

**York Centre for Asian Research
Annual General Meeting
27 April 2016 / 519 Kaneff Tower / York University**

In attendance: Anupama Aery, Patrick Alcedo, Robert Bridi, Preet Aulakh, Elena Caprioni, Soma Chatterjee, Raju Das, Joshua Fogel, Bernie Frolic, Pietro Giordan, Nadia Hasan, Abhar Husain, Jolin Joseph, Yasin Kaya, Philip Kelly, Janice Kim, Sailaja Krishnamurti, Harmony Law, Jessica Li, Radhika Mongia, Shobna Nijhawan, Sergei Plekhanov, Nausheen Quayyum, Jarren Richards, Robin Roth, Janet Rubinoff, Harini Sivalingam, Laura Schoenberger, Soohwan Song, Doris Sung, Jonathan Tardif, Alicia Turner, Peter Vandergeest, Wendy Wong, Harshita Yalamarty

P. Kelly welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Round of introductions

P. Kelly told those in attendance that the Annual General Meeting has four goals: receive reports on activities that have taken place throughout the year; review and approve budgets and draft statements of operations; review and approve any constitutional changes and nominations for new members of the Executive Committee; and review plans of the Centre and its Associates for the coming year.

Approval of Agenda for 27 April 2016

Motion to accept the Agenda for 27 April 2016 moved by J. Fogel and seconded by B. Frolic. No further discussion or objections. All in favour, none opposed, no abstentions.

Approval of Minutes from 29 April 2015

Motion to accept the Minutes of the 25 April 2015 meeting was moved by J. Kim and seconded by A. Turner. No further discussion or objections. 14 in favour, none opposed, the remaining abstain.

Governance

P. Kelly updated those in attendance on YCAR's membership in 2015.2016. He introduced the 2015.2016 Executive Committee members and thanked them for their service. He noted that the Graduate Associates will choose their representatives in the Fall. P. Kelly thanked J. Kim for her work as YCAR Associate Director, GDAS Coordinator and as director of the core course. He also thanked outgoing Executive Committee members (Lorna Wright, Qiang Zha, Sailaja Krishnamurti, Kabita Chakraborty, Jessica Li) and Centre staff (Alicia Filipowich and Nadia Hasan).

He explained the purpose of the Centre's Internal Board and of its External Advisory Committee (EAC). He noted that two new members joined the EAC in 2015: Richard Stubbs (McMaster University) and Avvy Go (Metro Toronto Chinese & Southeast Asian Legal Clinic).

Intellectual Exchange

P. Kelly reviewed the activities of the Centre and its Associates over the past year, including lecture series, workshops, conferences and other events. Associates in attendance who organized activities told the group about their initiatives. P. Kelly also noted YCAR's support to other organizations.

Asian Business and Management Program (ABMP)

E. Caprioni and B. Frolic told those in attendance about ABMP's activities over the past year. They noted that 2015.2016 was their busiest year yet with 13 programs organized in Canada and 14 in Asia. B. Frolic spoke about the planned endowment for Canada-China Initiatives and related fundraising plans. P. Kelly provided a brief history of the relationship between YCAR and ABMP, highlighting the significant support that the Centre receives from the Program. He also updated the AGM on the new Memorandum of Understanding with ABMP. The Program will move its operations to the Schulich Executive Education Centre at the Schulich School of Business this year but will retain its physical space at YCAR and will continue to make an important contribution to supporting YCAR's research activities.

Visitors

P. Kelly introduced YCAR postdoctoral associates and visiting scholars in attendance at the meeting.

Research Support

P. Kelly reviewed grant application submissions that YCAR supported in the past year as well as the grants housed at YCAR. He also encouraged those in attendance to apply to the Centre's Publication Support Fund. There was a discussion about requirements of academic presses, support that the Fund can provide and other opportunities for publishing.

P. Kelly reviewed YCAR's space breakdown.

Graduate Training

P. Kelly introduced the 2016 student award winners and reviewed the support available for graduate training in the past year.

J. Kim spoke about the Graduate Diploma in Asian Studies and offered a brief history. She noted that the program is growing and the core course has been over-enrolled for the past two years. The hope is to offer the course more than once per year. She encouraged faculty members to let their students know about the program and for students in attendance to enroll.

Knowledge Mobilization

P. Kelly reviewed the activities in this area over the year including web site updates (currently over 31,000 visits), social media, the soon-to-be-launched YCAR YouTube page, and the continuation of the Asia Colloquia Papers and Asia Research Brief series. YCAR also

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supported three book launches in 2015.2016. He also provided a partial list of organizations with which the Centre and its Associates have partnered. N. Hasan told those in attendance about the anti-Islamophobic curriculum pack being developed by teachers in the York Region District School Board. The curriculum will be launched this summer with support from YCAR and the Faculty of Education.

Finances

P. Kelly introduced the 2015.2016 statements of operations and the proposed 2016.2017 budgets.

Motion to approve the draft Statements of Operations for 2015.2016 and the 2016.2017 budgets was moved by P. Vandergeest and seconded by B. Frolic. No further discussion or objections. All in favour, none opposed. No abstentions.

Nomination of new members to the YCAR Executive Committee

P. Kelly explained the rationale for the selection of nominees for the committee. He introduced the nominees present at the meeting. Preet Aulakh (Schulich School of Business), Soma Chatterjee (School of Social Work), Joan Judge (History) and Abidin Kusno (Environmental Studies) have agreed to have their names put forward for nomination.

Motion to approve the nominations to the YCAR Executive Committee for a term of three years was moved by J. Kim and seconded by A. Turner. No further discussion or objections. One abstention, none opposed.

P. Kelly told the AGM that S. Nijhawan agreed to serve as the Executive Committee's new Department of Languages, Literatures and Linguistics representative. He also announced Laam Hae (Political Science) as the new YCAR Associate Director and GDAS Coordinator as of 1 July 2016. She will also teach the core course.

YCAR Constitution

There was a discussion of the proposed change to the YCAR Constitution to create a second Associate Director (ABMP) of the Centre to further institutionalize the Centre's relationship with ABMP.

Motion to add the following to the YCAR Constitution under 'Executive Committee' sub-heading: *YCAR has two Associate Directors, who assist the Director. The Executive Director of the Asia Business and Management Program (ABMP) is appointed as Associate Director (ABMP) and is responsible for ensuring close cooperation and coordination between the ABMP and the Centre. The Coordinator of the Graduate Diploma in Asian Studies is appointed by the Executive Committee on the advice of the Director and serves as the Associate Director (Graduate). Both Associate Directors will be voting members of the YCAR Executive Committee.* Moved by J. Kim and seconded by W. Wong. No further discussion or objections. One abstention, none opposed.

2016.2017 Activities

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In the short time remaining, P. Kelly briefly reviewed the plans for activities for 2016.2017 including lecture series, proposed workshops and conferences and activities proposed alongside the 2017 Association of Asian Studies conference that will take place in Toronto in March 2017. J. Kim encouraged colleagues to support an undergraduate essay award being set up in memory of YCAR Faculty Associate Bernard Luk, who passed away in March 2016. R. Mongia's colleague Gayatri Menon will visit York in May as a YCAR Research Fellow.

P. Kelly encouraged faculty to apply to the 2016 Research Fellowship opportunity and reminded those in attendance of the ways that YCAR can assist with grant applications. He also encouraged everyone to inform their students about the Centre's awards.

P. Kelly also spoke briefly about fundraising initiatives including the Canada-China Initiatives Fund (mentioned earlier) and a proposed annual lecture or related activity in honour of Bernard Luk.

He also told the AGM about ongoing set-up of the Community Engagement Hub, which will be based on the sixth floor of the Kaneff Tower. It is a collaborative initiative of CERLAC, CRS, Tubman Centre, the Centre for Research on Language and Culture Contact and YCAR. It will include the Tamil Studies Archive, which is being spearheaded by Nedra Rodrigo (Humanities) and is in collaboration with Markham Public Library. The aim is to provide a resource for community-based research, testimonials, high school outreach and to develop curriculum content on Asia for local schools.

Other Business

A. Turner encouraged everyone to apply as individuals or submit panels to the 2017 AAS. The CFP deadline will be in August 2016.

Motion to close the meeting moved by J. Fogel and seconded by A. Turner. No discussion or objections. All in favour, none opposed. No abstentions.