



## Concordia Student Union – Council of Representatives

**CSU Special Council Meeting – Agenda  
Wednesday, November 26<sup>th</sup>, 2014  
H-767, 18h30, S.G.W Campus**

- 1. Call to Order**
- 2. Roll Call**
- 3. Approval of the Agenda**
- 4. Consent Agenda**
  - a) Approval of Minutes
  - b) Chairperson's Report
  - c) Executive Reports
  - d) Ratification of Standing Committee Reports
  - e) Reports from University Bodies
  - f) Positions Book
- 5. Presentations and Guest Speakers**
- 6. Appointments**
- 7. Returning Business**
  - a) Audit
  - b) Reggie's/Hive Concept
- 8. New Business – Substantive**
  - a) Loyola Greenhouse
  - b) Financial Regulation Changes



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c) Food System SPF

d) Sustainability Director

### **9. New Business – Informational**

a) Hive Update

b) Divestment

c) Clubs & Space Committee Report

d) CUSACorp Report

### **10. Question Period & Business Arising**

### **11. Announcements**

### **12. Adjournment**



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### **CSU Special Council Meeting – Minutes**

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#### **1. CALL TO ORDER**

Meeting is called to order at 18h40.

*We would like to acknowledge that Concordia university is on the traditional territory of the Kanien'keha:ka (Ga-niyen-gé-haa-ga), a place which has long served as a site of meeting and exchange amongst nations. Concordia recognizes, and respects the Kanien'keha:ka (Ga-niyen-gé-haa-ga) as the traditional custodians of the lands and waters on which we meet today.*

#### **2. ROLL CALL**

Executives present for the duration of the meeting were *Katherine Bellini* (VP Clubs & Internal Affairs), *Charles Bourassa* (VP Student Life), *Jessica Cabana* (VP Sustainability), *Anthony Garoufalis-Auger* (VP External Affairs & Mobilization), *Heather Nagy* (VP Finance), *Benjamin Prunty* (President), *Gabriel Velasco* (VP Loyola), and *Terry Wilkings* (VP Academic & Advocacy).

Councillors present for the duration of the meeting were *Gemma Acco* (Arts & Science), *Jeremy Blinkhorn* (Fine Arts), *Jenna Cocullo* (Arts & Science), *Emily Fisher* (Arts & Science), *Paul Jerajian* (Arts & Science), *Lucinda Marshall-Kisparissis* (Arts & Science), *Caroline Messier-Gémes* (JMSB), *Marion Miller* (Fine Arts), *Nicholaos Mouzourakis* (ENCS), *Terry Ngala* (Independent), *Angelica Novielli* (Arts & Science), *Matthew Palynchuk* (Arts & Science), *Marcus Peters* (Arts & Science), *Thomas Radcliffe* (Arts & Science), *Michael Richardson* (JMSB), *Jeremy Tessier* (Arts & Science), *James Tyler Vaccaro* (Arts & Science), *Chloë Williams* (Arts & Science) and *Emma Wilson* (Fine Arts).

Councillors absent for the duration of the meeting granted reprieve were *Vicky Rodgers* (JMSB) and *Rami Yahia* (ENCS).

Councillors absent for the duration of the meeting not granted reprieve were *John Talbot* (Arts & Science).

#### **3. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA**

**Chair:** We need a motion to appoint Caitlin Robinson as the Council Secretary for this meeting of Council.

#### **VOTE**

In favour: 9

Opposed: 0

Abstentions: 0



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*Motion carries.*

**Chair:** We have one request for an excusal of absence courtesy of **Vicky Rodgers**.

**Lucinda Marshall-Kisparissis** moves to excuse **Vicky Rodger's** absence.  
Seconded by **Jessica Cabana**.

### **VOTE**

In favour: 9

Opposed: 0

Abstentions: 0

*Motion carries.*

**Jessica Cabana** adds point 8. *d) Sustainability Director* and 9. *a) Hive Update*.

**Nicholaos Mouzourakis:** At the last meeting we discussed a time when councillors could request for their absences to be excused. Is that on the agenda?

**Chair:** That was just a suggestion by **Paul**. It could be entertained at this meeting but has not been formally tabled.

**Chair** remove the agenda point 6. *a) Appointment of Council Secretary*.

**Anthony Garoufalidis-Auger** add point 9. *b) Divestment*.

**James Tyler Vaccaro** removes both Club & Space reports, the External & Campaigns Committee Report from November 12<sup>th</sup> and the Loyola Committee Report from 4. *Consent Agenda* to create a new agenda point 9. *c) Clubs & Space Reports*.

**Benjamin Prunty** moves *Reggie's/Hive Concept* from 9. *New Business – Informational* to 7. *Returning Business*.

**James Tyler Vaccaro** removes the CUSACorp Report from 4. *Consent Agenda* to create a new agenda point 9. *d) CUSACorp Report*.

**Chair:** We will now vote on approving the agenda as amended.

### **VOTE**

In favour: 8

Opposed: 0

Abstentions: 1 (**Nicholaos**)

*Motion carries.*



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**Chair:** We will now vote on approving 4. *Consent Agenda*.

### **VOTE**

In favour: 9

Opposed: 0

Abstentions: 0

*Motion carries.*

**Chair:** On another note, **Jenna Cocullo** has formally resigned from the Loyola Committee so there is a space open for that.

### **4. CONSENT AGENDA**

#### **a) Approval of Minutes – November 12<sup>th</sup>, 2014**

*Ratified by consent.*

#### **b) Chairperson's Report**

*Ratified by consent.*

#### **c) Executive Reports**

*Ratified by consent.*

#### **d) Ratification of Standing Committee Reports**

*Ratified by consent.*

#### **e) Reports from University Bodies**

*Ratified by consent.*

#### **f) Positions Book**

*Ratified by consent.*

### **5. PRESENTATIONS & GUEST SPEAKERS**

*No presentations or guest speakers at this meeting of Council.*



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### 6. APPOINTMENTS

*No appointments were made at this meeting of Council.*

### 7. RETURNING BUSINESS

#### a) Audit

**Benjamin Prunty** moves to enter closed session.  
Seconded by **Chloë Williams**.

#### VOTE

In favour: 15  
Opposed: 0  
Abstentions: 0

*Motion carries*

*Meeting enters closed session at 18h49.*

**Heather Nagy:** Upon acceptance of a letter concerning audited documents from the CSU's General Manager to the President and the VP Finance, BIRT Council accepts and signs off on the audited documents presented last Regular Council meeting for the year ending 2013-2014.  
Seconded by **Michael Richardson**.

*Motion carries.*

**James Tyler Vaccaro** moves to enter open session.  
Seconded by **Matthew Palynchuk**.

#### VOTE

In favour: 15  
Opposed: 0  
Abstentions: 0

*Motion carries.*

*Meeting enters open session at 19h15.*

**Lucinda Marshall-Kisparissis** moves to ratify the motion made in closed session.  
Seconded by **Chloë Williams**.

#### VOTE

In favour: 11



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Opposed: 0

Abstentions: 4 (**Michael, Caroline, Nicholas, Thomas**)

*Motion carries*

**Chair:** I received a message from **Rami** requesting an excusal.

**Michael Richardson** moves to excuse **Rami's** absence.

Seconded by **Nicholaos Mouzourakis**.

### **VOTE**

In favour: 15

Opposed: 0

Abstentions: 0

*Motion carries.*

### **b) Reggie's/Hive concept**

**Nicholaos Mouzourakis** moves to enter closed session.

Seconded by **Chloë Williams**.

### **VOTE**

In favour: 13

Opposed: 1

Abstentions: 0

*Motion carries.*

*Meeting enters closed session at 19h18.*

**Michael Richardson** moves to take a ten (10)-minute recess.

Seconded by **Thomas Radcliffe**.

*Motion carries.*

*Meeting enters recess at 19h26.*

*Meeting reconvenes at 19h41.*

**Benjamin Prunty** moves to suspend Robert's Rules.

Seconded by **Nicholaos Mouzourakis**.

*Motion carries.*



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*Robert rules are suspended at 20h56.*

Benjamin Prunty moves to make the *Loyola Greenhouse* point 8. a).  
Seconded by **Terry Wilkings**.

*Motion carries.*

**Terry Wilkings** moves to to reinstate Robert's Rules.  
Seconded by **Benjamin Prunty**.

*Motion carries.*

*Robert's Rules are reinstated at 20h58.*

### **8. NEW BUSINESS – SUBSTANTIVE**

#### **a) Loyola Greenhouse**

**Jessica Cabana:**

WHEREAS the CSU has a position on actively supporting affordable, sustainable, and student run food service initiatives on campus;

WHEREAS students voted to approve of the use of the SSAELC Fund for the creation and expansion of predominantly student-run food systems projects on campus;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the CSU allocate 38,900\$ from the SSAELC fund so that the AEdifica firm may develop a proposal for three different greenhouse options for the Loyola Student Centre (SC) building as outlined in the Feasibility Studies Expansion for a Greenhouse.

Seconded by **Jeremy Blinkhorn**.

*Motion carries.*

**Michael Richardson** moves to enter open session.  
Seconded by **Nicholaos Mouzourakis**.

*Motion carries.*

*Meeting enters open session at 21h08.*

#### **b) Financial Regulation Changes**

**Heather Nagy** moves to amend the following Standing Regulations:

Standing Regulation 138 shall read "*A committee's approval shall be indicated by the signature of the chair of the committee,*" changed from "*A committee's approval shall be indicated by the signature of the chair of the committee, along with an extract of the minutes where the decision was taken*";





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Standing Regulation 187 shall read *“Each committee must keep track of the expenses to their respective budget-lines, these must at all times be up to date within each financial quarter, and must submit a mid-year report to the financial committee,”* changed from *“Each committee must keep track of the expenses to their respective budget-lines and must submit a mid-year report to the financial committee.”*

Seconded by **Michael Richardson**.

**Heather Nagy:** Basically we passed this Standing Regulation in July enabling committees discretionary budget lines namely the External & Campaigns Committee to build their own budgets internally and then bring them to the Finance Committee for ratification such that expenses could start to be accrued. Since the new oversight in finances at the CSU wherein every invoice which comes to my desk has to have an authorized person sign off on it, we are just adding a Standing Regulation stipulation stating that someone from the committee can sign off on that so that I know that someone on the committee knows the current budget coming through. We must keep track of finances on a quarterly basis.

**Paul Jerajian:** Having read the preamble, maybe have another stipulation in there regarding signing officers systematically looking to see how the charges are fluctuating per month or quarter. This is not relevant to the motion, but the way the signing officers work now, they go in, get it justified and sign or not. We could potentially ease up the signing officers financial responsibility.

**Heather Nagy:** That is very appreciated and the Finance Committee is mandated through the bylaws to review all financial policies. This will be a priority starting next semester. There are just standing regulations to change immediately in order to continue having expenses go through the office. To have things go through quarterly or monthly is an idea the finance department has had for a long time so that the financial oversight of the CSU continues to function.

### **VOTE**

In favour: 13

Opposed: 0

Abstentions: 1 (**Nicholaos**)

*Motion carries.*

**Paul Jerajian:** It would be wise for Council to receive monthly income statements just so that we can have a general idea of how things are going. It may be more logical for the board to receive them every month. One of our best changes last year at the Arts & Science Federation of Associations (ASFA) was to have income statements every month so that they can see and ask relevant questions.

**Heather Nagy:** I do not want to take up any more time for this, but I am interested in pursuing these discussions further. I will forewarn Council that for the December 10<sup>th</sup> meeting I will be bringing forth a motion that discusses how the finance department is trying to understand the best process of monthly or quarterly statements presented line-by-line and figuring out what the balance should be about without wasting councillors’ time monthly. The CSU is very difficult to keep up-to-date actuarially on a monthly basis since we may hold an event and either pay or receive revenue weeks later.



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**Benjamin Prunty:** What is the difference between what **Paul** is asking for the documents you submit?

**Heather Nagy:** What we send out now is the actuals vs. the budget to every Regular Council meeting. I am not sure monthly reports which take up half an hour each Council meeting make since. It is out legal and fiduciary responsibility for the quarterlies though.

**Paul Jerajian:** We do not have presentations each month at ASFA, we send out the document as a part of the Consent Agenda.

### **c) Food-System SPF**

**Benjamin Prunty** moves to adopt the Food Systems SPF policy into the Standing Regulations as an annex.

Seconded by **Katherine Bellini**.

**Benjamin Prunty:** The special projects fund for food systems is basically something we ran on last year and is about incentivizing any group on campus to start a food system project with the possibility for funding and an incentive to start these projects. It also adds a direction for their development on campus. It is basically open to any group but hopefully not one smaller than a faculty. Originally it was for faculty, groups CSU-wide or community groups. Obviously there is an extremely heavy student focus so it has to be student-run or fundamentally a student-oriented group like the People's Potato. The policy is not complete though. I chaired the Sustainability Committee and they gave their input. I was approached by a group who was looking into this and I thought it would be a good opportunity to test out the policy. It is not a small amount they would need – not \$100 000, but not far off, and I thought we could work with them to see what works, what does not work and what needs to be changed. There would be a collaboration between the Sustainability Action Fund (SAF) and us, and we would work with this group to work out the kinks. This is very new but I learned from applying for things with CEDEC and working with SAF and the food systems stuff to work out and create this policy. It is not perfect but I would rather field questions. The idea is for it not to be in the Standing Regulations, but online. IT makes sense to be an annex with other SPF policies we have. It is a broader SPF but significantly smaller.

**James Tyler Vaccaro:** I like the idea behind this, but the motion you are asking to have included in the annex, was it the SPF first working draft or the other one?

**Benjamin Prunty:** That was the preamble.

**James Tyler Vaccaro:** You are asking us to have this adopted into the Standing Regulations tonight but this is only the first draft. Has it been finalized?

**Benjamin Prunty:** The reason it is a draft is to see how it goes as a first time pilot test. It is not a draft but similar to how we adopted Chuck's finance policy at the beginning of last year because it is good to start things and then make small changes here or there. I do not want it to say "draft" in the annexes, but I can see changes being made.



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**James Tyler Vaccaro:** You outline the steps to be taken and the first is meeting with the SAF CEO. The only thing I see which could be problematic is that if they agree with the project it moves on. I believe that putting this much power to one individual could be problematic and I would feel more comfortable if it were vested in a committee of SAF.

**Benjamin Prunty:** I have worked with SAF and I am confident in the CEO. Because of my understanding of SAF I know that the board could just overturn this, but we could introduce flexibility, maybe after.

**Heather Nagy:** Just to add, I voiced a similar concern at the retreat. That is sort of the way that SAF undertakes things – the CEO vets it then brings it to committee to discuss further. A simple word change like “vetted” or “to committee after” is something we discussed to change in the future.

### **VOTE**

In favour: 14

Opposed: 0

Abstentions: 1 (**Caroline**)

*Motion carries.*

### **d) Sustainability Director**

#### **Jessica Cabana:**

WHEREAS last Council voted in favour of the Sustainability Director Position and this year’s Council voted in favour of its budget allocation;

WHEREAS the Food SPF was not in process of being developed when the position description was originally created;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Sustainability Director position be updated and include the Food SPF.

Seconded by **Jeremy Blinkhorn**.

**Jessica Cabana:** Last year’s Council approved a Sustainability Director position so I am bringing it back to Council because there have been some modifications. The Food SPF was not in development or existing, so it would fall under this persons’ mandate as well and we wanted it to be part of the description before hiring the person. They are not hired yet. Two things are going on: first, including the food SPF, and second, after speaking with General Manager (GM), their wage should not be \$14.75 per hour but \$15.50 per hour. The funding for this was already approved at the beginning of the year and this position has not started yet. The motion did not initially include a pay adjustment. One thing I did not mention is that we had reviewed this through the Sustainability Committee a few weeks ago and passed it through the Consent Agenda, but because the Food SPF was consulted for, it should be included.

### **VOTE**

In favour: 14

Opposed: 0

Abstentions: 2 (**Michael, Jenna**)



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*Motion carries.*

### 9. NEW BUSINESS - INFORMATIONAL

#### a) Hive Update

**Gabriel Velasco:** We had the intention of putting this to Council to give update as to where The Hive Cafe was in current time. We did a lot of work over the summer with not too much feedback besides the feedback through committee reports. We will cover several broad topics – membership, finances, food policy, student jobs, hive free luncheon, art gallery and events. Jessica and I wrote this up to update everyone and we wanted to come and present it. I will read it and if people have questions we will just quickly go over the major points.

**Jessica Cabana:** *Memberships* – the first two weeks of Orientation helped with memberships and then three (3) weeks later at Loyola we gave students information and now we have around 2 300 members after two and a half months. Definitely there is support from students who want to be part of it. Right now we are providing information which should become fruitful when we have the Special General Meeting. Cafe stuff happened too. If you are a member you can come and give \$1.50 for coffee and this alleviates pressure from the lines. It is really exciting that we can do that for our members.

**Gabriel Velasco:** The memberships far exceeded what we planned for the whole year so this is really exciting. *Finances* – we have been open three (3) months downtown and one (1) month at Loyola and finally got some approximate numbers. They are really good and really promising for both locations. Downtown there is a tremendous amount of traffic and much higher revenues than expecting. Human resources has been tricky but we are trying to find that perfect balance between the amount of people working and revenues. We will do much better than projected for the year. We are still expecting a slight loss, something very common with startup cafe organizations, but much less than we were originally expecting. Stuff is getting fit into place and is really great with respect to finances so we are really optimistic.

**Jessica Cabana:** *Procurement* – we are buying things from the Concordia Greenhouse and chickpeas and lentils from Le Frigo vert. The Hive free lunch gets produce from city farm schools or produce from Concordia's farmer's market. Other places purchased from is the Concordia Food Coalition, like the leafy greens. Really this is community building and giving good opportunities to produce and sell. Lots of things are happening on campus in relation to food and this is a great way to be able to be a portal to students to be able to sell. The initial policies developed are preliminary and we are just balancing local components with price.

**Gabriel Velasco:** *Student Jobs* – right now seven (7) students are employed at Loyola and nine (9) on the mezzanine, but we are looking at 15 to 20 student jobs as a constant for Concordia, as in they will always exist. It is really hard for students to find jobs on campus as many are relatively low paying, especially anglophone students. In terms of empowerment, we are going through structural changes and getting all the community together to take part in the cafe itself and not just being a regular barista at a coffee shop. Different students who have never been on a hiring committee are there and



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sometimes you do not get regular student jobs. *Free lunches* – with respect to free lunches, this is also going well. This has been expressed to me and others that the change is really appreciated. It is reflected in the comments received and the amount of students we have had. We have close to 200 students everyday and it is really becoming a community space, open from morning to close. Students are coming in to study and hang out as well as grabbing free lunch on the Loyola campus.

**Jessica Cabana:** The Hive Poetry Slams are really exciting and fun. Every time the Hive is mentioned people cheer. The Art Gallery Committee was created and two (2) people who sit on Council have helped us develop procedures behind it. We are looking at student art on the wall. The second student exhibit connected to social events is happening. It is really great and right now the staff decided that a staff exhibit will happen each year, with another one closing November 30<sup>th</sup>. If you know anyone who wants to submit art there will be another next year. In terms of other events happening, we are still configuring the alcohol permit, but the Geography students helped sort it out for us so that is working out. I will also let you know about another event happening Saturday – the Brasseurs Unis cooperative will be providing some local beer so there are events happening and students utilizing the space, the walls and chairs. *Future Developments* – one of the things recently implemented is a vertical garden and there have been discussions about The Hive and Reggie's terrace as well. It depends on who is occupying the space and if you want to get engaged or discuss this through committee, it is really a student space hub and is looking good.

**Marcus Peters:** Have you considered broadcasting CJLO in that location? It would definitely compliment it.

**Lucinda Marshall-Kisparissis:** We were approached soon after they opened and will look at doing some collaborations. From the CJLO end we had some program changes and a more solid schedule is coming so they will know what music is more cafe-friendly and at what times of day.

**Marcus Peters:** Can you give us a ballpark on the financial situation?

**Gabriel Velasco:** I foresaw that question coming but decided not to provide numbers since it is not tight enough to provide publicly. If you want to talk to me after I can show you though. Since we have only had two (2) months of operations there are no fixed costs.

**Terry Ngala:** Are you still taking submissions for the art gallery?

**Jessica Cabana:** There was a committee struck which overlooks the Hive art gallery, and different exhibitions are lined up. Right now, we are taking in submissions until November 30<sup>th</sup> then it will be closed and we will prepare the next exhibit.

**Terry Wilkings:** There is something exciting about how the GSA might want to have a formal relationship with the Hive in terms of expanding membership. Is there anything that you know about this?

**Benjamin Prunty:** I was approached by the president and a staff member who said that they were interested in looking into it, but made no promises. They are potentially running a graduate fee levy for this. I never actually asked them, but they just came up to me and we had just a preliminary



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conversation. This opens up the organization to a world of funding. I am currently trying to twist the arm of the Hive to have an Aboriginal awareness exhibit, especially with the opening statement that we have.

### **b) Divestment**

**Anthony Garoufalis-Auger:** There was a big decision made by the university about divestment. The CSU adopted this campaign over a year and a half ago, and the university announced that it will be creating a sustainability investment fund of \$5 million which will be completely divested from fossil fuels. This makes it the first university in Canada to acknowledge that fossil fuels are not sustainable. It still falls short of what the CSU has been saying, however. Given that the university has made this step, the CSU sent out a press release saying that we are pleased that the university acknowledges that fossil fuels are unsustainable and it has invested in a sustainable investment fund, but we would like to persuade them to divest the entirety of the fund. The Group Divest Concordia is coming up with their own statement and the Graduate Students Association (GSA) has signed onto our press release. We are working with groups like 350.org as well as people working with Naomi Klein and others and we have built alliances with this year to make it a big story. The Dalhousie University board of directors voted against fossil fuels divestment, and this is coming right off the heels of that. We are trying to make a splash out of the story in the next 48 hours and we are trying to put the focus on fossil fuels. The university statement is available on the front page of their website and on the CSU's Facebook page we will be posting a statement. We will be contacting journalists in the next 24 hour. This is a pretty big story and the divestment campaign is happening across Canada. We are going to be jumping on this opportunity to really galvanize the movement happening in Canada around the world.

**James Tyler Vaccaro:** You mentioned that the end plan is that the university divest within three (3) years. Did they state any plans to move forward?

**Anthony Garoufalis-Auger:** The plan is to create a \$5 million fund with a sustainability policy with the possibility of putting more in the fund. This is the extent of their commitment to divest the entirety. There is openness but no commitment to long term strategy.

**Benjamin Prunty:** This is a good move that they are doing, but just to put things in perspective, they already had \$5 million not invested in these sorts of things. While it is good that they do that because of public acknowledgement, at the same time it does fall short of the demand for full divestment. As time goes on will see if they are truly committed to these sorts of things.

**Anthony Garoufalis-Auger:** Their plan was to move all of their active shares and go into these pooled funds. They have gone in that direction in that now there are no active shares. I do not know where the money going though. They have taken \$5 million from there and are creating a fund to be managed by people who could create sustainable investment policy for it. We have no idea where the \$5 million is coming from or what the impact will be.

### **c) Clubs & Space Committee Report**



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**James Tyler Vaccaro:** About the Moroccan Students Association debacle, it seems that it is working out for the best. What is the budget allocation for the club? Financially, is it coming out of IEAC fees? CSU fees? Where is budget allocation from?

**Katherine Bellini:** They have not received any budget allocation because of the infraction of the CSU's bylaws by being identical clubs. As it stands, there is only one Moroccan Students association which will receive money after the conflict is resolved.

**James Tyler Vaccaro:** What about the Iranian Student Association's budget?

**Katherine Bellini:** The budget deadline for submission was extended from September 16<sup>th</sup> and every club afterwards were told that they would not have their budget processed for the reason that it was not submitted in a timely manner. We will be approving the budget proposals as of January. The clubs who have not yet submitted a budget would be entitled to apply for Special Clubs Funding (SCF) to allow them to function. The exception is the new clubs – if a club never received a budget and is new, and the process just approved, they are entitled to receive the budget as soon as the application is done. Otherwise, students need to follow guidelines for budget submission.

**James Tyler Vaccaro:** The Loyola CSU office moved and this has gotten pushed back. Is there a reason?

**Gabriel Velasco:** There is no reason – the university sent me the documents. They just sent me the dates which were those which coincided with university's construction deadline.

**James Tyler Vaccaro:** For the External & Campaigns Committee report, it mentions a 2 550\$ partnership with Rencontres internationales du documentaire de Montréal (RIDM). What were the terms of the partnership, and how is the committee and the CSU working with them?

**Anthony Garoufalís-Auger:** Mostly the \$2 550 was for the speaking event with Hubert Sauder and the film *We Come as Friends*. The entirety of that went to paying the honorariums and travelling costs of both speakers.

### **d) CUSACorp Report**

**James Tyler Vaccaro:** I have three (3) points to bring up regarding the CUSACorp Report – we have not received a report as we are supposed to every meeting. **Kate** presented us with something so I assume the board is doing something. Is there an update on the Reggie's lease? Are we waiting for the renovations?

**Benjamin Prunty:** Essentially, the only thing that the reports would say is that we are paying our taxes. For an update on the lease, we have not done anything except figure out that there will be no negatives for it. CUSACorp has no responsibilities since they own no land or businesses and have no staff, so I figured we would get more intensely involved when discussions about the construction of Reggie's came up. We should produce reports but they would not say very much. On the part of Reggie's and the renovations, it is not technically leased to Reggie's.



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**Heather Nagy:** With the plan **Kate** presented, CUSACorp needs to approve a Phase 1 after Phase 1 is complete. Now we saw the concept design, and that is the concept design. The working drawings are part 3 and then we will prioritize holding a meeting and making a decision on that.

**James Tyler Vaccaro:** The CUSACorps bylaws require you to hold shareholders meaning thirty (30) days within the end of a financial quarter. The End of September was thirty (30) days to review the financials presented at the shareholders meeting. We can just do one before the next Council meeting to keep kosher.

**Benjamin Prunty:** We had one which was kind of impromptu. A financial transaction did take place at CUSACorp. We had a certain amount of cash which we needed to cover a cash flow issue so we took a portion of that out. It went from CUSACorp to the CSU.

**Heather Nagy:** Yes, it was money CUSACorp owed the CSU.

**Benjamin Prunty** moves to ratify the reports remove from the *Consent Agenda*.  
Seconded by **Chloë Williams**.

### **VOTE**

In favour: 16

Opposed: 0

Abstentions: 0

*Motion carries.*

## **10. QUESTION PERIOD & BUSINESS ARISING**

*No questions of business arose meeting of Council.*

## **11. ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Paul Jerajian:** On October 24<sup>th</sup> the Clubs & Space Committee approved a club called MedSpecs Concordia and I have been working with them since last year with the help of **James** and Gonzo, and you guys approved them so I am just letting you all know how happy i am.

**Charles Bourassa:** **Jessica** mentioned this before but there will be an event at the Hive from 19h00 to 2h00 called he Winter Warmer with Brasseurs Unis, a co-operative started at Concordia. Five (5) kegs will be there of really cheap beer. The prices on the posters are wrong though, they will be cheaper.

**Lucinda Marshall-Kisparissis:** On Saturday there will be a massive demonstration against austerity with probably tens of thousands of people. Walking in the street good way to work up a thirst to go to Winter Warmer. We will be meeting at 13h00 in front of Prêts et Bourses du Canada.

**James Tyler Vaccaro:** I just wanted to mention that the FEUQ congress which happened in October did not have a CSU delegation and almost did not make quorum, and that they were discussing budget cuts





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to education. If the executives cannot make it, let the students know so that they can send people. The CSU holds either (8) seats we really looked bad.

**Benjamin Prunty:** We have an interesting dialogue with the FEUQ, but this is noted definitely. On another note, I just wanted to announce the rare gift that is the smoothness and tranquility our Council meetings have had, and I just wanted to say that I appreciate this entering into a period when historically people start thinking about who the next executive will be, and I just want to appreciate the tranquility. Everyone created that so thanks a lot.

**Paul Jerajian:** Tomorrow is the last day for the CSU, ASFA and CASA's by-elections. I would like to remind everyone to vote.

### **12. ADJOURNMENT**

Seconded by **Thomas Radcliffe**.

#### **VOTE**

In favour: 16

Opposed: 0

Abstentions: 0

*Motion carries.*

*Meeting is adjourned at 22h15.*



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**CSU Special Council Meeting  
Wednesday, November 26<sup>th</sup>, 2014  
H-767, 18h30, S.G.W Campus**

### **Summary of Motions Carried**

#### **3. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA**

A motion was carried to grant Caitlin Robinson temporary membership status for the duration of the meeting.

– *Unanimous*

A motion was carried to excuse Vicky Rodgers' absence.

– *Lucinda Marshall-Kisparissis (Jessica Cabana)*

#### **7. RETURNING BUSINESS**

##### **a) Audit**

*The following motion was carried:*

Upon acceptance of a letter concerning audited documents from the CSU's General Manager to the President and the VP Finance, BIRT Council accepts and signs off on the audited documents presented last Regular Council meeting for the year ending 2013-2014.

– *Heather Nagy (Michael Richardson)*

A motion was carried to excuse Rami Yahia's absence.

– *Michael Richardson (Nicholaos Mouzourakis)*

#### **8. NEW BUSINESS – SUBSTANTIVE**

##### **a) Loyola Greenhouse**

*The following motion was carried:*

WHEREAS the CSU has a position on actively supporting affordable, sustainable, and student run food service initiatives on campus;

WHEREAS students voted to approve of the use of the SSAELC Fund for the creation and expansion of predominantly student-run food systems projects on campus;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the CSU allocate 38,900\$ from the SSAELC fund so that the AEdifica firm may develop a proposal for three different greenhouse options for the Loyola Student Centre (SC) building as outlined in the Feasibility Studies Expansion for a Greenhouse.



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– Jessica Cabana (Jeremy Blinkhorn)

### **b) Financial Regulation Changes**

A motion was carried to amend the following Standing Regulations:

Standing Regulation 138 shall read “A committee’s approval shall be indicated by the signature of the chair of the committee,” changed from “A committee’s approval shall be indicated by the signature of the chair of the committee, along with an extract of the minutes where the decision was taken”;

Standing Regulation 187 shall read “Each committee must keep track of the expenses to their respective budget-lines, these must at all times be up to date within each financial quarter, and must submit a mid-year report to the financial committee,” changed from “Each committee must keep track of the expenses to their respective budget-lines and must submit a mid-year report to the financial committee.”

– Heather Nagy (Michael Richardson)

### **c) Food-System SPF**

A motion was carried to adopt the Food Systems SPF policy into the Standing Regulations as an annex.

– Benjamin Prunty (Katherine Bellini)

### **d) Sustainability Director**

*The following motion was carried:*

WHEREAS last Council voted in favour of the Sustainability Director Position and this year’s Council voted in favour of its budget allocation;

WHEREAS the Food SPF was not in process of being developed when the position description was originally created;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Sustainability Director position be updated and include the Food SPF.

– Jessica Cabana (Jeremy Blinkhorn)

## **9. NEW BUSINESS - INFORMATIONAL**

### **d) CUSACorp Report**

A motion was carried to ratify the reports removed from the *Consent Agenda*.

– Benjamin Prunty (Chloë Williams)