



Concordia Student Union – Council of Representatives

CSU Regular Council Meeting – Agenda

Wednesday, April 8th, 2015

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 – March 11th Council Meeting

b) Standing Committee Reports

c) CUSACOrp Report

d) Chairperson's Report

e) Executive Reports

f) Reports from University Bodies

g) Positions Book

5. Presentations and Guest Speakers

6. Appointments

7. Returning Business

8. New Business – Informational

a) Elections

b) Strike

c) Campaigns Update



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9. New Business – Substantive

- a) Policy Committee Report (March 31st, 2015)
- b) Position – Increasing Government Revenues
- c) Burritoville Project (Food-System SPF)
- d) Reggie's Project
- e) Proposal for Small 7th Floor Lounge Theatre
- f) Sexual Harassment/Safe Campus in Student Associations
- g) UQAM 9 Expulsions
- h) AGM

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 18h43.

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), *Emily Fisher* (Arts & Science), *Faddy Kamel* (ENCS), *Lucinda Marshall-Kisparissis* (Arts & Science), *Marion Miller* (Fine Arts), *Nicholaos Mouzourakis* (ENCS), *Terry Ngala* (Independent), *Angelica Novielli* (Arts & Science), *Matthew Palynchuk* (Arts & Science), *Marcus Peters* (Arts & Science), *Jason Poirier-Lavoie* (Arts & Science), *Thomas Radcliffe* (Arts & Science), *John Talbot* (Arts & Science), *Jeremy Tessier* (Arts & Science), *Chloë Williams* (Arts & Science), and *Emma Wilson* (Fine Arts).

Councillors absent for the duration of the meeting granted reprieve were *Caroline Messier-Gémes* (JMSB) and *Taimur Tanoli* (JMSB).

Councillors absent for the duration of the meeting not granted reprieve were *Marie Brière de la Hosserraye* (Independent), *Scott Carr* (JMSB), *Jenna Cocullo* (Arts & Science), *Michael Richardson* (JMSB), *James Tyler Vaccaro* (Arts & Science) and *Rami Yahia* (ENCS).

Chair: I have received a few updates for resignations and excusals – I prepared a Chairpersons' Report regarding absences and requests for excusals which seems to have become a bit of a sticking point. Last Regular Council meeting, the most contentious issue was Roll Call. This is bit unusual and could be avoided with procedural clarity. Standing Regulations 60 through 66 clearly delineate this. I recommend that Council not stray from the Standing Regulations as best as they can. A reminder of the spirit of the Standing Regulations could help to inform this. In terms of resignations we have Maylen Cytryn and Vicky Rodgers. As far as requests for excusals go, we have two – **James** writes that he is unable to attend due to writing papers and he sends regrets to Council. The second form **Caroline** who cannot attend due to a funeral.



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Benjamin Prunty moves to excuse **Caroline Messier-Gémes**.

Seconded by **Matthew Palynchuk**.

VOTE

In favour: 12

Opposed: 0

Abstentions: 0

Motion carries.

3. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Benjamin Prunty moves to approve the late documentation which was sent out.

Seconded by **Jason Poirier-Lavoie**.

Benjamin Prunty: We have to approve it at the meeting so that it can be subject to deliberation at Council.

VOTE

In favour: 12

Opposed: 0

Abstentions: 0

Motion carries.

Anthony Garoufalis-Auger moves to excuse the non-submission of the VP External & Mobilization Report and the External & Campaigns Committee Report, and to waive the penalty.

Seconded by **Jason Poirier-Lavoie**.

Anthony Garoufalis-Auger: I did not submit my VP External Report or Committee report. I can give an update afterwards about the External committee. The reason is that I started writing something and I totally forgot to finish it up and send it over. I realized in the last 24 hours and I have not had the time to get the last bit finished and sent over. That is my excuse for not submitted the documents. I am requesting an excusal and will give an update about what I have been doing.

VOTE

In favour: 12

Opposed: 0

Abstentions: 0

Motion carries.

Benjamin Prunty moves to add the point *g) AGM* to *9. New Business – Substantive*.

Gabriel Velasco moves to remove *6. a) Judicial Board*.



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Terry Wilkings moves to pull *Policy Committee Report (March 31st, 2015)* from 4. *Consent Agenda*, to be placed under 9. *New Business – Substantive*.

Anthony Garoufalis-Auger moves to add c) *Campaigns Update* under 8. *New Business – Informational*.

Lucy Marshall-Kiparissis moves to approve the agenda as amended and all items under 4. *Consent Agenda*.

Seconded by **Jason Poirier-Lavoie**.

VOTE

In favour: 13

Opposed: 0

Abstentions: 1

Motion carries.

4. CONSENT AGENDA

a) Approval of Minutes – March 11th Council Meeting

Ratified by consent.

b) Standing Committee Reports

Ratified by consent.

c) CUSACorp Report

Ratified by consent.

d) Chairperson's Report

Ratified by consent.

e) Executive Reports

Ratified by consent.

f) Reports from University Bodies

Ratified by consent.



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g) Positions Book

Ratified by consent.

5. PRESENTATIONS & GUEST SPEAKERS

No presentations or guest speakers at this meeting of Council.

6. APPOINTMENTS

No appointments were made at this meeting of Council.

7. RETURNING BUSINESS

No returning business was discussed at this meeting of Council.

8. NEW BUSINESS – INFORMATIONAL

a) Elections

Benjamin Prunty: I first wanted to congratulate the new people who have been elected – **Terry's** executive team, **Marion** and lots of councillors. This is really exciting. Besides that, all of the referendum questions relating to the major projects passed. The only one which did not pass was related to the Health and Dental fund. It is not a tragedy that this did not pass right now – when we passed Special Bylaw K, we reduced the admin fee so the total cost is \$7 per person less for the entire year, so we can maintain the current level of coverage just barely and have a small amount left over despite the question failing. It seems as though this question will need to be asked in the future, or the health and dental plan will have to be reduced. Besides that, I just wanted to have this in case people have questions. We are waiting on the CEO's report and will ratify this at the Annual General Meeting.

b) Strike

Benjamin Prunty: I wrote quite a bit about this in my executive report. We are working with Solidarity Concordia to develop positions as long as they are in line with our we have a broad position in line with, such as budget cuts. This is a position we have been forwarding and is one I have been defending through the mandates derived from various associations' general assemblies (GAs) – their structure is the same as ours and a threat to their democratic process is a threat to ours. I have put myself on the front lines so that the union is with the individuals putting themselves on the front lines. We are sending a message to the university and anyone paying attention that if there is targeting of individual students upholding their mandates, we will be involved. This puts a lot more resources behind the students because we have way more resources than other people and to put ourselves alongside smaller associations is helpful. Besides that, I have put a lot of information in my report. This is still ongoing for certain departments. We will continue focusing on this pretty heavily to make sure that there are no



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student casualties. I gave my number to students in case they want to contact me. Also, I went to the first round of GAs and I have a pretty good feeling of where these students are at too.

c) Campaigns Update

Anthony Garoufalis-Auger: I am going to talk about what will be happening in the next few weeks and what has happened in the last couple of weeks – we are done our speakers series, we finished with Vandana Shiva and Dominic Champagne and the Yes Men. Vandana Shiva's event was completely packed and the Yes Men too. These were very very successful and topped off the events being held in H-110 for the year. Now we have another big event happening this weekend, the Act on Climate march. This is themed around the climate march and we are getting five (5) buses to drive Concordia students to Quebec City. There will be about 100 buses leaving from around Quebec and some from the rest of Canada to march in Quebec City in the lead-up to the meeting with all the premiers of the provinces. That is going to be quite a big event and there have been so many requests for buses that we do not have enough buses to get all of the students who wanted to go. We will be able to pack five (5) buses. The GSA is renting buses along with the DSU, and McGill is renting some too, and we are all leaving Saturday. Let me know if you want to be on the waiting list to get as many people possible, especially from Council. Right after the demonstration we are renting a big auditorium to have a talk about hydrocarbons and fossil fuels. The groups working against these are coming in to talk about the next steps and heed the call to the United Nations to leave fossil fuels in the ground to avoid climate change. We are expecting 750-1000 people to attend this talk organized by the Coalition ECO – Étudiants contre les oléoducs. In the next two months they are organizing a speaking tour. There will be ten (10) to fifteen (15) CEGEPs and universities coming together to talk about the coalition, and the hydrocarbon projects in the province and singing up students for a training program at the end of May. It is around climate change and fossil fuels and we expect 200-400 students to talk about plan to for the next year. We are doing the work of getting as many people interested this year, then planning a campus tour and we are sending an email to register students for this camp to be well-versed in the human rights issues and public health issues and what we can do about them. We are getting ready for next year when there will be an increase in mobilization. Many strikes are not just about austerity but fossil fuels, the economy and the increase in tar sands activity. In Quebec, the province announced its intent to do shell gas fracking and extract oil off of the Gulf. More than fifteen (15) student associations from across Quebec have joined on and a couple votes are coming up this week – we are one of the larger groups working on fossil fuels and the like.

9. NEW BUSINESS – SUBSTANTIVE

a) Policy Committee Report (March 31st, 2015)

Terry Wilkings: I pulled this report since changes were made to the Standing Regulations – it is best practice and I figured we would discuss these before adopting them. For the most part they are just housekeeping – the first change has to do with changing the recount margin of victory to when votes are less than fifty (50) apart to less than fifteen (15) for councillors. We found that fifty (50) in certain elections like by-elections is too large a margin and would force the CEO to re-count many of the candidates. The second change has to do with the elimination of the independent senator position. In



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the past, I do not know why this was allowed, but the CSU had one member of each faculty including independents elected to Senate. However, in the Senate's bylaws, they do not allow this because they do not have a faculty dean and do not fit the structure. The CSU is the umbrella that represents these students, but in the capacity of being a Senator this does not work. We eliminated that and added an additional seat for the category appointed by Council. At the very start of our mandate, we made a wish list of general long-overdue housekeeping measures which should have been implemented and we have come to a time when we can start dealing with some of these. We eliminated the "miscellaneous book" in the CSU to make things less heavy in terms of the layers and categories. The book chapter about the annual retreat was put into Book I. It is very straightforward and detailed in the Policy Committee report.

Jason Poirier-Lavoie: Should a councillor wish to contribute or make amendments, would they have to address the Policy Committee?

Terry Wilkings: They would have to address the Policy Committee as this would be better than addressing a room full of forty people. If you want to sit in on the meeting, this is not a problem. When the documents get sent out, if there is something you would like to follow up with, contact the chair of the committee for them to provide you with more information.

Jason Poirier-Lavoie: On the last point, is there a limitation to the Policy Committee's power? Can Council review what is done by them?

Terry Wilkings: Usually we receive our mandates from Council. In the past we have had Council mandate the Policy Committee to review elements of the Standing Regulations and then report back to Council. Getting into the minutia of the Standing Regulations at this level of deliberations is ill-advised because there are specific individuals who are very key for wording and it is a better setting in committee to deal with this.

Lucy Marshall-Kiparissis: This process of having a Policy Committee report and bringing it to Council is quite fail-safe since nothing goes through without being reviewed. Like **Terry** said, this kind of work would get out of hand.

Terry Wilkings moves to approve the March 31st, 2015 Policy Committee report.
Seconded by **Benjamin Prunty**.

VOTE

In favour: 15

Opposed: 0

Abstentions: 0

Motion carries.

b) Position - Increasing Government Revenues

Terry Wilkings: I drafted these positions because in the recent past, I have had the opportunity to speak with students – in discussing some of the positions adopted in referendum and some concerning



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privatization of services in public sector by government, students were looking for more solution-oriented positions. As such, I feel that these two positions I have put forward represent a lot of what we would like to have concerning mandates given to us from student body: *Position 1* – Increase number of tax brackets – this could achieve a zero-deficit budget. The lifestyle lived by someone making \$150 000 is quite disparate from someone making \$1 million. *Position 2* – The CSU adopting a position against federal and provincial government subsidies to fossil fuel-related companies. What is taking place now is the government prioritizing where they put money – instead of hospitals, daycares and schools, they are giving lots of funds to exploitation-related industries. The motion uses examples like the Plan Nord and research extraction activity. The objective of the position is to raise government revenues as oppose to cutting services.

Benjamin Prunty moves to approve the position in support of increasing government revenues, in the following motion:

WHEREAS, the CSU has a position against the privatization of public services that was recently adopted in the general election.

WHEREAS, the CSU has a position against cuts to the academic sector, and public sector in general, that was adopted in the 2014 by-election in November.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the CSU adopt a position in favour of increasing the number of income tax brackets, in a progressive manner, to raise government revenues while reducing the amount of income tax being paid by the majority of the population.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the CSU adopt a position in favour of removing Federal and Provincial government subsidies to the fossil fuel industry, and Plan Nord resource exploitation activity, as a method to increase government revenues.

Seconded by **Terry Wilkings**.

Terry Wilkings: The reason it is checked twice in the Standing Regulations is because sometimes the wording of positions adopted can be interpreted in different ways

Benjamin Prunty: When we speak of increasing government revenues, this is not the only thing we can set our sights on, it is just one position.

Marion Miller: I would encourage us to support these motions – students do want to hear about concrete solutions and we did have a lot of support in terms of the questions run in the past two elections. It is a great step in terms of thinking how we can concretely back up these positions.

VOTE

In favour: 14

Opposed: 0

Abstentions: 1 (**Nicholaos**)

Motion carries.

c) Burritoville Project (Food-System SPF)



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Benjamin Prunty moves to table this agenda point until the speakers arrives when their class is done.
Seconded by **Jason Poirier-Lavoie**.

VOTE

In favour: 14

Opposed: 0

Abstentions: 1 (**Nicholaos, Chloë**)

Motion carries.

John Talbot moves to take a fifteen (15)-minute recess.
Seconded by **Jason Poirier-Lavoie**.

VOTE

In favour: 15

Opposed: 0

Abstentions: 0

Motion carries

Meeting enters recess at 19h32.

Meeting reconvenes at 19h50.

Lauren Aghabozorgi: I am the coordinator for the Concordia Food Coalition (CFC) and I have been focusing my time on this project here.

Jordan Lindsay: I am a recent graduate of the Management and Computer Science faculties. Now I am an independent student and hopefully going to pursue graduate studies soon. We are here to present about the Burritoville coop project. We are finally here to break it down for you and ultimately humbly ask for your support in making this project a reality. The coop Burritoville is going to be a food systems partner in the food systems here at Concordia. This is currently a student and community-led initiative affiliated with the CFC and we are basically going to be purchasing the restaurant Burritoville on Bishop street and turning it from a for-profit enterprise into a solidarity cooperative. As for the details – with any good meal, we need all of the parts of the recipe to make it work. For this particular meal, we have a restaurant, a ton of phenomenal community support, an action plan and some sensible economics to be a sustainable enterprise.

Lauren Aghabozorgi: About the history of the restaurant – in 2004 it was Nation Burrito in NDG on Sherbrooke West and a year later the current owner bought the business, changed the name, and in 2007 his two (2) partners Steve and Dave joined him and they remain three (3) co-owners today. They wanted to start expanding their business because they did not have the capacity to serve all of their customers, so they found this place downtown which is basically a Victorian-style mansion, and the one in NDG no longer exists. They have been going strong downtown and this year they will celebrate their 10th anniversary and 6th at the downtown location.



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Jordan Lindsay: We are going to talk about why we chose Burritoville. We basically were drawn to it for a multitude of reasons – the business is incredibly well-established. Businesses have a very short lifespan and this business has been around for ten (10) years. It is very stable and very resilient. They survived the financial crash and are still doing well. They are one of the first quality, organic, vegetarian cuisine restaurants in the downtown core. They received 4 out of 5 in all of the review sites we could find. They are the highest-rated Mexican restaurant in this area. The location and space are super important. We are on campus, and the way the space set up is in three (3) – there is the main floor, a secondary stage area and a third library. This is important is because there is a lot going on inside building.

Lauren Aghabozorgi: Why this is really appropriate for this to be happening – the need for accessibility to organic, healthy vegetarian food despite the food initiatives which have come up in the past couple of years, we still have issues. Another big issue is the need for space for students on campus. I do not think that the campus is satisfying yet for students' needs and this would provide a space for students to engage in the variety of activities we engage in. There will be experiential learning opportunities – the same as the ones with the Hive for students to actively engage in – managing restaurants in a non-hierarchical setting, and timing is a really big factor right now. The owners have been looking to sell for the past two (2) years and the CSU has this fund for student space. It is a ripe time to do this. In 2012 a Léger Marketing survey came up with some stats – it is interesting because the student-led food movement has progressed. We still face the threat of the corporate monopolization of the campus with the major food groups. There has been a push for food sovereignty by the students.

Jordan Lindsay: We are hoping to leverage these and engage with the food system SPF policy to get this funding – we expect collaboration with the university on this project because of their pillar of innovation which is instrumental in where the university is going in the future. Finally, the most important reason is because of our community. This is a community which I have been a part of, and initiatives like this will take it to the next level. The benefits to the community are pushing vegan and vegetarian options through the university. We have already started the living organization for research in projects and we have some groups already involved. We are going to be pushing the local sourcing they already do and evaluating it with metrics and knowing the kilometres being travelled we will try and diminish these over time. It will truly become unrestricted student space. Looking at community innovation, we are looking to held lots of student led coops and not-for-profit initiatives, and maybe some without not so much structure to get involved in the food system. There will be a sliding scale of space rental charges. Currently there is a fee charged for rental and we will be basing it on the budget that the current student group has, instead of charging a blanket fee.

Lauren Aghabozorgi: I just wanted to point out that Burritoville can play an integral role in CSU projects – there is not so much competition, but collaboration and the building of links. We wanted to talk about how we can collaborate with the student coop housing project, the CSU daycare, the David O'Brien Centre for Sustainable Enterprise and the re-opening of Reggie's.

Jordan Lindsay: Reggie's is an exciting opportunity – while it has been a pinnacle point of student fun, there were many cross-collaborations between the two groups because they cater to different clientele. For example, a 5 à 7 would not go to Reggie's – we could see a 5 à 7 happen in Burritoville and then go



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hang out in Reggie's and get the night going, or vice versa. There could be cross-promotions in this way and it creates a terrace of student connections between the two groups.

Lauren Aghabozorgi: Another point about Reggie's is that they are a good player in the system offering local beers and drinks, and the student-run coop called Brasseurs Illimités. The new Reggie's anticipates selling that beer and Burritoville has already connected with that coop. Not having Burritoville in the picture would put that project at a standstill until they were to find a new space.

Jordan Lindsay: The discussion turned into potential purchase – it continues on that conversation, and then six (6) months ago we decided to ramp up that initiative. We incorporated on December 22nd, 2014 and formed our preliminary board of directors. During that time we were simultaneously receiving multiple business evaluations. We agreed tentatively on a maximum value of \$150 000. The owners are very flexible with this value so we are trying to reach that amount. If we do not, we will find other ways to make the funding happen. Finally, we are also simultaneously developing a funding strategy. This is why we are standing in front of you asking for your support. You are one of a slew of different bodies we will speak to, and you can see them on CSU proposal.

Lauren Aghabozorgi: The five (5) things you see are the values the CFC likes to adopt and what you see below is how the Burritoville working group wants to apply those same principles with our project. On the environmental side, the restaurant has already established their sustainable practices in restaurant management. On the social side, there will be employment opportunities with ethical practices, the workers are worker members of the coop and have a lot louder of a voice because of the horizontal structure. We see Burritoville as a community and a social hub where you have collective projects towards developing a social economy. The non-hierarchical structures allow for participative decision-making. From an organizational standpoint, we need workers to be on board and directors to be on board, we need know-how, and there should be coordination. The business development points and transition precautionary measures we will be undertaking will make sure that this goes off smoothly. Finally, formally transitioning will occur at the beginning of August. During that time, the owner, Jono, will be sticking around with us for a year for institutional memory to carry forward the business and not see drops in the organization's success. Now, a quick look at the economics – first, as I mentioned before, Burritoville has been an incredibly stable organization having been around ten (10) years. It is very uncommon in the restaurant industry and we are excited to use this as our core. We already know that we are coming in as a stable business. They are usually around breakeven each year. While we will be running the business that way, it is not about making money but giving support for food at Concordia. No one will be making money off of this. If we do make any money off of this, it will be put into student initiatives. While the business has not made a ton of profit, we are excited about it.

Jordan Lindsay: We have a particularly busy summer ahead of us. The ones with the numbers are funding milestones and we are reaching out to different bodies. We are a little behind on the CSU one by a couple of days.

Lauren Aghabozorgi: There are things that we have not tapped into but show potential if students are managing the restaurant is that in the future. The museum is building a whole new pavilion whose entrance is on bishop. This will bring more traffic from the public and from students. This is a revenue opportunity. The rumour is that the sidewalk of Bishop street will be extended and this will bring more



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traffic and visibility to the restaurant. We will be building more relationships with students at Concordia. If students are managing the restaurant, there will be more potential to reach out to the student population at Concordia. It has a great bar capacity, a full liquor license and could be open until 3h00 if it wanted to. That is a huge potential and it is not being utilized to its full potential.

Jordan Lindsay: From a cost-savings side, there are quite a few things that we have noted to save money on, like utilities as they pay a large amount for telephone and internet. From a heating efficiency standpoint, old Victorian homes bleed heat like it is going out of style. We are expecting a dramatic amount of savings. We have already started a relationship with students, getting in-class projects going and they found that there are quite a few opportunities to switch some suppliers and save a ton of money over the course of the year. While the goal is not to make profit, we might do that, and it will go right back into student initiatives. We have a super long lease left with the owner and first right of refusal after the lease is up. The year two (2) we are projecting a surplus based on current operations, not including any opportunities discussed in last slide. With all of the investment going in, we project that in eight (8) to ten (10) years we will have generated that much money back.

Lauren Aghabozorgi: For a summary of expenses – and these are quite conservative estimates – the absolute maximum is a \$166 500 purchase price, plus fees, with \$30 000 operating capital and renovations (the accounts payable that we are inheriting). There will be a \$41 150 development fee for internet, phone bills, etc. and a total of \$237 000.

Jordan Lindsay: I just want to point out why we are so concerned about this project being a success and what we will lose if we do not take this over. We will lose the restaurant of Burritoville because they will sell eventually and if they do not sell to us, the only people who can afford it will turn it into a McDonalds or fine dining. Another really big one is the collaboration with the Brasseurs Illimités. Basically on that last point, we will lose out on cool new projects stemming from this.

Nicholaos Mouzourakis: Who is the landlord? What or who owns it ?

Jordan Lindsay: She is a sweet little old lady who owns a few properties around town. That is her story. She is living off of the revenues.

Nicholaos Mouzourakis: What is the potential to buy?

Jordan Lindsay: We have floated the idea around but we will not make commitments. She seems interested.

Nicholaos Mouzourakis: Why have they been wanting to sell?

Jordan Lindsay: While they have been getting paid, they have been doing this for ten (10) years and eight (8) years, respectively, and they are at a point where they have not been making much money above and beyond paying their own wages. They are excited about exploring new opportunities in their own lives.

Faddy Kamel: Will it be the same restaurant style?



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Lauren Aghabozorgi: We hope to maintain it and add a couple of things while keeping the value of organic food. We want to keep it with a Mexican influences and potentially add some items to the menu.

Jordan Lindsay: The type of food is particularly cost-effective from an organic standpoint. By having things like beans and chickpeas, this allows us to have more flexibility with things like cost. We have only had minimal discussion about menu changes. We want the business to stay as is, and do not want to disrupt very much. There will be minor changes over time to explore these ideas.

John Talbot: You said that Reggie's and Burritoville would work together cooperatively, but essentially Reggie's will be a prime competitor since it has pub food now. Is that taken into consideration?

Jordan Lindsay: First of all, Burritoville as an organization will have a ton of competition. The whole downtown core is competition. Interestingly, Burritoville and Reggie's have co-existed several times. Reggie's did have food and this did not really affect any operations. We are excited to be working with differences and compatibilities, e.g. Burritoville can stay open until 3h00 and Reggie's until 2h00. We have cordoned-off spaces which are very good for small gatherings of people. We want to find ways to work together. If we approach the relationship in a collaborative fashion, we will find ways to work together

Benjamin Prunty moves to approve the funding, contingent on the successful purchase of the business. Seconded by **Angelica Novielli**.

Benjamin Prunty: For full disclosure, I was around during the inception of this project and this gives me a pretty good insight on whether the project is viable, as I have seen it from start to finish. Giving \$100 000 is a large amount of money and I do not want the CSU or myself to promote a project which will not be successful. What we are doing with this approach is investing in the continuity of the mission of Burritoville, which is something we have been doing in the past. There are student mandates and Burritoville has left us with a great foundation to build on. We passed a policy about this kind of food business, which I wrote, and a project like this has some key areas which need to be there. We have promoters pushing this, we have an obvious background in business from students in business, with people who have backgrounds in commerce and economic development. Lauren actually has inside information and is the CFC coordinator, so she is directly connected to a group which pushes for these things and builds a culture for them. On the financial side, I know the way the finances are for the business – they are on an upward trend and there is a lot of potential for space. The membership will be open and the money to be made stays in the coop. We are not just giving \$100 000 to an organization to capitalize on an individual level with that money. Back to the finances, we are promising that during the transition period, the owner will stick around. When I met with the group, which was numerous times, I was actually impressed with their level of knowledge of how it could be destabilized during the transition period and this is a very promising sign. The staff is really good and they are people who have been around many years. The management style is close to acting like a collective – there are hierarchies inside, but there will be no massive shift in the culture, or it will be minimized. On our side of things, we have organized conferences on things like food sovereignty and seen a lot of people interested in this stuff. I think that their business model will inspire increasing loyalty to this model. We will expand with community roots, trying to develop them even further. Having it student-run reduces competition. There



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is competition everywhere, but the fact is that student-run says that we can have a direct input on how it is run and this changes the dynamic entirely. This is the opposite of competition. I can see how it might be, but on that note, the people they are using for consultants are the ones writing Reggie's business plan as well. We will not ask them to write competing business plans though obviously. Obviously, it is a risk, but it is a pretty good risk to take – pretty minimal. I could go on for awhile, but If we do not do this, the brewer's cooperative will not have a place to brew because they cannot do it legally on campus, and this is the only place around to do it. All in all, it seems pretty promising. Our General Manager has looked it over. He thinks that it is a positive project. We have done out due diligence on the executive side and it seems like a good investment to make. We are well-positioned to make these kinds of investments, or else these projects would not exist since there really are not many bastions of community capital.

Jason Poirier-Lavoie: I believe that this is a great idea, but my question is – how much is left in the SSAELC?

Heather Nagy: Roughly \$9 million.

John Talbot: Just to further what **Ben** was saying, for Brasseurs Illimités it will be cool in Quebec to brew beer on campus – or on campus but not on campus. This is the perfect partnership. That is super key for the project. The Sociology and Anthropology Student Unions (SASU) always has events there and they are always super great. If the organization continues to exist as it already does, I can only see it flourishing more.

Emily Fisher: Who is going to be taking care of that? To produce alcohol for sale is expensive and tricky. If something were to happen, you are dealing with a cooperative which is not even off the ground. How would they be liable if something were to blow up?

Jordan Lindsay: This is one part we are doing with the organization – turning it into an innovation hub. This is a good example of the type of work we will be doing through volunteers or the board of directors. We would go in and work with them to make sure these things are feasible. We have connections with a ton of community cooperative development organizations.

Emily Fisher: Would we be the ones in charge of renewing and paying for Brasseurs Illimités?

Lauren Aghabozorgi: If Brasseurs Illimités does not have an actual address, we might have to provide them with the same address.

Marcus Peters: I am just wondering – I believe that Burritoville will attempt to get on the official list of caterers for Concordia. Is this true?

Jordan Lindsay: We will work towards it. The university had some more strict criteria that Burritoville did not have the energy or capacity to keep working on then. We will try and jump right back in there though.



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Terry Wilkings: I would like to speak in favour of supporting these folks getting off the ground – I have one question first though – what is the square footage?

Lauren Aghabozorgi: It is in the business plan.

Terry Wilkings: From privileged information I may know, it is probably in the thousands of square feet – we are being asked to spend \$100 000 to run thousands of square feet of student space. To think about the way they have been approaching us with the presentation, expanding the client base and with museum and things, and additionally the way this business has to operate, they are not dependent on student clientele for a third of the year through the summer months. This shows their ability to harness the market which is not student-oriented here. I see a lot of potential for smaller student events to take place. When it comes to revenue-generating events, they will happen at Reggie's. Thinking about the acoustics, I am sure that audio-wise there will be much more at Burritoville, so it will not be the important place for big audio events. However, this is not what they are seeking in the end. Putting this into perspective, we put over the amount of what is being asked for into relocating the Advocacy Centre and this is a lot smaller in square footage – several thousands of square feet smaller. That economic factor should be taken into account.

Benjamin Prunty moves to amend the motion to specify that the expenses be taken out of the SSAELC fund.

Seconded by **Terry Wilkings**.

Amendment adopted by unanimous consent.

VOTE

In favour: 16

Opposed: 0

Abstentions: 0

Motion carries.

d) Reggie's Project

Heather Nagy moves to put aside the \$1.8 million recently voted for by the students for the Reggie's project, in escrow with our lawyer, as requested by Peter Bola, the Associate VP of Facilities Management.

Seconded by **Thomas Radcliffe**.

Heather Nagy: We are in constant talks with the administration regarding this project. Most recently where we are at is that it is going to tender, this is really happening, and the amazing construction project is moving forward. The university wants to make sure that we have the money and so they have asked us to put it in escrow. We did the same thing for the CFS case – we put the money in escrow with Philippe Tessier. This is just a procedure so that the university administration is confident that we have the money to pay for it. This ties the university to uphold their part of the bargain on this project.



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VOTE

In favour: 14

Opposed: 0

Abstentions: 4 (**Nicholaos, Chloë, Marcus, Jason**)

Motion carries.

Kate Bellini: In terms of updates about Reggie's project – now we are in the tender process, all of the plans are finalized concerning the ventilation, etc., so this being said, we have found seven (7) contracting companies which are in the process of producing some sort of evaluation of the project to see how much they can charge us for it. We will see who has the lowest cost. The tender process opens April 17th and it will be a two (2)-week process. As of May 15th, The Hive and the Reggie's basement will have to be emptied to be taken care of by the contracting firm. We are still evaluating the needs for audiovisual equipment. We received the permit for the opening of the window. As for the permit to open the wall that separates the Reggie's terrace and the space, this had to go through an approval process. Other than that, we are still in contact with different beer companies and talking about the maintenance programs and contracting the maintenance of equipment.

VOTE

In favour: 15

Opposed: 0

Abstentions: 1 (**Chloë**)

Motion carries.

Lauren Aghabozorgi: Thank you for giving us so much time.

Chair: I have received two requests for excusal – one from **Taimur** who cannot attend the meeting as he is assisting a close friend with the funeral preparations for her grandmother and he will not be leaving until it is done. The second one is from **Scott** who writes that he cannot attend due to not feeling well.

Gemma Acco moves to excuse Taimur Tanoli.

Seconded by **Terry Wilkings**.

VOTE

In favour: 13

Opposed: 0

Abstentions: 3 (**Nicholaos, Angelica, Marcus**)

Motion carries.

Faddy Kamel moves to be excused.

Seconded by **Terry Wilkings**.

Marcus Peters: Why are you leaving?



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Faddy Kamel: I do not know how long the meeting will go on and I have assignments.

VOTE

In favour: 1

Opposed: 4

Abstentions: 11

Motion is defeated.

e) Proposal for Small 7th Floor Lounge Theatre Space

Benjamin Prunty: I am more curious to hear how you feel about this – it is coming from office manager but she did not think there was funding for it. I told her that there was funding for student space initiatives so she put this funding proposal together. We do not have a lot of specifics because we have to work with the university and that department is not interested in indulging in our facies until we show commitment. They are afraid we will make them do work and then walk away once they have expensed a bunch of things. They are not saying this to us on large projects, which they do a lot of work for us on, but not really the small ones. Today I was given information that one of our estimates of around \$1 200 is actually about \$5 000. This is not a game-changer really, but it would increase the use of the space substantially – we currently have people who come in, use the screens, play video games, etc., and now people could do things like use the large screens to play video games, have tournaments, watch the Olympics, watch movies, etc. It is an extremely versatile addition to the space. I think it is a bit premature for us to approve this because we have learned today that there would be that \$5 000 instead of \$1 200 and there might be a few other areas where the price would be higher than anticipated. My opinion will be pretty unchanged. It is too early to approve anything because there are no numbers, but we want to hear your feedback. Are people interested in us continuing to pursue this? It might be enough to tell the university to move forward on this. There is no formal motion though as the document was sent out recently since a portion was added recently.

Jason Poirier-Lavoie: I have seen proposals like this and it makes me happy to be a member of Concordia. We are very well-prepared and I find the idea excellent to make use of such wasted space. I am super receptive and honestly at \$15 000 plus tax, and even if increases to \$20 000, still does not outweigh the benefits. I hope to see this come to fruition.

Jeremy Blinkhorn: Will it be managed by the CSU?

Benjamin Prunty: Yes.

Rami Yahia: I already asked you this question – there is the Muslim Students Association (MSA) who uses the seventh floor small and big lounges every Friday. Would this affect their event on Fridays at noon?

Benjamin Prunty: On a structural level I do not see where it would. This is the kind of thing where you can tuck away curtains, the projector would be in the roof and the turning pillars would still be there. It



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might increase competition for the space, but that is just the reality of it. I do not see it having a direct impact though. The use of that space in perpetuity always up to whoever is there.

Heather Nagy: To add to that, the MSA often books space at the beginning of the year so there would be more competition, but since the MSA is very organized, this probably will not impact them.

Terry Ngala: What is the timeline between once the proposal returns to Council and finances are approved and time students can start playing video games on the big screens?

Benjamin Prunty: I imagine four (4) months is a safe bet, but I do not know.

Marcus Peters: Is it taken under consideration to get better seating?

Benjamin Prunty: The understanding was would move the chairs if people wanted to move the space. if it becomes an issue, the SSALEC fund is available for these sorts of purchases. Furniture is a necessary component of the space usage.

Jeremy Blinkhorn: I understand that the CSU will be managing space, but with a lot of other spaces, the CSU is overseeing a lot of equipment and this could be complicated. This could be an extra operational cost.

Jason Poirier-Lavoie: Would a motion be in order to authorize the executive board to execute an amount to permit them a certain limit of money, to authorize them to carry out the project, approve it and not come back to us?

Benjamin Prunty: I am not sure how much it is going to cost at this point. We could do it.

Heather Nagy: I do not really think it is necessary and there is no sense of urgency. Considering it is such a well-used student space, it is a good idea to come back to Council so that all Council members are aware of the exact stipulations of the space. Thank you for vote of confidence though.

Terry Wilkings: We could have a motion to express our support for the project, being aware of financial ramifications. Maybe that would allow the university to entertain our ideas of moving ahead with this.

Terry Wilkings moves to have the board take a position supporting the seventh-floor lounge theatre space project, with the understanding of the numbers that were presented in the document today, and the notion that we would like to see this project move forward conceptually.
Seconded by **Benjamin Prunty**.

Benjamin Prunty: Instead of the numbers in the document, to say that with the understanding that the numbers in the document will be significantly inflated should the project come to fruition.
Seconded by **Terry Ngala**.

Amendment adopted by unanimous consent.



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Jason Poirier-Lavoie: Ben, you said that the university wants to see a commitment. Does this satisfy that or do we need something more strongly worded? This is the reason I proposed this wording initially, to satisfy that.

Benjamin Prunty: I think that this is more than enough. I do not even foresee us sending them the actual motion, just saying that we discussed it with unanimous support.

Jeremy Blinkhorn: Logistically in the proposal, you are talking about blinds. Will this be a closed off area? Sometimes these spaces are double-booked and if there was a Council meeting in that large space, there would be some guy snoring. If a bunch of people are playing video games loudly, there will be a conflict. I think that the space needs to be closed off

VOTE

In favour: 11

Opposed: 1

Abstentions: 3 (**Nicholaos, Angelica, Chloë**)

Motion carries.

f) Sexual Harassment/Safe Campus in Student Associations

Heather Nagy:

WHEREAS recent developments have brought to light incidents of misogynistic, sexist, racist, and general discriminatory behaviour by two male executives at the Arts and Science Federation of Associations (ASFA);

WHEREAS the individual who was repeatedly targeted by various forms of harassment sought assistance from the University's Dean of Students Office and subsequently the Office of Rights and Responsibilities at Concordia University and was refused support and help;

WHEREAS there is currently a complaint being filed on behalf of the targeted individual by the Center for Research-Action on Race Relations (CRARR) with the Human Rights Commission;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the CSU take a position in support of the student targeted and known in the Gazette article as Mei-Ling (not her real name) in her efforts to address the issues of racism, sexism, misogyny, and general discrimination within the Arts and Science Federation of Associations and the two men accused as part of the incident;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the CSU deplore the inaction of the Dean of Students Office and the Office of Rights and Responsibilities following their cognizance of persistent racist, sexist, misogynistic, and general discriminatory behavior occurring within the Concordia community;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the CSU denounce the selective communication of the Office of Rights and Responsibilities with Mei-Ling as to her rights and responsibilities, effectively preventing restorative justice from being pursued through internal mechanisms within Concordia;



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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the CSU calls on the University to begin an open investigation into how the negligent oversight resulted between the Office of Rights and Responsibilities, the Dean of Students Office, and Mei-Ling, in regards to the process by which her case was mishandled;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the CSU denounce the lack of any specific policy on sexual harassment and sexual assault in the Code of Rights and Responsibilities and the lack of survivor oriented support by the Office of Rights and Responsibilities;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the CSU support CRARR's call for mandatory sensitivity training on race, gender and other civil rights issues for all ASFA executives for the next two years including the two men accused, and the creation of an independent task force to develop concrete ways to combat and prevent racism, sexism and sexual violence in its activities;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the CSU adopt the implementation of mandatory and accessible consent and sensitivity training on race, gender and other civil rights issues for all students in representative positions appointed or elected, and encourage other student associations on campus as well as the University's administration to institutionalize similar processes for individuals in positions of leadership;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the CSU Policy Committee explore and implement a code of conduct on sexual assault and harassment which is to be presented to Council in the near future;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the CSU adopt a position in support of formally including the Centre for Gender Advocacy in any University committee, working group, task force, or other deliberative body that reviews or engages with topics of sexual assault, sexual harassment, gender based harassment or violence, present and future.

Seconded by **Angelica Novielli**.

Jason Poirier-Lavoie: This is a very big resolution and I would have loved to have more time to propose more well-thought out amendments. I really enjoy the mindset behind the resolution, there are just some technical issues such as using "misogyny" as hatred towards women, regardless of gender or any specific hatred towards someone's sex.

Lucy Marshall-Kiparissis: Maybe to just defend "misogyny" as a term, when you are looking at sexism – right now we are discussing a toxic culture against women and feminized bodies and politicians. In this case, it would be a dilution to take it away. I also like the "BIFR" clause which talks about the Office of Rights Responsibilities. Some things get charged under this and some do not, depending on what embarrasses the university most.

Heather Nagy: To **Jason** about the comment and the quickness of why this was put together and not really given to councillors, the article came out just a week ago and we got in touch with the Centre for Gender Advocacy as we look to them for expert resources about these issues. They were enthused about all the terms utilized in the motion.

Jason Poirier-Lavoie: I agree – the comments made before remind me that a strong culture needs to be addressed so I retract the statement. How can we enforce the sixth resolution paragraph regarding



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having ASFA executives go through sensitivity training on race, gender and other civil rights? What strategies would we use to approach these?

Terry Wilkings: It directly links to what the Center for Research-Action on Race Relations (CRARR) is doing and it is more supporting the actions and what is being perceived by the CRARR. The actions the CSU may foreseeably take are written in separate sections. I do not think that what we are trying to do is manifest the demands or calls made by the CRARR. We are articulating our support for the perspective CRARR is employing in order to try and reduce the rape culture scene on campus.

Marion Miller: Could someone remind me if we have a position about this with residence consent training? Is this a place where we could iterate support this this?

Benjamin Prunty moves to amend the motion to reiterate its support for the Centre for Gender Advocacy's call for mandatory consent workshops in the residences
Seconded by **Matthew Palynchuk**.

Amendment adopted by unanimous consent.

Benjamin Prunty: I am pretty sure that we have such a position, but reiterating it is still good.

Nicholas Mouzourakis: In the second "whereas" clause where it says "the individual who was repeatedly targeted by various forms of harassment," the only one I read about was the Facebook messages. What else have I missed?

Marcus Peters: There were quite a few articles starting with The Gazette, The Link and The Concordian. This goes over briefly that this was more so direct evidence that the student in question had this behaviour going on and was replicated with a couple of other people in ASFA and other organizations.

Heather Nagy: Like **Ben** was saying, some of the information gathered is from people involved more intimately, the person themselves and the CRARR. I guess lastly, information comes from the explicit horrific quotes involved in the Gazette article. I suppose that people point to that being the tip of the iceberg in terms of what this person dealt with.

Benjamin Prunty: The CSU itself as an organization is not exempt from these sorts of issues. I have been around and heard things which are not fun to talk about. I think that this is an important opportunity for us to take a step in this direction such as the CSU's potential role in these kinds of situations and to put ourselves in the role to change ourselves positively.

Jason Poirier-Lavoie: At my fraternity we have this policy where all incoming members go through consent and sensitivity training. There are a surprising amount of gentlemen and people unaware of these issues who do not grasp the conversation which needs to take place. People in leadership positions should be made aware of this and take part in these conversations.

VOTE

In favour: 16



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Opposed: 0
Abstentions: 0

Motion carries.

Heather Nagy: There was a resolution about Policy Committee developing a code of conduct and implementing mandatory training. Hopefully this will come up next Council meeting.

g) UQAM 9 Expulsions

Benjamin Prunty:

WHEREAS political targeting is taking place at UQAM against student leaders upholding mandates given to them through their memberships;

WHEREAS the Education Minister, Francois Blais, has already called upon university administrators to expel “two to three students” per day in an attempt to instrumentalize universities in a conflict that exist between society and government policy, not between society and universities;

WHEREAS Blais has publicly referred to students as children;

WHEREAS we recognize that the heavy-handed and paternalistic approach of the government in the face of student democracy will only exacerbate conflicts, as we have seen in 2012;

WHEREAS two students lost their vision in one eye in 2012, as a direct result of government repression;

WHEREAS the Menard Report, commissioned by the provincial government, essentially accuses the provincial government of exacerbating the conflict in 2012;

WHEREAS, highlighting that no lessons have been learned on the part of the provincial government since 2012 as a result of the Menard Report, at a recent protest one student has already been shot point blank in the face by a tear gas canister, and there have been numerous other unacceptable and egregious injuries to students and those acting in solidarity with students at protests;

WHEREAS this context reveals the logic of repression that has filled the walls of UQAM;

WHEREAS success at UQAM, on the part of the administration, represents a superlative threat to student leaders that are upholding, and will uphold, democratic mandates of their respective associations at all universities in Quebec, including Concordia;

WHEREAS the judicialization of political questions, including the use of targeted expulsions against key and well-respected student leaders, and injunctions in lieu of democratic votes, represent perversions of student democracy;

WHEREAS, according to the Quebec Superior court regarding the recent Laurent Proulx ruling, (as paraphrased by the Link) “associations and assemblies preserve pluralism and ensure student representation in political debates”;



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WHEREAS the Quebec Superior court upheld the right for student associations to represent their membership directly, thus empowering students to uphold democratically-derived mandates;

WHEREAS many of our own members have put themselves similarly on the line, in comparison to the UQAM 9, while upholding the mandates of associations that have been derived democratically;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the CSU takes a position against the political expulsions of students at UQAM, as well as any comparable actions taken against student leaders at any other Cegep or University;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the CSU demand that the expulsions be overturned and the students be reinstated to their former positions within the university;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the CSU generally take a position against using judicial means to solve political questions. Specifically, that the CSU take a position against the use of injunctions to forcefully end strikes in the place of local democratic votes.

Seconded by **Matthew Palynchuk**.

Benjamin Prunty: Essentially, people not unlike myself and some of you were upholding democratic mandates from student associations at UQAM are being targeted two (2) years after the fact, at the very beginning of a strike movement, very conveniently at the same time as the government is calling to expel students and when the police are being heavy-handed again. Essentially what we are doing to approve of this motion is that we recognize it as political targeting and we are not willing to allow the government or the powers that be to cut off the student movement at its head, and we would be joining the 70 000 or so other students through their representative bodies. It is happening right now and it is a huge issue. I was at UQAM today and there were many riot police and injunctions passing. Because it is a grey area legally speaking, it is easy to say that it is an exploitable legal process akin to back-to-work legislation. It is not illegal to strike in Quebec for students, but it is a grey area as it does not explicitly say in the law that students can strike. This is kind of a grey area and we are reading this as empowering us to strike, and the government is reading it the opposite and allowing injunctions to happen. People in this room have been putting themselves on the line and no one deserves to be punished for upholding democratic mandates.

Lucy Marshall-Kiparissis: It is not super relevant, but to give context of what is happening at UQAM – the professors are recognizing that this is a violation of the democratic process.

Jason Poirier-Lavoie: If all of the “whereas” clauses remained together, I would wish to keep all of this in its form or not drop the preamble. I would like to express my desire to notwithstanding that custom.

Benjamin Prunty: We exist outside of Roberts Rules with the Positions Cook because we take the stuff passed at Council and the referendum questions passed, interpreted by Council and a committee and regurgitated into the positions book into a position.

Terry Wilkings: The way this is done is that it makes reference to the minutes where the positions were adopted. In the minutes it makes reference to the “whereas” clauses. I feel that if we want something to



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be formally included in Positions Book, it should be included in the form of a resolution. It is already subjective. I just do not know if we should be expanding it further.

Terry Ngala: Just to go back to the context – since the incidents in 2012, what has been the reaction from the government? Have they responded?

Benjamin Prunty: The PQ issued the Menard report which pointed the finger back at the government itself while in power. The Liberal government, I would say, have taken an approach of becoming more heavy-handed. After they produced Loi 78 – the hammer started coming down on student associations. There were fourteen or so different community groups called “assemblés populaires autonomes du Quebec”. This was a spontaneous occurrence and people came out with casseroles on their porches and had protests and Mayor Tremblay urged people to stay on their balconies, but of course they went on the streets. You would think they would have learned from that. In Ontario they kettled for one weekend and had to apologize. In the UK it was outlawed because of a casualty maybe. In anglo-saxon countries this is not a practice we are typically proud of using, however the SPVM continues to use this. No level of political pressure will stop this. It is effectively repressive behaviour. If I go to protests, it is difficult for me to go to work the next day.

VOTE

In favour: 14

Opposed: 0

Abstentions: 2 (**Nicholaos, Emma**)

Motion carries.

Benjamin Prunty: We are in real-time right now and responding to fast-changing environments and large bureaucracies who are not the best at addressing these kinds of issues. It important to take these positions. It has also been suggested that if this goes through, I will write a letter. This is not outside the realm of possibilities.

h) AGM

Heather Nagy moves that the CSU holds their Annual General Meeting on Thursday, April 30th, 2015. Seconded by **Thomas Radcliffe**.

Heather Nagy: The Standing Regulations and Bylaws point to April 30th, or end of April. Also, we already booked the space.

Gemma Acco: What time will it be at?

Heather Nagy: 17h00 to 21h00 is one idea floating around.

Marcus Peters: Do you have it booked from 17h00 to 21h00?



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Heather Nagy: I cannot remember. I think Yu-Hui booked it from 16h00 onwards. There will be food and presentations and such. It will be the presentation of the audited books of the previous year, the auditing tender process for us – that is when the auditors are appointed and ratified. There will also be the executives' end of mandate reports.

Lucy Marshall-Kiparissis: On that topic, is there any strategy to do outreach for attendance?

Terry Wilkings: I spoke about this briefly today – quorum is thirty (30) and we would like to surpass that substantially. We will be using all of the tools at the disposal of the CSU – the mailing list, Facebook page and posters. We do understand that this time around it is in a difficult time for students as it is during exams, whereas last year was more favourable since exams ended earlier. I still feel that we will effectively communicate with students, which hopefully Council will approve today. Also, this is the last possible day to do it.

Marcus Peters: Quorum is really thirty (30)?

Benjamin Prunty: The AGM is not really the same as a general assembly where the quorum is 450. The AGM is more of a receiving of documents. It is like housekeeping – we do not take motions from the floor or anything like that.

VOTE

In favour: 13

Opposed: 0

Abstentions: 1 (**Nicholaos**)

Motion carries.

10. QUESTION PERIOD & BUSINESS ARISING

Benjamin Prunty: This is about the CUSACorp report and a shareholders meeting which I said we would be having. From our perspective it would make sense to wait for next month when the business plan is finalized. We have a report ready to go out which is pretty much finished and you will have it for next meeting. It did not seem like an efficient use of our time to have one now.

11. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Marcus Peters: About the occupation of UQAM – now that we have a motion supporting people not being expelled, you are insured to some degree.

Marion Miller: I will mention UQAM having a demonstration against political repression and austerity in a fossil fuel economy. I am in an urban clay class and we are doing urban art installations and ceramics on campus and I invite you to explore.



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Jason Poirier-Lavoie: I am founding a society of parliamentarians – the goal is to train people on chairing meetings and educate clubs on parliamentary procedures amongst other things. We are looking for people with spare time.

Lucy Marshall-Kiparissis: Just to mention my conflict of interest, I work for CJLO – we just renovated our recording studio, it is extremely affordable for students and community groups and it is there in a professional capacity space. This exists at Loyola and you can see it any time. It is rad and shiny now.

Jeremy Blinkhorn: The final print sale from the Fine Arts clubs is being shown at the FOFA gallery. It is the last time to get affordable art from students.

Jeremy Tessier: Tomorrow at 18h00 in the Hive there is a community public organizer from New York City coming to talk about community organizing in New York. He is really influential in public housing units in New York and this will be followed by a wine and cheese in the Geography Department.

Gabriel Velasco: The Hive Cafe is having a special general assembly next Thursday, April 16th at 19h00. You should have all gotten an invite by email. Everyone is welcome to come and there will be updates in general financial affairs and they will be electing a board of directors.

Jeremy Blinkhorn: There is a talk being held in the JMSB auditorium – Analyzing intersections between trend forecasting in contemporary markets and harvest productions.

Terry Wilkings: Next Council is the last council together so I hope that we can all have a fun post-Council bash.

Anthony Garoufalidis-Auger: If people are interested in going to Quebec City for Saturday, buses are leaving around 9h30 Saturday morning. There is a reservations list but I can see what I can do about getting people on it. We will be coming home at 21h30 at night and after the demonstration there will be a talk titled “Action Climate – United Against Hydrocarbons” and frontline activists will be speaking there. We will be talking about the next steps.

Benjamin Prunty: We unceremoniously congratulated people earlier, but Jason and Caitlin won seats in their respective elections.

12. ADJOURNMENT

Marcus Peters moves to adjourn.
Seconded by **Jeremy Tessier**.

VOTE

In favour: 16

Opposed: 0

Abstentions: 2

Motion carries.



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Meeting is adjourned at 21h46.



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CSU Special Council Meeting
Wednesday, April 8th, 2015
H-767, 18h30, S.G.W Campus

Summary of Motions Carried

2. ROLL CALL

A motion was carried to excuse Caroline Messier-Gémes.

– Benjamin Prunty (*Matthew Palynchuk*)

3. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

A motion was carried to approve the late documentation which was sent out.

– Benjamin Prunty (*Jason Poirier-Lavoie*)

A motion was carried to excuse the non-submission of the VP External & Mobilization Report and the External & Campaigns Committee Report, and to waive the \$100 penalty, as per Standing Regulation 377.

– Anthony Garoufalis-Auger (*Jason Poirier-Lavoie*)

9. NEW BUSINESS – SUBSTANTIVE

a) Policy Committee Report (March 31st, 2015)

A motion was carried to approve the March 31st, 2015 Policy Committee report.

– Terry Wilkings (*Benjamin Prunty*)

b) Position - Increasing Government Revenues

The following motion was carried:

WHEREAS, the CSU has a position against the privatization of public services that was recently adopted in the general election.

WHEREAS, the CSU has a position against cuts to the academic sector, and public sector in general, that was adopted in the 2014 by-election in November.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the CSU adopt a position in favour of increasing the number of income tax brackets, in a progressive manner, to raise government revenues while reducing the amount of income tax being paid by the majority of the population.



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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the CSU adopt a position in favour of removing Federal and Provincial government subsidies to the fossil fuel industry, and Plan Nord resource exploitation activity, as a method to increase government revenues.

– Benjamin Prunty (*Terry Wilkings*)

c) Burritoville Project (Food-System SPF)

A motion was carried to approve the funding, contingent on the successful purchase of the business, with expenses to be taken out of the Student Space, Accessible Education and Legal Contingency (SSAELC) fund.

– Benjamin Prunty (*Angelica Novielli*)

d) Reggie's Project

A motion was carried to put aside the \$1.8 million, recently voted for by the students for the Reggie's project, in escrow with our lawyer, as requested by Peter Bola, the Associate VP of Facilities Management.

– Heather Nagy (*Thomas Radcliffe*)

A motion was carried to excuse Taimur Tanoli's absence.

– Gemma Acco (*Terry Wilkings*)

e) Proposal for Small 7th Floor Lounge Theatre Space

A motion was carried to have the board take a position supporting the seventh-floor lounge theatre space project, with the understanding of the numbers presented in the document today will be significantly inflated should the project come to fruition, and the notion that we would like to see this project move forward conceptually.

– Terry Wilkings (*Benjamin Prunty*)

f) Sexual Harassment/Safe Campus in Student Associations

The following motion was carried:

WHEREAS recent developments have brought to light incidents of misogynistic, sexist, racist, and general discriminatory behaviour by two male executives at the Arts and Science Federation of Associations (ASFA);

WHEREAS the individual who was repeatedly targeted by various forms of harassment sought assistance from the University's Dean of Students Office and subsequently the Office of Rights and Responsibilities at Concordia University and was refused support and help;

WHEREAS there is currently a complaint being filed on behalf of the targeted individual by the Center for Research-Action on Race Relations (CRARR) with the Human Rights Commission;



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BE IT RESOLVED THAT the CSU take a position in support of the student targeted and known in the Gazette article as Mei-Ling (not her real name) in her efforts to address the issues of racism, sexism, misogyny, and general discrimination within the Arts and Science Federation of Associations and the two men accused as part of the incident;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the CSU deplore the inaction of the Dean of Students Office and the Office of Rights and Responsibilities following their cognizance of persistent racist, sexist, misogynistic, and general discriminatory behaviour occurring within the Concordia community;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the CSU denounce the selective communication of the Office of Rights and Responsibilities with Mei-Ling as to her rights and responsibilities, effectively preventing restorative justice from being pursued through internal mechanisms within Concordia;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the CSU calls on the University to begin an open investigation into how the negligent oversight resulted between the Office of Rights and Responsibilities, the Dean of Students Office, and Mei-Ling, in regards to the process by which her case was mishandled;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the CSU denounce the lack of any specific policy on sexual harassment and sexual assault in the Code of Rights and Responsibilities and the lack of survivor oriented support by the Office of Rights and Responsibilities;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the CSU support CRARR's call for mandatory sensitivity training on race, gender and other civil rights issues for all ASFA executives for the next two years including the two men accused, and the creation of an independent task force to develop concrete ways to combat and prevent racism, sexism and sexual violence in its activities;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the CSU adopt the implementation of mandatory and accessible consent and sensitivity training on race, gender and other civil rights issues for all students in representative positions appointed or elected, and encourage other student associations on campus as well as the University's administration to institutionalize similar processes for individuals in positions of leadership;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the CSU Policy Committee explore and implement a code of conduct on sexual assault and harassment which is to be presented to Council in the near future;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the CSU adopt a position in support of formally including the Centre for Gender Advocacy in any University committee, working group, task force, or other deliberative body that reviews or engages with topics of sexual assault, sexual harassment, gender based harassment or violence, present and future.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the CSU reiterate its support for the Centre for Gender Advocacy's call for mandatory consent workshops in the residences

– Heather Nagy (*Angelica Novielli*)



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g) UQAM 9 Expulsions

The following motion was carried:

WHEREAS political targeting is taking place at UQAM against student leaders upholding mandates given to them through their memberships;

WHEREAS the Education Minister, Francois Blais, has already called upon university administrators to expel “two to three students” per day in an attempt to instrumentalize universities in a conflict that exist between society and government policy, not between society and universities;

WHEREAS Blais has publicly referred to students as children;

WHEREAS we recognize that the heavy-handed and paternalistic approach of the government in the face of student democracy will only exacerbate conflicts, as we have seen in 2012;

WHEREAS two students lost their vision in one eye in 2012, as a direct result of government repression;

WHEREAS the Menard Report, commissioned by the provincial government, essentially accuses the provincial government of exacerbating the conflict in 2012;

WHEREAS, highlighting that no lessons have been learned on the part of the provincial government since 2012 as a result of the Menard Report, at a recent protest one student has already been shot point blank in the face by a tear gas canister, and there have been numerous other unacceptable and egregious injuries to students and those acting in solidarity with students at protests;

WHEREAS this context reveals the logic of repression that has filled the walls of UQAM;

WHEREAS success at UQAM, on the part of the administration, represents a superlative threat to student leaders that are upholding, and will uphold, democratic mandates of their respective associations at all universities in Quebec, including Concordia;

WHEREAS the judicialization of political questions, including the use of targeted expulsions against key and well-respected student leaders, and injunctions in lieu of democratic votes, represent perversions of student democracy;

WHEREAS, according to the Quebec Superior court regarding the recent Laurent Proulx ruling, (as paraphrased by the Link) “associations and assemblies preserve pluralism and ensure student representation in political debates”;

WHEREAS the Quebec Superior court upheld the right for student associations to represent their membership directly, thus empowering students to uphold democratically-derived mandates;

WHEREAS many of our own members have put themselves similarly on the line, in comparison to the UQAM 9, while upholding the mandates of associations that have been derived democratically;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the CSU takes a position against the political expulsions of students at UQAM, as well as any comparable actions taken against student leaders at any other Cegep or University;



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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the CSU demand that the expulsions be overturned and the students be reinstated to their former positions within the university;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the CSU generally take a position against using judicial means to solve political questions. Specifically, that the CSU take a position against the use of injunctions to forcefully end strikes in the place of local democratic votes.

– Benjamin Prunty (*Matthew Palynchuk*)

h) AGM

A motion was carried stipulating that the CSU holds its Annual General Meeting on Thursday, April 30th, 2015.

– Heather Nagy (*Thomas Radcliffe*)