

VANIER COLLEGE COUNCIL

Date: Monday, November 11th 2024 | Time: 5:00 pm | Room# VC 120

1.0 WELCOME

1. CALL TO ORDER

Meeting was called to order at: 5:06 pm

Moved by: Juaria Mohamed

Seconded by: Tenda Kiggundu

In Favour: 11 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	Vandria Hepburn	Chief Returning Officer
Teija Charles	VP Academic & External Affairs	Eric Kennedy	Office of the Head
Moyosola Fajemirokun	VP Finance		
Gemner Sandoval Fuentes	VP Media & Promotions		
*Vacant	Orientation Chair		
*Vacant	VP Social/Cultural		
Davidson Ajay	Director of Finance		
Tenda Kiggundu	Director of Media and Promotions		

Sofia Savoiaro	Director of Outreach	
Amira Moses	Director of Social/Cultural	
Fadzai Katsenga	Chair of Athletics	
Aneesh Rishi	Vice-Chair Athletics	
Naina Puri	Commuter Representative	
*Vacant	Resident Representative	
Ishrak Nafiun Islam	First Year Representative	
*Vacant	First Year Representative	
Juarria Mohamed	YFS Representative	

LATE REPORTS SUBMITTED: Fadzai Katsenga, Naina Puri, Amira Moses

REGRETS SUBMITTED: (1) Davidson Ajay

ABSENT:

1.3 ACCEPT TODAY'S AGENDA

Moved by: Juarria Mohamed

Seconded by: Moyosola Fajemirokun

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2.0 SPEAKER'S REMARKS

-Vandria Hepburn apologized that the meeting minutes were not sent yet and as a result they as well as the one for this meeting will be accepted in the coming week.

-Vandria also mentioned a 3-minute cap per item for each person moving forward

3.0 OLD BUSINESS

4.0 NEW BUSINESS

4.1 President

4.1.1 November 19th Tabling

- Excellva Addow reminded council that we will be tabling from 10 am – 4 pm, she explained the process of tabling, and what's to be expected (providing information on location of office, upcoming events, council etc).

4.1.2 LAPS President Meeting on the 20th

- Excellva Addow stated that she has an upcoming meeting discussing how LAPS can better help its constituents, she opened the floor to any suggestions that should be addressed at said meeting.
Feel free to text Excellva with any suggestions/opinions.

4.1.3 November event (Rage Room)

- Excellva Addow firstly expressed gratitude to our VP Media & Promotions for raising this idea. She went into the dynamics of this event; it will be held in the athletics room, and the room will need to be cleared out, pricing of the event will be discussed shortly, promotion is needed, and it will be held on November 25th.
- Amira Moses raised a question on whether participants can rage in groups as well as how the process of entering the rooms will occur. Excellva responded, that the maximum time allotted for a single person is 10 minutes, it will be done individually (max 2), waivers must be signed, and more information will be given once confirmed.

4.1.4 Anti-O (Nov 25th Tentative Date)

- Excellva Addow reminded council of the upcoming training and updated us on the dates as well of location. Confirmation of both will be sent closer to the date.

4.1.5 Renovation Update

- Excellva Addow shared the progress of renovation planning; both the office and lounge will be getting new flooring (vinyl/carpet vinyl), and she reminded council to practice cleanliness and be respectful of shared spaces especially during renovations.
- Fadzai Katsenga raised a question if council will be clearing out items that are currently in the lounge, which Excellva responded, that leading up to December as many council members are needed to move items in the renovation areas and that more details regarding this will be sent out closer to the confirmed renovation date.

4.1.6 Office Hours

- Excellva Addow reiterated the requirement of office hours for each member as per the constitution. She shared that during office hours members can do any task they desire once they are physically present and alert during their scheduled times. Excellva also expressed that only council members should be sitting behind the desk.

4.2 VP Academic & External Affairs

4.2.1 Events for Exam Prep/De-stressor Weeks

- Teija Charles shared her ideas for the month of November as exam season is

approaching, she will collaborate with the Director of Outreach, where she will create motivational pamphlets and or online resources for students to use. She expressed her plans for a sip & paint with mugs as well and will give more information once details are finalized.

- Teija Charles also mentioned creating more study spaces specifically for Vanier constituents as the common areas are usually occupied during this season. Within these spaces she will provide small refreshments and or games during the students break from studying. Teija then opened the floor to any suggestions or concerns
- Excellva Addow asked about a possibility of hosting a puppy fair as a de-stressor. Teija noted the suggestions and will be in contact with other organizations to find out more information.

4.3 Director Media & Promotions

4.3.1 Council photoshoot updates

- Tenda Kiggundu stated that the idea of the photoshoot is “Office Core” and the shoot will take place in the elevator. She will send inspirations in the group chat soon. The photoshoot will take place on November 25th, and she will like everyone’s outfit ideas sent to her by Monday, November 18th.

4.4 Director of Outreach

4.4.1 Mental Health Mural

- Sofia Savoiaro shared that the idea for this mural is to allow everyone to leave motivational messages on a board regarding men’s mental health, which will run from November 18th – 21st.
- Gemner Sandoval Fuentes reiterated the deadlines for graphic request for all events

4.4.2 Self-Care Event

- Sofia Savoiaro stated that this event will hold stations such as nail painting, henna stations, coloring and will run as a fundraiser where entry is \$2 (cash and E-transfer). Sofia also shared that there will also be an opportunity for 2 top donors who will have a chance to pie a council member, and this event will take place on the November 26th.

4.4.3 Men’s Mental Health Discussion Space

- Sofia Savoiaro mentioned that this event is not only for male identifying individuals, but for anyone who is interested to join. The event will be a space where anyone can come to share their art, talk about mental health etc. Sofia also mentioned collaborating with the Commuter Representative and this event will take place on November 28th.
- Excellva Addow shared that when booking out a space for an event outside of the office and the First Student Center, booking will have to be done through TUUS (Temporary Use of University Space) which may take up to 15 business days.
- Excellva questioned how other council members will be scheduled in during this week, Sofia shared that if available she would like as many council members

present. With Excellva's and Gemner's suggestion, she will send a google form for council members to state their availability as well as a layout to ensure everyone is on the same page.

- Excella also questioned how she will ensure that the topics at this event remain centered about men's mental health and Sofia shared that she would set rules at the beginning of the event.
- Excellva reminded council that one of their duties on council is to attend Vanier events.
- Gemner Sandoval Fuentes reminded everyone to be mindful of the spaces they choose to rent out regarding turnout to ensure there's sufficient and appropriate media coverage for his committee.
- Tenda Kiggundu questioned the structure for the event to ensure that it's a welcome an opening space where individuals feel comfortable to share and suggested including anonymous boxes and or areas to submit pieces.
- Amira Moses questioned how a safe space will be ensured for individuals. Sofia shared an idea to dim the lights as well as allowing another option for possibly a male host and she is open to all ideas.
- Juaria Mohamed raised a general question on sending regrets and who to send it to, in response, regrets will be sent either to the Speaker or the individual holding the event.

4.5 YFS Representative

4.5.1 YFS Mental Health Awareness Week

- Juaria Mohamed made council aware of the activities happening throughout next week such as; Community Food Kitchen (Nov 18th 12pm), Community Connect & Reflect (Nov 18th 3 – 5pm), Yap & Color (Nov 19th 2 – 4pm), Paint & Sip (Nov 19th 5:30-7:30pm), Melt The Stress Away (Nov 20th 3:30 – 5pm), Drop In Pet Therapy (Nov 21st 11-12pm), Feelings May Arise: Journaling Workshop (Nov 21st 12:30 – 4:30 pm), Dance Workshop (12 -3:30 pm). She encouraged everyone to follow YFS official Instagram page @yfslocal68.

4.5.2 YFS AGM

- Juaria Mohamed encouraged all council members to attend the Annual General Meeting on Thursday, November 28th at ACE Room#102 at 5:00 pm. During this meeting, everyone will have the opportunity to receive updates from their representatives, and a chance to submit and vote on motions to determine the direction and stance of student union. This event will also be a way to hold YFS accountable with any stance one might have.

5. Motions/Additions/Resolutions

5.1 Camera Mode

Motion to enter camera mode

Moved by: Juaria Mohamed

Seconded by: Gemner Sandoval Fuentes

In Favour: 12 Against: 0 Abstention: 0

Camera Mode

Motion to exit camera mode

Moved by: Fadzai Katsenga

Seconded by: Juaria Mohamed

In Favour: 12 Against: 0 Abstention: 0

5.2 Additions

5.2.1 President

Hiring

- Excellva Addow opened a discussion on behalf of the hiring team regarding the possibility of two Directors of Social/Cultural Affairs rather than one, with the position of VP Social/Cultural remaining vacant. She expressed that if accepted, another director will greatly aid our current one to balance responsibilities.
- After an in-depth discussion among council members a decision was made to hire two persons for the position of Director Social/Cultural Affairs

5.2.2 VP Finance

Budget Deadlines

- Moyosola Fajemirokun reiterate the deadline for budget meetings and to update each positions budget as new ideas and events come to fruition.
- Fadzai Katsenga clarified the deadline to change budgets, Moyosola confirmed that budgets should be changed at least 2 weeks before the event and Excellva also reiterated that budgets should be made at the beginning of each month and after it is motioned it should be final.

6. Adjournment

- Adjourn meeting @6:09 pm

Moved by: Juaria Mohamed

Seconded by: Gemner Sandoval Fuentes

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Reports

President- Excellva Addow

- Attended cross college meeting

- Had meeting with Calumet for frost week
- Spoke to Stong and New College representatives ahead of frost week
- Checked pricing for Canlan ahead of frost week
- Confirmed pricing for Rage Room Event
- Attended meeting
- Attended office hours
- Had meeting with facilities for renovation
- Conducted hiring interviews
- Set up finance meeting
- Had transition meeting with Commuter Rep
- Hosted meeting with council members to speak on October 1x1

VP Academics & External Affairs- Teija Charles

- -Attended Chief of Administration Interviews
- -Submitted Agenda Items for Weekly VCC Meetings
- -Attended Office Hours
- -Organized a Space for Exam De-stressor Event #1
- -Contacted Different Pet Therapy Companies for Exam De-stressor Event #2
- -Contacted Vanier Office of the Head (Introduction)
- -Contacted Vanier Affiliated Clubs (Introduction / Meeting Requests)
- -Worked on Academic Budget
- -Worked on Academics Web Page

VP Finance- Moyosola Fajemirokun

- - council meeting
- -meeting 3 companies for merchandise printing
- - interview for chief of admin

- - budgets

VP Athletics- Fadzai Katsenga LATE

- Attended council meeting,
- met with Aneesh,
- worked on and completed athletics budget,
- was a part of chief of admin hiring committee,
- planned athletics committee,
- planned winter intramurals graphic,
- coordinated w Aneesh about tasks

Director of Social Cultural Affairs- Amira Moses- LATE

- - Booked Rooms for the Director of Outreach, Vp Academics and Commuter Rep
- - Viewed Ticket Rates and Accommodations for Blue Mountain
- - Attended Office Hours
- - Attended Weekly Meeting
- - Read Meeting Agenda

Director Media & Promotions- Tenda Kiggundu

- - Cleaned back office
- -Made graphic for men's mental health month

Director of Outreach- Sofia Savoiaro

- Attended meeting
- Figured out budget for event
- sent in agenda for next meeting
- booked room for event

Commuter Rep- Naina Puri – LATE

- Attended the monday meeting.
- Had my transition meeting.
- Did the word of the week.
- Held my office hours on Tuesday Wednesday and Thursday.
- Planned Cookie Crafting Corner event
- Submitted graphics request
- Planned Mindful Movember with Director Outreach

Speaker- Vandria Hepburn

- -Attended office hours
- -Completed respective forms in group chats
- -Created and sent out agenda
- -Chaired Nov 11th meeting
- -Recorded and completed meeting minutes

YFS Representative- Juaria Mohamed

- Attended Weekly Meeting
- Sent in Agenda Items
- Attended ‘Older’ Council Expectations/ Feedback Meeting

No reports submitted

- VP Media& Promotions- Gemner Sandoval Fuentes
- Director of Finance- Davidson Ajay
- Director of Athletics- Aneesh Rishi

- First year Rep- Ishrak NafiunIslam