

**YORK FEDERATION OF
STUDENTS, LOCAL 68 CFS**

NOVEMBER 30TH 2023

**ANNUAL
GENERAL
MEETING**

Annual General Meeting

York Federation of Students (YFS) – Local 68 Canadian Federation of Students
November 30, 2023

1. CALL TO ORDER

2. LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

3. EQUITY STATEMENT

4. ANTI-HARASSMENT ADVISOR REMARKS

5. RATIFICATION OF CHAIR

MOTION 2023-11-30: A01

BE IT RESOLVED that Alice Wu be appointed as chair of the Annual General Meeting 2023.

Moved: Ferguson

Seconded:

Result:

6. WELCOMING REMARKS

7. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

MOTION 2023-11-30: A02

BE IT RESOLVED that the agenda be accepted as presented.

Moved: D'Souza

Seconded:

Result:

8. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

MOTION 2023-11-30: M01

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

Moved: Mark

Seconded:

Result:

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9. NEW BUSINESS

A. FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

MOTION 2023-11-30: N01

BE IT RESOLVED that the 2022-2023 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 2023-2024 audit.

Moved: Lachporia

Seconded:

Result:

B. MOTION IN SUPPORT OF PALESTINE

MOTION 2023-11-30: N02

WHEREAS for more than 75 years, Palestinians have been subject to extreme systemic violence due to the ongoing Zionist occupation through a process of settler-colonialism and ethnic cleansing; and

WHEREAS since October 7, over 1.6 million Palestinians have been displaced, over 14,800 have been killed, including more than 6,100 children due to the ongoing bombings and attacks; and

WHEREAS the siege on Gaza has left Palestinian people displaced without access to water, food, medical aid or communication; and

WHEREAS many colleges and universities continue to maintain investments portfolios, both directly and indirectly, with weapons manufacturers such as Lockheed Martin, Northrup Grumman, Hewlett Packard and Elbit Systems Ltd that sell and supply weaponry and other technologies to the Israeli Defence Force that is directly responsible for the ongoing genocide of Palestinian people; and

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WHEREAS students' unions have historically played a critical role in advocating for radical change through anti-war and anti-imperialist movements globally; and

WHEREAS one of the York Federation of Students's core pillars and mandate is to dismantle and challenge oppression; and

WHEREAS the York Federation of Students has been mandated to fight imperialism on campus and defend students from repression by the administration and state forces; and

WHEREAS on October 12th, the York Federation of Students, York University Graduate Students Association, and Glendon College Students Union put out a joint Statement of Solidarity with Palestine; and

WHEREAS students' unions, organizations, and their elected representatives, both at York University and globally face ongoing attacks by college and university administrators and government officials in attempts to undermine student union autonomy; and

WHEREAS we have witnessed an increase in campus security and police presence both on and off campus, targeting students, staff, faculty, workers, and community members in hopes of silencing oppressed voices; and

WHEREAS the York Federation of Students has been mandated to oppose police presence on campus and advocate for the need for community-based alternatives to safety and wellbeing; and

WHEREAS it is imperative that the Federation uplift the fight of the Palestinian people to self-determination and resistance, and remain rooted in the understanding that colonized people have the right to resist the processes of settler-colonialism they are experiencing from Turtle Island to Palestine; therefore

BE IT RESOLVED that the York Federation of Students reaffirms its support for the Palestinian people and their ongoing fight against settler-colonialism, apartheid, occupation and genocide on Gaza; and

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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Federation join the call for an immediate and permanent ceasefire; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the York Federation of Students reaffirms its solidarity with Indigenous communities globally; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the York Federation of Students must organize mass-mobilizations of students, workers, and marginalized communities on campus in support of Palestine and Indigenous sovereignty globally; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the York Federation of Students provide resources and material support for student activist groups that are organizing on campus in solidarity with Palestine, and against imperial powers and systems of oppression; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a donation of \$2,000 be made to Palestinian Youth Movement in support of their organizing efforts that includes their ongoing fight and keeping community safe; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a donation of \$2,000 be made to the Community Defence Fund in support of legal fees for those criminalized for pro-Palestinian advocacy.

Moved: Abuaziza

Seconded:

Result:

C. MOTION FOR STUDENT UNION AUTONOMY

MOTION 2023-11-30: N03

WHEREAS the York Federation of Students is the largest students union in the country and has faced multiple threats attempting to silence student unions as seen through the successfully fought Student Choice Initiative (SCI) in 2019 and 2021 against the Ford government; and

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WHEREAS in 2021, levy funded organizations including the York Federation of Students, York University's Graduate Students Association, Glendon College Student Union, Regenesys York, Bethune College Council, Calumet College Council, Stong College Student Government, New College Council, McLaughlin College Council, Vanier College Council, Winters College Council, Environmental and Urban Change Students' Association, Undergraduate Business Society, Lassonde Engineering Society wrote a joint letter against the adoption of the oppressive Regulation Regarding Student Organizations; and

WHEREAS the YFS has been mandated by the membership to support Indigenous sovereignty, support Palestine and fight against imperialism; and

WHEREAS the York Federation of Students, the York University Graduate Students Association and the Glendon College Student Council released a joint Statement of Solidarity with Palestine; and

WHEREAS York University has issued a notice of suspected breach of the Regulation Regarding Student Organizations less than one year after it's unilateral adoption to the York Federation of Students, the York University Graduate Students Association and the Glendon College Student Council because of their Statement of Solidarity with Palestine; and

WHEREAS York University has continued to attack students and their representatives by withdrawing Teaching Assistantships, attempted expulsion of student organizers, denial of room bookings and access to university resources for speaking out in dissent of the administration; therefore

BE IT RESOLVED that the York Federation of Students reject all recognition of the unlawful Regulation Regarding Student Organizations; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the York Federation of Students engage in defending all student clubs, Colleges and fellow unions under threat of the York University administrations attempt to infringe on their autonomy; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the York Federation of Students continue all of its essential operations as set out within its by-laws and constitution

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regardless of attempted infringement by York University and it's administration; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the York Federation of Students launch a campaign and factsheets supporting the autonomy and independence of student organizations, student unions and labour unions alike which denounces any attempt by the York University administration to silence them.

Moved: Skrijelj

Seconded:

Result:

10. REPORTS

A. REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE

MOTION 2023-11-30: R01

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

Moved: D'Souza

Seconded:

Result:

11. ANNOUNCEMENTS

12. MOTION TO ADJOURN

MOTION 2023-11-30: A03

BE IT RESOLVED that the meeting be adjourned at

Moved: Sandoval Fuentes

Seconded:

Result:

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APPENDIX A

MEETING MINUTES

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York Federation of Students (YFS) – Local 68 Canadian Federation of Students
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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

Moved: Lyttle **Seconded:** Buica **Result:** Carries

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

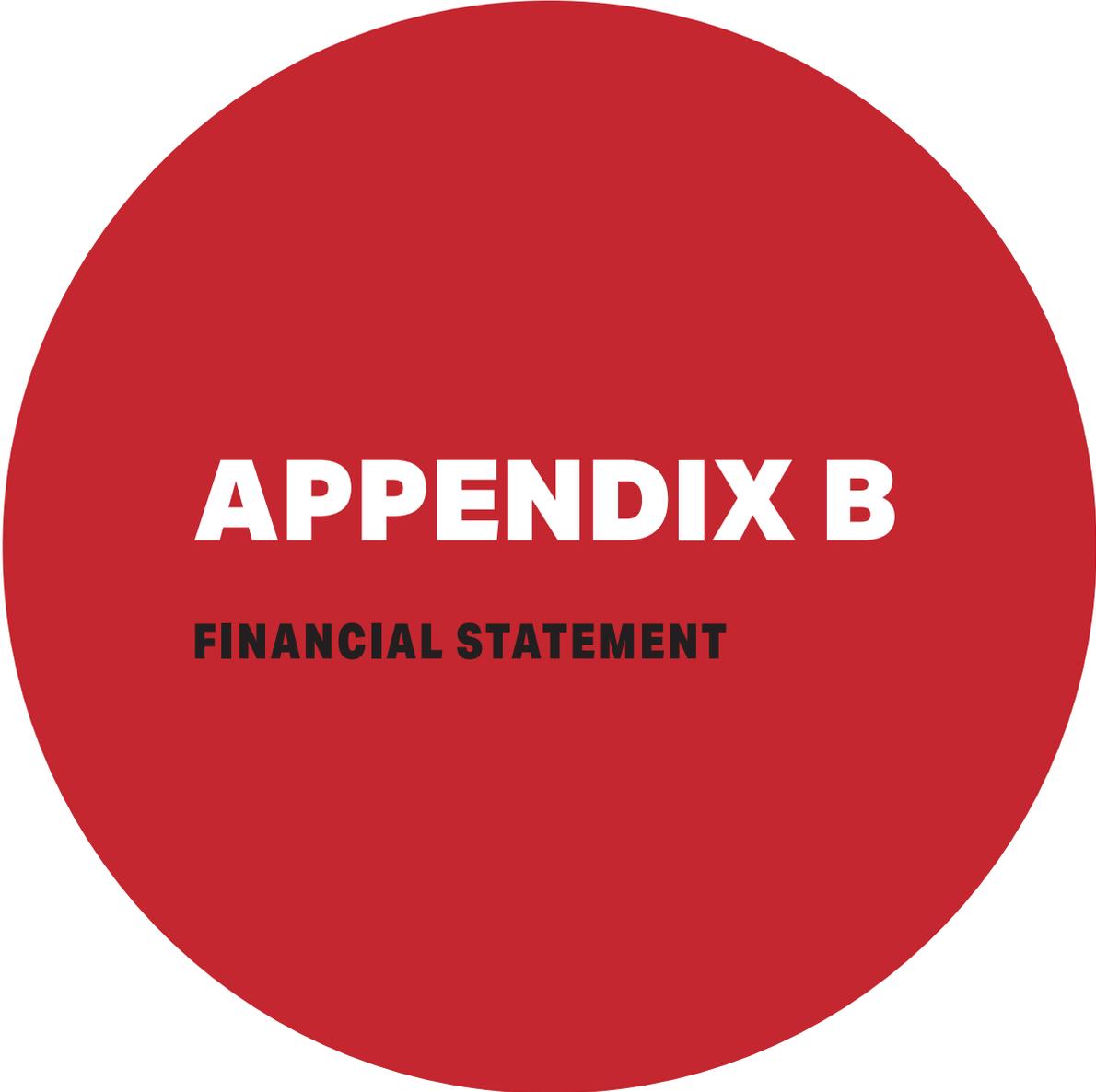
11. ANNOUNCEMENTS

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



APPENDIX B

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Financial Statements

York Federation of Students

April 30, 2023

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Independent auditor's report

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To the Members of
York Federation of Students

Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of York Federation of Students (the "Federation"), which comprise the statement of financial position as at April 30, 2023, and the statements of operations, changes in net assets and cash flows for the year then ended, and notes to the financial statements, including a summary of significant accounting policies.

In our opinion, the accompanying financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of York Federation of Students as at April 30, 2023, and its results of its operations and its cash flows for the year then ended in accordance with Canadian accounting standards for not-for-profit organizations.

Basis for Opinion

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

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

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

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

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

Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements

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

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

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

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

Markham, Canada
November XX, 2023

Chartered Professional Accountants
Licensed Public Accountants

York Federation of Students

Statement of Operations - Operating

Year ended April 30

2023

2022

Revenue (Note 7)		
Student levies	\$ 2,337,900	\$ 2,413,345
Administration fee	545,443	487,200
Interest and sundry	157,388	31,490
Member services	103,072	41,993
	<u>3,143,803</u>	<u>2,974,028</u>
Expenditures		
Amortization	6,393	3,360
Campaigns	268,751	209,154
Clubs funding	120,339	42,317
Conferences and meetings	9,732	550
Elections	27,473	18,627
Insurance	17,579	14,261
Member services costs	81,857	21,247
Office, stationery and computer expense	18,436	29,145
Photocopier	70,249	60,472
Professional fees	68,975	49,983
Programming	710,317	281,749
Promotions	14,638	10,187
Rent and occupancy costs	1,749	-
Salaries and benefits	1,472,427	1,039,242
Student advocacy and services	25,032	110,949
Sundry	43,098	5,585
Telephone	16,184	22,933
	<u>2,973,229</u>	<u>1,919,761</u>
Excess of revenue over expenditures from operating activities	170,574	1,054,267
Net Health Care activities (Page 4)	<u>(448,389)</u>	<u>495,742</u>
(Deficiency) excess of revenue over expenditures	<u>\$ (277,815)</u>	<u>\$ 1,550,009</u>

See accompanying notes to the financial statements.

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Statement of Operations - Health Care

Year ended April 30

2023**2022**

Revenue (Note 7)		
Health care fees	\$ 8,966,366	\$ 8,751,438
Interest income	151,382	24,886
	<u>9,117,748</u>	<u>8,776,324</u>
Expenditures		
Premiums	9,093,609	7,793,382
Administration fee	472,528	487,200
	<u>9,566,137</u>	<u>8,280,582</u>
Net Health Care activities	\$ (448,389)	\$ 495,742

See accompanying notes to the financial statements.

York Federation of Students Statement of Financial Position

April 30

2023

2022

Assets

Current

Cash	\$ 4,420,246	\$ 2,844,758
Receivables		
Health Care	6,709,326	7,229,657
Other	31,370	60,299
Inventory	142,115	19,952
Prepaid expenses	<u>12,787</u>	<u>19,491</u>
	11,315,844	10,174,157
Cash - contingency reserves	668,969	627,391
Cash - restricted for Health Care	4,362,549	4,229,301
Claims fluctuation reserve - Health Care (Note 3)	1,064,940	1,074,827
Capital assets (Note 4)	<u>13,369</u>	<u>11,403</u>
	<u>\$ 17,425,671</u>	<u>\$ 16,117,079</u>

Liabilities

Current

Accounts payable and accrued liabilities (Note 5)	\$ 1,691,959	\$ 156,971
Deferred revenue - Health Care	<u>2,866,001</u>	<u>2,814,582</u>
	<u>4,557,960</u>	<u>2,971,553</u>

Net assets

Net assets invested in capital assets	13,369	11,403
Contingency reserves (Note 6)	668,969	627,391
Health Care	9,270,814	9,719,203
Unrestricted	<u>2,914,559</u>	<u>2,787,529</u>
	<u>12,867,711</u>	<u>13,145,526</u>
	<u>\$ 17,425,671</u>	<u>\$ 16,117,079</u>

Commitments (Note 8)

Approved by the Council

_____ Director

_____ Director

See accompanying notes to the financial statements.

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

	Invested in capital assets	Internally Restricted Contingency reserves (Note 6)	Health Care Fund	Unrestricted	2023	2022
Beginning of year	\$ 11,403	\$ 627,391	\$ 9,719,203	\$ 2,787,529	\$ 13,145,526	\$ 11,595,517
(Deficiency) excess of revenue over expenditures	-	-	(448,389)	170,574	(277,815)	1,550,009
Net purchase of capital assets	8,359	-	-	(8,359)	-	-
Interest earned	-	41,578	-	(41,578)	-	-
Amortization allocation	(6,393)	-	-	6,393	-	-
End of year	\$ 13,369	\$ 668,969	\$ 9,270,814	\$ 2,914,559	\$ 12,867,711	\$ 13,145,526

See accompanying notes to the financial statements.

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Statement of Cash Flows

Year ended April 30

2023

2022

Increase (decrease) in cash

Operating activities

(Deficiency) excess of revenue over expenditures	\$ (277,815)	\$ 1,550,009
Item not affecting cash		
Amortization	6,393	3,360
Changes in non-cash working capital		
Receivables	549,260	(4,161,232)
Inventory	(122,163)	(7,882)
Prepaid expenses	6,704	(8,804)
Claims fluctuation reserve - Health Care	9,887	55,059
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	1,534,988	13,222
Deferred revenue - Health Care	51,419	270,768
	<u>1,758,673</u>	<u>(2,285,500)</u>

Investing activities

Purchase of capital assets	<u>(8,359)</u>	<u>(12,628)</u>
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Increase (decrease) in cash 1,750,314 (2,298,128)

Cash, beginning of year 7,701,450 9,999,578

Cash, end of year \$ 9,451,764 \$ 7,701,450

Cash balance consists of:

Restricted for contingency reserves	\$ 668,969	\$ 627,391
Restricted for Health Care	4,362,549	4,229,301
Unrestricted	<u>4,420,246</u>	<u>2,844,758</u>
	<u>\$ 9,451,764</u>	<u>\$ 7,701,450</u>

See accompanying notes to the financial statements.

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Notes to the Financial Statements

April 30, 2023

1. Nature of operations

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

2. Summary of significant accounting policies

Basis of presentation

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

Financial instruments

Initial measurement

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

Subsequent measurement

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

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

Inventory

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

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2. Summary of significant accounting policies (continued)

Capital assets

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

Furniture and fixtures	6 years
Computer equipment	3 years

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

Revenue recognition

Student levies are recognized as revenue over the school year.

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

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

Use of estimates

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

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

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

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3. Claims fluctuation reserve - Health Care

Claims fluctuation reserve

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

Refund

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

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

4. Capital assets

			<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>
	<u>Cost</u>	<u>Accumulated Amortization</u>	<u>Net Book Value</u>	<u>Net Book Value</u>
Furniture and fixtures	\$ 83,534	\$ (80,680)	\$ 2,854	\$ 806
Computer equipment	<u>98,039</u>	<u>(87,524)</u>	<u>10,515</u>	<u>10,597</u>
	<u>\$ 181,573</u>	<u>\$ (168,204)</u>	<u>\$ 13,369</u>	<u>\$ 11,403</u>

5. Accounts payable and accrued liabilities

Included in accounts payable and accrued liabilities are government remittances of \$Nil (2022 - \$Nil).

6. Contingency reserves

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

7. Revenue

Gross revenue from all sources including health care, net of administration fees, totals \$11,716,108 (2022 - \$11,263,152).

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8. Commitments

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

2025	\$	53,955
2026		33,008
2027		28,758
2028		<u>28,758</u>
	\$	<u>144,479</u>

9. Financial instrument risks

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

Credit risk

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

Liquidity risk

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

Other risk

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

There are no changes in risks from the prior year.

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APPENDIX C

EXECUTIVE REPORT

MEETINGS

CANADIAN FEDERATION OF STUDENTS - ONTARIO EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

The York Federation of Students (YFS), Local 68 of the Canadian Federation of Students (CFS), has one representative who sits on the Ontario Executive Committee (OEC). The Committee receives updates from the Canadian Federation of Students - Ontario (CFS-O) and member locals alike, to ensure that all locals can stay informed with different issues that affect post-secondary students across the province. The representatives are able to oversee new campaign initiatives and share information on solidarity work, outreach, government and media relations. Vice-President Campaigns & Advocacy, Gemner Sandoval Fuentes is the representative for Local 68.

YORK ORIENTATION DIRECTORS ASSOCIATION

The York Orientation Directors Association (YODA), a committee composed of the eleven College and Faculty Orientation Chairs and Presidents, held weekly meetings throughout the summer with the purpose of planning and executing Orientation Week 2023. Vice-President Campus Life, Shinia Mark, and President, Ashley D'Souza, represented the York Federation of Students (YFS) on the committee and assisted in providing support for all YODA members in preparation for their respective Orientation Weeks.

The Executives of the YFS facilitated workshops and Anti-Oppression training for YODA members and their Orientation Leaders. The YFS Executives express their gratitude to all YODA members and all orientation leaders for their dedicated efforts in ensuring a smooth transition and successful Orientation Week!

BOARD RETREAT

The York Federation of Students (YFS) held their annual Board Retreat from June 8th to 11th. Within this training, several workshops and resources are provided to the board members to equip them for their roles within the student community and their various representative constituencies. These include various presentations from each of the nine departments of the YFS, the Canadian Federation of Students (CFS), a Robert's Rules workshop and more.

CANADIAN FEDERATION OF STUDENTS - ONTARIO SKILLS SYMPOSIUM

The Canadian Federation of Students - Ontario (CFS-O) hosted their annual Ontario Skills Development Symposium on June 16th to June 18th. This year, the The York Federation of Students (YFS) was proud to host the Ontario Skills Symposium at the York University Keele campus for the first time in 7 years. The Executive, board members and Community Service Group (CSG) members attended. Everyone was able to strengthen a variety of skills by attending workshops that focused on anti-oppression, successful planning behind the scenes, outreach and communications, lobbying and organizing for policy changes, and more. Everyone that attended the workshops was able to feel more empowered and prepared for the year ahead. They also were able to gain a better understanding of what it means to be part of the student movement.

CANADIAN FEDERATION OF STUDENTS - FOOD INSECURITY TASK FORCE

Given the growing food insecurity crisis on campuses across the country, the Vice President Campaigns and Advocacy, Gemner Sandoval Fuentes, attended the Canadian Federation of Students Ontario (CFS-O) Food Insecurity Round Table on behalf of the York Federation of Students (YFS). The goal of the taskforce is to develop tangible solutions to address the ongoing crises; currently, the taskforce has plans to launch a food insecurity survey sent to students across

the province. Additionally, the taskforce discussed additional research methods such as interviews with on-campus food centers, developing toolkits, and literature reviews in order to address any gaps within the survey.

COLLEGE PRESIDENTS ASSOCIATION

The York Federation of Students' (YFS) President, Ashley D'Souza, sat on the College Presidents Association (CPA) this past year; composed of Presidents from each College and Student Organization on campus. This year the CPA met multiple times over the summer in preparation for the start of the academic year, reviving and reinstating a previously dormant committee.

CANADIAN FEDERATION OF STUDENTS - ONTARIO GENERAL MEETING

From August 17th to 20th, the York Federation of Students (YFS) Executives attended the Canadian Federation of Students - Ontario (CFS-O) Ontario General Meeting (OGM). The general meeting is the highest decision-making body for the provincial union, where member locals get to discuss current issues on their campuses within various subcommittees, vote on motions, and run for various positions. Vice President Campaigns & Advocacy, Gemner Sandoval Fuentes, and Vice President Operations, Rehaan Lachporia, were elected to Queer Constituency Commissioner and Constituency Commissioner respectively.

MEETINGS WITH THE ADMINISTRATION

The York Federation of Students (YFS) Executive Team met with university administration throughout the summer in preparation for the year. On August 3rd, Executives presented an overview of the YFS and its various services at the Direct Reports meeting for the department leads under the Vice Provost Students, Nona Robinson, leading to follow up meetings to further discuss priorities. These included meetings with the Executive Director of Student Counseling, Health and Wellbeing (SCHW) to discuss the need for an improvement

on mental health support including the addition of counselor profiles; the Vice Provost Students to discuss the rising food insecurity crises; and the Executive Director of Office of Student Community Relations (OSCR) on improvements to the student crisis reporting process.

STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE ROUNDTABLE

The York Federation of Students (YFS) President, Ashley D'Souza, sat on the Student Representative Roundtable (SRR), which was a forum for dialogue and discussing York University's priorities for students for the upcoming year through the office of the Vice Provost Students. This past year, the roundtable discussed pressing student issues, from the food insecurity crises, to parking and transportation issues, to mental health services for students.

COMMITTEES:

SENATE

The York Federation of Students (YFS) has one student representative seat in the Senate, which is the highest academic decision-making body at York University. President, Ashley D'Souza, holds that seat and has been attending meetings for this academic year. Additionally, President, Ashley D'Souza, holds a seat on the Student Senate Caucus, a committee composed of all Student Senate members.

RACE INCLUSION AND SUPPORTIVE ENVIRONMENTS (RISE)

The York Federation of Students (YFS) holds a seat on the Race Inclusion and Supportive Environments (RISE) committee. President, Ashley D'Souza, and Vice President Operations, Rehaan Lachporia, attended meetings of the RISE committee throughout the year with members of the York University administration. The main focuses of the committee were to complete their Terms of Reference (TOR) in order to fulfill their mandate of bringing forth issues of race and racism to the President's Advisory Committee on Human Rights (PACHR). The YFS looks forward to holding the

university accountable when dealing with issues of racism on York's campuses.

SEXGEN

The York Federation of Students (YFS) holds a seat on York's SexGen committee attended by executives Vice President Campaigns & Advocacy, Gemner Sandoval Fuentes, and Vice President Equity, Olivia Ferguson. The committee met and discussed updates on University-wide advocacy work around issues and concerns of sexual and gender diversity. The first meeting attended by the Executives there were plans of hosting a drag ball event which was advertised to the community. There were also conversations of the lack of funding this committee had from the University to produce programming for 2SLGBTQIA+ community members.

ENABLE YORK

The York Federation of Students (YFS) holds a seat on the Enable YU committee. Vice President Operations, Rehaan Lachporia, attended meetings of the Enable YU committee throughout the year with members of the York University administration. The primary goals of this committee were to complete their Terms of Reference (TOR) to provide them with their mandate and methodology to support and advocate for students, staff, and faculty with disabilities. The YFS looks forward to pushing this administrative committee to accelerate their TOR processes in order to begin tangible advocacy work for York community members with disabilities.

HIRING COMMITTEES

During the month of August, Vice President Operations, Rehaan Lachporia, sat on the hiring committee with other York University stakeholders for the Assistant Vice President Ancillary Services on behalf of the York Federation of Students (YFS). The committee met with a number of candidates from both York University and other post-secondary institutions, as well as large corporations. The YFS recommended the committee hire the candidate who had shown to have a higher focus on student affordability and experience for students. The committee had decided to hire the

new AVP Ancillary Kim Mclean.

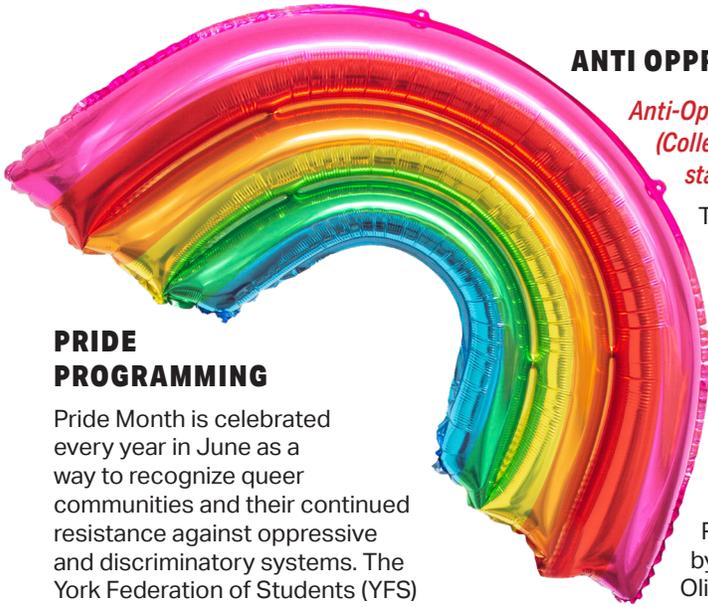
FOOD INSECURITY ROUNDTABLE

The Food Insecurity Roundtable is run by the York University administration. The roundtable is led by Nona Robinson, Vice-Provost Students, and is made up of faculty, staff, and student organizations. Members have discussed initiatives to fight food insecurity and alternatives for on campus, but the university ended up signing a new contract with another large conglomerate. Compass Group continues to provide food to the cafeterias that is overpriced, does not meet religious or dietary restrictions, and lacks nutritional value. In response to concerns raised at the roundtable, the York Federation of Students (YFS) relaunched the grocery shuttle, a bus that takes students between campus and the nearest Canadian Superstore bi-weekly. The YFS also continues to run the Food Support Centre, a food bank on campus that offers different grocery packages based on religious and dietary restrictions.

ACTION PLAN ON BLACK INCLUSION

The Black Inclusion Action Plan is a part of the York University's long term strategy to address the rampant anti-Black racism within the university, after years of advocacy work from the York Federation of Students (YFS). Vice President Equity, Olivia Ferguson, and Vice President Campus Life, Shintah Mark, hold seats on the Black Inclusion Advisory council, ensuring the action plan is inline with the needs of students. This year, an additional seat was extended to the Black YFS Community Service Group, York University Black Students' Alliance (YUBSA). The YFS and YUBSA Executives continue to provide necessary student input and critique to be incorporated into the framework and its action items

CAMPAIGNS & EQUITY



PRIDE PROGRAMMING

Pride Month is celebrated every year in June as a way to recognize queer communities and their continued resistance against oppressive and discriminatory systems. The York Federation of Students (YFS) collaborated with the Community Service Group, Trans, Bisexual, Lesbian, Gay, Asexual at York (TBLGAY), to plan a series of events aimed at educating and celebrating with students throughout the month of June. These events addressed sexual health and confidence skills, navigating different intersecting identities, and spaces to meet other students.

IHM PROGRAMMING

Indigenous History Month is celebrated every year in June as a way to recognize the diverse history, heritage and traditions of Indigenous peoples. The York Federation of Students (YFS) collaborated with the Community Service Group, Indigenous Students' Association at York University (ISAY), to plan month-long programming aimed to educate and celebrate along with students throughout the month of June. These events included beading workshops, conversations about alternative policing and colonial roots of homophobia and transphobia.

ANTI OPPRESSION TRAINING

*Anti-Oppression Trainings
(Colleges, YUSC, campus PT staff)*

The York Federation of Students (YFS) remains firm in its stance of building an anti-oppressive, anti-discriminatory, and equity-focused campus. Anti-Oppression Trainings are an important equity initiative of the YFS.

Revamped and updated by Vice President Equity, Olivia Ferguson, and Vice President Campaigns and

Advocacy, Gemner Sandoval Fuentes, the Anti-Oppression training is provided to the wider York University community and is facilitated by the YFS Executives over the course of the year. This year, Anti-Oppression training sessions were provided to colleges and faculties, the York University Student Centre staff, and on-campus part-time staff. The presentations work towards sharing available resources, services and overall support from the YFS to students of all constituencies, and the organizations that represent them, while the Anti-Oppression Training provided a thorough understanding of equity issues.

RECKON THIS: ANTI-BLACK RACISM CAMPAIGN

The York Federation of Students (YFS) launched the Reckon This: Anti-Black Racism Campaign in early June. This campaign was released in response to the ongoing Anti-Black racism experienced by

students, staff and faculty at York University. The YFS hosted Black at York, Black on Campus, which was an honest reckoning about Anti-Black Racism at York University.

CSG RETREAT

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

ISAY POWWOW

The All Nations Pow Wow is hosted annually by the Indigenous Students' Association at York (ISAY), one of the five Community Service Groups (CSGs) of the York Federation of Students (YFS). This year ISAY held their 21st All Nations Pow Wow on April 29th at Tait McKenzie Centre. The Pow Wow is a celebration of Indigenous Nations and their culture through music, song, food, dance and storytelling, and the event was a major success with great attendance! The YFS Executives would like to thank the ISAY team and community members for hosting this wonderful event!

TBLGAY NAME CHANGE CAMPAIGN

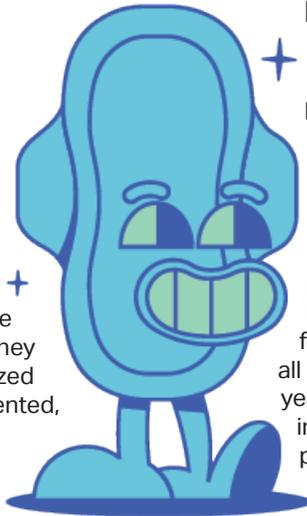
Trans, Bisexual, Lesbian, Gay, Asexual @ York (TBLGAY) created the campaign #DropTheDeadName to help trans students attain a functioning, transparent, and swift name change process. This campaign ran in response to York University's outdated name change process, which caused humiliation from administrative offices, students being denied insurance coverage, and strict policies that further harmed students. TBLGAY successfully achieved the demands of their campaign, creating a safer and more equitable environment on our campuses.



CSG WELCOME BACK EVENTS

The York Federation of Students (YFS) attended welcome back events of three of the Community Service Groups (CSGs) helping with the setup of these events while providing their support. Recognizing the importance of the CSGs and the work they do to ensure that marginalized students are heard, represented, and given spaces to find community, the YFS continues to extend their support and services during programming

throughout the year. The YFS Executives attended the York United Black Students Association (YUBSA), Black Student Alliance (BSA) Welcome Back Event on September 28th. The event welcomed back all BSA clubs to campus for the new school year as well as bringing Black community together through food, music and much more. The YFS also attended the United South Asians at York (USAY) Jalebi Junction Welcome Back Event on October 3rd. The event brought the South Asian community together through food, music and games. Lastly, YFS Executives attended the Indigenous Students Association at York's (ISAY), Welcome Back Drum Circle on September 14th. The Drum Circle is a celebration of Indigenous Nations and their culture through music, song, food and dance. All the CSG events were a major success with great attendance. The YFS Executives would like to thank the CSGs for their continuous work and programming providing a safe space for community to gather.



MENSTRUAL EQUITY

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

STUDENT AUTONOMY ATTACKS

The York Federation of Students (YFS), in collaboration with the York University Graduate Students Association (YUGSA), and Glendon College Students Union (GCSU), launched a recent campaign as a response to the senior administration intervening in union democratic processes, and threatening sanctions and resignations of elected executives of all three unions. The demands of this campaign are simple: to revoke the harmful Regulation Regarding Student Organizations policy, and to stop silencing student voices on campus.

Thus far the campaign has been well-received from members of the community, including both undergraduate and graduate students, alumni, faculty, teaching-assistants and the general public. The YFS has received multiple letters of support and solidarity from both student clubs and organizations, faculty departments, and community organizations. Thus far, the campaign has acquired well over a thousand signatures, and continues to grow. Additionally, the campaign has seen support and attendance from many members of the York Community through various actions and demonstrations held on campus.

XPRESSIONS AGAINST OPPRESSION

The York Federation of Students' (YFS) Xpressions Against Oppressions (XAO) is an annual series of workshops, panels, and discussions centered around social and political topics. This series aims to both engage with and educate students on sociopolitical issues, while providing criticisms on the many oppressive structures and systems in our society. This year's XAO series took place from October 23rd to October 27th. It included panels and events highlighting the significance of solidarity across movements, resistance through art, and free and accessible education; each of these events were inspired by the overarching XAO theme of Unity through Liberation.



The XAO series ended with our annual Keynote event featuring labour activist Chris Smalls. During the event, many topics were discussed, including the importance of student autonomy and academic freedom of speech relating it to the autonomy of labour unions in New York.

FIGHT THE FEES!

FIGHT THE FEES CAMPAIGN

The Fight the Fees campaign is a longstanding campaign within the Canadian

Federation of Students (CFS) calling for a Free and Accessible Education for all students, both domestic and international. The campaign aims to break down the barriers involved in accessing education, and ultimately achieving a free post-secondary education for all. This year, students across the country hosted a National Day of Action on November 8th for Free Education, mobilizing students, and reigniting the demands for a Free Education for all students. Through dedicated outreach, the York Federation of Students (YFS) Executives met and educated students, colleges, clubs and organizations across campus, while collecting over 6000 petition signatures in support of the campaign. On November 8th, after an on-campus rally, the YFS executives led a delegation of York Students to Grange Park, before marching over to Queen's Park with other unions. President Ashley D'Souza, was one of many speakers throughout the action, speaking at Queen's Park about the importance of free education for all and mobilizing students to advocate for radical change.

MENTAL HEALTH AWARENESS WEEK

In collaboration with the York Federation of Students' (YFS) Wellness Centre, Vice President Equity, Olivia Ferguson, and Vice President Campaigns, Gemner Sandoval Fuentes, facilitated the YFS's annual Mental Health Awareness Week (MHAW) from November 13th to November 17th. The purpose of MHAW is to highlight the importance of mental health, as well as provide students with various skills to aid them in navigating their own mental health journey's within post secondary education. MHAW events this year included; workshops on both planting and dancing, a teach-in regarding the differences between self care and community care, and events about deconstructing therapy and food wellness.

BLACK HISTORY MONTH

Black History Month is celebrated every February to recognize and highlight the contributions of Black people to our communities, but also to recognize the continued resistance against anti-Black racism deeply embedded into society. The York Federation of Students (YFS), in collaboration with York United Black Students Alliance (YUBSA) and other GTA students unions, will be hosting various events for Black History Month throughout February aimed at educating and celebrating students. Stay tuned for more details regarding the for Black History Month Programming!

ACTIONS:

MAY DAY

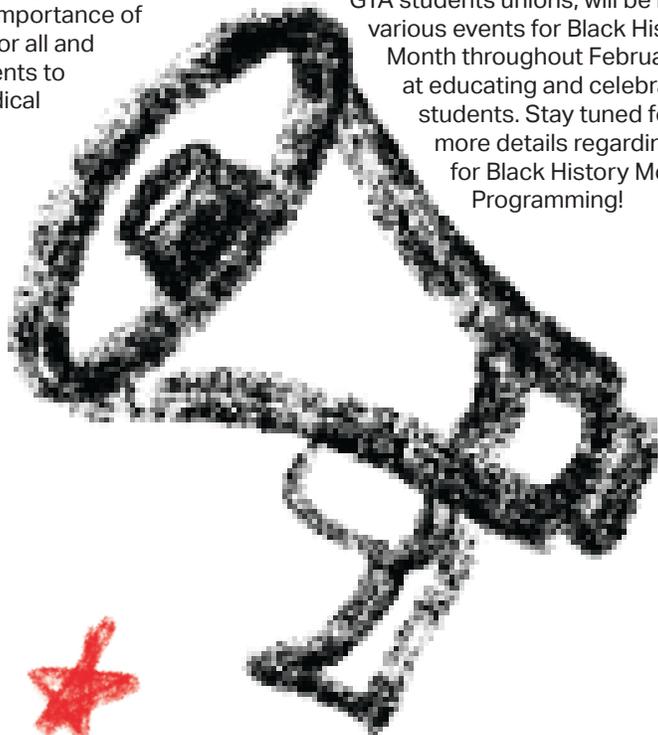
On May 1st, the York Federation of Students (YFS) Executives and staff had the pleasure of joining a post-secondary student contingent in the march. This day recognizes the years of actions which are credited for past victories such as the eight hour work day, the provision of benefits and the foundation of unions throughout the world. The YFS and several other students' unions joined together in the annual MayDay rally at Queen's Park held by the Ontario Federation of Labour (OFL). It was one of many held all over the world to support the fight for higher minimum wage, decent work, affordable housing, and issues impacting workers everywhere.

ENOUGH IS ENOUGH DAY OF ACTION

The York Federation of Student (YFS) members attended the Ontario Federation of Labour day of action: Enough is Enough. This action brought together almost 20,000 workers from unions across the province demanding real wage increases, to keep schools and healthcare public, to fight for affordable groceries, gas and basic goods, rent control and affordable housing and to make the banks and corporations pay their fair share. This incredibly successful event was a great starting point for folks to get together and learn how to organize around issues that are important to them and that affect people everyday.

STATUS FOR ALL DAY OF ACTION

York Federation of Students (YFS) Executives and staff joined the Migrant Rights Network in their Status for All rally, fighting for permanent resident status and family unity for all migrants and refugees here, and landed status on arrival for those that arrive in the future. It was one of several rallies across the country on September 17th.



YORK UNIVERSITY STAFF ASSOCIATION RALLY

On September 20th, the York Federation of Students (YFS) took part in an action organized by the York University Staff Association (YUSA), along with the York University Faculty Association (YUFA), calling on the York University administration to renegotiate with these unions and achieve fair wages for employees. Since the striking down of the Ford government's Bill 124 as unconstitutional, the wages for staff and faculty have not kept up with the pace of inflation, especially after their hard work throughout the pandemic. The York Federation of Students stands with all faculty, staff, and workers at York University struggling for fair wages and better working conditions!

PRIVATIZATION OF HEALTH CARE RALLY

On September 25th, the Executives of the York Federation of Students (YFS) and staff came together with several other unions in solidarity with the Ontario Health Care Coalition for a protest at Queen's Park. This was one of four rallies held across Ontario to fight against the privatization of health care in this province and ensure access to quality care for everyone.

FREE GRASSY: MARCH FOR THE LAND PROTEST

The York Federation of Students Executives and staff joined a march of 6,000 Land Defence Alliance Community Members and supporters in Toronto to Queen's Park. This march was led by Chiefs from Asubpeeschoseewagong First Nation (Grassy Narrows), Kitchenuhmaykoosib Inninuwug (Big Trout Lake First Nation), Wapekeka First Nation, and Neskantaga First Nation, as a means to protect their lands and waters and to fight against mining on their lands without their consent.

PALESTINE SOLIDARITY COLLECTIVE ACTION

Throughout the month of October, various student run groups have hosted actions in response to the ongoing genocide in Palestine. On October 23rd, the Palestine Solidarity Collective (PSC) hosted a rally for students to mobilize and voice their concerns regarding York University's attempts to silence student voices. The York Federation of Students (YFS) Executives attended the rally and provided marshaling support to the PSC. As well, the President, Ashley D'Souza, provided a speech condemning the York administrations complicity in the the ongoing genocide and their attacks on student autonomy.

UNION SOLIDARITY FRONT ACTION

On October 25th, the Union Solidarity Front (USF) held their "The Students United Will Never Be Defeated" rally outside of Vari Hall. The action was in response to the York University administration's threats to the students unions and students right to mobilize and use their voices. The York Federations of Students (YFS) Executives attended the rally and President, Ashley D'Souza, gave a speech regarding the administration's attacks on the students unions and their attempts to silence dissent from the student body on their threats on their unions. The YFS looks forward to the ongoing actions that student groups will hold in response to the University's attacks.

CLUBS & SERVICES

CLUBS FUNDING UPDATES

The York Federation of Students (YFS) is proud to ratify hundreds of student clubs each year and provide a variety of different services and benefits to support their work. This year, the YFS Board of Directors passed motions amending the club policies to provide clubs with additional funding options. This included increasing the eligible base funding amount to \$300; increased funding for athletic equipment rentals; and increased funding for space booking fees.

WELCOME BACK KITS

The York Federation of Students (YFS) continued to provide resources to YFS-ratified clubs using the Welcome Back Kits. Within these kits, clubs were able to receive items that will assist with their operations throughout the year. The items in the kits included cups, plates, sanitizer, disinfecting wipes, tape, tote bags, and more. Additionally, clubs received a Clubs Guide which provided all necessary information and deadlines required to function throughout their year ahead.

CLUBS SKILLS SYMPOSIUM

This year, the York Federation of Students was proud to introduce the first-ever, Clubs Skills Symposium! The Clubs Skills Symposium, held on September 13th, was a day-long event which brought together club executives in different sessions to train and prepare them in their operations and roles throughout the upcoming year. With great early reviews from Club Executives, the YFS looks forward to continuing to host the Clubs Skills Symposium in future years!

CLUBS TOWN HALLS

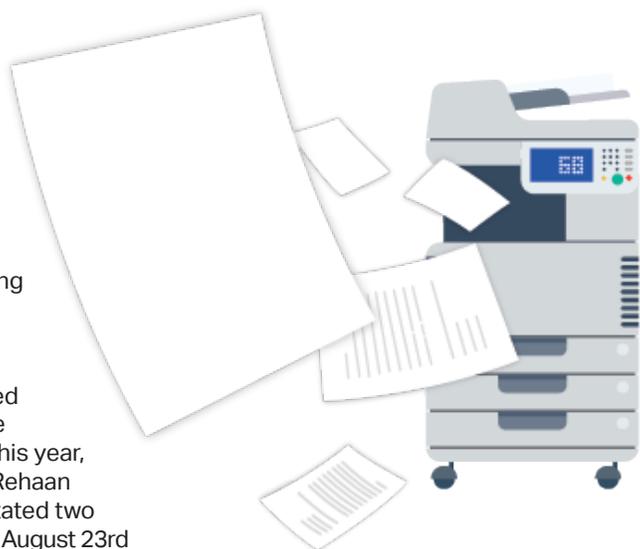
The Clubs Town Hall is a mandatory meeting for all YFS-ratified clubs. The Clubs Town Hall provides the opportunity for club executives to learn and provide direction about all club-related material including club policies and services. As per YFS Club Ratification Policies, at least one club executive from all YFS-ratified clubs must attend one of the Clubs Town Hall meetings. This year, Vice President Operations, Rehaan Lachporia, hosted and facilitated two meetings which occurred on August 23rd and October 18th.

CLUBS SERVICES & RENTALS

Clubs ratified with the York Federation of Students (YFS) have access to free rentals including popcorn machines, cotton candy machines, snow cone machines, PS4, Xbox One, water coolers, board games, and more. This year, the YFS was excited to introduce a Nintendo Switch with a selection of games, cables for various devices, and continued to expand the number of board game rentals.

GRAMMARLY

This past year, the York Federation of Students (YFS) launched the discounted Grammarly service available to all members of the York community. With a dedicated in-house Grammarly Coordinator, students have access to support and can ask questions directly related to their account. Additionally, Vice President Operations, Rehaan Lachporia, met with members of the administration to discuss, educate and expand the university's academic policies in regards to Artificial Intelligence (AI) to ensure that all students have access to these services.



SELF-SERVE PRINTING

The York Federation of Students (YFS) first opened the Self-Serve Printing Centre, located in room A1-106, Second Student Centre, in 2019. Since then, the YFS has received feedback from its membership and are proud to implement new features to continue meeting the needs of students. This year, printers will have access to the PaperCut system, allowing students the option of cashless printing. Students will be able to create an account, upload funds, submit files and print through any linked printers at either the Self-Serve Printing Centre or the Members' Services Office (MSO).

FREE GROCERY SHUTTLE

Recognizing the continued effects of food insecurity for students on York's campuses, the York Federation of Students (YFS) relaunched their free grocery shuttle program this past year to provide students with accessible transportation from campus to grocery stores. The free grocery shuttle will continue to run throughout the remainder of the fall and winter semesters on a bi-weekly basis, with pickup locations at Calumet bus Loop, Winters College bus loop, and the Second Student Centre parking lot.

SCHOOL SUPPLIES

This year, the York Federation of Students (YFS) was proud to relaunch their discount school supplies program. The re-introduction of school supplies in the Members Services' Office (MSO) strives to provide supplies such as pencils, pens, erasers, highlighters, and notebooks to students at a heavily reduced cost. As the cost of these basic necessities for students continues to rise, members are able to purchase these items in the MSO located in Room 106 on the first floor of the First Student Centre.

NEW DISCOUNTS

The York Federation of Students (YFS) endeavors to provide students with access to a wide range of cost-saving services throughout the year. This year, the YFS continued to maintain pre-existing discounts such as discounted Canada's Wonderland and Ripleys Aquarium tickets, discounted Blue Jays and Raptors game tickets, as well as discounted Screemers and WinterFest tickets. In addition, the YFS has been able to introduce two new services: discounted prices for ChungChun Rice Dog purchases from the on-campus location at the Quad, as well as discounted prices on single races at K1 Speedway go-karting at both the Downsview and Mississauga locations!

FOOD SUPPORT CENTRE

The Food Support Centre (FSC) is the on campus food bank which strives to provide free access to food for students amidst a growing food insecurity crisis. The FSC continues to see rapid growth, amassing over 600 visits per week from January to November, totalling to approximately 2500 visits per month. In addition, there have been over 2500 new students registered for the FSC's services within this past year alone. Registered members can access non-perishable food hampers reflective of their dietary needs on a weekly basis by visiting the centre located in Suite 005 of the Second Student Centre, found in the basement across the elevators. To learn more about the YFS Food Support Centre, please visit yfs.ca/fsc.

WELLNESS CENTRE

The YFS Wellness Centre is a student-run space on campus that serves members through four main pillars: mental health, physical health, harm reduction and combating sexual (and gender based) violence. The Wellness Centre is a result of years of lobbying efforts to provide access to much-needed resources and support to students, while hosting events, trainings and collaborating with campus partners.

SERENITY SPACE

The Serenity room is a newly added extension of the YFS Wellness Centre that serves as an accessible, sensory friendly, and calming space open to all students. Within this space, students are able to destress through a variety of means - assorted teas, coloring books, yoga space and the ever-popular ball pit.

STATEMENTS OF SOLIDARITY

Throughout the past year, there were multiple statements released by the York Federation of Students (YFS) to bring awareness or reaffirm solidarity for various issues affecting both students on campus and in the global community. These included: Statement of the YFS' Divestment from the Bank of Montreal (BMO), statement regarding gender violence on campuses, statement of solidarity with Palestine, and a statement on the university's attacks on student autonomy. All statements can be found at yfs.ca/statement.

EVENTS



TTC POST-SECONDARY PHOTO ID DAY

On September 15th, the York Federation of Students (YFS) partnered with the Toronto Transit Commission (TTC) to host a post-secondary photo identification picture day on the Keele campus. Students were able to purchase an identification card which is used to then purchase a discounted TTC post-secondary Metropass. With a massive commuter population, this service was important to allow students to easily access discounted transportation costs.

YORKFEST

YorkFest is the York Federation of Students (YFS) annual welcome back week for all new and returning students, with a full week of free events! This year, YorkFest was held from September 18th to the 22nd, and featured incredible events such as Drag Bingo, hosted by Makayala Couture, Nasty Doll, and Vice President Campus Life, Shinia Mark, along with movie nights, talent shows and much more!

Festival village

Festival Village was one of the largest events held during YorkFest this year and featured over 100+ campus clubs and student organizations that participated, with over 10,000 students attending throughout the day. These groups were able to outreach throughout the York University Commons to showcase their clubs, upcoming events and encourage new members to join! The York Federation of Students (YFS) Executives also handed out their branded No Campus Without Us kits and collected over 1500 signatures for the Fight the Fees Campaign.

Concert

One of the highlights of Yorkfest is the free concert held for all students. This year, the concert took place at Sobeys Stadium on September 21st, featuring two prominent Afrobeats artists, Ayra Starr and Uncle Waffles, opened by the incredible DJ Shannyn Hill. This year marked a significant milestone for the YFS and indicated a successful concert as the event amassed an impressive turnout with over 2000 attendees.

FROSTWEEK

The York Federation of Students (YFS) prides itself on providing a fulfilling student experience throughout the year, and students are welcomed to the winter semester with FrostWeek. Through a week-long series of winter-themed events, students are able to meet new friends and enjoy a welcome back to campus for free! This year, FrostWeek will take place from January 15th, 2024 to January 19th, 2024. Additionally, students are encouraged to join us for a free back-to-school breakfast on the first day of classes on January 8th, 2024.

CULTUREFEST

CultureFest is an annual event as a way to celebrate the cultural diversity of our membership. During the week of programming cultural clubs participate in various events to highlight and showcase their unique cultures, while competing for awards to culminate the week. This year, CultureFest will be held from January 26th, 2024 to February 1st, 2024. The York Federation of Students Executive Team are grateful for all the hard work and dedication from all cultural clubs competing in CultureFest and look forward to seeing the hard work come to fruition.

YORKFEST KITS

As part of YorkFest, the York Federation of Students is happy to provide all students on campus with welcome-back kits. These uniquely branded YFS kits are a staple every year, and contain pens, notebooks, lanyards, t-shirts, sponsorship materials, discounts and so much more!

This year's branding "No Campus Without Us" was intentional. It served as an important foundation for the year. Over the past few months, it has been evident that senior administrators at the university do not ultimately care about its students, only in their personal interests and investors. The recent attacks of autonomy on campus are the perfect encapsulation of the university's consistent attempts to control its students, staff, faculty, and workers. No Campus Without Us is a rallying call, bringing together all members of the campus community together to unite together in solidarity.



REDPACK

The York Federation of Students (YFS) is proud to offer students an opportunity to volunteer with the union throughout the year. The RedPack program is instrumental in helping facilitate and execute large-scale events such as YorkFest. Furthermore, all RedPack volunteers are able to receive a variety of benefits such as volunteer hours through the university's portal, letters of recognition, as well as prizes and giveaways throughout the year. YFS Executives hosted multiple Redpack training sessions throughout the year, providing important information and resources to all interested students.

WINTER CARE PACKAGES

The York Federation of Students (YFS) is happy to provide students with the annual YFS Winter Exams Care Packages. Each care package contains snacks and juice boxes for students to enjoy while preparing for the exam season. The YFS Executives and Board look forward to distributing the care packages out during the last week of classes.

ORIENT THE LEADER

The annual Orient The Leader (OTL) event serves as a training for Orientation Leaders from all colleges and faculties, equipping them with essential tools needed to ensure the success of Orientation Week for incoming students. This year, OTL took place on August 24th; Executives and Commissioners of the York Federation of Students (YFS) facilitated Active Bystander Training for all orientation leaders. The Active Bystander Training was one of three trainings provided to all leaders.

ORIENTATION WEEK

This year Orientation Week took place from August 26th to September 4th. The York Federation of Students (YFS) was thrilled to be involved in Orientation Week this year to support the colleges and faculties in their programming. YFS Executives and Board Members alike participated as Orientation Leaders for their respective colleges, with many taking on additional roles. Additionally, the YFS was able to provide each college and faculty with 200 YFS Swag Kits to welcome incoming students and receive over 500 signatures from incoming first-year students. The YFS Executives thank the colleges, faculties, and Orientation Leaders for their commitment and diligent efforts in facilitating an amazing Orientation Week and providing a warm welcome for incoming students on our campuses.

CLUB & COMMUNITY EVENTS

This year, there have been an abundance of events and programming on campus. With campus life thriving once again, The York Federation of Students (YFS) Executive team had the pleasure of attending many events hosted by Community Service Groups, YFS-ratified clubs and other campus organizations. These include events from United South Asians at York (USAY), Ghanaian Students Association (GSA), Nigerian Students Association (NSA), Trans Bisexual Lesbian Gay Asexual at York (TBLGAY), Organization of Latin American Students (OLAS), The Happiness Plan at YU (THPYU), York University Tamil Students Association (YUTSA) and the Ontario Public Interest Research Group (OPIRG) to name a few.

The past year also included various opportunities to connect with other unions on campus. The YFS Executive team attended multiple events and actions in solidarity with faculty, staff and workers on campus. These included Canadian Union of Public Employees (CUPE) Local 3903's welcome back BBQ and a joint rally for fair wages with the York University Staff Association (YUSA), York University Faculty Association (YUFA), CUPE 3903, and CUPE 1356. These were an important reminder that the workers and students united will never be defeated!