

VANIER COLLEGE COUNCIL

Date: Monday, September 23rd 2024 | Time: 5:00 pm | Room# VC 120

1.0 WELCOME

1. CALL TO ORDER

Meeting was called to order at: 5:03 pm

Moved by: Dua Siddiqui

Seconded by: Juaria Mohamed

In Favour: 6 Against: 0 Abstain: 0

1.2 ROLL CALL

COUNCIL MEMBERS

VOTING MEMBERS		EX-OFFICIO MEMBERS	
Excellva Addow	President	Vandria Hepburn	Speaker
*Vacant	Chief of Administration (Interim)	Vandria Hepburn	Chief Returning Officer
*Vacant	VP Academic & External Affairs	Eric Kennedy	Office of the Head
Moyosola Fajemirokun	VP Finance		
Gemner Sandoval Fuentes	VP Media & Promotions		
Dua Siddiqui & Leah Nicholas	Orientation Chair		
*Vacant	VP Social/Cultural (Interim)		
*Vacant	Director of Finance		
*Vacant	Director of Media and Promotions (Interim)		

*Vacant	Director of Outreach	
Amira Moses	Director of Social/Cultural	
*Vacant	Chair of Athletics (Interim)	
*Vacant	Vice-Chair Athletics	
*Vacant	Commuter Representative (Interim)	
*Vacant	Resident Representative	
*Vacant	First Year Representatives	
*Vacant	First Year Representatives	
Juaría Mohamed	YFS Representative	

LATE REPORTS SUBMITTED:

REGRETS SUBMITTED:

ABSENT: Leah Nicholas

1.3 ACCEPT TODAY'S AGENDA

Moved by: Juaría Mohamed

Seconded by: Gemner Sandoval Fuentes

In Favour: 6 Against: 0 Abstention: 0

2.0 SPEAKER'S REMARKS

- The minutes missed (August 12th, 16th, 22nd, and September 13th) will be included in the agenda of the upcoming meeting.

3.0 OLD BUSINESS

- O-week prizes

4.0 NEW BUSINESS

4.1 President

4.1.2 Montreal

- Excellva Addow stated that Vanier will not attend Montreal with Schulich despite our efforts. She later expressed her gratitude to Juaria Mohamed for assisting with the planning of the trip. Excellva also broke down the expenses for the trip, the expectations of the number of participants, security, and buses.
- Excellva mentioned that McLaughlin (Mac) College reached out to her for a proposal to collaborate with the trip, however, our expected timelines do not match theirs
- Moyosola Fajemirokun raised a question on a change in the dates and a discussion began on the different weather conditions that play a significant role in the date chosen for Vanier's Montreal trip, as well as the excitement we have already seen regarding the expected ticket purchases.
- Excellva additionally stated that the council is required to fulfill their duties throughout the trip as well as during the preparation.

4.1.2 Welcome Week Recap

- Excellva Addow stated the importance of attendance in regards to events. She expressed that because the council consists of only a few members we must do our best to show up for as many events as we can to make up for the lack.
- Excellva mentioned to the council members hosting events that it is necessary to have a contingency plan and be fully prepared for any outcomes, good or bad.

4.1.3 Fall Elections

- Excellva Addow stated the date of the Election Period and stressed the importance of attendance and punctuality during scheduled office hours. She encouraged everyone to promote the elections and remain unbiased throughout the election process because we are first Council Members.
- Excellva also reiterated the rules of the election, mainly the campaigning period in regards to Vanier-affiliated spaces.

4.1.4 Outreach/Philanthropic Ideas

- Excellva Addow expressed that we were unable to host any outreach events during the month of September, however for October, we will be hosting a clothing drive. The donations for said clothing drive will take place prior to reading week, everyone will have a maximum weight limit of 10 pounds, and the clothing drive will be held after reading week.
- Excellva shared that the purpose of the clothing drive is to give others the opportunity to clear out summer items they no longer need. She also stated that the funds we make from the event will be donated and all the leftover clothing items will be given to a shelter.

4.1.5 Social Cultural Expectations

4.1.6 Athletics Update

- Excellva Addow expressed that the council is encouraged to make up for missing participants (if any) in Vanier's team throughout intramurals.

4.1.7 October Planning

- Excellva Addow expressed that October is Breast Cancer Awareness month and that council members are encouraged to wear pink on Wednesdays for awareness. Excella also stated that she met informally with the President of United Caribbean Islands (UCI) in regards to possibly hosting a panel to spread more awareness on Breast Cancer.

- Juaria suggested selling food during the Breast Cancer Awareness panel and donating all proceeds to an organization in support of them.
- Excellva also mentioned that Library Month is September but will be recognized during October or November and throughout this time we will sell items or inform the community about various libraries and the services provided, etc. Juaria also expressed that she will aid wherever she can.
- Additionally, Excellva encouraged council members to plan out the month of October regarding events etc, and to use the VCC Calendar that Gemner created to ensure everyone is accurately updated.

4.1.8 Council Procedure

- Excellva Addow stressed the importance of informing the VP Finance well in advance of any purchases that need to be made regarding upcoming events and that this has been mentioned on multiple occasions. She stated that booking out spaces and scheduling are vital to ensure a smooth and successful event.
- Excellva also expressed that comments that are not constructive should not be made, as they discourage the progress of the council and the work being done.

4.2 YFS Representative

4.2.1 YorkFest Events

- Juaria Mohamed informed the council of the events that will be held throughout YorkFest and encouraged everyone to show up and support.

4.2.2 Redpack Program

- Juaria stated that the Redpack program is for those "... looking to build a strong community, forge meaningful friendships, and make a positive impact..." It is a volunteer program and more information on it can be found on the YFS Instagram or website page. She also encouraged members to join as it is a great opportunity.

4.3 VP Media & Promotions *Addition to the Agenda*

4.3.1 Deadlines

- Gemner Sandoval Fuentes stated that the graphics request form will be enforced moving forward and the graphics requests must be submitted two weeks ahead of the event.
- Moyosola Fajemirokun requested clarification on the Media and Promos committee and Gemner explained that he hired two volunteer positions (Social Media Director and Graphic Design Assistant) to aid in ensuring that all of Vanier's social media platforms are updated appropriately and also to assist with any flyers or promos to be made.

5. Motions/Additions/Resolutions

5.1. Ratification of Council Budget

- Vanier College motions payment of prizes for O-Week 1 \$150 gift card and an iPad costing \$550 (tax included)

Moved by: Juaria Mohamed

Seconded by: Gemner Sandoval Fuentes

In Favour: 6 Against: 0 Abstain: 0

5.2. Ratification of Council Budget

- Vanier College motions the budget sheet for Montreal, the maximum budget is \$45,000.00 (Forty- Five Thousand Dollars).

Moved by: Juaria Mohamed

Seconded by: Moyosola Fajemirokun

In Favour: 6 Against: 0 Abstain: 0

6. Adjournment

- Adjourn meeting @ 5:37 pm

Moved by: Juaria Mohamed

Seconded by: Moyosola Fajemirokun

In Favour: 6 Against: 0 Abstention: 0

Reports

President- Excellva Addow

1. Attended September 23rd council meeting
2. Continued to plan Montreal
3. Reached out to other colleges regarding Halloween
4. Continued to promote elections
5. Registered teams
6. Had a meeting with CRO regarding election timeline and expectation

Director Social Cultural Affairs- Amira Moses

1. Read Sept 23 Meeting Agenda
2. Read Aug 12, Aug 16, Aug 22, Sept 13 Meeting Minutes
3. Attended Weekly Meeting
4. Emailed Mtl clubs
5. Scheduling a meeting for Social Subcommittee
6. Contacted Student Centre for Break Room
7. Updated Google Calendar

YFS Representative- Juaria Mohamed

1. Attended Council Meeting on Sept 23
2. Continued Helping Plan Montreal (Reached Out to MTL Clubs)

3. Attended my scheduled time for Vanier's Office Hours on Thursday September 26th (11:30-2:30)

Speaker- Vandria Hepburn

1. Created Agenda and sent it out
2. Chaired September 23rd meeting
3. Recorded and completed minutes for September 13th meeting
4. Recorded minutes for September 23 meeting
5. Completed office hours for the week
6. Assisted media and promos to promote the election period
7. Had a meeting with the President for what's expected in the CRO's position
8. Assisted with nomination package etc
9. Attended soccer 7v7 intramural to support Vanier Team

Vice President Media & Promotions- Gemner Sandoval Fuentes

1. meet/ introduced media and promos team.
2. mtl designs for tickets
3. elections promos
4. office hours

Vice President Finance- Moyosola Fajemirokun

Nothing to report

Orientation Chair – Dua Siddiqui

1. Attended meeting
2. Read minutes