

# VANIER COLLEGE COUNCIL

Date: Monday, February 3rd 2025 | Time: 6:00 pm | Room# VC 120

## 1.0 WELCOME

### 1. CALL TO ORDER

Meeting was called to order at: 6:02 pm

Moved by: Sofia Savoiaro

Seconded by: Naina Puri

In Favour: 9 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	Atore Atomini	Webmaster
Moyosola Fajemirokun	VP Finance	Eric Kennedy	Office of the Head
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	Athletics Chair		

Aneesh Rishi	Vice-Chair Athletics	
Naina Puri	Commuter Representative	
*Vacant	Resident Representative	
Ishrak Nafiun Islam	First Year Representative	
Mohammed Abdella	First Year Representative	
Juarria Mohamed	YFS Representative	

LATE REPORTS SUBMITTED: Teija Charles, Juarria Mohamed, Fadzai Katsenga, Davidson Ajay, Mohammed Abdella

REGRETS SUBMITTED: Davidson Ajay

ABSENT:

### 1.3 ACCEPT TODAY'S AGENDA

Moved by: Juarria Mohamed

Seconded by: Tenda Kiggundu

In Favour: 12 Against: 0 Abstention: 0

### 2.0 SPEAKER'S REMARKS

- Vandria Hepburn apologized to the members for the absence of the minutes and that they will be accepted in the upcoming meeting.

- Vandria Hepburn reminded members to silence notifications as they are distracting to the meeting.

### 3.0 OLD BUSINESS

### 4.0 NEW BUSINESS

#### 4.1 VP Academic & External Affairs

##### 4.1.1 Vanier's Survival Kit - Kit Preparation

- Teija Charles shared that for her upcoming event there will be a selfcare/study kit for students, which includes items such as flashcards, snacks, post-it notes, pens, highlighters, study resources etc.

##### 4.1.2 Vanier's Survival Kit - Kit Distribution

- Teija Charles stated that kits will be distributed during office hours and stressed communication from members if they are unable to attend their respective times. The event will begin February 10<sup>th</sup> – 14<sup>th</sup> (until supplies last).

## 4.2 Director of Media & Promos

### 4.2.1 Blue Mountain Content Updates

- Tenda Kiggundu requested that members attending the trip make themselves available to assist the media team with capturing exciting moments to promote Vanier.

## 4.3 Director of Outreach

### 4.3.1 Potential New College Collaboration Updates

- Sofia Savoiaro shares that her and New College's Outreach has decided on either a Trivia Night or Jeopardy Pop Culture event (Theme is centered around women, as March is Women's History Month). All proceeds will be donated to North York Women's Center, where there will be a raffle and chances to win gift cards. This event is also split 50/50 between Vanier and New College (budget, promos, tickets)

Excellva asked for clarity on the process of how the event will run: The promotions for this event will be done by Vanier's media team, if possible. New College's finance department will collect monies from this event through their Eventbrite platform, which our finance department will also have access to. Final details regarding the specifics of the event will be given once confirmed.

## 4.4 Commuter Representative

### 4.4.1 Gaming Tournament February 11<sup>th</sup>

- Naina Puri shares her upcoming gaming event to reach all the Vanier commuters, and she encourages members to share the posters and bring friends. The event is from 4pm – 6pm and will include board games, the PS5, and pizza.

### 4.4.2 Food Drive

- Naina Puri announces a possible collaboration with the first-year reps and the director of outreach to host a food drive in March (2 week-long) where donations will be given to the North York Food Bank. She opened the floor to suggestions.

Gemner reiterates that food insecurity is a huge issue on campus, and they suggest that donations of this event should go towards the students of York who are in need rather than North York Food Bank. Providing meals for students would be a great start to combating food insecurity, students coming for meals can also bring non-perishable items that can help an organization such as the food bank.

### 4.4.3 Lounge Cleanliness

- Naina Puri asks the members to be mindful of their time in the lounge, to remain respectful to the space, and remove all their trash as they leave.

## 4.5 First Year Representative

### 4.5.1 Potential Collaboration with Every College

- Mohammed Abdella shares the plans to host a social event for first years in collaboration with as many colleges willing to participate. This event will take place February 26<sup>th</sup> 5:30pm – 8pm, in Founders, food and drinks will be

provided (budget will be split with the other colleges participating).  
Final details regarding the specifics of the event will be given once confirmed.

## 5. Motions/Additions/Resolutions

### 4.6 President \*Addition\*

#### 4.6.1 SCLD Updates

- Excellva Addow shared that SCLD is curating a security/support system for all the unhoused individuals on campus, where available resources will be provided to them. SCLD is also implementing a better transition period for present and incoming CRO's (this will take place in March).  
Gemner Sandoval Fuentes asked for clarity regarding the security/support system: SCLD themselves oversee the planning of this system, but a separate team will share out the resources as needed.

#### 4.6.2 Blue Mountain

- Excellva Addow reminded members that this event is from February 7<sup>th</sup> – 9<sup>th</sup>, the bus time has changed from 3pm to now **2pm** and she ask that members arrive on campus by **11am** to assist with the bus procedures etc.

#### 4.6.3 Trivia Night

- Excellva Addow told council of the upcoming collaboration event with Founders, McLaughlin, Calumet, and New College on February 13<sup>th</sup> 5pm – 7pm and the subjects include history, geography, mathematics, science, general knowledge, and pop culture. There will be 3-5 people per team from each college and registration will be opened shortly.  
Teija Charles queried if the trivia questions for the event had already been selected and if specific council members oversee categories: Excellva will provide the questions

#### 4.6.4 Black History Month Events

- Excellva Addow listed the upcoming events: Feb 24<sup>th</sup> – Book Club Event (The Bluest Eye by Toni Morrison), Feb 25<sup>th</sup> – Thrift & Drift pt.2, Feb 26<sup>th</sup> – Movie Night with Calumet, and Feb 27<sup>th</sup> – Indoor Soccer Tournament (12 persons per team).

## 6. Adjournment

- Adjourn meeting @ 6:55 pm  
Moved by: Naina Puri  
Seconded by: Juaria Mohamed  
In Favour: 13 Against: 0 Abstention: 0

Amira Moses arrived at 6:03 pm

Juaria Mohamed arrived at 6:04 pm

Moyosola Fajemirokun arrived at 6:45 pm

## **Reports**

### **President- Excellva Addow**

- Attended office hours
- Confirmed Information with Trivia Night with other colleges
- Finalized time for blue mountain buses,
- Had a meeting with Sales team at Blue Mountain
- Replied to emails about Blue Mountain
- Had 1x1 with Director of Outreach
- Had 1x1 with VP Academics
- Had 1x1 with First Year Rep (Ishrak)
- Had 1x1 with VP Media & Promotions
- Had 1x1 with First Year Rep (Mohammed)
- Had 1x1 with Speaker
- Had 1x1 with Dir of Media & Promotions
- Had 1x1 with VP Finance

### **VP Finance- Moyosola Fajemirokun**

- **No Reports submitted**

### **VP Academics & External Affairs-Teija Charles**

- Attended Weekly Council Meetings
- Packed Survival Kits
- Attended 1-on-1 w/President

### **VP Media & Promotions- Gemner Sandoval Fuentes**

**No Reports submitted**

### **VP Athletics- Fadzai Katsenga**

- Attended council meeting,
- VAC meeting,
- office hours,
- attended blue mountain

### **Director social cultural affairs- Amira Moses**

**No reports submitted**

### **Director of Media & Promotions- Tenda Kiggundu**

**No reports submitted**

### **Director of Finance- Davidson Ajay**

- Office hours,
- helped VP Academics in preparing the survival kit bags,
- sent out requisition forms to Director of Outreach

### **Director of Outreach- Sofia Savoiaro**

- Attended meeting,

- had 1on1 with the President,
- filled requisition forms for reimbursement and sent to Finance department.

**Director of Athletics- Aneesh Rishi**

**No Reports submitted**

**Commuter Representative- Naina Puri**

**No Reports submitted**

**YFS Representative- Juaria Mohamed**

- Attended Council Meeting
- Reposted Vaniers Instagram Posts

**Speaker- Vandria Hepburn**

**No reports submitted**

**First Year Rep-Ishrak Nafiun Islam**

**No reports submitted**

**First Year Rep- Mohammed Abdella**

- Met with other first years to discuss details for our upcoming event

**Webmaster- Atoré Atomini**

**No reports submitted**