



## Concordia Student Union – Council of Representatives

**CSU Special Council Meeting – Agenda  
Wednesday, October 21<sup>st</sup>, 2015  
H-711, 19h30, S.G.W Campus**

- 1. Call to Order**
- 2. Roll Call**
- 3. Referendum**
- 4. Adjournment**

**Meeting officially called by CSU councillors Michael Giesbrecht, Benjamin Prunty, and Rami Yahia, as per By-Law 6.6.3**



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

Meeting is called to order at 19h00.

*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 *Gabrielle Caron* (VP Sustainability), *Lori Dimaria* (VP Clubs & Internal), *Gabriel Velasco* (VP External & Mobilization), *Terry Wilkings* (President) and *Chloë Williams* (VP Loyola).

Executives absent for the duration of the meeting consisted of *Anas Bouslikhane* (VP Finance), *Marion Miller* (VP Academic & Advocacy) and *John Talbot* (VP Student Life).

Councillors present for the duration of the meeting consisted of *Michael Giesbrecht* (Arts & Science), *Adrian Longinotti* (Arts & Science), *Lucinda Marshall-Kiparissis* (Arts & Science), *Terry Ngala* (Arts & Science), *Aloyse Muller* (Arts & Science), *Geneviève Nadeau-Bonin* (Arts & Science), *Jason Poirier-Lavoie* (Arts & Science), *Benjamin Prunty* (Arts & Science), and *Rami Yahia* (ENCS).

Councillors absent for the duration of the meeting consisted of *Omar Al Khin* (JMSB), *Jenna Cocullo* (Arts & Science), *Simon Dansereau* (JMSB), *Jana Ghalayini* (ENCS), *Rachel Gauthier* (JMSB), *Sanaz Hassan Pour* (Fine Arts), *Faddy Kamel* (ENCS), *Hassan Mogharbel* (ENCS), *Marcus Peters* (Arts & Science), *Melanie Romer* (Arts & Science), *Fadi Sajari* (JMSB), *Leyla Sutherland* (Fine Arts) and *Michael Wrobel* (Arts & Science).

#### **3. REFERENDUM**

**Benjamin Prunty:**

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the following question be put to ballot for the 2015-2016 By-Elections:

*Do you as a member of the Concordia Student Union (CSU) support the CSU employing its resources, including a portion of the Student Space, Accessible*



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*Education, and Legal Contingency Fund, to establish an autonomous Concordia-based solidarity economy incubator that will primarily engage students through the support, development, study, and promotion of democratic enterprises which have an explicit public benefit mandate, like with the Hive Cafe Solidarity Cooperative, and the Popular University Student Housing (PUSH) Fund?*

Seconded by **Lucinda Marshall-Kiparissis**.

**Benjamin Prunty:** After the last meeting it seemed clear that a simpler solution, especially during midterm season, would be to come to Council instead of getting signatures on a petition. We have already had a meeting as well so this is not burdening anybody.

**Aloyse Muller:** How would this be campaigned for? It seems like a pretty complex subject which would need lots of background. How will information be provided?

**Benjamin Prunty:** There is an ongoing two-year proposal being proposed for a sustainability economy incubator, with a bunch of people within the community involved in many projects. It takes into account the context we are in right now with momentum around collective and social issues. The campaign will try to maximize the impact and direction of the university with respect to these issues at a very opportune time. The campaigning will involve some writing in the form of a written explanation. I have not worked out the specifics, but I intend in circulating information. I have one of the petitions here as well.

**Terry Wilkings:** If people want to know more about the resource group which acts in a similar capacity elsewhere in Montreal, it is called the Réseau d'investissement social du Québec (RISQ), and has a similar function but is on a different scale not catered to students. The question has been inspired through structures which exist such as this one.

**Benjamin Prunty:** One of the barriers potentially with RISQ is that it is largely francophone and we are more anglophone, so as someone having done a lot of grant writing for the Hive when it was starting, there is a barrier of access so it is more difficult to dive into. There is more technical information which needs to be provided. The motion is to send this the question to ballot.

### **VOTE**

In favour : 9

Opposed: 0

Abstentions: 1 (**Benjamin**)

*Motion carries.*

**Benjamin Prunty:** If there were to be any expenses incurred with this, it would have to go through referendum as well. This question is just to start a conversation.

## **4. ADJOURNMENT**

**Michael Giesbrecht** moves to adjourn.



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Seconded by **Lucinda Marshall-Kiparissis**.

### **VOTE**

In favour : 9

Opposed: 0

Abstentions: 0

*Motion carries.*

*Meeting is adjourned at 19h08.*



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### **Summary of Motions Carried**

#### **3. REGGIE'S START-UP AND TRANSITION**

*The following motion was carried:*

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the following question be put to ballot for the 2015-2016 By-Elections:

*Do you as a member of the Concordia Student Union (CSU) support the CSU employing its resources, including a portion of the Student Space, Accessible Education, and Legal Contingency Fund, to establish an autonomous Concordia-based solidarity economy incubator that will primarily engage students through the support, development, study, and promotion of democratic enterprises which have an explicit public benefit mandate, like with the Hive Cafe Solidarity Cooperative, and the Popular University Student Housing (PUSH) Fund?*

– Benjamin Prunty (Lucinda Marshall-Kiparissis)