



Concordia Student Union - Council of Representatives
CSU Regular Council Meeting
Wednesday, November 24, 2021
Via Zoom, 18h30

1. CALL TO ORDER

The chairperson calls the meeting to order at **18h33**.

We would like to begin by acknowledging that Concordia University is located on unceded Indigenous lands. The Kanien'kehá:ka Nation is recognized as the custodians of the lands and waters on which we gather today. TiohEá:ke/Montreal is historically known as a gathering place for many First Nations. Today, it is home to a diverse population of Indigenous and other peoples. We respect the continued connections with the past, present, and future in our ongoing relationships with Indigenous and other peoples within the Montreal community.

2. ROLL CALL

Council Chairperson: Caitlin Robinson

Council Minute Keeper: Michelle Lam

Executives present for the meeting were: Eduardo Malorni (General Coordinator), Harrison Kirshner (Internal Affairs Coordinator), Hannah Jamet-Lange (Academic & Advocacy Coordinator), Malcolm Asselin (Student Life Coordinator), Camina Harrison-Chéry (External Affairs & Mobilization Coordinator), Aria Khaksar (Finance Coordinator)

Councilors present for the meeting were: Hassan Nabeel (Gina Cody School of Engineering), Olivia Integlia (Arts & Science), Caleb Woolcott (Arts & Science), Tzvi Hersh Filler (Gina Cody School of Engineering), Christopher Vaccarella (Arts & Science), Brandon Grimaldi (Arts & Science), Lauren Perozek (John Molson School of Business), Paula Colmenares (Independent), Lily Charette (Arts & Science), Howard Issley (John Molson School of Business), Boutaina Chafi (Arts & Science), Edel Kilkenny-Mondoux (Arts & Science), Jeremya Deneault (John Molson School of Business), Alina Murad (Arts & Science)

Executives absent for the meeting were: Faye Sun (Sustainability Coordinator), S Shivaane (Loyola Coordinator)

Councilors absent for the meeting were: Noah Mohamed (John Molson School of Business), Olivia Lafreniere (John Molson School of Business), Ikrame Housni (Arts & Science), Emmanuel Gaisie (John Molson School of Business), Ariane Drouin (Gina Cody School of Engineering), Samuel Thibodeau (Fine Arts), Shania Bramble (Arts & Science), Marissa Profetto (Gina Cody School of Engineering), Nathaniel Ouazana (Arts & Science), Wan Hua Li (Fine Arts)

Tzvi Hersh Filler motions to excuse all absences from tonight's meeting. Seconded by **Aria Khaksar**. Motion passes.

3. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

4. CONSENT AGENDA

Eduardo Malorni motions to approve the agenda and all items under consent. Seconded by **Tzvi Hersh Filler**. Motion passes.

5. PRESENTATIONS AND GUEST SPEAKERS

6. APPOINTMENTS

a) Policy Committee

Hannah Jamet-Lange: Policy committee is crucial as we write, edit, and review the CSU policies. It is a lot of work because of the amount of reading to be done, but we don't meet as much. On average, we meet every biweekly.

Eduardo Malorni nominates **Kate Bellini**. Seconded by **Hannah Jamet-Lange**.

Caitlin Robinson on behalf of Kate Bellini: I was VP internal affairs and clubs 2014-2015, I chaired the Clubs and Space committee. Previously president of an engineering association under the ECA umbrella in 2013-2014. I was initially recruited to run for the CSU due to the motion I wrote "Motion for the promotion of a culture of safety, respect and consent within the engineering and computer science association, its subordinate societies, subservient constituencies and so forth", to change the culture within the engineering faculty which unfortunately at the time was explicitly racist, sexist and where students were promoting the rape

culture.(If anyone is curious I could share the motion), Also, I was part of the CCSL committee and have worked for the tribunal of concordia as an undergraduate panelist. I am curious to see what the policy committee of the CSU does, and how I can put my experience to the benefit of the students. Looking forward to being involved. If anyone has any questions I'd be happy to answer them.

Hannah Jamet-Lange motions to appoint **Kate Bellini** to the **Policy Committee**. Seconded by **Tzvi Hersh Filler**. Motion passes unanimously

b) Finance Committee

Aria Khaksar: We review the financials of the CSU. We meet once every month or two.

Jeremy Deneault nominates **Howard Issley**. **Howard Issley** accepts.

Caleb Woolcott nominates themselves. Seconded by **Tzvi Hersh Filler**

Howard Issley: I would like to withdraw my nomination in support of new councillors getting experience in committees.

Howard Issley withdraws their nomination.

Caleb Woolcott: I sit on ASFA's finance committee and work with various fee levy groups. I would like to support the budgeting process at the CSU.

Tzvi Hersh Filler motions to appoint **Caleb Woolcott** to the **Finance Committee**. Seconded by **Aria Khaksar**. Motion passes unanimously.

c) Sustainability Committee

Christopher Vaccarella: We meet every two weeks on Monday at 4 PM, we want to make Concordia more sustainable, we host educational workshops, we have a couple of projects lined up, such as making hygiene products more accessible.

Olivia Integlia nominates themselves. Seconded by **Tzvi Hersh Filler**

Camina Harrison-Chery nominates **Wan Hua Li**.

Olivia Integlia: I've done a lot of volunteering in community work. I've worked with many programs that help underdeveloped clubs around the world, and I have a great awareness of the problems and how to solve them.

Camina Harrison-Chery on behalf of **Wan Hua Li:** I can add a unique perspective as an artist and computer science student regarding the transmission of digital knowledge and narratives regarding sustainability and marginalized communities. I'm interested in social/economic sustainability on top of the environmental side, and issues of homelessness, environmental racism and wealth inequality. We need BIPOC representation and I am already active in fighting gentrification as I believe it is a form of environmental racism.

Tzvi Hersh Filler motions to appoint **Wan Hua Li and Olivia Integlia** to the **Sustainability Committee**. Seconded. Motion passes unanimously.

d) Clubs and Spaces Committee

Harrison Kirshner: We are the main resource for clubs on campus, we have over 90 registered clubs, we allocate funding and spaces to these clubs. It's great experience for councillors who want to learn about and support the different clubs on campus. We meet biweekly.

7. RETURNING BUSINESS - SUBSTANTIVE

8. NEW BUSINESS – SUBSTANTIVE

a) Ratification of By-Election Results

Harrison Kirshner motions to ratify the by-election results. Seconded by **Christopher Vaccarella**. Motion passes unanimously.

Harrison Kirshner: The election was secure, we had great referendum questions that were passed.

b) Audit Financials

Aria Khaksar: This is the Audited Financial Statements for the year ended May 31st, 2021. For the Non-Consolidated Statement Of Operations, The CSU ended the 2019-2020 fiscal year with a \$295,892 surplus and the 2020-2021 fiscal year ended with a \$1,235,434 surplus. Student fees increased by \$204,009. The insurance plan had Increased Revenues (\$1,194,116) and Increased expenses (\$1,556,088). The CSU took on a CEBA Loan given during covid to businesses. This loan will bear no interest if paid back before December 31st 2022 and a 25% write off will be

granted if paid back before this date. The CSU is aiming at paying back this loan before December 31st 2022. For the Non-Consolidated Statement Of Changes in Net Assets, The CSU's ending balance is of \$14,840,794; which increased by \$1,235,434 compared to the 2019-2020 fiscal year. The SSAELC fund in 2020-2021 had an increase of \$1,378,754, the General Fund 2020-2021 had an Increase of \$164,077, the Capital Asset Investments 2020-2021 had an Decrease of \$307,397. The repayment of the total SSAELC loan was in the 2020-2021 fiscal year and totalled \$207,197. For the Non-Consolidated Balance Sheet And Statement of Cash Flows. The CSU's Net Income for the 2020-2021 fiscal year is \$15,824,495 which increased by \$1,407,867 compared to the 2019-2020 fiscal year. The CSU's ending cash totals \$1,074,062 which is \$107,796 more than the 2019-2020 fiscal year. When we look at the Reconciliations and the Cumulative Result from 2015-2021, \$252 of discrepancies were recorded when the audit was reconciled with the CSU's operational budget and actuals for the 2020-2021 fiscal year. The Cumulative result from 2015 to 2021 totals a \$477,494 surplus.

Aria Khaksar presents the following motion. Seconded by **Tzvi Hersh Filler**. Motion passes unanimously.

WHEREAS an auditor's opinion on the state of the CSU's finances for the 2020-2021 fiscal year has been produced by MNP SENCRL.

WHEREAS the auditor's report was produced in accordance with the generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP) and accounting standards.

WHEREAS the financial statements accurately reflect the CSU's financials.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the CSU Council approves the CSU's audited financial statements completed by MNP SENCRL

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the audited financial statements be posted on the CSU's website within 7 business days.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the budgetary impact is nil.

Caitlin Robinson: What's the difference between this audit and the one at the AGM?

Aria Khaksar: I think it's the same. We have to have this approved by council first before sending it to the government

Tzvi Hersh Filler: At the AGM we ask to do next year's audit and this is the result?

Aria Khaksar: Yes, at the AGM we ask to audit next year's budget and present this year's audit results.

Hannah Jamet-Lange: Presenting at the AGM also allows us to share this with the public

Tzvi Hersh Filler: How did you end up with the total liability?

Aria Khaksar: The debt and the funds that we have to pay go into that section.

c) Letter of Interest (Closed Session)

Tzvi Hersh Filler motions to enter a closed session. Seconded by **Malcolm Asselin**. Motion passes unanimously.

Eduardo Malorni presents the following motion. Seconded by **Tzvi Hersh Filler**. Motion passes unanimously.

WHEREAS the Students voted with 84.9% in the 2021 General Elections for the CSU to explore the possibility to purchase a building to be used as a student building,

WHEREAS the CSU has worked with Deloitte to determine what properties would be suitable for the CSU to purchase,

WHEREAS a very suitable property has been identified,

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the CSU send a Letter of Interest to the owner of the property and begin negotiations over the property,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the budgetary impact of this is nil.

Eduardo Malorni motions to enter an open session. Seconded by **Hannah Jamet-Lange**. Motion passes unanimously.

Malcolm Asselin motions to approve the minutes in closed session. Seconded by **Hannah Jamet-Lange**. Motion passes unanimously.

9. NEW BUSINESS – INFORMATIONAL

a) Consultations on Teaching and Learning and Course Evaluations

Hannah Jamet-Lange: We have been developing course evaluations, which were taken away before the pandemic. This will now be reintroduced and we've come up with a draft for it. We are now trying to find a couple of students to do a trial run. I want to ask if any councillors would like to test out these course evaluation forms?

Calvin Clarke: Do you know how long it would take to complete these forms?

Hannah Jamet-Lange: It shouldn't be more than 20 minutes. The questionnaire itself would take around 5 minutes, and then there would be a survey about the experience.

Christopher Vaccarella: I'm interested

Hannah Jamet-Lange: If anyone else is interested, you can message or email me. I'll send more information on the Council Facebook group when I receive it

Calvin Clarke: I'm interested

Hannah Jamet-Lange: The teaching and learning committee is starting consultations on what we want the future of teaching and learning at Concordia to look like. We will be hosting consultation sessions in January for students to share what they're looking for. In regards to the new 12-week Fall semester starting in Fall 2023, there have been proposals to amend the academic calendar. The administration is wondering if the rule to not have any exams on the last week of classes should be amended to either allow exams to take place during that week, or to change it so that assignments can't be due that week either. Feel free to send me your opinions on this matter.

10. QUESTION PERIOD & BUSINESS ARISING

11. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Harrison Kirshner: Tomorrow night is our mandatory Anti-Semitism training for all councillors. Please let me know if you can make it, if not, we will schedule a viewing of the recording.

Eduardo Malorni: Welcome to all of the new councillors, feel free to stop by my office, I usually have candy in my desk

Lauren Perozek: I've been bothered recently about campus safety. We have no cameras in the Hall building staircases. There was a bar fight at Reggie's last week, and Montreal police came faster than campus security. I feel like I'm only scratching the surface here, so let me know if you've had similar concerns

Aria Khaksar: This isn't a regular occurrence at Reggies, it's normally very calm there. We are in talks of hiring more security for Reggies.

Hannah Jamet-Lange: There will be a poetry event on Saturday at Le Frigo Vert from 2-5 PM.

Caleb Woolcott: At Atwater metro there will be a solidarity demonstration on Saturday for what's going on in Wet'suwet'en

12. ADJOURNMENT

Aria Khaksar moves to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by **Malcolm Asselin**. Motion carries.

Meeting adjourned at 8:00 PM.