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# If you need help to The Stalkyard

## YFS Organizational Chart

Who are they?

What do they do?

How are they connected to us in this great web we call student life?

by Salman A. Nensi

### A.YFS Student Representatives (11)

Each constituency has two representatives on the YFS. Reps are elected, at large, by their home constituency and receive no honoraria. Full members fund the YFS with a direct levy taken from all York undergraduates.

A1.Full Member: Calumet College

*Diamond Tobin-West, David Conrad*

A2.Full Member: Founders College

*Helen Sue, Irshad Jamal*

A3.Full Member: McLaughlin College

*Maria Xekarfotos, Mike Marsh*

A4.Full Member: Norman Bethune College

*Marco Casale, Keith Quiddon*

A5.Full Member: Stong College

*Don Leo Belkosky, Sherri Sherk*

A6.Full Member: Vanier College

*Kate Collins, Robert Pratt*

A7.Full Member: Winters College

*Bonnie Waterhouse, Ziad Hafez*

A8.Full Member: Faculty of Education Student Association

*Mary Tsilka*

A9. Associate Member: Atkinson College

*Bruce Lognon, Doug Soulliere*

(Associate members each have separate deals with YFS for representation.

A10. Associate Member: Glendon College

*No representation*

A11. Associate Member: Osgoode Hall

*No representation*

### B.Executive (5)

Elected at large, each executive is responsible for a specific portfolio. The President receives a salary of \$17,500. Each Vice President receives a salary of \$13,000.

B1.President — *Jean Ghomeshi*

Supervises and directs the implementation of policy and general administration of YFS. The President may sit on York's Board of Governors, the Senate, the Student Centre Board of Directors and the Council of Masters. In addition, the President is directly responsible for the staff, VPs, and the Equality Commissioner and holds ex-officio status on all YFS committees.

B3.Vice President (Internal) — *Caroline Winship*

Chairs the Constituency Committee, represents YFS to the administration, sits on the Programmes Standing Committee and is responsible for the Academic Commissioner.

B2.Vice President (Finance) — *Brad Abrams*

Has YFS signing authority, chairs the Finance Standing Committee, monitors the actions of the Business Manager and is responsible for the Clubs Commissioner.

B4.Vice President (External) — *Mitch Blass*

Chairs the External Standing Committee, represents YFS at external functions and to the OFS and CFS. He is responsible for the Clubs Commissioner.

B5.Vice President (Programmes) —

*George Sanghera*

Chairs the Orientation Committee, administers all services and social functions initiated or administered by YFS, also sits on CHRY's Board of Directors and the Board of Publications.

### C.YFS President Jean Ghomeshi

A mere representative of the student movement/government.

### D.Commissioners (5)

Appointed by the Executive. Tied to a specific Executive portfolio to act as aide to that portfolio. \$250 honoraria each per month (approximately eight months).

D1.Equality Commissioner — (not appointed at this time)

Attached to the Presidential portfolio. The EqC has a vote on the Race Relations and Women's Issues Standing Committee. The EqC will deal with all forms of inequality: gender, race, religion, sexual orientation.

D2.Academic Commissioner — (not appointed at this time)

Attached to the VP (Internal) portfolio. The AC sits on the York Senate. The AC will assist students with academic matters.

D3.Clubs Commissioner — *Ziad Hafez*

Attached to the VP (Finance) portfolio. The CC has a vote on the Financial and Programmes Standing Committee. The CC will assist clubs in the running of their organizations.

D4.External Commissioner — *Diamond Tobin-West*

Attached to the VP (External) portfolio. The ExC has a vote on the External Standing Committee. The ExC will assist the VP in representing YFS externally.

D5.Programmes Commissioner —

# Feels so good to volunteer

by Ilanna Yuditsky

**A**s coordinator of the Office for Students with Disabilities (OSD), every year I find myself telling new volunteers how rewarding it is to develop skills, meet new people and get involved in the York community.

However, I also inform students right from the start that they really aren't helping anyone by volunteering, except perhaps themselves. Many find this shocking; I know I did when I first heard it as a volunteer. The main reason I felt so strongly about the importance and value of volunteering is because that's how I came to my work at OSD.

When I graduated with my MA from the University of California, Berkeley, I thought I was all set. Then, I hit the job market! I quickly realized that my education was only one path to a professional career. On the advice of Gail Kenyon, the coordinator of York's OSD at the time, I volunteered with some groups whose issues had been of importance in my life.

For a number of years, I had been interested in both disability-related and Jewish

community issues. I combined these interests by committing myself to a "Task Force for the Jewish Disabled" and the Transaction Coalition (a provincial coalition for accessible transportation). Through my work with these two groups, I eventually decided to seek work in a field that could encompass education, advocacy and disability-related issues.

With Karen Swartz, I train volunteers for the OSD programme "Feels Soooo Good To Volunteer." Our philosophy is to view volunteering as an educational partnership; students with various skills work together to complement each other's abilities. With this

approach, our volunteers learn that having a disability does not mean they are less than others, only different, in the way that we are all different from each other.

Each year, we seek out students, staff and faculty to work with us as notetakers, readers/tapers, exam proctors and library assistants. Our door is always open, and we look forward to having you work with us at OSD.

For more information on the "Feels Sooo Good To Volunteer" programme, contact Ilanna Yuditsky or Karen Swartz at 736-5140 or drop by the Office for Students with Disabilities, 101 Behavioural Sciences Building.

