

Board of Directors Meeting Agenda

York Federation of Students, Local 68 Canadian Federation of Students
Sunday, May 30, 2010 • Kempenfelt Conference Centre

<p>Board Members Present President, Krisna Saravanamuttu VP Operations, Steven Broadley VP Campus Life, Vanessa Hunt VP Equity, Yusuf Mohamed VP Campaigns & Advocacy, Darshika Selvasivam Arts Director, Siva Vimalachandran Atkinson Director, Ayesha Zubair Bethune Director, Shirin Founders Director, Divya Khurana Environmental Studies Director, Karan Jandoo Health Studies Director, Natalia Weiss Schulich Director, Gregory Kay Science & Engineering Director, Shahbaz Mir Stong Director, Danielle Boakye Vanier Director, Franklyn Earl-McFadden Winters Director, Aidan Todd-Parish Calumet Director, Monirul Pathan Fine Arts Director, Farah Tamachi Glendon Director, Jayson Henry</p> <p>YFS Staff Present Executive Director, Jeremy Salter Programming & Campus Life Coordinator, Osmel Maynes Renelle Als-Lee, Member Services Coordinator Ashkon Hashemi, Speaker of the Board</p> <p>Guests Gayle McFadden</p>	<p>Council Members Absent McLaughlin Director, Adam Clarke Osgoode Director, Burton Taylor Education Director, Marc Caporiccio</p> <p>Vacant Council Positions N/A</p>
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1.0 Call to Order

2.0 Roll Call

3.0 Approval of Agenda

Motion: YFS-B: 30/05/10-01 – Approval of Agenda

MOTION

Moved:

Seconded:

BE IT RESOLVED THAT agenda be approved as presented.

4.0 Appointment of Speaker

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Motion: YFS-B: 30/05/10-02 – Approval of Speaker

Motion

Moved:

Seconded:

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Ashkon Hashemi be appointed as speaker for the 2010/2011 Year

5.0 Speakers Remarks

6.0 Approval of Minutes

Motion: YFS-B: 30/05/10- 03 – Approval of minutes

MOTION

Moved:

Seconded:

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the May 22, 2010 minutes be approved

7.0 Ratification of YFS Board Secretary

Motion: YFS-B 30/05/10-04 – Ratification of YFS Board Secretary

MOTION

Moved:

Seconded:

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Steven Broadley be appointed as the YFS secretary for the 2010/2011 fiscal year.

8.0 Executive Committee Report

Motion: YFS-B: 30/05/10-05 – Approval of Speaker

MOTION

Moved:

Seconded:

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the May 2010 Executive Committee be accepted

9.0 Student Centre Representatives

Motion: YFS-B: 30/05/10-06– Student Centre Representatives

MOTION

Moved:

Seconded:

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Krisna Saravanamuttu, Darshika Selvasivam, Jeremy Salter, and Steven Broadley be appointed as the YFS representatives on the York University Student Centre Board of Directors

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10.0 Presidential Commissioner

Motion: YFS-B: 30/05/10-07 –Presidential Commissioner

MOTION Moved: Seconded:

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Canova Katuk be appointed as the YFS Presidential Commissioner

11.0 Operations Commissioner

Motion: YFS-B: 30/05/10-08 –Operations Commissioner

MOTION Moved: Seconded:

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Natalia Weiss be appointed as the YFS Vice President Operations Commissioner

12.0 Campaigns & Advocacy Commissioner

Motion: YFS-B: 30/05/10-09 –Campaigns & Advocacy Commissioner

MOTION Moved: Seconded:

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Siva Vimalachandran be appointed as the YFS Vice President Campaigns & Advocacy Commissioner

13.0 Campus Life Commissioner

Motion: YFS-B: 30/05/10-10 –Campus Life Commissioner

MOTION Moved: Seconded:

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Gayle McFadden be appointed as the YFS Vice President Campus Life Commissioner.

14.0 Equity Commissioner

Motion: YFS-B: 30/05/10-11 –Equity Commissioner

MOTION Moved: Seconded:

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Ayesha Zubair be appointed as the YFS Vice President Equity Commissioner

15.0 Budget

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Motion: YFS-B: 30/05/10-12 – Budget

MOTION Moved: Seconded:

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the 2010/2011 operating budget be adopted as presented

16.0 YFS Committees

For this section of the agenda the Board will select from amongst themselves members to sit on various sub committees. Please note the representatives for the Equity Committee are from the Community Service Groups.

17.1 Campaigns Committee

Motion: YFS-B: 30/05/10-13 – Campaigns Committee

MOTION Moved: Seconded:

Be it resolved that _____ and _____ be appointed to the Campaigns Committee

17.2 Clubs Committee

Motion: YFS-B: 30/05/10-14 – Clubs Committee

MOTION Moved: Seconded:

Be it resolved that _____ and _____ be appointed to the Clubs Committee

17.3 Constitution and By Laws Committee

Motion: YFS-B: 30/05/10-15 – Constitution and By Laws Committee

MOTION Moved: Seconded:

Be it resolved that _____ and _____ be appointed to the Constitution and By Laws Committee

17.4 Equity Committee

Motion: YFS-B: 30/05/10-16 – Equity Committee

MOTION Moved: Seconded:

Be it resolved that _____ and _____ be appointed to the Equity Committee

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17.5 Events Committee

Motion: YFS-B: 30/05/10-17 – Events Committee

MOTION Moved: Seconded:
Be it resolved that _____ and _____ be appointed to the Events Committee

17.6 Finance Committee

Motion: YFS-B: 30/05/10-18 – Finance Committee

MOTION Moved: Seconded:
Be it resolved that _____ and _____ be appointed to the Finance Committee

18.0 Health Plan Levy

Motion: YFS-B 30/05/10-19 Health Plan Levy

MOTION Moved: Seconded:

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the YFS Health and Dental Plan levy for 2010 be increased to a maximum of 15 percent; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the executive committee be empowered to negotiate modest plan improvements on behalf of the Board and set the fee accordingly.

19.0 Health Plan Reserve Account

Motion: YFS-B: 30/05/10-20 – Health Plan Reserve Account

MOTION Moved: Seconded:

BE IT RESOLVED THAT \$1,000,000 be allocated to the YFS Health Plan reserve account

20.0 Contingency Reserves

Motion: YFS-B: 30/05/10-21 – Contingency Reserves

MOTION Moved: Seconded:

BE IT RESOLVED THAT \$150,000 be allocated to the contingency reserve account

21.0 Opposition to Bill 94 (Quebec proposed legislation)

Motion: YFS-B: 30/05/10-22 – staff positions

MOTION Moved: Seconded:

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BE IT RESOLVED THAT the YFS oppose the adoption of proposed legislation Bill 94 in Quebec, which if approved, would deny essential government services, public employment, educational opportunities, and health care to Muslim women who wear the niqab (face veil); and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the executive committee be directed to send a letter of condemnation to the Premier of Quebec voicing the YFS' objections to the adoption of Bill 94.

22.0 Other Business

23.0 Adjournment

Motion: YFS-B: 21/06/09-23 – Adjournment

MOTION

Moved:

Seconded:

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the meeting adjourns.

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<p>Board Members Expected to Attend President, Krisna Saravanamuttu (present) VP Operations, Steven Broadley (present) VP Campus Life, Staci Peart (present) VP Equity, Zahran Khan (present) VP Campaigns & Advocacy, Darshika Selvasivam (present) Arts Director, Halgan Ahmed (present) Atkinson Director, Diana Radelesue (present) Bethune Director, Chinedu Mgadi (present) Founders Director, Divya Khurana (present) McLaughlin Director, David Ip Yam (present) Education Director, Prathusha Suresh (present) Science & Engineering Director, Shahbaz Mir (present) Glendon Director, Tamaisha Eytley (present) Health Studies Director, Natalia Weiss (present) Schulich Director, Daniel Ferman (present) Stong Director, Brendon Best (present) Vanier Director, Franklyn Earl-McFadden (present) Winters Director, Tom Cochrane (present) Calumet Director, Monirul Pathan (present) Fine Arts Director, Ray Mackenzie (present) Osgoode Director, Burton Taylor (present)</p> <p>YFS Staff Expected to Attend Executive Director, Jeremy Salter Programming & Campus Life Coordinator, Osmel Maynes</p> <p>Guests</p>	<p>Board Members Absent with Regrets Environmental Studies Director, Eqhilima Mahboob</p> <p>Vacant Board Positions</p>
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1.0 Call to Order

2.0 Roll Call

3.0 Approval of Speaker

Motion: YFS-B: 23/03/10-01 – Approval of Agenda

MOTION

Moved: Saravanamuttu Seconded: Peart

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Pablo Vivanco be approved as speaker.

Carried.

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4.0 Speaker's Remarks

Ashkon could not be here. Pablo Vivanco will be the chair for this meeting.

4.0 Approval of Agenda

Motion: YFS-B: 23/03/10-02 – Approval of Agenda

MOTION Moved: Saravanamuttu Seconded: Khan

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the agenda be approved as presented.

Carried.

5.0 Approval of Minutes

Motion: YFS-B: 23/03/10-03 – Approval of minutes

MOTION Moved: Broadley Seconded: Selvasivam

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the February Board meeting minutes be approved as presented.

Carried.

6.0 Chief Returning Officer's Electoral Report

Motion: YFS-B: 23/03/10-04 – Approval of Chief Returning Officer's Report

MOTION Moved: Saravanamuttu Seconded: Ip Yam

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Chief Returning Officer's Report be approved as presented.

Casey Chu Chong the Chief Returning Officer read out her report in full and answered questions.

Broadley makes a motion to amend current motion to read:

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Chief Returning Officer's Report be approved as presented and that the ballots be destroyed.

Moved by: Broadley Seconded by: Pathan

Carried.

Broadley: this is standard after an election is done and the results ratified through the Chief Returning officer's report.

Ferman: Should we not wait until the conclusion of the University's investigation?

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Broadley: The University is not investigating the results of the elections but the perceived fairness of the elections.

Saravanamuttu: The University also has no right to infringe upon the autonomy of student's union.

Ballot vote is called by Ferman. Roll Call vote is called by Broadley. Roll Call vote supercedes Ballot vote.

Voting is now on the motion:

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Chief Returning Officer's Report be approved as presented and that the ballots be destroyed.

18 in favour. 1 abstention, 2 against.

7.0 Revised Budget

Motion: YFS-B: 23/03/10-05– Approval of revised budget

MOTION Moved: Broadley Seconded: Ip Yam

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the revised budget be approved as presented.

Steven Broadley presents the budget as revised. This revised version better reflects spending patterns towards the end of the year.

Ferman: Why are you putting \$150,000 into reserve accounts?

Broadley: Our auditors advised us to create 6 months worth of money into a reserve account. If we were only to put \$50,000 into the reserve account it would take roughly 20 years to do what the auditors have advised us to do.

Carried.

8.0 Director Honorarium

Zahran Khan: Here are the Director Honorarium forms. Please get them in as soon as possible so I can process them in time.

9.0 Annual General Meeting Notification

The Annual General Meeting will be March 29th, 2010 at 4 pm.

Daniel Ferman: Jewish students will be unable to attend due to the religious holiday of Passover.

Zahran Khan: an alternate date will be set accordingly.

10.0 Other Business

None.

11.0 Adjournment

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Motion: YFS-B: 23/03/10-06 – Adjournment

MOTION

Moved: Khan

Seconded:

Peart

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the meeting be adjourned.

Carried.

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Meeting with incoming board members

The YFS President annually meets with incoming board members, new and old alike, to discuss the roles, responsibilities and rights of directors. It is also a great opportunity to discuss specific constituency issues and initiatives for the year, while also discussing how the executive can assist with director's priorities for the upcoming year. The YFS President has thus far met with the majority of incoming board members, and is looking forward to meeting with Directors on a regular basis throughout the academic year.

Student Code of Conduct Review Panel

Last year the YFS executive made nine recommendations to the President's Task Force on Student Life, Learning and Community. Seven of these nine recommendations were ultimately adopted in the Task Force's final recommendations to York University President & Vice-Chancellor Mamdouh Shoukri last summer. Subsequently, York University's Vice President Students, Robert J. Tiffin, struck a review panel this March with representation from administrators, staff, faculty, and students (the YFS President serves on the committee). One of the key recommendations the YFS made was revising the current student code of conduct to be less punitive in nature, and to focus more on mediation, restorative justice, and educational remedies. Wherever possible, the review panel is developing models that will be less formal in nature with a greater focus on mediation or educational remedies. Transparency in all levels of the process is an important priority that the YFS is seeking in the revised Code. The YFS also argued that in order to create an inclusive culture of mutual understanding, the code should be revised to include a student bill of fundamental rights and responsibilities.

The panel has met on a weekly basis since April, and has developed extensive revisions that include the establishment of a Peer Review Board (PRB). The PRB will consist of students from residence who will deal with issues within the residence. Another idea that is being proposed by the panel is shifting the responsibility of staff at the office of Student Conduct & Dispute Resolution from case presenters at University Tribunal hearings to support staff for both complainants and respondents. The work of the panel is expected to end in June. The YFS executive is hoping to bring a formal presentation on the revised Code of Conduct to the next board meeting to seek input from the Board and other concerned students.

Proposed Renovations to Stong and Winters Dining Halls

In the second semester it was revealed that the University planned on renovating both the Stong and Winters dining halls to create exclusive cafeterias operated by Aramark. The cafeterias would only be accessible to students purchasing and consuming food, who have to use a special meal card. A major concern with the proposed renovations is the loss of free and open student space in both of the dining hall. The YFS President attended a special town hall organized by the University, where while appreciating the

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university's attempts to have healthier food options, raised concerns about the loss of student space in both Winters and Stong College. Although the University decided to hold off on the renovation plans until attaining further community feedback.

Both the YFS President and the YFS VP Campus Life held a phone conference on Wednesday May 19 with Marie Rickard, Master of Winters College, to share our mutual concerns with the loss of student space. The YFS President and YFS Executive Director also met with York University's Vice-President Finance Gary Brewer on Thursday May 20 to discuss our concerns.

TTC Customer Satisfaction Advisory Panel

In March 2010 the YFS President was appointed to the TTC Customer Satisfaction Advisory Panel. The panel also enjoys representation from the city of Toronto, TTC workers, TTC management, the for-profit sector and the non-profit sector. A report from the Task Force is expected to come before the Toronto Transit Commission at the end of June. Thus far, the panel has spent time understanding the operations of the TTC; the panel has learned about a variety of topics from the training of employees in customer relations to the handling of complaints by TTC management. In addition, members of the panel have sought feedback from Torontonians at subway stations all across the city.

Furthermore, on Wednesday May 19 at 6pm in room G of the Ryerson Student Centre a student focus group was conducted. In addition to members of the panel who helped to facilitate break out groups, the meeting saw participation from student representatives from the following students' unions:

- University of Toronto Students' Union,
- University of Toronto Graduate Students' union,
- Ryerson Students' Union
- Continuing Education Student Association at Ryerson
- Sentenial College Student Federation at York
 - Glendon College Students' Union
- York Federation of Students
 - York University Graduate Students' Association

The focus group sought feedback from student representatives on a variety of topics related to customer satisfaction such as service, payment options, technology, and the use of space (i.e. bus stops, subway stations).

Meeting with Schulich VP Operations

The VP Operations of Schulich's Undergraduate Business Council approached the YFS seeking assistance concerning the relationship between the council and the administration. The relationship between the UBC and the Schulich administration has always been strained. The UBC has had difficulties providing a social atmosphere for

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their constituents because of the constraints that the administration has set on their programming. This has forced the UBC to take alternative measures in order to provide their constituents with a well rounded university experience. This has led to inconsistencies with finances and further strained their relationship with the administration. The Schulich administration has withheld the UBC levy and has forced the UBC to use the sponsorship funding they received in order to hold the few events that were held during the 2009-2010 academic year.

This year there has been a conscientious effort from the UBC to follow proper procedures set by the University for event planning. The UBC has been attending York University Orientation Director's Association (YODA) meetings, filling out detailed paper work for proposed events, and communicating with the administration about their goals for the academic school year. The administration on the other hand has amplified their resistance to working with the UBC and placed further constraints on their activities. They have set the dates for Social Orientation outside of the College Council Frosh Week which prevents the UBC from participating in joint events. The administration is also preventing UBC from travelling off campus for their Orientation Week despite the UBC following all YODA procedures for Orientation Events. In addition the UBC is not allowed to use the Schulich or "UBC" name to promote their events unless the event is approved by the administration.

The YFS VP Campus Life and the YFS VP Campaigns and Advocacy will be taking the lead in developing a strategy to assist the UBC in dealing with this situation. One of the possibilities is developing a campaign and a petition in order to make UBC "For Students by Students". Currently, research is being done to review the legal rights to the UBC name. In order to strengthen their argument for an improved social atmosphere at Schulich, the UBC has been encouraged to look up the NSSE (National Survey on Student Engagement) to show how low York's rankings are on the student experience. Further communication and development on this project will be done through the YFS VP Campus Life and the YFS VP Campaigns and Advocacy.

Pride Committee

The Pride Committee has met to discuss the recent developments in the parade this year. The university has decided not to sponsor Pride this year so the YFS and TBLGAY at York have committed to being sponsors.

This year, York's theme for the float will be "Don't cut us out, we belong". This theme was developed to relate to the overall theme for Pride 2010 (We belong) and the concept of society cutting the gay/lesbian/trans community out (Stephen Harper cutting funding to Pride, preventing gay men from donating blood, etc.). Various sub-committees have also been set up in order to cover all areas of preparation for Pride without overloading the entire committee. These include: Volunteer/Outreach, Float Design, Swag, and Fundraising.

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The committee also met on Thursday May 20th to develop what actions need to be taken within the next two weeks while the Executive Team is out of the office due to its involvement at the CFS National AGM and the YFS Board Retreat. Any board members interested in sitting on the committee can contact the VP Operations at vpoperations@yfs.ca.

Upcoming Events

Preparations for the 2010 Yorkfest Welcome Week are underway. This year the YFS will be combining efforts and finances with the York University Student Centre. The theme for this year's Yorkfest Welcome Week is "Get up, Stand up". The Frosh Kits this year will include a T-shirt, pen, lanyard, water bottle, clipboard, and notebook. The designs for this year kits and t-shirts have been completed and submitted to the company for printing.

The YFS is also preparing for upcoming events for the summer which include the Toronto Argonauts home opener and a possible World Cup event, both of which would occur in July. The events committee will begin meeting regularly in the summer to prep for the year's events and for Welcome Week. Any board member interested in sitting on the committee should contact the VP Campus Life at vpcampuslife@yfs.ca

Anti-Oppression Training

The delivery of the Anti-Oppression training is the responsibility of the YFS VP Equity, and was developed by the YFS VP Equity and YFS Student Rights & Support Services Coordinator in 2008. At our annual Board Retreat we make sure that all of our executives, staff, and directors undergo this training. This ensures that we are all able to respect one another and work together cohesively as a unit that promotes inclusivity. The goal of this training is to raise awareness about power and privilege in society as well as equity and human rights.

Every year along with the rest of the YFS executives, the Vice President Equity delivers Anti-Oppression training to the College Council Frosh Bosses. We found that by offering them this training they were better equipped to deal with the diverse crowd of incoming students with regards to creating a safe, positive, and inclusive environment. The YFS President, YFS VP Campaigns, YFS VP Equity, and YFS Student Rights & Support Services Coordinator met on Wednesday May 19 to discuss our plans for once again delivering anti-oppression training for frosh boss leaders. The YFS also collaborates with the Centre of Human Rights, Student Community & Leadership Development, and York Orientation Director's Association on Anti-Oppression training to ensure that all frosh boss leaders are trained.

Respecting Inclusivity & Awareness Tutorial

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The Respecting Inclusivity & Awareness Tutorial is a pilot project that is currently being developed and being put together by the Associate Vice-President (Academic Learning Initiatives), Centre for Human Rights, and the Master of Calumet College, and the YFS. After sitting through one meeting it seems clear that our goal is to implement this training as either a quiz or some type of assessment that is mandatory and done through coursework (Academic Integrity Tutorial). The only concerns that the administration has with this is that implementing the tutorial campus-wide and making it mandatory is apparently “unrealistic” and “very complex”. Nonetheless, we believe that it can be done and that it needs to be done in order to make students more aware of issues of racism, bias, discrimination, stereotypes, dominant groups, etc. on and off of our campus.

The administration also seems like they would rather cater to the students in college councils, residence, and the ones who attend frosh week. However, we realize that this is a commuter school and that majority of the population does not fit into those categories. Therefore, making this tutorial mandatory campus-wide would be the best way to ensure that all students are able to help create an environment of understanding and mutual respect.

Clubs Services

This year the YFS Executives decided to introduce a new service for clubs. The YFS purchases a large amount of SWAG for Welcome Week every year and because we order so much we get a drastically reduced price. We decided to open up this discount by offering clubs the ability to order SWAG through the Canadian Federation of Students bulk purchasing. Each club was eligible for \$600 in SWAG. The set up charges and taxes were taken care of by the YFS. The deadline for applications for this service was May 17th, 2010 at 4 pm. A total of 34 clubs took advantage of this offer.

CUPE 1281 Union Training

The staff of the YFS are unionized under CUPE 1281. There tends to be new Executives in the office with no knowledge of how to work as management in a unionized work environment. This is the reason why CUPE organizes a day to train the incoming Executives. The Collective Agreements were reviewed with highlights on the grievance process and why CA's exist in the first place. This was also done in conjunction with the Executives from the University of Toronto Students Union and the Ryerson Students Union.

Sexual Assault Notification Campaign

For the 20th Year Anniversary Commemoration of the Montreal Massacre, the YFS worked with the Take Back Our Campus coalition. The coalition put forward a petition,

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to call on President Shoukri to provide alerts on Sexual Assaults through the Electronic Emergency Notification Boards which are usually printed on sheets of paper and taped on walls. On the basis that Sexual Assaults are emergencies too, the coalition collected 900 petition signatures on December 6th, 2009. The coalition delivered the petition signatures to the senior administration, where members of the coalition spoke about the need to recognize sexual assaults as an emergency situation (just as weather conditions are recognized as emergencies). Administration agreed to uphold the demands of the petition and institute the sexual assault alerts on the emergency notification board system.

Following the violent sexual assault of a 20-year old woman, on her way to 500 Murray Ross from the York University Keele Campus the YFS issued a press release. In the press release, the YFS called for the University Administration to release the METRAC Safety Audit for immediate implementation. The Universities internal auditor and the President's Administrative Assistant are Administrative Representatives on USAC (University Safety Audit Committee) and have been delaying the audit process. YFS representatives also sit on USAC and have been extremely vocal about the need to release the report, despite the Administrative Representatives reluctance to release it publicly. All members of USAC are bound to not discuss the findings of the report through a confidentiality agreement.

Canadian Federation of Students – Ontario Executive Committee Meeting

From Friday, May 7th-Sunday, May 9th, 2010 the YFS VP Campaigns & Advocacy attended the CFS-ON Executive Meeting. At the meeting, with ON-Executive Committee Members (ON-ECM) discussed issues faced on their respective campus and provided feedback on how students could work together. It became very evident that issues like safety & security and students' union autonomy are not isolated to one school and are universal. The ON-ECM struck working groups to move forward on campaigns, based on the directives provided from the plenary of the last CFS-ON AGM.

Break out sessions were also conducted to improve existing services (i.e. bulk purchasing websites) and how to move forward and collaborate on campaigns (i.e. transit in Ontario). ON-ECM had a discussion around the next steps in the campaign for affordable and accessible education. It was recognized that we need to continue to mobilize a Provincial campaign to address the issue of OSAP reforms and the debt that OSAP perpetuates. However, the ON-ECM also recognized that because Ontario has the highest tuition fees in the Country, meant that there needed to be a federally directed campaign in order to recognize the relationship provincial and federal funding models for post-secondary education. The members agreed that we would bring this discussion to the next CFS-National meeting.

Bottle Water Free Campus

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In the movement for sustainability on Campuses, 6 campuses in Canada have successfully phased out bottled water. At York and on campuses across Canada, we continue to see an increased presence of bottled water and reductions of available public drinking water sources like water fountains. According to research by the Polaris Institute, the bottled water industry is less regulated than municipal water systems, consumes more energy and releases more harmful toxins into the environment than tap water.

The campaign for a bottle water free campus has been launched in collaboration with the Sierra Youth Coalition, Polaris Institute and Canadian Federation of Students. In order to launch the Campaign and make York a Bottled Water Free Campus, orientation swag water bottles will have a call out for volunteers and the York Campus to commit to drinking public water. On Friday May 14 the YFS VP Campaigns participated in a nationwide Polaris Institute conference call with fellow students' union representatives. The discussion revolved around how different students' unions were able to pressure their campus administrations to ban the sale of bottled water, and also discussed how the campaign could be promoted through orientation material.