WHEREAS York Lanes has opened a new grocery store whose prices are not affordable to the average undergraduate student therefore making it even more difficult to cook within residences; and

WHEREAS Aramark has been monopolizing both space and food vending across both the Keele and Glendon campus, effectively working towards monopolizing food services on campus and limiting the capacity for independent, franchised establishments which could offer more affordable and healthier food options; and

WHEREAS the YFS sent its Vice-President Campaigns & Advocacy as a delegate to the Resetting the Table - Food Secure Canada 2018 which was held in conjunction with the Meal Exchange National Student Food Summit 2018 where it was clear that the importance of food security and healthy eating has become paramount student and nation wide issue; therefore

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the York Federation of Students work towards finding more grants, funding sources and community partnerships in order to better outfit the YFS Food Support Centre to serve its members and broaden its services; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the York Federation of Students continue to send delegates to and work with Meal Exchange in the 2019-20 academic year in an effort to further collaborate on food security projects; and

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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the York Federation of Students begins work on negotiations with Aramark and the York University administration about the status of food security at York University, the diversity of food options and vendors, and the affordability of food options.

Moved: Lalonde **Seconded:** **Result:**

8. REPORTS

A. REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE

MOTION 2018-11-29: R01

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the reports of the Executive be accepted as presented. **Appendix C**

Moved: Habib **Seconded:** **Result:**

9. ANNOUNCEMENTS

10. MOTION TO ADJOURN

MOTION 2018-11-29: A02

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the meeting adjourns at

Moved: Fernandes **Seconded:** **Result:**

APPENDIX A

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1. CALL TO ORDER 5:49PM

2. LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT -

3. WELCOMING REMARKS- Habib

Nicole- anti harassment advisor makes remark

4. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

A. MOTION 2017-11-30: A01

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the agenda be accepted as presented.

Moved: Habib **Seconded:** Shah **Result:** Carries

Proposed amendment to move motion D, E and F to top of the agenda

Moved: Nourmohammadi **Seconded:** Zeineddine **Result:** Fails

Proposed amendment to move G to top of the agenda

Moved: Zeineddine **Seconder:** Khalid **Result:** Fails

5. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

A. MOTION 2017-11-30: M01

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Moved: Raveenthiran **Seconded:** Diji **Result:** Carries

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Moved: Asekome **Seconded:** Madeira **Result:** Carries

B. MOTION TO ORGANIZE AGAINST WHITE SUPREMACY AND FASCISM ON CAMPUS

MOTION 2017-11-30: N02

WHEREAS the York Federation of Students strives to protect its most marginalized of members; and

WHEREAS the York Federation of Students has previously committed to the creation of anti-racism campaigns; and

WHEREAS there is a rise in overt attacks by white supremacists and the far-right across the country and on this campus; and

WHEREAS we have seen this rise in white supremacy nationally through white-supremacist rallies, physical and verbal attacks against racialized people, and attacks on mosques in Quebec and Toronto; and

WHEREAS we have seen this rise in white supremacy on campus through the attacks on the York United Black Students Alliance, the defacing of posters for progressive and socialist organizations such as Socialist Fightback; and

WHEREAS we have seen several hate crimes on both York University Campuses that have involved vandalizing school property threats towards Black folks, non-Black Racialized folks, and people of the Jewish faith,

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the York Federation of Students commit to organizing against White Supremacy both on and off this campus; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the York Federation of Students re-strike the Taskforce on Campus Racism to asses the ways in which this institution is upholding white supremacist values and policies; and

Motion Carries after amendment

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Moved: Habib

Seconded: Jamaa

Result: Carries

Amendment: Be it further resolved clause, if a far right speaker is invited to speak on campus the YFS organization is to organize mass mobilization works to shut down the far right speaker.

Moved: Zeubeddine

Seconded: Nasser **Result:**

Amendment: Amend proposed amendment to define far right as someone who openly espouse violence against racial, religious, sexual minority and activist women

Moved: Nourmohammadi

Seconded: Nasser **Result:** Carries

Amend wording in proposed amendment, to say all forms of violence

Moved: Paskaran

Seconded: Jamma

Result: Carries

Amendment change wording of “shutting down” to “protesting”

Moved: Sima

Seonder: D’Sa

Result: Fails

Final Amendment after wording change: Be it further resolved clause, if a far right speaker (defined as) someone who openly espouse violence against racial, religious, sexual minority and activist women is invited to speak on campus, the YFS organize mass mobilization works to shut down the far right speaker.

Moved: Zeubeddine

Seonder: Nasser

Result: Carries

C. MOTION TO CONTINUE THE FIGHT FOR FREE EDUCATION

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MOTION 2017-11-30: N03

WHEREAS the York Federation of Students is committed to fight for a free and accessible education; and

WHEREAS the cost of tuition fees continues to skyrocket making a post-secondary education incredibly inaccessible; and

WHEREAS students are faced with thousands of dollars in debt and are often forced to work precarious, low income paying jobs; and

WHEREAS there is a severe lack of public funding for post-secondary institutions and education, and this allows for individual institutions to continue to raise tuition fees; and

WHEREAS the Provincial government recently chose to extend the current tuition fee cap rather than reduce it; and

WHEREAS the York Federation of Students hosted a successful national Day of Action on November 2nd 2016; and

WHEREAS the November 2nd Day of Action was successful due to consistent Education Coalition Meetings and stronger membership engagement; and

WHEREAS the fight for a free and accessible education is not over; and

WHEREAS the York Federation of Students has committed to hosting another day of action on February 1st;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the York Federation of Students commit to more consistent Education Coalition Meetings to ensure increased membership engagement; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the York Federation of Students commit to hosting several lead up actions before and after the February 1st Day of Action; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the York Federation of Students continue escalate the fight for a Free Education.

Moved: Mathipalan

Seconded: Shah **Result:** Carries

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Amendment- Add clauses

Be it further resolved the YFS commit to continue ad escalate the fight for free education, and to include the demand for Cancellation of Student DEBT.

Moved: Nourmohammadi Seconded: Dada Motion: FAILS

Be it further resolved that the York Federation of Students organize a one-day student strike in the upcoming term, that is set up mobilization committees to allow rank-and-file students to organize towards building the movement, and that it establish monthly democratic assemblies so that students can participate in building and strengthening their student union.

Chair states this motion does not fall under same theme so cannot be added as a clause for this motion.

Be It further resolved that the YFS use thus initial strike action to escalate towards a week-long national student strike for free education

Moved: Nourmohammadi Seconded: Dada Motion: FAILS

Motion: Upholding the rolling of the chair

Moved: Zeineddine Seconded: Nourmhammadi Motion: Fails

**Opposed upholding the rolling of the chair:
Motion: Carries**

Motion: One-minute limit for each speaker

Moved: Momh Seconder: Beloylszov Motion: Carries

D. MOTION TO ENDORSE THE AFFORDABLE HOUSING COMMITTEE AT YORK UNIVERSITY

MOTION 2017-11-30: N04

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WHEREAS it is very important to support the creation of new affordable co-op housing in Toronto; and

WHEREAS there are over 150 general housing co-ops throughout Toronto, many of which have been 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 there is a unique opportunity to create affordable co-op housing on surplus university lands at York University's Keele Campus; 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 already have the support of CUPE 3903, OPIRG York, Regenesis York and the York University Faculty Association. Committee members include both undergraduate and graduate students, and faculty – this includes Dr. Stephen Gaetz, Director of the Canadian Observatory on Homelessness and the Homeless Hub and Dr. Roger Keil, former Director of the City Institute; and

WHEREAS our interim requirement is to secure CMHC (Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation) See Funding in order to take this initiative to the development phase. In order to secure CMHC funding, we are required to submit a detailed proposal, including a comprehensive budget that includes construction and planning costs, and to have the York University Development Corporation agree to set aside land for the project; and

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

WHEREAS the York Federation of Students endorsed the Affordable Housing Committee and made a donation of \$1000 at the 2016 AGM,

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the York Federation of Students provide a \$1000 donation to the Affordable Housing Committee at York University

Moved: Hamilton **Seconded:** Pal **Result:** Carries

Be it further resolved the YFS publicly raise the demand for access to free housing for students and mobilize for this demand.

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Be it further resolved the YFS organize a student rent strike as a means of achieving this demand.

Moved: Zeineddine seconder: Anne Result: Fails

E. MOTION ON ACCESS TO FREE STUDENT HOUSING

MOTION 2017-11-30: N05

WHEREAS, in Britain students successfully mobilized and organized strikes to get access to housing and housing grants; and

WHEREAS, students are struggling with expensive rents and poor quality housing and can't afford the necessities of life; and

WHEREAS, there has been a rise of student homelessness, even resulting in homeless people living at the York Student Centre.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the YFS publicly raise the demand for access to free housing for students and mobilize for this demand (alongside the struggle against tuition fees).

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the YFS organize a student rent strike as a means of achieving this demand.

**Moved: Nourmohammadi Seconded: Waseem Result: Carries
after amendment**

Amendment: Be it resolved that instead of going on a rent strike students should be educated about their rights as tenants

Moved: Momoh seconder: Dada Result: Carries

F. MOTION ON FIGHTING THE FAR-RIGHT

MOTION 2017-11-30: N06

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WHEREAS, the far-right has been emboldened since the election of Trump, the white supremacist march and terrorist attack in Charlottesville and the massacre of Muslims in Quebec City; and

WHEREAS, the far-right has been targeting racial minorities, sexual minorities, women activists and especially left-wing activists in Canada; and

WHEREAS, the far-right at York University has been engaging in vandalism, victimization, and threats directed against the socialist movement on the campus; and

WHEREAS, the free speech clubs on other campuses have been used as a cover through which fascists and the far right can promote hatred and violence on campus.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the YFS play a leading role in city-wide mobilizations against racism and against the far-right, and that the YFS organize on campus against local far-right activities and manifestations of racial oppression.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that if a far-right speaker is invited to speak on campus that the YFS organize mass mobilizations of students, workers, marginalized communities to shut down the far-right.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the YFS provide support, (including financial) for student activist groups fighting against the far-right.

Moved: Nourmohammadi **Seconded:**
Result: Motion withdrawal by Mover

G. MOTION TO ORGANIZE THE FIGHT FOR FREE EDUCATION AND CANCELLATION OF STUDENT DEBT

MOTION 2017-11-30: N07

WHEREAS, the Canadian Federation of Students (CFS) and the York Federation of Students (YFS) has already begun to organize around the fight for free education with its energetic Day of Action protest last year on November 2nd, 2016; and

WHEREAS, students are frustrated and angry at a lack of accessibility to

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education, skyrocketing tuition fees, the declining quality of education and the broader growth of inequality coupled with rising rent prices with few job opportunities.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the York Federation of Students commit to continue and escalate the fight for Free Education, and to include the demand for the Cancellation of Student Debt.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the York Federation of Students organize a one-day student strike in the upcoming term, that it set up mobilization committees to allow rank-and-file students to organize towards building the movement, and that it establish monthly democratic assemblies so that students can participate in building and strengthening their student union.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the York Federation of Students use this initial strike action to escalate towards a week-long national student strike for free education.

Moved: Nourmohammadi **Seconded:** Nasser **Result:** Fails

Call to question

Mover: Shah **Seconder:** Dada **Result:** Carries

H. MOTION IN SUPPORT OF MYANMAR ROHINGYA REFUGEES

MOTION 2017-11-30: N05

WHEREAS the Rohingya people is a Muslim majority ethnic group living under a Buddhist nationalist nation of Myanmar; and

WHEREAS over 600,000 Rohingya refugees have fled from the militarized state;

WHEREAS the ethnic and religious cleansing against Rohingya people continues to be an ongoing issue and has drastically increased within the past few months;

WHEREAS the United Nations has declared the Rohingya refugee crisis as an urgent international emergency;

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BE IT RESOLVED THAT the York Federation of Students stand in solidarity with the Rohingya refugees by issuing a statement of support;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the York Federation of Students donate \$500 to the humanitarian coalition charity organization to aide support with Rohingya refugees.

Moved: Raveenthiran **Seconded:** Sima **Result:** Carries

I. MOTION FOR A MENSTRUAL EQUITY CAMPAIGN

MOTION 2017-11-30: N06

WHEREAS menstrual hygiene products are a necessity and a basic right for persons who bleed; and

WHEREAS menstrual products are not accessible in post-secondary institutions, specifically in post-secondary washrooms; and

WHEREAS free menstrual hygiene products are distributed in the student centre at York University, and certain campuses in the Greater Toronto Area; and

WHEREAS the York Federation of Students has committed to advocating for Menstrual Equity; and

WHEREAS the York Federation of Students has already submitted a proposal to the Presidents Office regarding Menstrual Equity;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the York Federation of Students launch a menstrual equity campaign demanding York University to implement free menstrual hygiene products in washrooms across the Keele and Glendon campuses;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the York Federation of Students (YFS) continues to provide free menstrual hygiene products in the YFS offices

Moved: Raveenthiran **Seconded:** Rolkes **Result:** Carries

J. MOTION REGARDING ANNUAL GENERAL MEETINGS

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MOTION 2017-11-30: N07

WHEREAS students are having difficulty being engaged with the decision making process that affects them due to timing of said General Meetings and the lack of notification of such meetings, leading to a general disengagement that results in lower and lower student participation with the political issues that affect them on campus;

WHEREAS York Federation of Student By-Law 8, Section d. states that any failure to notify the mass public in advance for any general meeting not invalidate the General Meeting, such measures permit a bureaucratic alienation for the public that makes an engagement with the decision making process that affects them;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Annual General Meeting be held at minimum biannually, with each AGM being announce and promoted at least two months in advance as well as the agenda being publicly released at two weeks in advance.

Moved: Tabak Seconded: Result: Motion is Out of Order

K. MOTION REGARDING GENERAL ASSEMBLIES

MOTION 2017-11-30: N08

WHEREAS the Annual General Meeting model consistently fails to have the voices of most students be heard in a meaningful manner, resulting in the YFS leadership exerting the majority of the real control over issues affecting the entire student body;

WHEREAS the General Assembly model as evidenced by the University of Ottawa has been highly affective in engaging students with issues affecting them and successfully mobilizing them for actions such as student strikes, resulting in among the lowest tuition rates in the country;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that a General Assembly be instituted as the highest decision-making power within the York Federation of Students, “General Assembly” referring to a decision-making system consisting of regular meetings open to all members of the student body where they may propose binding motions and vote on them directly

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Moved: Tabak

Seconded:

Result: Motion is out of order

L. MOTION REGARDING GENERAL ASSEMBLIES

MOTION 2017-11-30: N09

WHEREAS the Annual General Meeting model consistently fails to have the voices of most students be heard in a meaningful manner, resulting in the YFS leadership exerting the majority of the real control over issues affecting the entire student body;

WHEREAS the General Assembly model as evidenced by the University of Ottawa has been highly affective in engaging students with issues affecting them and successfully mobilizing them for actions such as student strikes, resulting in among the lowest tuition rates in the country;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the York Federation of Students supports instituting General Assemblies as the highest decision-making power within the YFS and looks into them to replace the current Annual General Meeting Structure, “General Assembly” referring to a decision making system consisting of regular meetings open to all members of the student body where they may propose binding motions and vote on them directly.

Moved: Tabak

Seconded:

Result: Motion Out of Order

M. MOTION TO DONATE TO THE YORK REFUGEE INITIATIVE

MOTION 2017-11-30: N10

WHEREAS there is a global refugee crisis, not just limited to Syria; and

WHEREAS since 2012, refugee movements have increased rapidly as there have been over 4 million registered refugees that have fled to neighboring countries such as Turkey, Lebanon, Greece, Germany and various countries within North Africa; and

WHEREAS the world’s reluctance to help the millions of refugees in need is something that is incredibly unfortunate and disheartening, however, it is for these very reasons that several initiatives have come to existence to allow individuals to help in ways the government is refusing to do; and

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WHEREAS there are several campus organizations such as RefugeAid, Amnesty at York, and others that are committed to raising awareness and funds around the refugee crisis; and

WHEREAS our own university has also joined in the attempt to help and sponsor refugees through supporting their access to post-secondary education through the WUSC Student Refugee Sponsorship program; and

WHEREAS this support is highly dependent on fundraisers and donations in addition to student levy's;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the York Federation of Students endorse the WUSC Student Refugee Sponsorship Program; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the York Federation of Students make a donation of \$500 to the WUSC Student Refugee Sponsorship Program.

Motion Carries After Amendment

Moved: Kotob **Seconded:** **Okpara** **Result:** Carries

Amendment: Be it resolved the York Federation make a donation of \$2000 to the WUSC Student Refugee Sponsorship Program

Moved: Asmema **Seconded:** Ashfaque **Result:** Carries

Call to Question

Moved: Rona **seconded:** Shah **Result:** Carries

N. MOTION TO ENDORSE THE ROBAM CONFERENCE

MOTION 2017-11-30: N11

WHEREAS accessing postsecondary education requires not only financial accessibility but also physical and mental accessibility;

WHEREAS accommodation request for mental health disabilities, physical disabilities, learning disabilities and other invisible disabilities have dramatically grown among student populations in recent years;

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WHEREAS student organizers at Ryerson University, York University, the University of Toronto and George Brown College have hosted the Reclaiming Our Bodies & Minds (ROBAM) conference in Toronto for the past three years;

WHEREAS the ROBAM conference is focused on workshops, speakers and discussions around disability, accessibility and mental wellness;

WHEREAS delegates at the 2017 ROBAM conference declared it to be beneficial in skills development and learning opportunities;

WHEREAS the 2018 ROBAM conference is scheduled for March 2-4 in Toronto;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the York Federation of students endorse the conference and encourage membership to attend the conference;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the York Federation of Students provide support financially or otherwise, as requested by York U organizers and delegates wishing to attend the conference.

Moved: Asekome **Seconded:** Rolkes **Result:** Carries

7. REPORTS

A. REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE

MOTION 2017-11-30: R01

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the reports of the Executive be accepted as presented. **Appendix C**

Moved: Habib **Seconded:** Shah **Result:** Carries

Reconsidering motion B

Moved: **Seconded** **Action:** Fails

8. ANNOUNCEMENTS

9. MOTION TO ADJOURN

MOTION 2017-11-30: A02

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the meeting adjourns at 21:34PM

Moved: Comishen **Seconded:** Fernandes **Result:** Carries

APPENDIX B

APPENDIX C



YORK FEDERATION OF STUDENTS
LOCAL 68 CANADIAN FEDERATION OF STUDENTS

NOVEMBER 2018
ANNUAL
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EXECUTIVE REPORT

MEETINGS

CFS OEC

As Local 68, a member local of the Canadian Federation of Students (CFS), we take part in the Ontario Executive Committee by sending one representative; Sebastien Lalonde, our VP Campaigns and Advocacy, is the L68 Rep! The Ontario Executive Committee allows us to connect with student unions from across the province, but also allows for consistent updates from The Canadian Federation of Students Ontario is working on quite a few new campaign initiatives such as the Fairness for Students Campaign but especially the VoteLocal Campaign. This concentration was to further empower post-secondary student voices within the municipal elections to vote by providing non-partisan materials and outlining some of the issues that affect post-secondary students. During these meetings, there was an overview of the Federations campaigns, government relations, media relations, solidarity work, etc.

CFS JUNE NATIONAL GENERAL MEETING

The executive members and the executive director of the York Federation of Students took part in the National

General Meeting of the Canadian Federation of Students from June 8th to the 12th. During this meeting, we took part in important debates surrounding the campaigns that will be introduced this year. The YFS was proud to introduce a motion calling for all Provincial locals to support its member locals within specific geographical locations to create focus groups and resource hubs around the Fight the Fees campaign and the exploration of a strike. As the motion passed, it guarantees that these groups would exist so long as tuition fees continued be put on the backs of students.



CFS SKILLS

The CFS held their annual skills symposium from June 18th to the 20th at the University of Toronto Mississauga Campus (UTM). The YFS executive, staff, and some board members were incredibly excited to attend. A special thanks to CFS Ontario as well as University of Toronto Mississauga Students Union for hosting an incredible symposium that allowed students to get a great understanding of the student movement.

BOARD RETREAT

The York Federation of Students hosted their annual board retreat from July 11th to 13th at Geneva Park in Orillia. Board members were given the opportunity to learn about every aspect of the YFS and explore all three of our pillars. They also received Anti - Oppression training and Active Bystander training. Throughout the retreat, they learned all about their new roles as directors, and how to effectively reach out to the York community and allow them to engage with our services. It was an incredible experience.

CFS OGM

From August 23rd to 26th YFS executives and staff attended the Canadian Federation of Students - Ontario General Meeting. President, Rawan Habib, had the opportunity to speak on a panel surrounding sexual violence and consent work on individual campuses. Workshops also included organizing spaces around Fight the Fees, the Vote Local Campaign, and a panel on student victories on campuses. Rawan Habib was also elected as the Council of Constituencies Representative Chair.

YODA

The York Orientation Directors Association (YODA) is a board comprised of all 11 College and Faculty Orientation Week teams. Meeting weekly throughout the summer, the purpose of YODA is to provide a holistic and inclusive transition for incoming students who are taking part in the university's frosh week. Vice President Campus, Life Anthony Fernandes acts as the York Federation of Students (YFS) representative on the board and was able to provide multiple avenues of support to YODA members, such as being an active member of the consent committee and providing multiple services resources for orientation teams.

CFS NOVEMBER NATIONAL GENERAL MEETING

From November 15th to the 19th, Vice-President Operations, Jordan Madeira, President, Rawan Habib, and Executive Director, Murtaza Ghulam, attended the annual NGM of the Canadian Federation of Students. The YFS delegation had an opportunity to vote on motions put forward from student unions across the country, as well as participate in various workshops surrounding ReconciliAction, Federal Elections, and various student victories. Rawan Habib was also elected as the National Racialized Constituency Chairperson.

SUSTAINABILITY COUNCIL

The YFS holds a seat on the President's Sustainability Council Advisory Committee. This committee is committed to working on projects that work to make York University a more sustainable university through various means. Currently, the committee is working through the cut to the Ontario Cap & Trade program but assures us that it will continue on with the original plan to cut its carbon emissions progressively throughout the next few years. This plan is summarized in the YORK 2050 plan which breaks down the strategies that will be used to attain this level of sustainability but is still in the development process. We continue to assure that these decisions are made with the student voice and perspective by voting to see a more sustainable and green York University.

LEADERSHAPE

LeaderShape is a contracted company used by York University in order to hold a leadership conference over six days off of campus. This year, the YFS was able to sponsor one delegate, the Vice-President Campaigns & Advocacy, in order to further develop the leadership skills of its members and take part in the process. Unfortunately, this LeaderShape was unlike other years as there were certain incidents which resulted in the cancellation of

programming for the last two days in order to assure the proper care for delegates mental health.

Upon coming back, the YFS met with the on-campus coordinators of LeaderShape in order to provide our feedback and recommendations based on our delegates experience. We continue to work with the office of Student Community & Leadership Development to assure that another LeaderShape like this one does happen again.

SENATE

The York Federation of Students has one student representative seat on Senate, which is the highest academic decision making body of the university. President, Rawan Habib, holds that seat and has been attending meetings for this academic term. Discussions surrounding the strike, academic accommodations, and the new mandated free speech policy have occurred within the space thus far.



FOOD SUMMIT

As the YFS Food Support Centre continues to grow and food security at York University is progressively worsening, it is important that we continue to research ways to fight food insecurity and develop new partnerships and projects with other groups and organizations who continue this work. For the first time, the York Federation of Students sent a delegate from November 1st - 5th to the National Student Food Summit which was held in conjunction with Resetting the Table - Food Secure Canada 2018. During this summit, we had the opportunity to learn a lot about what the relationship between post-secondary

institutions and food tycoons such as Chartwells and Aramark look like and how we can intervene to make food more accessible and diverse. These connections with individuals across the country will be pivotal in the work that we do regarding food security.

CANNABIS WORKING GROUP

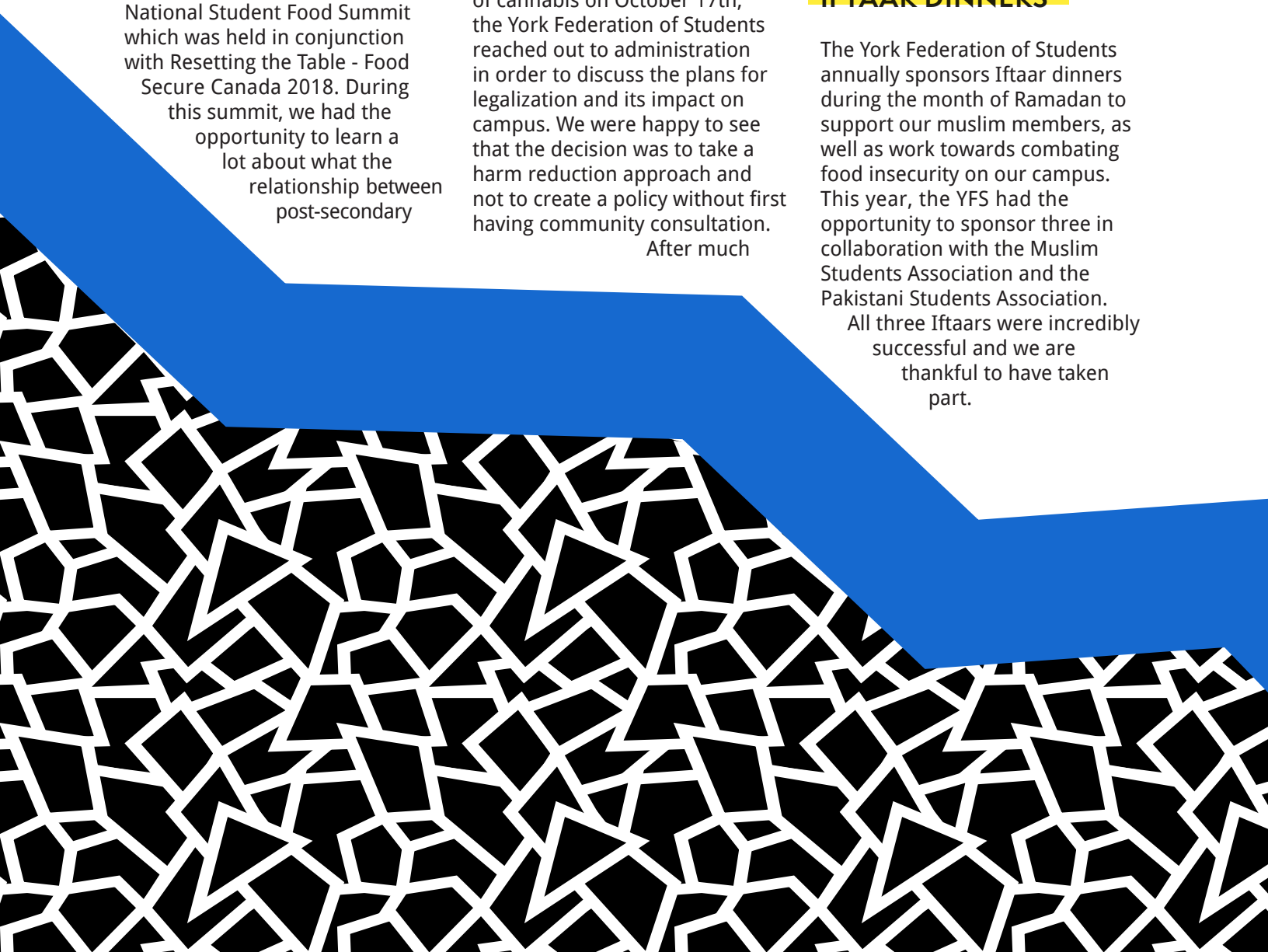
Weeks before the legalization of cannabis on October 17th, the York Federation of Students reached out to administration in order to discuss the plans for legalization and its impact on campus. We were happy to see that the decision was to take a harm reduction approach and not to create a policy without first having community consultation. After much

deliberation, we were able to secure two seats at the Cannabis Working Group which has been responsible for these community consultations and the drafting of a policy which would come into effect next year. The YFS Wellness Centre continues to work with other campus partners to develop resources on the legalities involved as well as the effects of cannabis.

IFTAAR DINNERS

The York Federation of Students annually sponsors Iftaar dinners during the month of Ramadan to support our muslim members, as well as work towards combating food insecurity on our campus. This year, the YFS had the opportunity to sponsor three in collaboration with the Muslim Students Association and the Pakistani Students Association.

All three Iftaars were incredibly successful and we are thankful to have taken part.



EVENTS



PRIDE

The YFS annually partners with the Art Gallery of York University (AGYU) as well as TBLGAY to present a week-long series of events for Pride. This year, we had the opportunity to work with Natalie Wood, an artist that originates from Trinidad. We were able to use the Blue Devil, a group that participate in Carnival, and combine it with the theme: "Whose Party?" This allowed us to speak to the political nature of Pride, and celebrate the differences and nuances within the queer community. We had an incredible turnout at various events throughout the week, and the float was incredibly beautiful and successful.

YORKFEST

This year, Yorkfest was held between September 24th-29th. Our YorkFest theme was "York Students over Everything." Throughout the week, we saw an incredible amount of enthusiasm and participation from students, with most events

reaching full capacity. Events included our annual bagel and smoothie breakfast, Dirty Bingo, and casino night, but also included newer events such as Yorks Best Dance Crew, and our Break Room Games Lounge. This year's YorkFest concert saw the incredible performances of several DJ's, Lisa Monet as well as headliner Machel Montano!



FROSH WEEK

Frosh 2018 was a jam-packed and wonderful experience for all new students as well as leaders who were apart of it. This year the York Federation of Students was excited to play an active role supporting the colleges in welcoming first year students to York University. The executives of the YFS were able to participate in the week as Frosh Leaders for Mclaughlin College, Calumet College and Winters College. Vice President Campus Life Anthony Fernandes and Vice President Equity Amina Arigbabu were also able to MC York Orientation Day at York Lions Stadium on September 4th and welcoming over 5000 incoming York students along with the rest of the executive team. Frosh not only allowed students to have a fun time but also taught about

consent culture, inclusivity and many important themes in order to create a campus fit for all York students.




REDPACK

RedPack is the York Federations of Students (YFS) volunteer program Red Pack is an incredible way to get involved as well as be apart of the student movement. Red Pack are the amazing volunteers who help out not only with events but also with campaigns, services and more. On August 20th-22th the York Federation of Students (YFS) held their annual kit stuffing in which redpack volunteers supported with; as well as on Festival Village Day in which several volunteers were welcoming incoming students. With YorkFest come and gone the YFS thanks our members of the RedPack for working so hard and we are very excited to see what the rest of the year will bring!

BLACKFEST

The York United Black Students hosted their annual Blackfest on October 17th, 2018; Blackfest is a showcase of black talent such as



spoken word, rapping and producing. The intention is to celebrate black magic and enjoy good food, good music, good vibes and to support the black community. This year, Vice President Equity, Amina had the opportunity to host the event using the platform to speak about the injustice and violence that racialized students face on this campus daily. There was a lot of great talent and vendors this year to celebrate the magic of Melanin by creating a safer space for black talent.

FROST WEEK

This year for Frost Week, The York Federation of Students (YFS) is very excited to provide both returning and incoming students with a welcome back week of events for the Winter Semester. The week shall commence on Monday January 14th 2019 and run through till Friday January 18th 2019. Throughout the week, there are going to be several popular events such as our Winter Carnival as well as new events such as skating at the Canlan Center. We look forward to seeing you there!

MULTICULTURAL WEEK

Things are beginning to gear up for this year's Multicultural week (MCW). Here at the YFS, we have been working towards providing a week of events that epitomizes the diversity and multicultural representation of student clubs on our campus. The dates for this year's MCW will be taking place from Friday January 18th 2019 and run through till Friday January 25th 2019. We are very excited to bring you folks a week filled with events such as our annual fashion show, our food fair and of course cultural explosion to end off the Week. It is definitely a week you do not want to miss!

MEET AND GREETES

The York Federation of Students Executive Team is fortunate enough to be able to attend Meet and Greets hosted by our ratified clubs. So far this year we have attended Meet & Greets for several clubs including; the Ghanaian Students Association, the Nigerian Students Association, MESA, Tamil Students Association, Indian Cultural Association, Organization of Latin American Students, York University Musicians Students Association, Guyanese Student Council, Refugee Aid, Oromo

Students Association, Marvel Club, Ethiopian Students Association, Somali Students Association, African Students Association and Egyptian Students Association. We also attended different games nights and Art Attack events hosted by Jack.org, Poet's Pulse and A Thousand Words. The YFS Executive look forward to seeing what amazing events our student clubs have in store for the winter semester!

DIWALI DYNAMITE

Vice President Campus Life Anthony Fernandes and Vice President Equity Amina Arigbabu had the opportunity to attend "Diwali Dynamite" hosted by the Indian Cultural Association (ICA) on November 9th, 2018. Diwali, also known as Deepavali which means "row of lamps", is the Hindu festival of lights which is celebrated every autumn season. Diwali symbolises the spiritual victory of light over darkness, good over evil and knowledge over ignorance. During the celebration, the executives enjoyed several performances from different students, as well as a lovely decorated space with a delicious meal that was provided. We congratulate the ICA on a very successful event!

CAMPAIGNS & EQUITY



RALLY FOR DECENT WORK

The York Federation of Students took part in the Rally for Decent Work which brought together the \$15 & Fairness campaign, the Ontario Federation of Labour and many other stakeholders regarding workers rights and the minimum wage increase. The rally brought together over 2000 people from throughout the province, who joined together to speak against the provincial government's announcement to cut the increase of the minimum wage from \$14.00 to \$15.00. The YFS is committed to fighting for \$15 and Fairness, and will continue to work towards ensuring that we see an increase in minimum wage, as well as changes in labour law to create more equitable, safe, and fair workplaces.

REPEAL RALLY

After the proposed repeal of the new 2015 sexual education curriculum, a group of high school students planned a rally at Queens Park. The YFS attended this rally in

order to support better access to education and the right for students to access a curriculum that is inclusive of various concepts. We recognize and support the fact that this curriculum had the most community consultation than any curriculum before it. At the rally, we had the opportunity to hear different individuals speak, including: a high school student activist, Rayne Fisher-Quann who was one of the organizers of the event, Jill Andrews the newly elected MPP for Toronto - St. Paul's and many other speakers. We were moved to see such a genuine type of activism coming from the students who would be most affected by the change, and are committed to continued support of them.

KNOW YOUR RIGHTS HANDBOOK

The York Federation of Students has created a Know Your Rights Handbook that students and community members are able to access to better navigate their different legal rights. The handbook will include rights around being a tenant, interactions with the police, use of cannabis, and much more. This handbook will soon be available online and in person.

EQUITY HANDBOOK

The York Federation of Students is in the process of creating an equity handbook that students and

community members are able to access. The handbook will provide an overview of different equity concepts and definitions, a breakdown of systems of oppression, a guide to allyship, and will also provide resources for students to access based on various communities and identities.



YURIDE

Students deserve access to their education in a way that is affordable, accessible and safe. The recent changes in transit happening at York University have compromised and limited the access of our campuses to our students. The YRT, the public transit operator in York Region, has announced that all YRT/VIVA Purple and Orange lines will no longer be coming to York University due to the opening of the TTC Subway. Thereafter, GO Transit (Metrolinx) announced that as of January 5th, the buses will no longer be coming onto the Keele Campus but instead be stopping at the TTC 407 station. The YFS has launched a campaign called YURide at www.yuride.ca where you will find three things; the first being the petition with the three demands of the campaign, the second being a letter-writing portion and the third portion being the survey

which will allow us to gather more data on transit use on campus and further provide us with tangible information when negotiating with transit providers for a possible universal transit pass. We are proud to say that over 17,000 signatures have been added and over 2,000 letters sent. We are working on phase three of the campaign which will include a meeting with the transit providers.

XAO SERIES

This year, we expanded our historically week-long Xpressions Against Oppression Series, into one that runs year-long. Featuring an event practically every month throughout the year, we're able to have events that spark conversations about the social and political issues that are affecting us on, and off our campuses, through various different platforms and events. We're excited to host XAO events for the rest of the year!



XAO KEYNOTE: ANGELA DAVIS

This year, the annual XAO Keynote brought us Dr. Angela Davis on November 1st. It was an incredibly successful event, with over 500 students and community members in attendance. Dr. Davis spoke on several issues we face as a society, including: anti-racism work, feminism, and labour organizing.



FIGHT THE FEES

This year, a new portion of the Fight the Fees campaign has been introduced through a brand new poster series that has been put up around campus, and will be included in our social media promotion. The series focuses on debunking myths that surround the fight for a free education, as well as seeks to educate members on student strikes. We are excited to use these posters as one tactic to escalate our fight for free education.

BILL 47/148 PRESS CONFERENCE

On November 5th, Vice-President Operations, Jordan Madeira, and President, Rawan Habib, had an opportunity to participate in a press conference at Queens Park regarding Bill 47, and the repeal of aspects of Bill 148.

MENTAL HEALTH AWARENESS WEEK

Our Annual Mental Health Awareness Week took place from November 19th - 22nd. There were various events throughout the week that focused on therapy,

support, and expression. With everything from Art Therapy, to Community Food Kitchens, to Plant Therapy, to a DIY Self-Care Kit Workshop, all the events were a hit. We also took this week as an opportunity to host the grand opening for our Wellness Centre, and kick off our programming by hosting a Naloxone and harm reduction training, as well as an Active Bystander Training.



SEXUAL VIOLENCE CAMPAIGN

The York Federation of Students has a sexual violence campaign that focuses solely on creative positive space for survivors. The campaign features a poster series with various positive affirmations and have been incredibly well received by the York Community. Students are able to submit their own positive affirmations to: president@yfs.ca. The YFS is also currently working on a new anti-sexual violence campaign that will be released in the new year.

CENTRE FOR SEXUAL VIOLENCE, SUPPORT, AND EDUCATION

The York Federation of Students continues to work collaboratively

with the Centre for Sexual Violence, Support, and Education to provide sexual violence support on both campuses. Vice President Campaigns and Advocacy, Sebastien Lalonde, and President, Rawan Habib, both act as Active Bystander Facilitators for the Centre and help provide anti-sexual violence trainings for the greater York community.



WELLNESS CENTRE

As a part of Mental Health Awareness Week, the YFS formally opened their Wellness Centre, located in Rm. 341. The pillars of our Wellness Centre are: harm reduction, mental health, physical health, and sexual violence. The Wellness Centre is a space on campus that is meant to help fill in the gaps when addressing mental health and wellness on this campus. It provides a de-stressing space that is open to students, but also facilitates various workshops such as harm reduction spaces, discussion circles, and more.

We're incredibly excited to continue to expand the services of the centre.

WELLNESS CENTRE CONSULTATIONS

In lead up to the Wellness Centre Opening, the YFS Executive and Wellness Centre Coordinator had community consultations with various clubs, community service groups, and organizations on campus to ensure that the Wellness Centre was all encompassing of student needs.

VOTE LOCAL

Vote Local is a campaign launched by the Canadian Federation of Students Ontario in an effort to get more post-secondary students involved in voting for the municipal elections. During this campaign, the York Federation of Students helped to promote it by featuring the Vote Local banner and providing resources to students on information as to how to register to vote as well as pamphlets on the important issues that affect students today. In doing so, we were invited to various classrooms to do talks about registering and how to research potential candidates. Lastly, the YFS was able to successfully secure a voting station in the Second Student Centre in order to make voting more accessible for students living on and around campus.

BILL 47 RALLY

As part of the \$15 & Fairness campaign, Bill 148 was a major victory in the labour movement as it

guaranteed two paid sick days as well as the hike to the \$15 minimum wage. Bill 47 was recently passed which will effectively remove those victories and leave the minimum wage at \$14. Understanding that the YFS represents 48,000 undergraduate students, many of whom work minimum wage, precarious jobs, these are essential to students and workers alike. The YFS executive took part and spoke at the informal depositions held across the province in order to send a message to the current government and make clear that we do not support Bill 47 and the impact that it will have on students at York University and across the province.

TRANS DAY OF REMEMBRANCE

Trans Day of Remembrance (TDOR) took place on November 22nd in the Second Student Centre Convention space. The day started with a vigil in remembrance of those who have died due to violence towards trans, Two-Spirit and gender non-conforming people. All people have a right to inclusion, safety, respect and belonging at York University, regardless of their gender, gender identity or gender expression. We donated a canvas to the TDOR event in order to paint a 'Resilience' banner that was put up in Vari Hall later on in the week.



CLUBS & SERVICES



SECOND STUDENT CENTRE

The Second Student Centre is the culmination of student activist work on the Keele campus and is a huge victory for students! The building provides students with additional study space, club office spaces, expanded prayer spaces, dance studios, service centers, and much more. On September 19th, 2018 the Second Student Centre held a grand opening, which saw hundreds of students come out for free food, carnival games, and the burial of a student time capsule. President Rawan Habib and Vice President Operations Jordan Madeira addressed the crowd of students and community members during the day.

YFS WELCOME VIDEO

This year, the York Federation of Students filmed a video that helped introduce the Federation, its services, campaigns, and events, as well as helped introduce the executives for this term. The video was incredibly well received and can be found on Facebook and Youtube for viewing.

CLUBS TOWN HALL

Vice President Operations, Jordan Madeira and Clubs Services Coordinator, Nyola Matthew have been able to host three Clubs Town Hall meeting for the

semester on August 22nd, September 20th, and November 7th, 2018. At the Clubs Town Hall club executives were provided crucial information on how to maintain upkeep within their club, how to properly apply for club funding, what resources and rentals are available to them through the York Federation of Students and were told about additional resources they can access through campus partners. All three town halls were incredibly successful and informative.

NEW SERVICES

The York Federation of Students is very excited to continue to provide members with new and exciting discounts for both on and off campus vendors! Subway at the Quad is now providing YorkU students with a 15% discount on Subway Sandwiches! We are also excited to be able to provide a discount code for virtual reality at CTRL V North York, where members will be able to receive a 20% voucher when booking online.

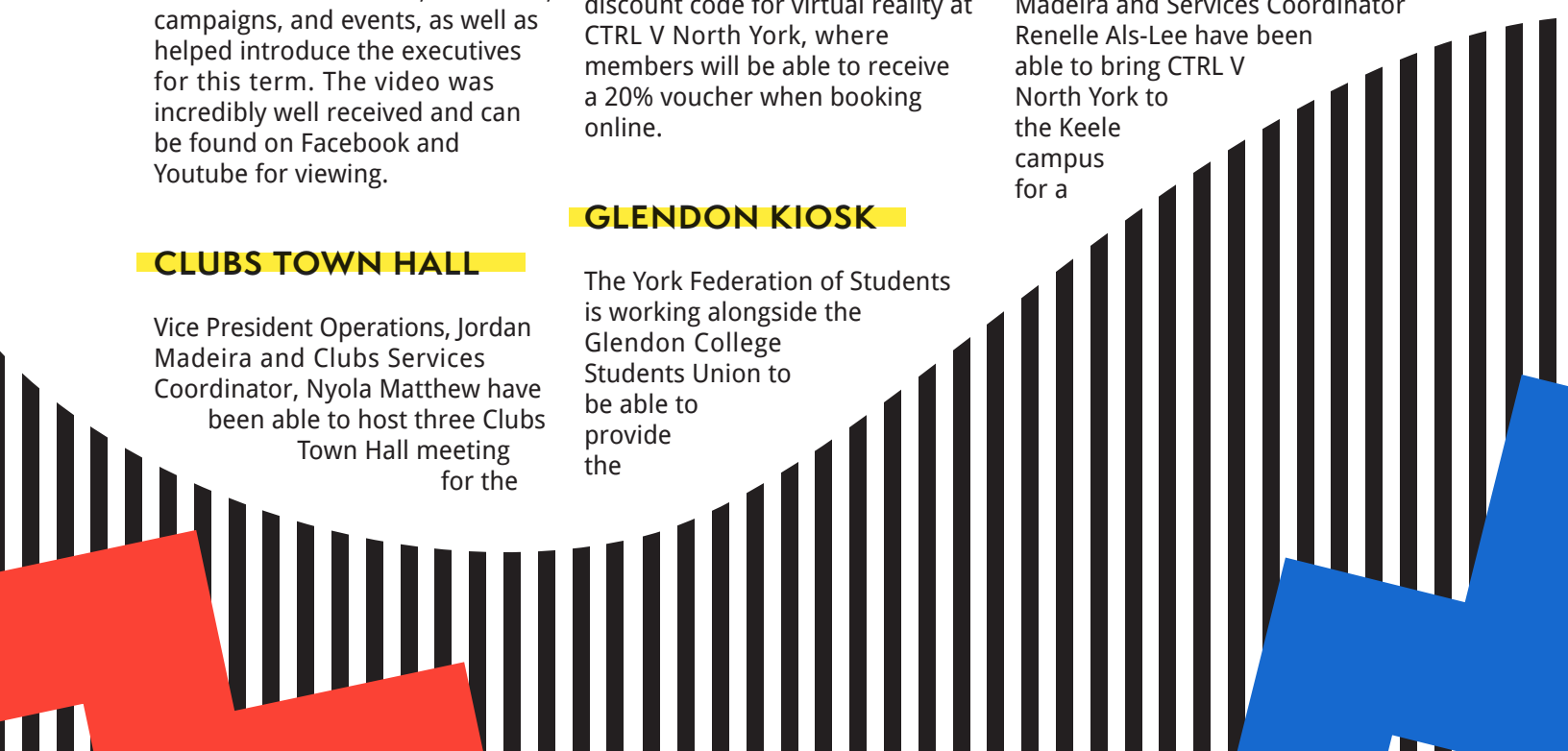
GLENDON KIOSK


The York Federation of Students is working alongside the Glendon College Students Union to be able to provide the

members on our sibling campus similar resources that are available to members on the Keele campus through our Members Service Office. The Glendon Mobile Kiosk is meant to provide Glendon students with discounted tickets, information on crucial services, as well as general information regarding the Federation. Vice President Operations Jordan Madeira and Services Coordinator Renelle Als-Lee are excited to be able to launch the kiosk as of January 2019.

SERVICES DAYS

Through our Services Program, the York Federation of Students is able to provide multiple Service Days throughout the academic year where students are able to engage directly with the different vendors that provide student discounts. This semester, Vice President Operations Jordan Madeira and Services Coordinator Renelle Als-Lee have been able to bring CTRL V North York to the Keele campus for a





day of free virtual reality gaming for members. We look forward to providing students with more opportunities to engage with our services in the new year.

CLUB & PRINTING RESOURCE CENTRE

With the opening of the Second Student Centre, the York Federation of Students was excited to introduce additional service centres that are available for use by students. Included in those centres is the new Club and Printing Resource Centre; a self-serve printing centre with additional rental resources for student clubs. Located in Room 340, the new space has been open since September and has proven to be a utilized space by students. Services Coordinator Renelle Als-Lee and Vice President Operations Jordan Madeira were able to provide multiple printers for general student use via USB, as

well as multiple more club rental resources such as a second popcorn machine.

FOOD SUPPORT CENTRE

In August 2018, the York Federation of Students Food Bank made the move from the First Student Centre to the Second Student Centre into a brand new renovated space in order to accommodate for the large increase in applicants. The York Federation of Students' Food Support Centre is located in Room 005 of the Second Student Centre and is now able to provide longer hours of operation and more diverse food options for members who are accessing the service. We are now supporting over 1200 members out of the new space.