

**York University Faculty Association
Interim Trustees' Report
2016-17
Submitted by**

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Under Article 3.5b of the YUFA Constitution two trustees are elected at the annual general meeting. Jan Kainer was elected trustee at the annual meeting in November 2016. The second trustee, Lorna Weir, was elected 13 March 2017.

In preparation of writing the report the trustees have met twice to discuss the documentation needed to assess the activities of the union. We also met with YUFA President, Richard Wellen, and the Treasurer, Ricardo Grinspun, to discuss key issues to highlight in the final report. Information about union activities and its finances was requested from YUFA. To date, we have received the CUPE 1281 Collective Agreements 2010-2016 and 2016 -2019, the YUFA Executive Committee minutes and Stewards' Council minutes for 2016-2017, and Trustee Reports from 2014 to the present. In addition, we received YUFA financial statements of operation 2013-15. The annual audited statements for 2016 are not available until August 2017.

As the Financial Report from the 2016 auditors is not yet available, we are unable to provide an opinion on YUFA's financial affairs during the period of review. Because trustee reports are as well expected to provide an overview of YUFA's activities during the previous academic year, and the 2016-2017 year has not concluded, we cannot at this time complete this aspect of our responsibilities. A full report to the YUFA membership is thus not possible at this time.

We note that, when the YUFA Constitution was written, trustee reports were anticipated to be received in the fall term, a reasonable direction given that dates for the annual cycle of audits and filings are determined by Revenue Canada. The annual budget of the Association is also typically made available to the membership and trustees in the September-November period. In all these ways, Trustee reports are best submitted to the membership in the Fall term.

Because the second trustee came to the position in mid March, and because the audited financial statements for the year are not available until August 2017, we were encouraged by the YUFA Executive to offer an interim report for the April YUFA GMM and agreed with this proposal. We will provide a final report at the Fall 2017 YUFA GMM. It will highlight the key activities of the union, include a thorough review of finances and provide suggestions for improvements of YUFA's methods of operation as per the YUFA Constitution.