



**CSU POSITIONS BOOK COMPARISON: 2019 v 2022**  
**Concordia Student Union**

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<b>Position</b>	<b>2019</b>	<b>2022</b>
<b>Education</b>	Research, tuition, public funding for higher education, the commitment to high quality education, accessibility to paid internships in the cases that it is mandatory, support for student parents, and the and the defense of academic freedom, freedom of expression, and upholding academic integrity	Accessibility for students with disabilities, quality of education and opposition of tuition hikes, support for student parents, the establishment of a standardized system for internships, and removing the requirement that some internships be unpaid; and fostering a supportive learning environment (fall reading week, incorporating pass/fail option after COVID, etc), and prioritizing hiring Indigenous and Black faculty members
<b>International Students</b>	Opposition to the increase of tuition that do not correspond to regulated rates; endorsement of full provincial health coverage to all international students	Only mention of health plan: endorsement of full provincial health coverage to all international students
<b>University Governance</b>	More student representation in departmental council, committees, university bodies, and BoG	Only mentions university representation in departmental council, and in “university bodies”
<b>Intersectional Feminism</b>	Recognizes the barriers that women and gender non-conforming folks face and encourages intersectional feminism practices. Supports the inclusion of the Centre for Gender Advocacy in University committees that deals with topics of gender-based violence	Recognizes that intersectional identities create different barriers for women and gender non-conforming people; respects the perspectives and seeks to empower marginalized groups; supports the inclusion of the Centre for Gender Advocacy in University committees that deals with topics of gender-based violence; and

		encourages an intersectional feminist approach in all endeavors
<b>Indigenous Rights/ Sovereignty</b>	Stands in solidarity with indigenous movements and organizations named in the position; promises to start all meetings of the CSU by acknowledging the stolen land they are on; support the recognition of indigenous sovereignty over their land (in reference to resource extraction); and supports the creation of Indigenous commissions and councils to advise the Concordia administration; wants to integrate sustainability and indigenous studies courses to all undergrad programs	Wants to work with Concordia administration to incorporate sustainability and indigenous studies to all undergrad programs; stands in solidarity with Idle No More; states that the CSU will begin meetings with the recognition of the stolen lands they are on
<b>Anti Racism (Diversity and Inclusion)</b>	Respect religious minorities; foster a safe environment; adopt the Charter of Values; oppose the rise of fascism; opposes racism and seeks to dismantle racist systems; opposing to enforce Bill 62	Opposes racism and seeks to dismantle racist systems; opposes the enforcement of Bill 62; calls for respect of all religious minorities; opposes antisemitic rhetoric and culture (specifically about the Jewish community); stands against apartheid
<b>Migrant Justice</b>	Calls on international community to collaborate internationally to accommodate refugees; opposes the presence of the Canadian Border Service Agency on Concordia premises; calls on Concordia to create a “sanctuary campus”; endorses Solidarity Across Borders	Calls on Concordia to formally adopt the status of “sanctuary campus” and to not collaborate with the CBSA
<b>Police Brutality</b>	Condemns the use of police brutality that occurred during the student strikes of 2011-12; presses the government of Quebec to open and independent inquiry into the police’s violent suppression of dissent during these student strikes	Condemns the police brutality that happened in the 1969 Computer Center Occupation that resulted in one death; condemns the police brutality used during the student strikes of 2011-12; presses the government of Quebec to open an inquiry on the police’s violent suppression during the student strikes of 2011-12; stands in solidarity with Black Lives Matter

		movement, and condemns the use of police violence that is anti-Black and anti-Indigenous; asks for the Concordia administration to stop its relationship with the SPVM; calls on the city of Montreal to implement measures by the SVMP that could be used to document and reduce discriminatory police stops of Indigenous and racialized persons
<b>Labour</b>	Favours the implementation of a progressive income taxation system; supports abolishing tax exemptions on individual capital gains provincially and federally; support the introduction of modulating taxes to consumption in relation to luxury goods purchased, polluting products and financial services; supports increasing fiscal contributions of financial institutions, reinstating a capital tax; supports the increase to the provincial tax rate on corporations to minimum 15%; supports the adoption of at least a \$15 hourly minimum wage across all provincial sectors of labor	<i>N/a</i>
<b>International Affairs</b>	CSU is against the disproportionate use of force, chemical weapons, the illegal settlements in Palestine and the blockade on Gaza all caused by the state of Israel; endorses the Boycott, Divestment and Sanctions movement against Israel's occupation of Palestine until Israel complies with International Law and the Universal Principles of Human Rights; opposes the privatization of war and the military industrial complex	<i>N/a</i>
<b>Climate Justice</b>	The CSU believes that our society will transition away	Supports the IPCC Special Report on Global Warming

	from fossil fuels by 2050; it encourages that the university system be transformed to help in the transition to a post-fossil fuel economy; it encourages that the pipeline projects in Quebec be blocked; encourages that fossil fuel extraction in Quebec stops; encourages that the release of greenhouse gases be recognized as a crime against the environment; demands that Concordia divest away from fossil fuel industries	recommendations; supports a Green New Deal type climate plan for Canada to reach carbon neutrality by 2030
<b>Freedom of Expression</b>	<i>N/a</i> (despite it being in the index, it has been mistakenly labeled and has the position of Food Justice instead)	<i>N/a</i>
<b>Housing and Gentrification</b>	The CSU is against and denounces gentrification; actively supports initiatives working against gentrification and promote community organizations work on these issues; helps promote anti-gentrification campaigns in Montreal; prioritizes efforts being made to address student housing conditions and actively support student cooperative housing	<i>N/a</i>
<b>Right to Die</b>	The CSU is pro-choice in the question of the Right to Die; it is mandated to support lobbying efforts that pressure the federal government to review and amend Bill C-14 (limits the scope of assisted dying in Canada)	<i>N/a</i>
<b>External Associations</b>	The CSU is no longer a member of the Canadian Federation of Students; it has affiliated with the Association for the Voice of Education in Quebec	<i>N/a</i>
<b>Food Justice</b>	The CSU commits to support student led initiatives attempting to increase student control of the food system; supports	Supports the Food Autonomy Campaign and its demands; endorses a university-wide food waste reduction proposal and

	affordable, sustainable, and student-run food service initiatives on campus; supports the Food Autonomy Campaign and its demands	pursuit of its implementation at Concordia
<b>LGBTQIA2S+</b>		The CSU supports equality for members of the LGBTQIA2+ community and opposes any discrimination based on sexual orientation, gender identity or gender expression; it stands in solidarity with trans, nonbinary, and gender-non-conforming folks and issues that concern them
<b>Mental Health</b>	<i>N/a</i>	The CSU shall work towards the creation of a new service dedicated to supporting the mental health of students
<b>Transport</b>	<i>N/a</i>	The CSU is in favor of exploring the possibility of implementing a Universal Transit Pass (U-Pass) that gives unlimited access to student on a semesterly basis instead of a monthly one
<b>CSU Governance and Projects</b>	<i>N/a</i>	The CSU supports investigating the adoption of an undergraduate representative council distributed among faculties with specified seats allocated for minority groups; it is committed to continue negotiations with Concordia University regarding the realization of a Student Centre/ Building