



Annual General Meeting  
Friday, March 29, 2024, at 6:00 p.m.  
Zoom Meeting  
Chaired by Masood Syed  
Minutes by Issay Amaha

**Voting Members**

Name	Position	Attendance
Masood Syed	President	
Yashna Manek	Executive Vice-President	
Sina Hamidi	Vice-President Athletics	
Seerat Choudhry	YFS Director	
Aman Patel	Commuter Director	
Aydin Sadr	Commuter Director	
Claire Del Zotto	Outreach Director	
Olivia Lunin	Outreach Director	
Christian Pittao	Lassonde Representative	
Angel Zheng	General Member	
Cassandra Collura	General Member	
Ghina Dhiyaa	General Member	
Sara Soleymani	General Member	
Lloyd Musa	First Year Representative	
Mehwish Saiyed	First Year Representative	
John Amanatides	Head of the College	
Clifford Roy Baker	Fellow's Representative	

**Non-Voting Members**

Name	Position	Attendance
Ali Bashar	Vice-President Finance	
John-Paul Gagliano-Veiga	Vice-President Social	
Brook Hann	Orientation Chair	
Farid Musavinejad	Orientation Chair	
Issay Amaha	Speaker	
Mary Kyleen Tambot	Secretary	
Ethan Chin	Director of Finance	
Romae Daley	Director of Finance	



Satyam Verma	Director of Finance	
Christopher Jang	Academic Advisor	

**Guest(s)**

Name	Position	Attendance

This meeting was called to order on Friday, March 29, 2024, at \_\_\_ p.m. with Masood Syed as Speaker and Issay Amaha Secretary.

**1. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA**

Moved by:  
Seconded by:  
Result:

**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. Speaker
- b. President
- c. Executive Vice-President
- d. Vice-President Finance
- e. Vice-President Social
- f. Vice-President Athletics
- g. Vice-President Communications
- h. Orientation Chairs
- i. Commuter Directors
- j. Outreach Directors
- k. Director of Finance
- l. Lassonde Representative
- m. General Members
- n. Head of the College

#### 4. MOTIONS

**TITLE: BCC045 - Lassonde Representative Concurrence Obligation**

**MOVER: Masood Syed**

**SECONDER:**

**WHEREAS:** The BCC Lassonde Representative position exists to serve the Lassonde community better. As of right now, the Lassonde Representative roles and duties are entirely decided by the BCC.

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT:** The clause “Any amendments related to the roles, duties, and elections of the Lassonde Representative in the Constitution and Bylaws must require joint-approval by the Lassonde Student Congress and the BCC in the same form” shall be added in under Article X as Section 5.1.

**RESULTS:**

**FOR:**

**AGAINST:**

**ABSTAIN:**



**TITLE: BCC046 - Replace Sponsorship Committee with Clubs Committee**

**MOVER: Taline Apelian-Sutor**

**SECONDER:**

**WHEREAS:** Bylaw 1 states “The Sponsorship Committee” as a standing committee of Council.

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT:** “The Sponsorship Committee” be replaced by “The Clubs Committee” in Article V as Section 1.3.i.

**RESULTS:**

**FOR:**

**AGAINST:**

**ABSTAIN:**

**TITLE: BCC047 - Amend Membership of Clubs Committee**

**MOVER: Taline Apelian-Sutor**

**SECONDER:**

**WHEREAS:** Article V Section 2.9.a states the membership of the Clubs Committee as “Consist of at minimum the President (Chair), Executive Vice President, VP Communications, Lassonde Representative and Outreach Director”.

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT:** The membership be amended to “Consist of at minimum the President (Chair), Executive Vice President, VP Finance, Lassonde Representative and Outreach Director” effectively replacing the VP Communications with the VP Finance.

**RESULTS:**

**FOR:**

**AGAINST:**

**ABSTAIN:**

**TITLE: BCC048 - Added Roles for Clubs Committee**

**MOVER: Taline Apelian-Sutor**

**SECONDER:**



**WHEREAS:** Currently the BCC Constitution does not have any roles for the Clubs Committee.

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT:** Article V Section 2.9.b. shall be added in as “Shall be responsible for the allocation of the Club Fund as defined in Bylaw 5, Section 2.1.14”. Article V Section 2.9.c. shall be added in as “Shall meet bi-weekly to discuss relevant matters”.

**RESULTS:**

**FOR:**

**AGAINST:**

**ABSTAIN:**

**TITLE: BCC049 - Fix Grammar & Syntax Errors**

**MOVER: Masood Syed**

**SECONDER:**

**WHEREAS:** There are many grammar and syntax errors in the Constitution.

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT:** The grammar and syntax errors are fixed while ensuring that the wording and meaning of constitutional clauses does not change.

**RESULTS:**

**FOR:**

**AGAINST:**

**ABSTAIN:**

**TITLE: BCC050 - Changing Vice-President Communication to Promotions Director**

**MOVER: Masood Syed**

**SECONDER:**

**WHEREAS:** Currently the Vice-president Communications exists as an executive position on Council.

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT:** The Vice-President Communications shall be changed to the position of Promotions Director, removing them as an executive from the BCC.

**RESULTS:**



**FOR:**

**AGAINST:**

**ABSTAIN:**

**TITLE: BCC051 - Addition of Speaker to Non-Voting Council Members**

**MOVER: Masood Syed**

**SECONDER:**

**WHEREAS:** Currently the Speaker is not listed as a Council Member of the BCC.

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT:** The Speaker shall be added in as a Council Member for the BCC as Article IV Section 3.2.e. and everything else under Section 3.2. be moved down accordingly (f., g., h., i.).

**RESULTS:**

**FOR:**

**AGAINST:**

**ABSTAIN:**

**TITLE: BCC052 - Removal of Residence Life Representative**

**MOVER: Masood Syed**

**SECONDER:**

**WHEREAS:** Currently the Residence Life Representative is listed as a Council Member of the BCC.

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT:** The Residence Life Representative shall be removed as a Council Member for the BCC in Article IV as Section 3.2.i.

**RESULTS:**

**FOR:**

**AGAINST:**

**ABSTAIN:**

**TITLE: BCC053 - Removal of YFS Director from Voting Members of BCC**

**MOVER: Masood Syed**



**SECONDER:**

**WHEREAS:** Currently the YFS Director is listed as a Voting Member of the BCC.

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT:** The YFS Director be removed from Article IV Section 3.1 and be added into Article IV Section 3.2.

**RESULTS:**

**FOR:**

**AGAINST:**

**ABSTAIN:**

**TITLE: BCC054 - Amendments for Article III**

**MOVER: Masood Syed**

**SECONDER:**

**WHEREAS:** Currently the clauses up for amendment in Article III are listed as follows:

- 1.7 Each Executive shall oversee Directors
- 1.9.3 Report regularly to the President
- 1.11 Executives shall be the official representatives of BCC, in the following order of precedence: President, Executive Vice-President
- 1.13 The President and VP Finance shall be at least eighteen (18) years of age at the start of their term
- 2.3 Assist in the coordination of social, athletics, finance, academic and orientation programming
- 3.1 Have been a member of the BCC for at least one-year\* prior (unless no such person wishes to run for EVP, at which point any person can run)
- 6.1 Have been a BAC Executive Member or Senior Member for at least one year prior or been on Council for one (1) year
- 7.2 Oversee the implementation of all events throughout the academic year that are aimed specifically at all Bethune constituents. These events may be social, academic, or educational in nature

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT:** The clauses shall be amended to:



- 1.7 Executive members of Council shall oversee Directors and others members of Council
- 1.9.3 Report regularly to the President and the Executive Committee
- 1.11 Executives shall be the official representatives of BCC, in the following order of precedence: President, Executive Vice-President, all other Vice-Presidents
- 1.13. The President and VP Finance shall be at least eighteen (18) years of age at the start of their term
- 2.3 Assist in the coordination of all BCC operations such as but not limited to social, athletics, finance, academic and orientation programming
- 3.1 Have been a member of the BCC for at least one-year\* prior (unless no such person wishes to run for EVP, at which point any regular member can run)
- 6.1. Have been a BAC Executive Member or Senior Member for at least one year prior or been on Council for one (1) year (unless no such person wishes to run for Vice-President Athletics, at which point any regular member can run)
- 7.2. Oversee the implementation of all events under the Social Committee's guidance throughout the academic year that are aimed specifically at all Bethune constituents. These events may be social, academic, or educational in nature.

**RESULTS:**

**FOR:**

**AGAINST:**

**ABSTAIN:**

**TITLE: BCC055 - Amendments for Article IV**

**MOVER: Masood Syed**

**SECONDER:**

**WHEREAS:** Currently the clauses up for amendment in Article IV are listed as follows:

- 1.2.f. To grant unto any such bodies, committees, clubs or commissions funds requested for their activities, after taking into account the opinions and recommendations of the Vice-President Finance, and to retain regulatory control,





including the right to withdraw any grant or allocation of funds made to any such bodies, committees, clubs and commissions if in the documented opinion of the Finance Committee or of that of the BCC itself, the monies so granted or allocated are being used for purposes for which they were not granted or allocated

- 2.1.c. Attend all Council meetings to the best of their ability and inform the Speaker if unable to attend;
- 2.1.d. Attend all BCC social/academic events to the best of their ability;
- 2.1.f. Staff the BCC office as scheduled by the Executive Vice-President;
- 2.2.d. Receive an honorarium, as determined by Council
- 3.4.c. The Outreach Coordinator;
- 3.5.h. The SOS Representative
- 8.1. All Council Meetings shall be advertised no less than 72 hours in advance, through the posting of signs in prominent locations throughout the College and Residence structures; Lexicon should also be informed
- 9.1. Minutes are to be sent out to the Community within 2 business days of the previous meeting by the Secretary.
- 9.2. Minutes shall record the rationale for a secret ballot vote
- 9.4. Minutes shall indicate each voting member's vote on each motion, whether in favour, against, or in abstention

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT:** The clauses shall be amended to:

- 1.2.f To grant unto any such bodies, committees, clubs or commissions funds requested for their activities, after taking into account the opinions and recommendations of the Vice-President Finance and/or the Finance Committee, and to retain regulatory control, including the right to withdraw any grant or allocation of funds made to any such bodies, committees, clubs and commissions if in the documented opinion of the Finance Committee or of that of the BCC itself, the monies so granted or allocated are being used for purposes for which they were not granted or allocated
- 2.1.c. Attend all Council meetings to the best of their ability and inform the Speaker and/or Secretary if unable to attend



- 2.1.d Attend all BCC events to the best of their ability;
- 2.1.f Staff the BCC office during Fall and Winter semesters as scheduled by the Executive Vice-President
- 2.2.d Be eligible to receive an honorarium, as determined by Council and outlined by Bylaw 4
- 3.4.c The Outreach Director
- 3.5.h The Academic Representative
- 3.5 add Speaker
- 8.1. All Council Meetings shall be advertised no less than 72 hours in advance, through appropriate physical and digital signage
- 9.1. Minutes are to be sent out to the Community within 5 business days of the previous meeting by the Secretary.
- 9.2. Minutes shall record the rationale for a secret ballot or in-camera vote
- 9.4. Minutes shall indicate each voting member's vote on each motion, whether in favour, against, or in abstention, with the exception of an in-camera vote

**RESULTS:**

**FOR:**

**AGAINST:**

**ABSTAIN:**

**TITLE: BCC056 - Amendments for Article V**

**MOVER: Masood Syed**

**SECONDER:**

**WHEREAS:** Currently the clauses up for amendment in Article V are listed as follows:

- 1.3. The following shall be considered Standing Committees of the Board
- 1.3.h. The Bethune Communications Committee
- 1.3.i. The Sponsorship Committee
- 2.2.a. Consist of at minimum, the President, Vice-President Finance (Chair), Executive Vice President, Head of the College or delegate, and four (4) General Members and the Director of Finance;



- 2.2.b. Oversee all BCC financial matters in the best interests of the Bethune College Council ensuring a balance of the books.
- 2.3.b. Plan, and organize and promote all BCC social and/or academic functions;
- 2.5.a. Consist of at minimum the Vice-President Athletics (Chair), the Bethune Athletic Committee Director of Operations, the Bethune Athletic Committee Director of Communications, the Bethune Athletic Committee Director of Promotions and the General and Senior Members of the Bethune Athletic Committee;
- 2.5.b. Promote and implement the Intramural Program in Norman Bethune College ensuring good sportsmanship and fair play by all participants.
- 2.6.d. Submit recommendations on expenditures and events for Social
- 2.7.c. Receive all proposals from the membership for revisions to the constitution and/or bylaws. The committee shall ensure that proposals are clearly presented, create no conflicts or inconsistencies within the governing documents, and include a clear and reasonable rationale. Any proposal for revision must be accompanied by a clear and reasonable rationale.
- 2.8.a. Consist of at minimum, the Vice-President Communications (Chair), The Promotion Director(s), the Promotion Assistants and four (4) general members;
- 2.8.c. Shall work in conjunction with the Bethune College Council as well as its various committees

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT:** The clauses shall be amended to:

- 1.3. The following shall be considered Standing Committees of the Council
- 1.3.h The Bethune Promotions and Advertisement Committee
- 1.3.i. The Clubs Committee
- 2.2.a Consist of at minimum, the President, Vice-President Finance (Chair), Executive Vice President, Head of the College or delegate, and four (4) General Members and the Director(s) of Finance
- 2.2.b Oversee all BCC financial matters in the best interests of the Bethune College Council and its constituents
- 2.3.b Plan, organize and promote all BCC social committee programming;



- 2.5.a Consist of at minimum the Vice-President Athletics (Chair), the Bethune Athletic Committee Operations, the Bethune Athletic Committee Communications, the Bethune Athletic Committee Promotions, and the Senior and General Members of the Bethune Athletic Committee;
- 2.5.b Promote and implement the Intramural Program in Bethune College as well as promote good sportsmanship and fair play by all participants.
- 2.6.d Submit recommendations on expenditures and events for Social Orientation
- 2.7.c Receive all proposals from the membership for revisions to the constitution and/or bylaws. The committee shall ensure that proposals are clearly presented, create no conflicts or inconsistencies within the governing documents, and include a clear and reasonable rationale.
- 2.8.a Consist of at minimum, The Promotion Director(s), the Promotion Associates and four (4) general members;
- 2.8.c. Shall work in conjunction with the other Standing Committees on BCC

**RESULTS:**

**FOR:**

**AGAINST:**

**ABSTAIN:**

**TITLE: BCC057 - Amendments for Article VI**

**MOVER: Masood Syed**

**SECONDER:**

**WHEREAS:** Currently the clauses up for amendment in Article VI are listed as follows:

- 1.1.a. General Meetings, are the responsibility of the Executive-Vice President
- 1.1.b. Other General Meetings, are the responsibility of the Executive-Vice President
- 2.2.b. The receipt of a requisition by the Speaker requesting such a meeting signed by one hundred (100) Members;
- 4.2.a. Posting signs in prominent locations throughout the College and Residence structures



- 4.2.b. Electronically through email to the Community
- 5.1. Each BCC Community member shall be entitled to one (1) vote at General Meetings.

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT:** The clauses shall be amended to:

- 1.1.a General Meetings, are the responsibility of the President
- 1.1.b Other General Meetings, are the responsibility of the President
- 2.2.b The receipt of a requisition by the Speaker requesting such a meeting signed by one hundred (100) Regular Members
- 4.2.a. Posting signs in prominent locations throughout the College
- 4.2.b. Electronically through email to the Community and through all appropriate BCC affiliated social media accounts
- 5.1 Each Regular Member shall be entitled to one (1) vote at General Meetings

**RESULTS:**

**FOR:**

**AGAINST:**

**ABSTAIN:**

**TITLE: BCC058 - Amendments for Article VIII**

**MOVER: Masood Syed**

**SECONDER:**

**WHEREAS:** Currently the clauses up for amendment in Article VIII are listed as follows:

- 2.3.e. Failure to attend two (2) consecutive regular meetings without advance notice;
- 2.9. . If a member of council is successfully recalled, then the potential honoraria for that member shall be forfeit and a by-election shall be called for (refer to Bylaw 3)
- 2.11. Upon receipt of a petition signed by two percent (2%) of the Regular Members of the Community, any member may be put to a recall vote. Before voting, the BCC shall summon the person(s) concerned to explain and clarify the



matter and witnesses may be called. If successfully recalled, a by-election shall be called for (refer to Bylaw 3);

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT:** The clauses shall be amended to:

- 2.3.e Failure to attend two (2) consecutive regular meetings without advance notice to the Speaker
- 2.9 If a member of council is successfully recalled , then the potential honoraria for that member shall be forfeit and a by-election shall be called for if applicable (refer to Bylaw 3)
- 2.11 Upon receipt of a petition signed by two percent (2%) of the Regular Members of the Community, any member may be put to a recall vote. Before voting, the BCC shall summon the person(s) concerned to explain and clarify the matter and witnesses may be called. If successfully recalled, a by-election shall be called for if applicable (refer to Bylaw 3)

**RESULTS:**

**FOR:**

**AGAINST:**

**ABSTAIN:**

**TITLE: BCC059 - Change Council Meeting with Regular Meeting**

**MOVER: Masood Syed**

**SECONDER:**

**WHEREAS:** Bi-Weekly meetings of Council are referred to as “Council Meeting” in the Constitution.

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT:** These meetings shall be referred to as “Regular Meeting”.

**RESULTS:**

**FOR:**

**AGAINST:**

**ABSTAIN:**

**TITLE: BCC060 - Amendments for Article X**



**MOVER: Masood Syed**

**SECONDER:**

**WHEREAS:** Currently the clauses up for amendment in Article X are listed as follows:

- 4.2.d. A meeting of the Bethune Communications Committee.
- 4.5. A notice shall be given to the Council when a policy is repealed, reinstated, or amended at a meeting of the Bethune Communications Committee
- 4.7. Policies passed, repealed, or amended at a meeting of the Council may only be repealed, reinstated, or amended at another meeting of the Board, or a General Meeting for a period of one (1) semester.

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT:** The clauses shall be amended to:

- 4.2.d. A meeting of the Bethune Promotions and Advertisement Committee.
- 4.5 A notice shall be given to the Council when a policy is repealed, reinstated, or amended at a meeting of the Bethune Promotions and Advertisement Committee
- 4.7 Policies passed, repealed, or amended at a meeting of the Council may only be repealed, reinstated, or amended at another Regular Meeting, or a General Meeting for a period of one (1) semester.

**RESULTS:**

**FOR:**

**AGAINST:**

**ABSTAIN:**

**TITLE: BCC061 - Changing Bethune Communications Committee to Bethune Promotions and Advertisement Committee**

**MOVER: Masood Syed**

**SECONDER:**

**WHEREAS:** The committee is currently named “Bethune Communications Committee”.

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT:** The committee shall be renamed “Bethune Promotions and Advertisement Committee.

**RESULTS:**

**FOR:**



**AGAINST:**

**ABSTAIN:**

**TITLE: BCC062 - Removing Redundancy**

**MOVER: Yashna Manek**

**SECONDER:**

**WHEREAS:** Article III Section 1.9. is the same as Article IV Section 2.2.

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT:** Article IV Section 2.2. shall be removed from the constitution due to redundancy.

**RESULTS:**

**FOR:**

**AGAINST:**

**ABSTAIN:**

**TITLE: BCC063 - Adding in Roles for Executive Members of Council**

**MOVER: Yashna Manek**

**SECONDER:**

**WHEREAS:** Currently the President has three roles listed in Article III Section 2 and the Executive Vice-President has four roles listed in Article III Section 3.

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT:** The following roles shall be added to Article III:

- 2.4. The President, in conjunction with the outgoing President, shall organize at least one joint meeting of the outgoing Council and Council elect following the elections
- 3.2. Manage the hiring process and training of the incoming Council

Article IV Section 6.5. shall be deleted to prevent redundancy with the new Article III Section 2.4.

**RESULTS:**

**FOR:**

**AGAINST:**

**ABSTAIN:**





**TITLE: BCC064 - Removal of Article IV Section 3.5.**

**MOVER: Yashna Manek**

**SECONDER:**

**WHEREAS:** Article IV Section 3.5. lists the positions that should not be allowed to be split between members.

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT:** Article IV Section 3.5. shall be removed as it is made redundant due to Section 3.4. and 3.7.

**RESULTS:**

**FOR:**

**AGAINST:**

**ABSTAIN:**

**TITLE: BCC065 - Addition of Secret Ballot Vote**

**MOVER: Yashna Manek**

**SECONDER:**

**WHEREAS:** Article IV Section 4.5. states that votes shall be cast by a public show of hands and counted by the Speaker and/or Secretary.

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT:** The clause “The only exception to this rule is when an in-camera vote is called, in which case the Speaker and/or Secretary shall only reveal the result of the vote” shall be added in as Article IV Section 4.5.a.

**RESULTS:**

**FOR:**

**AGAINST:**

**ABSTAIN:**

**TITLE: BCC066 - Addition to Article VII**

**MOVER: Yashna Manek**

**SECONDER:**



**WHEREAS:** Article VII covers the Bethune SOS recognition and the relationship it holds with the BCC

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT:** The clause “The Academic Representative will ensure that the BCC receives an SOS report outlining where and how the funds were used, by the end of each academic year” shall be added in as Article VII Section 3

**RESULTS:**

**FOR:**

**AGAINST:**

**ABSTAIN:**

**TITLE: BCC067 - Removal and Amendment for Article VIII**

**MOVER: Yashna Manek**

**SECONDER:**

**WHEREAS:** Article VIII Section 2 talks about recall of Council Members. Currently the recall requirement is simple majority for hired Council Members and two-thirds majority for elected Council Members.

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT:** Article VIII Section 2.2. shall be removed and Section 2.1. shall be amended to “Council may, for any reason(s) it considers appropriate, recall a Member of Council. A motion of impeachment for any elected or hired position must be passed by a two-thirds majority vote of those present and voting”.

**RESULTS:**

**FOR:**

**AGAINST:**

**ABSTAIN:**

## **5. OTHER BUSINESS**

## **6. ADJOURNMENT**

Moved by:

Seconded by:



## 7. MINUTES

Note: Minutes are not verbatim.

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Meeting Adjourned: \_\_\_ p.m.