



Concordia Student Union – Council of Representatives

CSU Regular Council Meeting – Agenda

Wednesday, September 16th, 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 the Minutes – May 13th (RCM), June 10th (RCM), June 25th (SCM), August 19th (SCM)
- b) Reports from Committees
- c) CUSACorp Report
- d) Executive Reports
- e) Executive Work Plans
- f) Chairperson's Report
- g) Positions Book

5. Presentations and Guest Speakers

6. Appointments

- a) Concordia Council on Student Life (CCSL)
- b) Concordia Volunteer Abroad Program (CVAP)
- c) Student Life Committee

7. Returning Business

8. New Business – Informational



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a) Provincial Representative

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a) By-Election Date

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10. Question Period & Business Arising

11. Announcements

12. Adjournment



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CSU Special Council Meeting – Minutes

Wednesday, September 16th, 2015

H-767, 18h30, S.G.W Campus

1. CALL TO ORDER

Meeting is called to order at 18h44

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

Council Chairperson: *Mat Forget*

Council Secretary: *Caitlin Robinson*

Executives present for the duration of the meeting consisted of *Anas Bouslikhane* (VP Finance), *Gabrielle Caron* (VP Sustainability), *Marion Miller* (VP Academic & Advocacy), *John Talbot* (VP Student Life), *Gabriel Velasco* (VP External & Mobilization), *Terry Wilkings* (President) and *Chloë Williams* (VP Loyola).

Executives absent for the duration of the meeting granted excusal consisted of *Lori Dimaria* (VP Clubs & Internal).

Councillors present for the duration of the meeting consisted of *Omar Al Khin* (JMSB), *Jenna Cocullo* (Arts & Science), *Rachel Gauthier* (JMSB), *Jana Ghalayini* (ENCS), *Michael Giesbrecht* (Arts & Science), *Sanaz Hassan Pour* (Fine Arts), *Faddy Kamel* (ENCS), *Adrian Longinotti* (Arts & Science), *Lucinda Marshall-Kiparissis* (Arts & Science), *Aloyse Muller* (Arts & Science), *Geneviève Nadeau-Bonin* (Arts & Science), *Terry Ngala* (Arts & Science), *Marcus Peters* (Arts & Science), *Jason Poirier-Lavoie* (Arts & Science), *Benjamin Prunty* (Arts & Science), *Thomas Radcliffe* (Arts & Science), *Fadi Saijari* (JMSB), *Leyla Sutherland* (Fine Arts), *Michael Wrobel* (Arts & Science) and *Rami Yahia* (ENCS).

Councillors absent for the duration of the meeting consisted of *Simon Dansereau* (JMSB), *Hassan Mogharbel* (ENCS), *Zoe Pearce* (Arts & Science), *Melanie Romer* (Arts & Science) and *Dustin Ruck* (Fine Arts).

Chair: I have some requests for late excusals which I received in the last 24 hours so they are not included in my report. The first is from **Lori**, but we also have **Ben** and **Terry** who are currently at a Board of Governors meeting which was scheduled for today and has overlap. They should be here shortly though. **Omar** is in a class and may arrive late. **Lori's** request is a request for an excusal, and if we choose to excuse here we must excuse the financial penalty as well. I also have a resignation which was not included in the Chairperson's report.



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Marion Miller moves to excuse **Lori Dimaria**'s absence and waive the financial penalty notwithstanding Standing Regulation 66.

Seconded by **Terry Ngala**.

Marion Miller: At Policy Committee we have been thinking about the absences policy and whether it needs review, and what we have realized is that councillors can have two (2) absences for whatever reason they need. If you have an absence not related to homework or vacation, it will almost certainly be excused like an accident, health problem or a family matter. These will get excused, and on top of any situations like that, you can choose to nap twice. We have looked into extending the policy, but as a the Policy Committee we feel that this is good leeway for people so for the Fall semester we will see how it goes. If a review is necessary we will do it.

VOTE

In favour : 17

Opposed: 0

Abstentions: 0

Motion carries.

Chair: I received a resignation from **Kate Bellini** who wanted to inform Council that she must withdraw her engagement from the CSU for personal reasons and this includes her resignation from Council, CCSL and the Sustainability Committee.

3. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

John Talbot: I just want to remind Council that the executive work plans for the year are under *4. Consent Agenda* along with the Executive Reports and the Positions Book which now has the 10 Million Solutions document reworded into positions, so if you want to talk about these, you may remove from from the Consent Agenda.

Chair: We will now vote on the approval of the agenda and all items under *4. Consent Agenda*.

VOTE

In favour : 15

Opposed: 0

Abstentions: 0

Motion carries.

Marion Miller: Where are the May 27th Special Council minutes?

Chair: They were approved at the June Regular Council meeting.



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4. CONSENT AGENDA

a) Approval of the Minutes – May 13th (RCM), June 10th (RCM), June 25th (SCM), August 19th (SCM)

Ratified by consent.

b) Reports from Committees

Ratified by consent.

c) CUSACorp Report

Ratified by consent.

d) Chairperson's Report

Ratified by consent.

e) Executive Workplans

Ratified by consent.

f) Positions Book

Ratified by consent.

5. PRESENTATIONS & GUEST SPEAKERS

No presentations were made, nor guest speakers present at this meeting of Council.

6. APPOINTMENTS

a) Concordia Council on Student Life (CCSL)

Chloë Williams: There are seven (7) student positions on CCSK and we currently have two (2) open so if anyone is interested in sitting on the council, I believe that they meet once a month and they have sub-committees as well. The first meeting is this Friday and you basically are in charge of Special Projects Funding for student groups having to do with student life. If you are interested in overseeing this, it is a great opportunity.



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Genevieve Nadeau-Bonin: Can a student-at-large be part of CCSL?

Chloë Williams: They can also apply. We have had our posting online from June 1st to last Friday, but I have only had two (2) applicants over the summer. I can put that back up though if no councillors are interested.

Rachel Gauthier: What is the time commitment?

Adrian Longinotti: Meetings are once a month from 10h00 to 12h00, and then there are special meetings depending on which sub-committee you are part of. These meetings may take place Wednesdays, but we see when students are available for those. As long as you are free Fridays until noon, CCSL has monthly meetings except for in December.

b) Concordia Volunteering Abroad Program (CVAP)

Chloë Williams: CVAP sends volunteers to Africa every summer for four (4) months. It is a student-run fee levy group and this is for an appointment to the board responsible for overseeing the funds. I contacted them but have not gotten response. I am not sure to what extent they meet, but probably once a month. The CSU sends one (1) or two (2) representatives to sit on their board.

Rachel Gauthier nominates herself.
Seconded by **Jason Pointe-Lavoie**.

Rachel Gauthier: I have been involved with volunteering abroad programs in the past, and if I could I would apply to participate in the program, but I feel like I would learn a lot from sitting on the board.

VOTE

In favour : 16

Opposed: 0

Abstentions: 0

Motion carries.

c) Student Life Committee

Chloë Williams: **Dustin Ruck** resigned from the Student Life Committee so there is one (1) position available if anyone wants to sit on it. **John** is always planning events even though Orientation is over. If anyone wants to nominate themselves, this agenda point will come back up next time.

7. RETURNING BUSINESS

No returning business was discussed at this meeting of Council.

8. NEW BUSINESS – INFORMATIONAL



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a) Provincial Representative

Marion Miller: I hope that you read the documents about external relations and the provincial relations which are ongoing. This is some information about the situation, and there will be motions in the future.

Gabriel Velasco: The document gives a lot of context for this.

Marion Miller: About the context of provincial affiliations in Quebec – throughout the history of the Quebec student movement dating back to the 1960s, students have decided to get together in bigger networks and there have been many different kinds. At one point there was one student association, but most of the time there have been two or three. In the past decade the big players were the Fédération étudiante universitaire du Québec (FEUQ), their little brother the FEC and the Association pour une solidarité syndicale étudiante (ASSÉ). They work with a very structured model where executives from the university student associations come and make big decisions, and then they bring the information back to their members. The biggest focus is on research and lobbying – they do research on education and student rights and then lobby the government. There are links to be made between FEUQ, the FEC and Parti Québécois, however. Martine Desjardins was the president of the FEUQ and Léo Bureau-Blouin the same deal. On the other side there is ASSÉ which has existed since 2001 and has a completely different structure – all the associations work with direct democracy, get mandates from the bottom and bring them to the ASSÉ congress. It is made of faculty associations, department associations and CEGEPs. There is no overarching associations like CSU that is a part of this. There was also the Table de concertation étudiante du Québec (TaCEQ) which was an informal structure to talk about projects and movements without pledging money, but the main power struggle has been between ASSÉ and the FEUQ.

Gabriel Velasco: As a part of all of this, the CSU has played a role in the student movement for several years dating back to 1998 when we joined the Canadian Federation of Students (CFS), a pan-Canadian affiliation. Long story short, in the last decade, we left the CFS and very recently had the process finalized in the past year. In 2001, at the start of ASSÉ, the CSU was one of its founding members and then very quickly in 2003 left them and affiliated to the FEUQ. The CSU is kind of a major player because of our size. We are the third largest body of students in Quebec so we are powerful financially and in terms of representation. If you are claiming to represent the student movement in Quebec, the CSU is somewhat of an important player. As of 2003, we joined the FEUQ and have been with them for over a decade. We are legally part of the FEUQ as members and throughout this period have had our ups and downs in terms of representation. There have been a lot of problems at times and the structure is not necessarily the best structure for the CSU to operate in, namely because it places a lot of influence on certain types of organization that the CSU is not, and we are anglophone, so it makes it hard for CSU executives to actually interact with it and represent students in an adequate way. The Fédération des associations étudiantes du campus de l'Université de Montréal (FAECUM), which is the Université de Montréal's version of the CSU but takes in grad students, has played a powerful position in the FEUQ and this makes it hard to navigate around them. Other things that have led to the CSU feeling marginalized are things like financial transparency, the fact that the FEUQ does not have its documents public which has led to creditor problems over the years, and overall another notable example of a clear difference in philosophy was during the Quebec Charter of Values situation. Within the halls of Concordia there was a clear rejection and a lot of mobilization against it, but within the FEUQ they remained largely silent on



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the issue. Since 2005 there have been waves of disaffiliations from different student associations through referendum. This happened again in 2012 with another wave and there have not been a lot of re-affiliations. The FEUQ has had its heyday but now has been in a slow decline since the late 2000s. The final nail in the coffin happened in the spring when FAECUM, the big organization representing 60 000 students, voted through council to unilaterally leave. That was the vast majority of FEUQ's membership and funding which was cut. At this point, the FEUQ is no longer a thing which is relevant. People started kickstarting plans to create something new, like a new provincial-wide student association. That happened right away right after. One can only speculate, but it was very clear that the two associations which were major actors in creating this new one were FAECUM and the Confederation des associations d'étudiants et d'étudiantes de l'Université Laval (CADEUL). Across the student movement they called for meetings to talk about future of the student movement and the creation of a new entity. Th CSU could not attend the first one but did attend the second one at McGill. It pretty much brought together everyone, but it was clear that there was a very similar dynamic to the one which existed at the FEUQ was being created. What made this clear was that a lot of the regions left the FEUQ due to geographical location and size, and at McGill, there were five (5) associations from the regions who stepped out of the meeting in a very public way and wrote a report saying how they felt that there were back door politics and that the voices of the regions were not being heard. They made a call-out for anyone who wanted to develop something new to meet. They contacted us, the Graduate Students Association (GSA) and McGill's Post-Graduate Student Society (PGSS) and asked where we position ourselves. Over the summer we went to both meetings. The first meetings we went to is now being called the EUQ, with FAECUM and CADEUL, with the alternative AVEQ, and we have been going to both meetings and seeing where we can best represent the students.

Marion Miller: In AVEQ the folks participating are the rural universities who were competing against the views of FAECUM and the CSU which are huge. One of the key points which assembled the associations was the principle of one-vote-one-association. At the FEUQ, FAECUM had nine (9) votes and Rimouski had one (1) so it was hard to get their opinions across. We started with the basis of building something new and everyone would have just one vote. This is really interesting and has drawn in three (3) anglophone associations, and now instead of being just the CSU, we have a little block and can promote bilingualism – having documents in French and English and letting the delegate speak in both languages, so this is an interesting development. We have defined the mission and values and of the ones that the other associations have presented, one was participative democracy so that local issues on campus are represented. In terms of environmental justice like resisting the pipelines and promoting practices of sustainability, there has been a good response from the other associations, along with social justice, feminism, accessible education to all classes, kinds and experiences of students. This is maybe something that Rimouski has less experience with, but McGill could agree with, and other groups too. There is a power in the decentralization of the upcoming proposals for student representation. It will be really interesting to have ASSÉ doing their actions in the street and mobilizing, the new version of the FEUQ, the EUQ, doing research and lobbying, and the new group doing research and providing support to campus groups and having a better balance. This will take away the polarity between the FEUQ and ASSÉ. AVEQ is open to working with the FEUQ and ASSÉ and we are confident in saying that we have been impressed with the development of AVEQ, but are keeping a close eye on the development of the EUQ. In terms of the future of the CSU and the bridges that we want to build, we are still part of the FEUQ but since they do not really exist and are not collecting fees and do not have an executive, the next action will be to remove ourselves from them. The danger of being not affiliated though is that everyone



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wants to pick us up and have a lot of student fees. We want to make sure that the choice of affiliation is well-thought out and well-researched. We will continue working alongside AVEQ, but also watching the EUQ to keep up to speed. This final decision will go to referendum and will not be voted upon by council.

Aloyse Muller: How many students are talking about creating AVEQ?

Gabriel Velasco: In a general sense, it is nearing 100 000, with a best case of 120 000 to 130 000. As other group do not join, maybe 80 000 to 90 000, but it falls within that range. The EUQ is in a similar place.

Rachel Gauthier: Comparing the fee with that of the FEUQ, what is the difference?

Marion Miller: The EUQ is talking about \$4.50 per student per semester, and AVEQ \$2.50, which is what we pay now.

Rachel Gauthier: Why are they adding \$2.00 if they already know that we pay \$2.50?

Terry Wilkings: The dollar amount is \$2.50, however it has not been agreed upon in a definitive sense because one important element to take into account is that once the fee is approved by all campuses, it is very difficult to change that fee because in order to change it would require a positive referendum result from every single campus individually. In discussions with FEUQ executives, it would require an executive team to dedicate their entire year's mandate to changing the fee, so for context, the \$2.50 at the FEUQ was implemented a decade ago and there are efforts being made to evaluate the efficacy of that amount in terms of accomplishing effective representation at the provincial level. The plurality we are trying to create within the province is very healthy within the student movement. I really want to echo that remark, and one of the big differences between AVEQ and the EUQ is that AVEQ focused on the capacity building of its members and focuses on member issues, sharing resources and building our own ability to mobilize and have student-run initiatives and enterprises. That is what is creating the relevancy of a centralized organization to the membership. Also, you can infer a certain hegemonic approach by calling yourself the student union of Quebec and there is a space that they are trying to take, and I do not know if that is the best approach to having a collaborate student movement. AVEQ really sees students as a pillar and part of a greater progressive movement, amongst many pillars like the environmental movement, which is connected to what our students believe.

Benjamin Prunty: I was involved in some of the discussions early on and I am not surprised at all to see a lot of indicators of issues which existed carrying over to the EUQ. What **Terry** is saying about the name and the amount increasing, there is some sense in increasing the fee but to do it so dramatically and at the get-go, that shows that they are looking for more money than ASSÉ which charges \$1.50, and there is a power mindset. I see that there is a weakness to having one vote at AVEQ but this is the key to it functioning properly. I am glad that we are not more focused on the EUQ.

Marion Miller: There is also no way to join ASSÉ because our structure does not correspond to theirs so they would not let us in.

Chair: We will now take a fifteen (15)-minute recess.



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Meeting enters recess at 19h33.

Meeting reconvenes at 19h50.

9. NEW BUSINESS – SUBSTANTIVE

a) By-Elections Date

Marion Miller moves that the polling dates for CSU by-elections be held on November 24th, 25th and 26th of November, 2015.

Seconded by **Benjamin Prunty**.

Marion Miller: We have to do it so that the polling falls within the month of November, so to give ourselves time we put it last week because of the possible referendum questions about daycare, and we want the results of our daycare survey we are sending out this week and we want a clear idea of the financial structure.

Benjamin Prunty: How many Council seats are open?

Chair: As of yesterday, two or three positions are open.

Marion Miller: In the instance where we do not have an entire faculty vacant, we are not obliged to hold a by-election, but we have important issues that we would like to run questions on such as disaffiliating from the FEUQ and a question about the continuation of the daycare project. It will give us the opportunity to fill those seats as well.

Terry Wilkings: I just wanted to say that setting the date is extremely important, and folks on Council last year know that we could have been more expeditious in setting a date for the membership to know when it was happening to get more involved. The Chief Electoral Officer (CEO) had many remarks to say about the preparation and so this will accommodate in ameliorating the preparation process. Soon we will be promoting the need of the CSU to have a CEO oversee the next elections, so we will be putting an add out for that and bringing it forward to Council for approval in terms of the selection process. The CEO need is ancillary to the by-elections, and setting a date is part of this.

Chair: There are the independent positions open, two (2) JMSB seats and one (1) ENCS seats.

VOTE

In favour : 17

Opposed: 0

Abstentions: 0

Motion carries.



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b) Positions Book – Refugee Crisis

Marion Miller:

WHEREAS sustained conflict in the Mediterranean has caused the displacement of hundreds of thousands civilians not engaged in armed conflict who are now refugees and are currently seeking shelter;

WHEREAS there is growing consensus among the international community that the current approach is inadequate;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the CSU express grave concern at the ongoing humanitarian crisis in Syria;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the CSU extend its condolences to the victims' families, applaud the courage of the Syrian people and express solidarity with their struggle for freedom, dignity and democracy;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the CSU call on the international community to work collaboratively to accommodate refugees from all parts of the world seeking asylum;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the CSU supports the efforts to institutionally address the issue of refugees in war and the adoption of policies at the provincial and federal level that would increase the openness of our borders in times of crisis.

Seconded by **Sanaz Hassan Pour**.

Marion Miller: Throughout Montreal and Canada, groups have been calling for a better response to the refugee crisis in Syria and we want to add our voice to this and support the activities already ongoing.

Terry Wilkings: I wanted to clarify that if Council does choose to adopt this position and that we are requested by coalitions or groups to sign letters of support of policies it will be brought to the External Committee to review, but this is to speed up the process by having a motion passed at the board level.

Michael Giesbrecht: I support this motion generally and have no qualms with the motion and its spirit, but the “be it resolved” clause is referring to the Syrian people and their struggle. While supporting this experience, I want to highlight the question of who the Syrian people are in terms of the current struggle in Northern Syria, and while I support this, I want to express concern with showing solidarity with an undefined group. There are a vast number of groups fighting their own struggles and it would be interesting to try and redefine this part taking into account things like the Kurdish struggle of Northern Syria and how they do not see themselves as part of this nation state.

Terry Wilkings: When talking about this with the executive, we had a hard time with this language and if you could provide an amendment, the room would most likely be favourable to it.

Aloyse Muller: In the first “Be it resolved” clause, the motion is specific only to refugees of war instead of just refugees.

Jason Poirier-Lavoie moves to strike “in war” following “refugees”.
Seconded by **Aloyse Muller**.



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Amendment is adopted via unanimous consent.

Michael Giesbrecht moves to amend the motion to read “applaud the courage of the diverse peoples of Syria” instead of “applaud the courage of the Syrian people”.
Seconded by **Jason Poirier-Lavoie**.

Amendment is adopted via unanimous consent.

VOTE

In favour : 17

Opposed: 0

Abstentions: 1

Motion carries.

c) IEAC Fee Levy Reimbursement

Terry Wilkings:

WHEREAS the International Ethnic and Associations Council (IEAC) is no longer under the Concordia Student Union (CSU) umbrella;

Whereas in the 2014 by-elections, students voted in favor of the following referendum question:

"The international and ethnic association council of Concordia is a federation of international students associations that is currently administered by the CSU. They plan social and educational events for their various constituencies and have a governing body that intervenes on their collective behalf between the member associations and the CSU. Do you agree to the complete separation of the IEAC from the CSU?"

WHEREAS the CSU retains control of outstanding fees from the subsequent transition, prior to the IEAC formally separating from the CSU;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the CSU authorize the reimbursement of \$20,665.97 from our internal account to the IEAC.

Seconded by **Benjamin Prunty**.

Terry Wilkings: This is just for housekeeping purposes. In the motion itself and the “whereas” clauses it cites the by-elections from when students decided to have the IEAC separate from the CSU, and there is a delay which exists between the Fall semester and today, most notably the Summer semester and Winter semester. During that time, this group, which is quite unique in the sense that normally when fee levy groups come into existence they come from non-existing, should have been collecting fees separately. Just to give an example and address any questions, if you look at the Concordia Food Coalition (CFC), they passed a fee levy in the by-elections of 2013 but only received money in the Fall of 2014. Instead of the money being backdated and reimbursed by the university, we collected it and are now returning it to its rightful owner.



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VOTE

In favour : 18

Opposed: 0

Abstentions: 0

Motion carries.

Terry Wilkings: In the future we will not have to revisit this because we will cease to have access to these accounts.

10. QUESTION PERIOD & BUSINESS ARISING

Marcus Peters: Following up on refugee position, there will be a demonstration on October 10th in solidarity with the refugees and victims of the Syrian crisis.

Jason Poirier-Lavoie: I am passing forward a remark from one of my friends Nicolas Pidiktakis. He wanted to know the CSU's policy concerning the CSU Facebook group. Just to let you know, I am a fraternity member with Nicolas. He tried to post Rush events and recruitment events but they were not approved, although QPRIG and anti-austerity events were, so he wished to know why that was the case.

John Talbot: In 2013 the CSU Facebook page was given a blocked wall so all posts have to be approved by the Communications Coordinator, the Campaigns Coordinator or the VP Student Life. However, during Orientation I just have not been doing that so it has been the Campaigns Coordinator's task. I could not tell you why they decided to vet, that but I can follow up on it.

Benjamin Prunty: QPIRG can post because I gave them automatic approval last year.

Terry Wilkings: From my understanding, Nicolas Pidiktakis is not a member of the CSU.

Jason Poirier-Lavoie: He is a graduate but works as the Communications Coordinator of our association.

Terry Wilkings: There is a policy that exists at the CSU with our Facebook group and I think that when it comes to the approval and the mechanisms that exist for it, we need to exert a certain degree of rigour since we are a hot commodity and we cannot open the floodgates on this. On another note, **Lori** is supposed to say this but she is not here so I will relay the message – on October 2nd when we leave for the Council retreat, we leave at 18h30 on the Friday from the front of the Hall building and we return Sunday October 4th, leaving the location between 13h00-14h00 depending on how effective we are at cleaning. If any one has any specific needs to be accommodated, please make sure to communicate directly with myself or **Lori**. If anyone has any sensitive needs to be accommodated, everything is confidential and we will make it feel like a safe space because we are trying to engage the entire Council.

11. ANNOUNCEMENTS



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Jason Poirier-Lavoie: The Political Science Students Association (PSSA) got the the Liberal, NDP and Green candidates to come next week back-to-back-to-back on Wednesday, September 23rd. Liberal Candidate Mark Miller will be there from 14h00-15h00, NDP candidate Allison Turner from 15h00-16h00 and Green Party candidate Daniel Green from 16h00-17h00. We are trying to get the Conservative candidate to come as well. This is a great opportunity to speak to the candidates.

John Talbot: Orientation is going swimmingly but we have two (2) major events left. On Friday, all day, from 13h00 to 22h00 there will be live music, projected visuals and tiramisu on the terrace. This will be a really fun event and our last open-air pub type event. The final concert, which is a thing the CSU does every year, is extremely cheap and there will be projections, live visuals and sound creation. Tickets are being sold online and at the CSU office. Tell your networks about it.

12. ADJOURNMENT

Jason Poirier-Lavoie moves to adjourn.
Seconded by **Faddy Kamel**.

VOTE

In favour : 17
Opposed: 0
Abstentions: 0

Motion carries.

Meeting is adjourned at 20h18.



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**CSU Special Council Meeting
Wednesday, September 16th, 2015
H-767, 18h30, S.G.W Campus**

Summary of Motions Carried

2. ROLL CALL

A motion was carried to excuse Lori Dimaria's absence and waive the financial penalty, notwithstanding Standing Regulation 66.

– *Marion Miller (Terry Ngala)*

6. APPOINTMENTS

b) Concordia Volunteer Abroad Program (CVAP)

A motion was carried to nominate Rachel Gauthier to the board of the Concordia Volunteering Abroad Program.

– *Rachel Gauthier (Jason Pointe-Lavoie)*

9. NEW BUSINESS – SUBSTANTIVE

a) By-Elections Date

A motion was carried to set the polling dates for the CSU by-elections on November 24th, 25th and 26th of November, 2015.

– *Marion Miller (Benjamin Prunty)*

b) Positions Book – Refugee Crisis

The following motion was carried:

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– Marion Miller (*Sanaz Hassan Pour*)

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"The international and ethnic association council of Concordia is a federation of international students associations that is currently administered by the CSU. They plan social and educational events for their various constituencies and have a governing body that intervenes on their collective behalf between the member associations and the CSU. Do you agree to the complete separation of the IEAC from the CSU?"

WHEREAS the CSU retains control of outstanding fees from the subsequent transition, prior to the IEAC formally separating from the CSU;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the CSU authorize the reimbursement of \$20,665.97 from our internal account to the IEAC.

– Terry Wilkings (*Benjamin Prunty*)