



Bethune College Council Meeting
Monday, July 11th, 2022 at 9:00 p.m. EST

Zoom Meeting

Chaired by Vincent Vuong

Minutes by Sarah Pullano

Voting Results: <https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1bSQBw3pjnV4ihkXK7-koC-mYQtL4feBhwpAyNO4nMYw/edit?usp=sharing>

Voting Members

| Name | Position | Attendance |
|--------------------------|--------------------------|--|
| Arman Sadr | President | Present |
| Masood Syed | Executive Vice-President | Present |
| John-Paul Gagliano Veiga | Vice President Athletics | Present (left at 10:50 p.m.) |
| Hassan Khan | Vice President Athletics | Absent with regrets (arrived at 9:35 p.m., left at 10:36 p.m.) |
| Abisan Buvanendran | Commuter Director | Present |
| Issay Amaha | Commuter Director | Present |
| Pedro Gonzalez | Lassonde Representative | Present |
| Aydin Sadr | General Member | Present |
| Farid Musavinejad | General Member | Present (left at 10:56 p.m.) |
| Ernest Gasparyan | General Member | Present |
| Glory Ohikhena | General Member | Present |
| | SOS Representative | |
| Paula Wilson | Head of the College | Present |
| Clifford Roy Baker | Fellow's Representative | Absent without regrets |
| Andrew Skelton | Academic Advisor | Absent without regrets |

Non-Voting Members

| Name | Position | Attendance |
|---------------------|-------------------------------|------------------------------|
| Yashna Manek | Vice-President Social | Absent with regrets |
| Ethan Chin | Vice-President Social | Present |
| Sumeyye Camuzcu | Vice-President Finance | Present (left at 10:59 p.m.) |
| Yurij Kunyckyj | Vice-President Communications | Present |
| Muhammad Abdulhafiz | Vice-President Communications | Present |
| Kyleen Tambot | YFS Director | Absent with regrets |
| Claire Del Zotto | Outreach Director | Present |
| Remie Taza | Outreach Director | Absent without regrets |



| | | |
|---------------------------|--------------------------------------|---------------------|
| Jarred Laganas | Orientation Chair | Present |
| Vincent Vuong | Speaker | Present |
| Sarah Pullano | Secretary | Present |
| Arghavan Sammak Moghaddam | Chief Returning Officer | Absent with regrets |
| Adam Hadad | Mascot | Present |
| Suzanne Park | Administrative Assistant to the Head | Absent with regrets |

Guest(s)

| Name | Position | Attendance |
|----------------------------|--------------------------------|------------|
| Adaeze Mbalaja | YFS President | Present |
| Ashley D'Souza | YFS VP Operations | Present |
| Beryl-Aissatou Kem-Bumbara | YFS VP Equity | Present |
| Marsha Joseph | YFS VP Campaigns and Advocacy | Present |
| Rehaan Lachporia | YFS VP Campus Life | Present |
| Brook Hann | BAC Director of Operations | Present |
| Maria Ahmed | BAC Director of Communications | Present |
| Shahzad Rahmani | BAC Director of Promotions | Present |
| Genevieve Agudong | BPAC Associate | Present |
| Krupali Patel | BPAC Director | Present |
| Sara Soleymani | BPAC Associate | Present |
| Zeta Sovery | BPAC Associate | Present |
| Ali Bashar | | Present |

This meeting was called to order on July 11th at 9:08 p.m. with Vincent Vuong as Speaker and Sarah Pullano as Secretary.

1. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

Moved by: President
 Seconded by: Executive Vice-President
 Result: Unanimous



2. LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

In the spirit and intent of Truth and Reconciliation, we acknowledge the traditional Indigenous territories on which we live, learn, and play. This territory is part of the Dish with One Spoon Treaty, an agreement between the Anishinaabeg, Haudenosaunee, and allied nations to peacefully share and care for the resources around the Great Lakes. This territory is also covered by the Upper Canada Treaties and is now home to many diverse First Nations, Inuit, and Métis peoples. By understanding and acknowledging, we wish to pay respect to Turtle Island, Mother Earth, First Nations, Inuit, and Métis peoples who have been living on this land since time immemorial.

This land was acquired unfairly and as settlers on this land it is part of our collective responsibility to recognize and mitigate the oppression of Indigenous peoples.

For more information on land acknowledgements for your current location, and some helpful maps, visit <https://native-land.ca/>.

3. UPDATES

a. President

- **York 101 and Campus Tours**
 - If anyone is interested in getting involved with York 101 sessions and campus tours, get in contact with Arman or Jarred
 - Campus tours run on Fridays and York 101 sessions run on Wednesdays
- **YFS Presentation**
 - Adaeze, the president of the YFS, is here with the executive team to give a presentation
 - The pillars of the YFS include services, campaigns, events, and clubs
 - The YFS offers students many services which can be accessed at the Members' Services Office located in the First Student Centre, which is the central hub for all things YFS
 - Services offered include legal services, the health and dental plan, affordable printing resources, the food support centre, the Good Food box, ISIC cards (which usually cost \$20.00 but through the YFS cost only \$3.00), discounted tickets, discounts at select restaurants, student academic and advocacy services, a free tax clinic, clubs and club services, and so on
 - The charges for the health and dental plan come into student accounts around late August and the opt-out date this year is October 13th, 2022



- The YFS Wellness Centre operates under the pillars of harm reduction, sexual violence, physical health, and mental health
- There is also an online wellness space for resources on mental health and wellness which can be found at yfswellness.ca
- Coming this year, the wellness centre will be open, and workshops will be available
- The Academic Support Centre is not for advising but is designed to help students navigate academic processes on campus
 - It is free to use and can help with financial petitions, appeals, Senate appeals, and dispute resolution
- The Food Support Centre is located in the basement of the Second Student Centre and provides diverse food options, including vegan, vegetarian, halal, and kosher options
- The YFS has a lawyer on campus once a week to help students with issues such as family or criminal law
- Campaigns is one of the most important pillars of the YFS
 - The YFS works with the Canadian Federation of Students, which works with students to provide a united voice both provincially and nationally
 - Some campaigns include the Consent is Mandatory campaign, the Environmental Justice campaign, and sustainability efforts
- In terms of equity, there are groups such as the Access Centre, TBLGAY, YUBSA, and USAY
 - These groups advocate for and give voices to marginalized communities on campus
- Some equity initiatives include Mental Health Awareness Week and Expressions Against Oppression Week
- The YFS hosts many events throughout the year, all of which are either free or offered at a subsidized rate
 - Some events include Yorkfest, Frost week, Culturefest, Stressbusters, etc.
- The YFS Redpack is a volunteer program
- The YFS has over 300+ ratified clubs
 - Through the YFS website there is a club directory page where you can use key words to search for clubs that are of interest to you
 - You can also make your own club
 - A club ratified with the YFS gets funding
 - Services for clubs include speakers, microphones, tents, and megaphones that can be rented out for events, access to 2 or 3 different Jackbox games, etc.
- **Signing Authority received**
 - There was a delay because of previous auditing and getting signing authority transferred over
- **Executive meetings**



- We are prepared to do executive meetings in order to have more frequent meetings
 - A poll will be sent out to executives soon
 - **Council contracts**
 - Will be taken care of by Masood
 - Council members will sign these contracts in agreement to follow the constitution and the bylaws expected of them
 - **Constitutional changes for the summer – suggestions**
 - Looking to change some things in regards to the constitution so please start reviewing it now because the Town Hall is on July 20th
 - **Honorarium system**
 - The majority of council does not get paid any honorarium, thinking of having entry-level council positions getting paid a lower amount
 - As of right now how the honorarium is received is more arbitrary
 - Perhaps honorarium can be more role or assignment-specific, for examples, based on how many duties you have completed
 - All council members have to play 2 sports in the fall and winter semester so this could possibly account for 5 or 10 percent of the honorarium received
 - This would make honorarium decisions less arbitrary
- b. Executive Vice President
- **Council Office Access**
 - According to security access issues have been resolved but there have been two reports of access not being resolved
 - If there are any issues, let Masood know
 - **BCC Summer Town Hall**
 - Usually there is no town hall in the summer, but we will be having one to give people an idea of what BCC plans to do throughout the year
 - It is a good place to start off so people can give recommendations and we can change things to their liking
 - Started having meetings with council members to let them know what their role would be at the Town Hall
 - Please fill out the lettucemeet as soon as possible so Masood can explain what everyone is doing at the event
 - **Council Retreat**
 - Said that council retreat would be held in July or the first week of August, but it is not affordable right now
 - Prices are high – around \$10000 to \$12000
 - It is not worth going since we do not want to spend that much money on a council retreat



- Instead, in the first week of August we will have a day on campus where we get together, do trainings, etc.
- The actual council retreat will likely be in the winter when there is a greater availability of cottages and lower prices
- A lot of money spent on council retreat doesn't benefit constituents, only council
- **JACS Furniture Setup**
 - JACS furniture is now set up
 - The old furniture from JACS has been dismantled and the new tables have been moved in
 - If social or commuter reps plan on doing events, JACS is set up so events can be planned there
- Suzanne is leaving and her replacement is Emily

c. Vice President Communications

- **Hiring finished**
 - Completed hiring for BPAC this year
 - The BPAC Associates present at the meeting include Zeta Sovery, Sara Soleymani, and Genevieve Agudong
 - The BPAC Director is Krupali Patel
- **Budget for approval**
 - Later on, we will be motioning a budget for approval to start getting the year going
 - Some things are not in the budget being approved today but will be discussed in future meetings, such as items we haven't thought of as well as honorarium for BPAC Associates and the BPAC Director
- **Wix website**
 - The website last year was on the Weebly platform
 - This year switching to Wix
 - The front page of the website will show major events
 - Will have pages related to recaps for events
 - Currently we don't have the premium Wix subscription bought but it will be purchased soon, so hopefully the transition from Weebly to Wix can be fully complete in the next week
- **BPAC Forms**
 - The forms can be used, for example, if socials or athletics wants to request a post on the Instagram page or a tab on the website
 - The event request form can be used for in-person events to request BPAC to take photos, make stickers, etc.
- **BPAC Calendar**
 - Will include events Bethune College is running and other Bethune-related events
 - At some point will try to have a place where everyone can see meetings related to BCC so there will be a specific calendar for that



- Members of the Bethune community will be able to subscribe to the calendar
- **BPAC Drive**
 - Yuriy will merge the Google Forms, Drive, and Planner all together
 - Video clips are located in the tutorial folder and Yuriy will schedule meetings for council members to talk to the Vice President Communications for assistance
 - At the end of every month BPAC will be downloading the folders, council members just have to fill out the folders
 - Not a place to document or archive things as the workspace folder will be cleared out at random, more for sharing things
- **BPAC Planner**
 - Will be using Microsoft Planner for events
- **BPAC Discord**
 - Already created a section for BPAC on Discord
 - This is where all communication happens so if anyone is not on the Discord let Hafiz, Yuriy, Arman, or Masood know
- Will be deciding a time this week for council introductions

d. Vice President Social

- Upcoming in-person **social committee meetings** (tentative schedule):
 - Tuesday July 19, 6-7 p.m
 - Tuesday August 2, 6-7 p.m
 - Tuesday August 16, 6-7 p.m
 - Tuesday August 30, 6-7 p.m
 - August 30 meeting is subject to change since it's during frosh
 - Meetings will most likely be in the Bethune office
- Will be motioning for Beach Day funding later

e. Vice President Athletics

- **Senior member hiring**
 - Executive members have been hired
 - Director of operations – Brook Hann
 - Director of communications – Maria Ahmed
 - Director of promotions – Shahzad Rahmani
 - Finished interviews today for senior member hiring, will figure out by tomorrow or the next day who is going to be hired and inform council by the end of the week
 - Hiring 7 senior members for BAC

f. Orientation Chairs

- **Jersey Size**



- A Google Form was sent out, please fill it out because jersey sizes are needed since an order has to be placed this week

g. Outreach Directors

- **Club re-ratification**

- Working on encouraging clubs to re-ratify with Bethune
- Working with Suzanne to see who has re-registered with the SCLD and stated their affiliation with Bethune in order to get everyone settled by September
- Working with Head Office to create policies for re-ratification and holding office space

- **Frosh Charity Initiative**

- Extra money has been left in the Frosh budget to donate to charity
- It will be a charity race with each team collecting points
- Will also be working with the TDSB to host a school supplies drive which will be done via a ballot system
 - Money has been worked into the Frosh budget to buy raffle prizes

- **Book Sale**

- A book sale will take place in the beginning of September on the Bethune patio
- This will allow constituents to sell and buy books from each other

4. MOTIONS

TITLE: BCC001 - Funding Request for BCC X SCSG Beach Day

MOVER: VP Social

SECONDER: EVP

WHEREAS: A budget needs to be approved before advertisements go out to make sure that the posts are as accurate as possible in terms of the nature of the event and what each party (BCC/SCSG and constituents) will be providing.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT: We are projecting a maximum total cost of \$450 for this event, to be split between BCC and SCSG equally. The approved budget will determine what we will be able to provide constituents in terms of snacks, refreshments, and activities on the day of the event.

RESULTS AMENDMENT: 11/0/0

RESULTS: 11/0/0

TITLE: BCC002 – BPAC Immediate Functioning Budget Request

MOVER: VPC



SECONDER: EVP

WHEREAS: Our planned budget in order to properly start functioning. As of now, BPAC has been operating off of the remnants of past year's purchases. With their usage now reaching a point of inoperability, due to wear and tear, subscription due dates, etc. We are requesting to get this preliminary budget approved to get us set up, and running.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT: Council adopt the BPAC 2022-2023 budget linked below:
https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/16gowU-Zc5RfCZHTpbbZ2TCuiEcLs5m4lyBqIiB_-g9s/edit?usp=sharing

RESULTS: 8/0/1

TITLE: BCC003 - YFS Constitution Interpretation

MOVER: EVP

SECONDER: President

WHEREAS: YFS Director is listed under Voting & Non-voting Members of the Council in the BCC Constitution.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT: The YFS Director **be listed as a Voting Member of Council** as a Constitutional Interpretation and be brought to the Constitutional Meeting to be confirmed and ratified.

****LASSONDE REP SECONDS AMENDMENT TO MAKE THE YFS DIRECTOR A VOTING MEMBER**

AMENDMENT RESULTS: 9/0/0

RESULTS: 9/0/0

TITLE: BCC004 - Lasonde Frosh Funding

MOVER: President

SECONDER: Orientation Chair

WHEREAS: Lasonde Frosh does not receive any funding for their Frosh so they essentially must breakeven. Lasonde students enter York as Bethune affiliated students and therefore pay levies to Bethune College.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT: Bethune cover the costs of \$15 000 of Frosh related programming in collaborative events between Bethune and Lasonde throughout Frosh week.



BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT: Money to be spent is still pending a discussion Lassonde representatives. Final decision to be made by signing authorities and O-Chair based on results of discussions.

RESULTS: 9/0/0

5. OTHER BUSINESS

- N/A

6. ADJOURNMENT

Moved by: President

Seconded by: EVP

7. MINUTES

Note: Minutes are not verbatim.

// BCC001 – Funding Request for BCC X SCSG Beach Day

Ethan – The date for Beach Day was changed from July 22nd to July 29th. The event will run from 12 pm to 8 pm at Woodbine Beach and is only open to Stong and Bethune constituents. The \$400.00 is for snacks, other refreshments, and activities to ensure that constituents have a great time and stay safe.

Jarred – How much are you budgeting for food and how many people are you planning to feed?

Ethan – Planning 100 people max, either providing a pizza lunch with pop and water, possibly other snacks like chips and other beach snacks. Also probably going to have to bring additional sunscreen.

Jarred asks a question regarding the expected number of people since Frosh leaders are going to be invited, John-Paul asks a question about renting the volleyball nets at the beach, and Ali asks a question about the budget and if it is possible to feed 100 people with \$400.00

Ethan – I did a rough cost analysis and it worked out to roughly \$360.00 after tax to buy pizza for 100 people but if we get a bulk discount, we can probably get the pizza for cheaper. Refreshments and water shouldn't cost too much and a few bottles of sunscreen, therefore, we can probably do it with \$450.00. I will motion for \$450.00 to give a bit of room.

Arman – Most likely Frosh leaders will be attending, but how many were you accounting for prior to that information from Jarred as there might be overlap. Also, we have to rent out nets so people can do it themselves or we can rent one or two. Even if we brought a net, they won't necessarily let us use their space.



Ethan – We should go through the proper channels. As far as people coming, we originally estimated approximately 80 people showing up not including leaders and captains. But now that we know leaders and captains have more incentive to come it will likely be 100, 110 or 120. We figured a lot of people that are captains and leaders are coming anyways since they are involved.

// Ethan motions to increase the maximum funding from \$400.00 to \$450.00

// Seconded by the President

// Vote on Amendment to increase the maximum funding from \$400.00 to \$450.00.

For: 11

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

// Vote on BCC001

For: 11

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

// BCC002 - BPAC Immediate Functioning Budget Request

Yurij – All assets from previous years are coming to an end, for example, cameras dying and subscriptions ending. Things highlighted black, like honorarium, we have to double back to later. We haven't talked specifics about it yet so we will talk about it in a future meeting. The \$44,000 is the estimate after tax. We are asking for \$49,000 as a buffer. We are not planning on using it, so it is an overestimation, just in case we have to ship something back, etc.

Ethan asks questions regarding the RSE2 and SD cards

Yurij - For a lot of the items here, all the prices are very volatile. A good few we can get on a discount, but we estimated base price as if there was no discount because the prices are so volatile. Also, we are swapping the Dell monitor to get the 38-inch instead of the 40-inch. We plan on using as little money as possible so it can go back to the college.

Arman – A lot of these costs are to get BPAC up and running, roughly how much more or what do you expect to still need to add down the line?

Yurij - Honorarium for BPAC Associates and Director. We also estimated \$7000 for items we might need down the line for example a camera bag, we don't know what size to get right now, etc. The thought is to get the bare minimum, see what works and see if the items are useful to buy. All the subscriptions are one-time yearly costs so as not to restrict next year's council. Most of the items we are buying is because we didn't have them, or they came to the end of their life cycle. The only costs for this year and the next year that have to be looked at again is the software.



Arman – How much money is a 1-year cost?

Yurij – A ballpark estimate between \$5000 and \$15,000. I would estimate \$6000 at most would be yearly expenses. All the software comes out to \$1800, small things that might want to be updated like extension cords, etc. is another \$1300. The only reason it could get as high as \$15,000.00 would be if they are buying a more secure safe then maybe it can get that high but for yearly purchases, I estimate between \$4000-\$8000.

Arman – Roughly \$35,000-\$40,000 would last multiple years. Was merch included?

Yurij – Merch, honorarium, and future items have not been included. Purchases from last year that have not been accounted for are included in this budget.

Paula – What is the annual BCC budget?

Arman – On a yearly basis we expect to get a minimum of \$248,000.00 and the justification Yurij is using is that in the last couple years we haven't spent money updating our systems.

Paula – It is still looking like it could approach one fifth of the annual budget going to this.

Arman – The idea is that as of right now we do have \$250,000 or \$260,00 in the bank and another \$60,000 that will mature by October. And excluding another \$97,000 from last year and \$250,000 from this year, so we are holding onto a levy equivalent that has not been spent. So, any money that is spent would be spent from the previous year's levy.

Yurij – Correction, the annual purchase average is \$34,990.

// Vote on BCC002

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 1

// BCC003 - YFS Constitution Interpretation

Masood – The problem was when the constitution meeting was happening, whoever created the constitution document, the YFS Director was added under non-voting members even though it wasn't talked about. They have to ratify the entire document and when that document was ratified, YFS Director was added to non-voting members and never taken out of voting members so in the constitution, YFS Director is added to voting and non-voting members. We have to make an interpretation to determine where the YFS Director ends up. We are not talking about if they deserve a vote, we are talking about if we want to rectify a mistake made by errors or keep the mistake because constituents voted on it.



Pedro – Seeing as we will have a constitutional meeting soon, just collect errors in the constitution and present them at the constitutional meeting coming up and have constituents vote on it again.

Arman – Yes, we are having a constitution meeting later, but prior to having a constitution meeting, the YFS representative will have a vote because things have to be passed by two phases of council prior to bringing it to constituents. Although there were mistakes made in that process it was passed by the community and the whole document was ratified.

Vincent - If this clause was written in a general meeting you don't have to do it again because it was already voted for YFS Director to be non-voting, so you don't have to vote for removal of it if you want to argue for this being redundant since the decision has already been made.

Masood – It should never have been mentioned at the AGM.

Arman – The motion never happened but the document was ratified as both voting and non-voting.

Paula - What did the constitution say prior to the amendment where the error happened? Was the YFS Director a voting member?

Masood – Yes

Paula - Then there was a motion passed to take that away from the YFS member or there wasn't?

Arman - There was a proposal of having this as a motion, then not motioned all together and the community voted to have the change be ratified. So, the community said we ratify this document to include them as non-voting and we are trying to make that interpretation.

Paula - Effectively there was never a formal motion approved to make the position non-voting and the original was for that position to be voting. Might it make sense to have a motion to have this member be a voting member until any additional changes take place? And there was an error in the ratification document so probably the fairest thing is to allow the YFS Director to continue voting until a formal change is approved by council.

Vincent – This motion is technically out of order because you guys ratified the wrong document. Yes, there is an error, but what is supposed to be followed is the old document or what precedent has already said, which is the YFS director having a vote. It was not an approved change since it wasn't voted in the constitution meeting. YFS Director should have voting rights until further notice.

Masood – Technically if there are errors in the constitution and they are contradicting we have to do a council interpretation which are passed by vote of 2/3, so we would have to do the motion based off that.



Pedro – Since we have to have things pre-approved before AGM, is it possible for council now to have interim to give them voting power then at the general meeting make changes and correct typos, then have students agree to that at the meeting?

// Masood motions to list the YFS director as a Voting Member of Council

// Seconded by Lassonde Representative

// Vote on Amendment to list the YFS Director as a Voting Member of Council

For: 9

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

// Vote on BCC003

For: 9

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

// BCC004 – Lassonde Frosh Funding

Arman - Typically Frosh receives subsidization by Bethune's levy. We spend a decent bit of the levy just paying for Frosh. With Lassonde Frosh, we were under the false understanding that Lassonde Frosh is covered by the Faculty of Lassonde, but it is paid for by ticket sales and they pay back Lassonde. Anyone coming in as Engineering or Comp Sci student is a Bethune student by affiliation. We want to be spending somewhere around \$15,000 in Frosh related programming with Bethune and Lassonde collaborating events since they are both our students. It would cost about \$13,000, then another \$2000 on the basis of reducing ticket prices because they are getting less for their Frosh for a higher cost. The expectation is if we are funding it, we want a working relationship. Also want to reach out to Lassonde administration to look into having the Lassonde O-Chair have students' input.

// Vote on BCC004

For: 9

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

Meeting Adjourned: 11:23 p.m. EST

Next Meeting: TBA