NOTES and ACTION ITEMS - ENABLE YORK

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| **Meeting Date:** | Tuesday, December 8th 2015 | |
| **Meeting Attendees:** | **Voting Members:**   * Ruth Bramham (Staff) * Dragan Spasojevic (Staff) * Hilary Martin (Graduate Student Co-Chair) * Andrea Daley (Faculty) * Yvonne Simpson (Graduate Student) * Marian MacGregor (Faculty Co-Chair) | **Ex-Officio members:**   * Marc Wilchesky (Exec. Director of Disability Services, Keele Campus) * Josephine Tcheng (Centre for Human Rights – Advisor) * Leanne DeFillipis (Staff) |
| **Apologies from:** | * Lynx Cooper (Undergraduate Student) * Pam Broley (Glendon, Director of Counselling Services) * Lauren Keyes (YUGSA Equity Representative) | |
| **Absent:** | * Sheila Wilmot (CUPE 3903 Equity Officer) * Huda Alsarraj (YFS Access Centre) | |
| **Notes taken by:** | Hilary Martin | |
| **Next Meeting Date:** | To be determined | |

**Agenda:**

1. **Introductions**
2. **Minute/Note Taker**
3. **Approval of Agenda**
4. **Review/Approval of Minutes from October 28, 2015**
5. **Enable York – Co-Chair Position**
6. **Old Business (From April 2015 Meeting)**
7. **Human Library – Marian**
8. **Accessible Meeting and Events Guidelines - Marian**
9. **Sub-Committee (by-law, Built Environment) - Marian**
10. **Website Launch –Marian**
11. **Other**
12. **Canadian Graduate and Professional Studies Survey – Lauren**
13. **Mental Health Committee – Committee Co-Chairs**
14. **Committee Goal Setting (long term and short term)**
15. **Next Meeting**
16. **Other Business**

**Items Discussed:**

1. **Introductions**
2. **Minute/Note Taker**

Hilary Martin

1. **Approval of Agenda**

The agenda was approved by the committee.

1. **Review/Approval of Minutes from October 28, 2015**

Corrections of the minutes from October 28, 2015 were noted and revised. Further review and revisions of the meeting minutes will be done via email. Next meeting the minutes will be approved.

1. **Enable York – Co-Chair Position**

Hilary Martin is accepted as Enable York’s Graduate Student Co-Chair pending on the approval from the President

1. **Old Business (From April 2015 meeting)**
2. **Human Library – Marian**

The Human Library event was held on December 3rd at York University to commemorate International Day of Persons with Disabilities. There were about 30 students who volunteered as books. The event was successful.

1. **Accessible Meeting and Events Guidelines – Marian**
2. **Sub-Committee (by-law, Built Environment) – Marian**

-Marian MacGregor will connect with Ruth Bramham about the next meeting for the Built Environment sub-committee. This meeting will discuss the sub-committee’s priorities and it will take place in the New Year.

-Four students have shown interest in participating on this sub-committee. These students will receive a follow-up email thanking them for their interest and about meeting in the New Year.

-Dragan Spasojevic wants to sit on the subcommittee as well. Dragan has students looking over emergency procedures and students mapping crimes on campus.

-The Built Environment sub-committee may also connect with the Office of Institutional Planning and Analysis (OIPA) and other groups/individuals who are doing related research after the sub-committee’s priorities are discussed in the New Year.

-A desire of the subcommittee is to get rid of the hidden red buttons.

-Ruth is speaking with Helen Psathas (Director Campus Planning & Development – ORU-Institute for Research and Innovation in Sustainability (IRIS)) about an audit. They would like to start work ASAP in order to meet the 5-year plan to get York University fully accessible.

1. **Website Launch - Marian**

-The website/event launch will introduce Enable York to the York Community

-David Lepofsky has shown interest and has agreed to be a guest lecturer. It is proposed for David to speak about the importance of advocacy and accessibility, on both the personal and governmental levels. David has also designed an advocacy plan, so this event could be an opportunity for recruitment. David is invited to weave his personal experience into his presentation.

-This event will be open to everyone (students, faculty and staff)

- Proposed date and time:

* The week of February 29th or the week of March 7th
* On Monday, Tuesday or Wednesday
* Take place around lunch hour (12:30pm or 2pm)

-Proposed location for this event is:

* York Lanes, room 280 (seats around 80-100 people)
* Osgoode Hall Law School

-Promotion:

* The Centre for Human Rights will create promotional material/posters
* A yFile story will be written discussing Enable York and David Lepofsky’s presentation
* The event will be emailed to the following listservs: Centre for Human Rights, Graduate student, Donna Cope, Students with CDS, Faculty and TA, Staff distribution, YUSA and Osgoode

-It will be stated on promotional material that seats are limited and that there will be an online registration. The Osgoode Alumni Event will be asked to make and manage the technical forms for registration

1. **Other**
2. **Canadian Graduate and Professional Studies Survey – Lauren**

-Lauren Keyes, YUGSA Equity Representative, discussed the Canadian Graduate and Professional Studies Survey. The survey will take place in the New Year.

-Each university is given the opportunity to formulate 10 questions that will be on the survey. The questions are recommended to be about: mental health, program time of completion and accessibility. The questions need to be sent to Barbara Crow, the dean of the Faculty of Graduate Studies, by next week (December 14th week)

-Lauren asked the committee if there were any members interested in helping formulate questions. The committee suggested some faculty members to contact, such as: Nancy Viva Davis Halifax, Geoffrey Reaume and Neita Israelite. It was recommended that these members be emailed and asked to provide their top 3 questions rather than meeting in-person

1. **Mental Health Committee – Committee Co-Chairs**

-Leah Steer, a co-chair from the Mental Health Committee, did a power point presentation entitled, “Advancing a Mentally Healthy Campus: A community Consultation”

-Leah presented on: what the Mental Health & Wellness Steering Mandate is; mental health at York University, their desire for community consultation at York University, the mental health dual continuum and the mental health strategy framework

-The committee reviewed the summary of action items:

<http://mhw.info.yorku.ca/files/2015/09/document1.pdf>

-Questions asked for discussion were:

1. What is the feedback on the MH Framework recommendations?

2. What would you like to add in terms of actions to the recommendations?

3. What do you think would be the priority action?

4. How do you believe you (or your groups) could support in the operationalization of these recommendations?

-Feedback was given by group members after the presentation, and it was encouraged to provide feedback online as well. The online feedback form can be accessed at: <http://machform.apps01.yorku.ca/machform/view.php?id=150466>

1. **Committee Goal Setting (long term and short term)**

The committee’s goal setting will be discussed next meeting

1. **Next Meeting**

The next meeting will be scheduled via doodle in the New Year

1. **Other Business**