



Concordia Student Union – Council of Representatives

CSU Regular Council Meeting – Agenda

Wednesday, March 9th, 2016

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

1. Call to Order

2. Roll Call

3. Approval of the Agenda

4. Consent Agenda

- a) Reports from Committees
- b) Executive Reports
- c) Chairperson's Report
- d) Positions Book

5. Presentations and Guest Speakers

- a) Frigo Vert

6. Appointments

- a) Finance Committee
- b) Senate
- c) Clubs & Space Committee
- d) Student Life Committee

7. New Business – Substantive

- a) Safe Spaces Policy at Reggies
- b) Approval of the Minutes – February 10th (RCM)
- c) UTILE Membership



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d) Positions Book – Quality Education

e) Student Tribunals

f) Policy Changes

8. Question Period & Business Arising

9. Announcements

10. Adjournment



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CSU Special Council Meeting – Minutes

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1. CALL TO ORDER

Meeting is called to order at 18h40.

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

2. ROLL CALL

Council Chairperson: *Mat Forget*

Council Minute Keeper: *Caitlin Robinson*

Executives present for the duration of the meeting consisted of *Gabrielle Caron* (Sustainability Coordinator), *Lori Dimaria* (Clubs & Internal Affairs Coordinator), *Marion Miller* (Academic & Advocacy Coordinator), *John Talbot* (Student Life Coordinator), *Gabriel Velasco* (External Affairs & Mobilization Coordinator), *Terry Wilkings* (General Coordinator) and *Chloë Williams* (Loyola Coordinator).

Councillors present for the duration of the meeting consisted of *Sami Beydoun* (ENCS), *Jenna Cocullo* (Arts & Science), *Hayley Currier* (Arts & Science), *Rachel Gauthier* (JMSB), *Jana Ghalayini* (ENCS), *Charles Gonsalves* (Arts & Science), *Sanaz Hassan Pour* (Fine Arts), *Hassan Jabri* (ENCS), *Adrian Longinotti* (Arts & Science), *Lucinda Marshall-Kiparissis* (Arts & Science), *Aloyse Muller* (Arts & Science), *Geneviève Nadeau-Bonin* (Arts & Science), *Marcus Peters* (Arts & Science), *Jason Poirier-Lavoie* (Arts & Science), *Antoine Rail* (Fine Arts), *Leyla Sutherland* (Fine Arts) and *Rami Yahia* (ENCS).

Councillors absent for the duration of the meeting consisted of *Anas Bouslikhane* (Finance Coordinator).

Councillors absent for the duration of the meeting consisted of *Armani Martel* (Arts & Science), *Fadi Saijari* (JMSB), and *Michael Wrobel* (Arts & Science).

3. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Chairperson: We were not able to produce the minutes of last meeting on time. That being said, we would need a motion to pull the agenda point from 4. *Consent Agenda* to approve them for the next Regular Council Meeting.

Marcus Peters moves to remove 4. a) *Approval of the Minutes – February 10th RCM* and add them to *New Business – Substantive*.



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Seconded by **Jenna Cocullo**.

VOTE

In favour : 17

Opposed: 0

Abstentions: 0

Motion carries.

Chloë Williams adds 6. d) *Student Life Committee* to the agenda.

Marion Miller pulls the Policy Committee minutes of March 4th from 4. *Consent Agenda*, to be ratified under 7. d) *Policy Changes*.

Jenna Cocullo adds 7. a) *Safe Spaces Policy at Reggies* to the agenda.

Chairperson: We will now vote on approving the agenda and all items under 4. *Consent Agenda*.

VOTE

In favour : 17

Opposed: 0

Abstentions: 0

Motion carries.

4. CONSENT AGENDA

a) Reports from Committees

Ratified by consent.

b) Executive Reports

Ratified by consent.

c) Chairperson's Report

Ratified by consent.

d) Positions Book

Ratified by consent.



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5. PRESENTATIONS AND GUEST SPEAKERS

a) Frigo Vert

Terry Wilkings: The documents that Mat send out include the proposal, and on the last side of the draft is the wording for the motion.

Heather Nagy: I am a collective member at the Frigo Vert.

Maria Forti: I am also a collective member

Geneviève Nadeau-Bonin: I am also part of the board of the Frigo Vert.

Heather Nagy: We are here to talk to you about an accessibility and expansion project. We sent out extensive documentation detailing all aspects of the project, including a financial breakdown of costs and the financial projections of Frigo Vert as a organization.

Maria Forti: The Frigo Vert has been in its current space for over a decade and it is in a pretty bad space. The floors in the back are warped, there are leak problems in ceiling and there is a really bad draft coming in though the back exterior wall. We have been in communication with the landlord, who is not the most cooperative, so we saw the opportunity to move into a new space and decided to take it. The space will be wheelchair accessible as our mandate is about access and have not been fulfilling it. We encountered financial costs around renovations to the new space as the landlord gave us an empty concrete box, so here we are to ask for help cost paying it.

Geneviève Nadeau-Bonin: For those of you who do not know the Frigo Vert, it is a student fee levy on campus which has been around since 1992 when it started as a Quebec Public Interest Research Group (QPIRG) subgroup and branched out on own to open a store in 1996. It has been in this space for ten (10) years now and has been linked to the food movement at Concordia and has played a key role in its beginnings.

Maria Forti: The Frigo Vert does a lot of different things like providing healthy goods at a cheap cost, but it also has a lounge and will have one in the new space as well. It has free WiFi and is a community space, and you do not have to buy something to hang out in there. It has a bathroom in the space and the new one will have a wheelchair-accessible bathroom. We have a special-order bulk buying program so if collective houses want to buy bulk flour they can give donations to organizations like Solidarity Across Borders and we fund a food box program and collaborate with student associations to access cheap coffee and baked goods. In terms of our ordering mandate we have a political ordering mandate not only for cheap, but organic and fair trade goods and we look at whether companies are multi-national and their relationships with their workers. We bring these kind of politics into the food we offer.

Geneviève Nadeau-Bonin: The Frigo Vert is very integrated into the food community at Concordia. It started off as being the same group as the Peoples' Potato and just recently split into two (2) groups run by two different boards. They work with the Concordia Greenhouse selling their sprouts and goods, along with Le Campus Potager. They work with the Burrito Project which helps people make a living. It



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really carries out its mission to work with the Concordia community and help empower groups. Its mission is to empower communities and individuals over localized resources and community spaces.

Heather Nagy: The problem with the current space is that there is a damaged floor and subfloor causing warps, a hole in the wall causing extreme winter drafts, floods, rotting ceiling tiles and other roof problems. There is also an area in the lounge where every time it rains there is a mini flood. There are major issues with not being wheelchair accessible as it is three (3) steps down which causes delivery difficulties and difficulties for people with low mobility. Then, it is two (2) steps up to the lounge there is no wheelchair accessibility there. The new space is an existing space and that is why we chose it. It already had an existing ramp but we will be re-doing the ramp and making it wider. There is a central HVAC system with proper ventilation, a level concrete floor, wheelchair accessible gender neutral bathroom and a kitchenette. There will be a more shallow sink for dishwashing, a front window counter and a cash counter which will be an accessible height, along with a newly painted welcoming clean space. We have a three-dimensional scheme video that the architect gave us. It has the basic elements, but someone has changed. The bulk of it is the space and interior floor plan of new space. Front has double door entrance and much wider front window whereas current space which has many creative and wonderful signs, but it has definitely been an issue to have such a small storefront. The cash counters will all be at an accessible height, there will be a new coffee and pastries counter and a cash counter which will all be wheelchair accessible. The islands in the middle will be custom built and we will have bulk bins for fruits and nuts inside and the surface will be open for people to pour bulk items out of. On the right side is the lounge space. In the original design we were debating whether the space would be open or closed, and in the end of the shelving area there is a three-quarters (3/4) full wall. There are two (2) bathrooms, one bigger than other, and then an open storage area and a back office.

Maria Forti: We have been taking a lot of direction from people doing work for accessibility like Accessibilize Montreal, and a lot of the information that we have found for this part of the presentation is from them. They have been doing work on the inaccessibility of public transit around Montreal as there is no legislation that addresses inaccessibility in private spaces, and Montreal is currently trying to make public spaces more accessible. One of the things is to understand accessibility as a broad category not just about wheelchair accessibility, so this means not to use fluorescent lighting, having a scent-free policy and having lights on dimmers so that it will be possible to turn the lighting up or down. There is a group called the Radical Access Mapping Project on the west coast and they came out with something like an accessibility audit which shows how your space is accessible or not. You can fill out the audit and upload it to the internet so that people can read about accessibility points for your space. We are planning on filling it out for the new space. They originally came up with the audit that Accessibilize Montreal uses. They want to tell people that they support our project. We are working with the Access Centre for Students with Disabilities (ACSD) who has given us suggestions, and we are planning on implementing those. All this is just trying to best follow our mandate and provide healthy food to everyone in the Concordia community.

Geneviève Nadeau-Bonin: This one cool thing ended up happening which is that the space is open and wide and this contributes to accessibility for people who are hard of hearing or have depth issues. Accessibility is a part of social sustainability. We have been working a lot on Council to have sustainability projects, and pushing that forward, accessibility is a strong component of a socially sustainable project. If



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a space is not accessible it will not be sustainable. The Frigo Vert really wants to keep their mandate and vision of a socially sustainable place.

Heather Nagy: That is the gist of the entire project. As for the finances, you saw the project costs detailing which items within the construction were evaluated and at what amounts. There will be a cost of \$151 000 for moving and expansion items like gravity bins and a new used cash register, and the total projected cost is \$173 000. There is a brief summary of the funding proposals that we have put out there. The Sustainability Action Fund (SAF) granted \$25 000, the Concordia Council on Student Life (CCSL) granted \$10 000 and then the big question is the CSU for \$100 000. We met with the Finance Committee and went over the Frigo Vert's next three (3) years.

Lucinda Marshall-Kiparissis: I am abstaining from the vote because I am on the board of the Frigo Vert, but I would like to motivate for this. If I were just sitting as a councillor, this is a no-brainer. So much work was put into the proposal and the number one concern of the Frigo Vert is to fulfil their accessibility mandate and this is a strong way to do it. We have the funds and this fits in with the CSU's mandate entirely. This is a really good thing and the Frigo Vert has been around for a really long time and will be around for long time. It has a huge support base and can only go up from here.

Marcus Peters: I am not on the board, but this is still a no-brainer. The presentation covered the spirit of the proposal, but we have all had access to the breakdown of the finances and we looked at them in the Finance Committee with unanimous approval. We have a mandate and have the funds, and this is exactly the kind of thing we should be promoting. I think that everyone will be happy if this gets off the ground. The building is covered in blue and across from the library entrance on Mackay Street.

Charles Gonsalves: Having been in conversation with Heater and other members of the Frigo Vert, this will be the first accessible alternative grocery store in Montreal and it is good that we are fostering accessibility and alternative food for students and community members at large.

Chloë Williams: Great presentation, I am excited for the new space. When is the opening?

Heather Nagy: We will be moving in this weekend. There are still some final construction details to finish, but we are planning a grand opening party the first week of April.

Geneviève Nadeau-Bonin: The new space allows for CSU projects to be part of the Frigo Vert. Students could build a herb garden in the back and this is not only a space that will continue, but could improve creativity as part of the community.

Geneviève Nadeau-Bonin:

WHEREAS Le Frigo Vert expanding and becoming wheelchair accessible creates a unique space on campus accessible to all students, raising awareness for inclusivity of all types of bodies on Concordia's campus;

WHEREAS Le Frigo Vert is a long standing integral part of the student-led food movement at Concordia;



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WHEREAS the Concordia Student Union holds a position adopted by the members to “actively supports affordable, sustainable, and student-run food service initiatives on campus”. [Adopted during the March General Election, 2013];

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Concordia Student Union award a one-time monetary contribution of \$100,000 to le Frigo Vert for renovation costs associated with the expansion and accessibility project of it’s new location.

Seconded by **Sanaz Hassan Pour**.

Terry Wilkings moves to amend the end of the motion to add “new location to be expensed from the Student Space, Accessible Education and Legal Contingency Fund”.

Seconded by **Jenna Cocullo**.

Terry Wilkings: We have spoken about this project at the Fund Committee which oversees the SSAELC in accordance with the Bylaws, and I am happy to see the Frigo Vert here presenting and enthusiastic about the project. The process that the Frigo Vert has taken in going to other bodies sharing similar mandates shows a deep understanding of the Concordia student body because they have been here a long time. I look forward to the project and frequenting the space.

Amendment adopted via unanimous consent.

Gabrielle Caron: I want to reinforce this project as super awesome, and from my perspective it is really a main point about social sustainability. Accessibility is lacking on campus even within our home buildings and this is a great role model that we can look up to and something that will keep going.

VOTE

In favour : 14

Opposed: 0

Abstentions: 3 (**Lucinda, Geneviève, Jason**)

Motion carries.

Chairperson: Before we proceed to appointments, I will go over the requests for excusal – **Anas** sends regrets to be excused but will be reachable if there are any queries. **Michael Wrobel** requests excusal as he is going to Baie Comeau for his journalism program to conduct interviews.

Marcus Peters moves to excuse **Anas Bouslikhane** and **Michael Wrobel** from this meeting of Council.

Seconded by **Aloyse Muller**.

VOTE

In favour : 17

Opposed: 0

Abstentions: 0

Motion carries.



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Marcus Peters moves to take a fifteen (15)-minute recess.

Seconded by **Aloyse Muller**.

VOTE

In favour : 17

Opposed: 0

Abstentions: 0

Motion carries.

Lori Dimaria moves to excuse **Fadi Saijari** from this meeting of Council.

Seconded by **Aloyse Muller**.

Lori Dimaria: **Fadi** did not send his regrets, but was in a car accident. The right thing to do is to excuse him for today. He was not able to come to the Clubs & Space meeting either. I would like to motivate for his excusal on these grounds.

VOTE

In favour : 17

Opposed: 0

Abstentions: 0

Motion carries.

6. APPOINTMENTS

a) Finance Committee

Chloë Williams: We have two (2) positions open on the Finance Committee. This committee oversees the finances of the CSU, you get to read financial reports and sit on the committee with the others. If anyone is interested, now is the chance to nominate yourself.

b) Senate

Marion Miller moves that Benjamin Prunty continue as a Senator, notwithstanding Standing Regulation 219 d).

Seconded by **Lucinda Marshall-Kiparissis**.

Marion Miller: For the Senate the breakdown, two (2) executives sit on it with four (4) councillors and four (4) other students, one from each faculty, who come in through the elections, along with two (2) community members-at-large. Benjamin Prunty has dropped out of Council and he was one of Council's seats on the Senate. Although he is no longer a councillor, we move that he sits Senate for the remainder of year and on Academic Caucus, as we felt it was not worth replacing him for the institutional memory of year.



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VOTE

In favour : 17

Opposed: 0

Abstentions: 0

Motion carries.

Marion Miller: There is another Senate seat open so we have another Council seat open on the Senate. You could attend the April and May meetings. We do not have to fill it though.

Terry Wilkings: I do not want to nominate anyone, but I encourage **Jenna** if she is interested, because she is on the Arts & Science Faculty Council and President of the Arts and Science Federation of Associations (ASFS), given the short number of meetings remaining.

Jenna Cocullo nominates herself to sit on the Senate.
Seconded by **Marcus Peters**.

Marcus Peters: We are trying to do many things on Faculty Council, but stuff is happening on the Senate. It is good to know what is happening on both in order to better support the students.

VOTE

In favour : 17

Opposed: 0

Abstentions: 0

Motion carries.

c) Clubs & Space Committee

Chloë Williams: There are two (2) seats open on the Clubs & Space Committee and you get to read over the new clubs applications and approve budgets.

d) Student Life Committee

Chloë Williams: You can help John organize events. There is one (1) seat open on the Student Life committee.

7. NEW BUSINESS – SUBSTANTIVE

a) Safe Spaces Policy at Reggies

Jenna Cocullo:

WHEREAS concerns have been brought forward by students around Reggies safe space;



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WHEREAS many students have chosen not to attend Reggies due to a lack of safe space;
WHEREAS the CSU hosts events and parties at Reggies;
WHEREAS These events should foster inclusivity, safety and comfort;
BE IT RESOLVED THAT the CSU work with Reggies to establish a safe space policy;
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the CSU not host events at Reggies until a safe space policy be established.

Seconded by **Sanaz Hassan Pour**.

Katie Nelson: This is self explanatory as there have been a couple of incidents I know of involving Reggies not being safe or having access to all identities. When we have CSU events there and it is not a safe space, this excludes students and puts the events in the space not accessible to them.

Marcus Peters: How many events are planned by the CSU to be hosted at Reggies?

John Talbot: There is the Rap Battle for Gender Freedom and another show.

Marcus Peters: Was motion the just for the CSU or any other club association? Was it just that Reggies not host events at all?

Katie Nelson: I do not know how much power the CSU has to restrict clubs hosting events.

Terry Wilkings amends the motion to include the Centre for Gender Advocacy in the groups that we will be consulting with in the first “BE IT RESOLVED” clause.

Seconded by **Marcus Peters**.

Terry Wilkings: Just to take a step back, we had opened a closed reggies in May or June of this past year so our first priority was to complete the renovations and ensure that Reggies was open so students could participate in the bar and have a good time. This will address the changes that we would all like to see there and in terms of creating a safer space, this is an ongoing process. Some tangible steps that we have taken is that the entire cohort of our first staff working at Reggies went through a series of trainings at the Centre for Gender Advocacy. We have taken a lot of measure to shift the pieces that move with things like creating safer space and although this is never accomplished in a definitive sense, it is always something that is improving. We have been in ongoing discussions with the Centre for Gender Advocacy and this passed week we passed a resolution to allow the Centre to have a permanent seat on the new Reggies’ Board of Directors. Reggies is turning into a solidarity cooperative and it will be built into its constitution that there will be a permanent support seat allocated to the Centre, and they can appoint this representative through their own internal mechanisms. The Centre will act to further advance this safer space mandate and this motion is something that we will work on in tandem with that group. It is a matter of priority to address this over the late spring and early summer so that once Reggies is operating under the new structure, clear lines of accountability will be put into operation. The original cohort had gone through sensitivity training and that is a role we feel that the Centre can continue to play on the board, and over and above that is to develop policies and make sure that they are being enforced. We will be speaking with other organizations with similar space frequented by many types of people with many types of events.



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Amendment adopted via unanimous consent.

Katie Nelson moves that the current staff undergo workshops on consent, bystander intervention and rape culture as soon as possible.
Seconded by **Jenna Cocullo**.

Katie Nelson: The original staff there now created an unsafe space along with the current staff as well, so they should go back and do consent and bystander workshops. That staff added to that unsafe space of Reggies and we are maybe reaffirming that.

Jenna Cocullo: Can we mandate Reggies to do that?

John Talbot: Yes.

Marcus Peters: I am assuming that this would go through the Student Life Committee.

Terry Wilkings: The CSU right now will be holding a shareholders meeting to transfer the entity to its new legal status, and right now we are having a meeting of the CSU Council, though members of the Board of Directors of CUSACorp are here and taking into account the things being said and the resolutions being passed. With that in mind, this would be implemented with the executive and the new board. We want to do this policy adequately and this will be happening through CUSA and the executive until Reggies becomes a solidarity coop. This circumstance happens once within the lifetime of an organization, when it undergoes a groundbreaking shift, and hopefully folks can sympathize with these unique circumstances.

Rachel Gauthier: Can I mandate **John** to be a part of this?

Terry Wilkings: Just to say, **John** has been integral to the operations side of Reggies to increase the programming of space and awareness of students, and the entire executive will be part of this, and **John** has been an important aspect of this and he will definitely be there.

Lori Dimaria: We appreciate you coming forward, Katie, and it is very important that Reggies remain a safe space, and if any committee or dialogue needs to be done on that end, I am more than happy to meet with you especially if it is a personal topic. This is something that we always talk about in terms of inclusivity and safe spaces, and it is not something that we put on the back burner.

Aloyse Muller: What would the amendment and motion entail in practice?

Terry Wilkings: This has been part of an ongoing conversation with staff at the Centre for Gender Advocacy, and in the short time that Reggies has been open, we have been prioritizing the complete transfer of governance, which is part of a broader structural change. The outcome would be that the CSU not be hosting events there in adhering to this mandate given by Council. Two (2) events remain this year, and if those could be treated outside this motion. This will be dependent on the resources and time available of the groups included in motion .



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Aloyse Muller: Will the two (2) events be scrapped or just not have the CSU as a sponsor?

Terry Wilkings: That is up to council to interpret. As it stands the wording is that events would not happen. Concerning Katie's amendment, what would that entail? There has been a small round of new hires and they are required to do some form of training. Obviously, the training which has been done is not exhaustive. Part of the work of the new board is to develop procedures as to what the new staff person will do. As part of those procedures, we will see this as part of a permanent process. The CSU will be letting go of Reggies in the day-to-day sense and we will not be the body for mandates or resolutions to be sent to, as they will have an internal way to address this. More important is that going forward with the new hires, this is just a matter of setting up proper procedure.

Aloyse Muller: The amendment is about re-doing the training for people already employed. Do we have the authority to do this, and how would it work?

Terry Wilkings: This is a matter of expanding the current number of trainings being developed for new staff.

Katie Nelson: When I wrote all of this, I assumed that consent workshops and everything covered a basis for the foundational idea of what safe spaces are. That is why I said in the motion that we should have an actual safe spaces policy. But is there not some basis for these, or some minimal idea that staff have that makes this a safe space?

Terry Wilkings: It is probably different from other bars that they have worked at. They have been exposed to these ideas but not the policy.

Katie Nelson: Why are you advertising Reggies as safe space for students then?

Terry Wilkings: The entire time we have been talking about creating a safer space, and this is an intention that has not been put into operation right now. I do not think that we could declare Reggies a safe space on a permanent basis, it is more our intention, what with having the Centre for Gender Advocacy on the board. This sheds light on how we went to develop a safer space.

Katie Nelson: I want to bring this up because "safe space" is written on the wall and we understood that if anything happened, that management would deal with it and that has crashed and burned to the point that unsafe activities are happening. One thing I hear echoed from the Reggies staff is that they cannot address safe space concern in terms of asking people to leave. I see a lot of bad things happen in the bar that should not be. When me and other students talked about bringing this forward, it is about the power of the staff and management to take action and be proactive about keeping the space safe. If this is not the case, I think that the CSU owes a big apology to student affected by your lack of oversight.

Terry Wilkings: I feel like I misrepresented what I was trying to communicate.

John Talbot: Concerning a basis and understanding of harm reduction, this has been stressed since the first day the general manager was hired and every time, this was talked about this in relation to the



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reduction of alcohol related harms and what types of activities will take place in terms of removing someone from the space. There is a baseline understanding but not an official policy. Making it a concrete thing in a permanent sense needs to be done and this is why the motion is here. There is an underground current to that ideal and a culture change is the concept we have been talking about,

Leyla Sutherland: I feel like something about safe spaces and safer spaces is important for us. I think that the word “safer” does not mean a weak attempt to make a safe space. I think that a safer space is more important. In terms of a bar context and places frequented by lots of people, it is impossible to say that a space is safe, and saying that would be just as harmful. Overall I advocate to changing it to “safer space”. I do not think that with the policies in place we can even say safe space.

Lori Dimaria: We have been doing this since day one. All of the management like the general manager, managers and staff, we empower them to take action and be proactive. Something which is important is to create policies on this though, but it is not like we have been blindly going into this. A lot of thought went into this and even demolishing the old Reggie was something symbolic in terms of changing the philosophy of the space and, like **Terry** was saying, we also have a board coming in and it is important to encourage and implement things. As of now, this is an ongoing process and we will not be taking this lightly. Our staff is encouraged to take action, and from the weekly meetings, I have heard that some people have been asked to leave Reggies because they were conducting themselves in a way to make the space unsafe. We want to balance this out in such a way to make it representative of what is happening. I apologize if people feel a certain way as this is not something we want. One thing **Leyla** mentioned is that vast amount of communities coming to the space, which decreases the feasibility of making it the ideal space.

Terry Wilkings: after the exchanges, I feel that I have a better understanding of the original question. From the beginning, when we were developing a business plan, we excluded pitchers from the menu because we did not want to promote excessive drinking in the optic of reducing the potential for violent behaviours. We have been adopting that mindset throughout. I thought the question was more grounded in a policy standpoint. When we first up came with this, proposal it was included in the board to reduce harm.

VOTE

In favour : 13

Opposed: 0

Abstentions: 0

Amendment is adopted.

Adrian Longinotti: I want to clarify if the motion includes that CSU clubs cannot organize events. or just CSU funded events.

John Talbot: It does not apply to clubs.

Katie Nelson: Can the CSU not endorse those events, or do they automatically endorse club events?



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John Talbot: We do not endorse CSU clubs' events, but they are still CSU clubs

Leyla Sutherland moves to amend the current use of safe space to “safer space”.
Seconded by **Aloyse Muller**.

Leyla Sutherland: The space will never be a 100% safe space. It is important in moving forward to be upfront about our limitations, and this is given that not every person attending Reggies will undergo sensitivity training.

Katie Nelson: This motion was because of the staff at Reggies creating a rape culture. Although I appreciate the sentiment, and I cannot vote, I think that if staff members are incapable of sustaining a safe space mentality and ideals, we should not hold them to the standard of just being safer

Leyla Sutherland: I do not think that “safer” has to do with trying, but recognizing that a space is not safe for everyone and for much larger amount of people to feel safe does not make it safe. Labelling the space incorrectly will just bring us to this problem again of not being able to fulfill it.

VOTE

In favour : 10

Opposed: 0

Abstentions: 3 (**Jason, Adrian, Lucinda**)

Amendment is adopted.

John Talbot moves to amend in a final “Be it further resolved” clause that the CSU not host events at Reggies until a safe spaces policy can be established, notwithstanding the Rap Battle for Gender Freedom and the co-hosted show.
Seconded by **Sanaz Hassan Pour**.

John Talbot: These are not really our events, but we are co-hosting and I do not want to jeopardize another group's event because of this motion. We do have work done on the events already and they are solidified and ready to execute. These are not CSU events, but since we are related I just want to make sure that they are taken care of.

Katie Nelson: We have talked to the person organizing the rap battle and they are waiting to see what happens here. Concordia is fully aware of what happened in February and I do not doubt that Queer Concordia and the Centre for Gender Advocacy would agree. As for the other event with the local production, the CSU is co-hosting is.

John Talbot: That is also happening on a date that Reggies is not opening. We are financially implicated but we could pull out of the funding if that is what is being looked at.

VOTE

In favour : 5

Opposed: 0



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Abstentions: 9 (**Jenna, Aloyse, Anthony, Lucinda, Leyla, Sanaz**)

Amendment is adopted.

VOTE

In favour : 13

Opposed: 0

Abstentions: 1 (**Adrian**)

Motion carries.

Terry Wilkings: It would be very appreciated if folks who have motions like this get in contact with the Chair about them, because we could have looked into this and had more information for discussion, which is ideal.

b) Approval of the Minutes – February 10th (RCM)

Jenna Cocullo moves to table the approval of the February 10th Regular Council Meeting minutes to next meeting

Seconded by **Aloyse Muller**.

VOTE

In favour : 14

Opposed: 0

Abstentions: 0

Motion carries.

c) UTILE Membership

Terry Wilkings moves that the CSU become a member of the Unité de travail pour l'implantation de logement étudiant (UTILE) and pay the \$250 cost for two-year membership.

Seconded by **Chloë Williams**.

Terry Wilkings: Their membership policy was disseminated as part of the Council documents along with answers to the who, why and how. For the specific context of the CSU, we are about to engage in probably the biggest project the CSU has ever done with this organization. At the February meeting there was this desire to strengthen the partnership between the organization, and if Council decides to move ahead with this, I will try to attend the annual general meeting of UTILE on March 15th. This is pretty straightforward.

Marcus Peters: I would like to speak in favour of this motion. Any opportunity to solidify ties is good because we are engaged in so many projects, and joining the organization costs the same as a Netflix subscription so I think that we should immediately subscribe.



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VOTE

In favour : 13

Opposed: 0

Abstentions: 0

Motion carries.

Terry Wilkings: For the payment of the \$250, I have spoken with **Marion** and every year the Academic & Advocacy Coordinator has a budget line, and in the past was the VP Academic who coordinated with UTILE for the survey and report. The dollar amount will be taken from the Academic & Advocacy budget line as way to house it

d) Positions Book – Quality Education

Marion Miller:

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That the University give formal academic recognition to extra-curricular hands-on community engaged learning.

Seconded by **Antoine Rail**.

Marion Miller: We thought that it would be interesting to amp up the CSU's positions on quality education, especially in these times of budget compressions at the provincial level. We had strong backings, and the first one discusses the kind of commitment in other universities often expressed in their student charter of rights, as you find universities explicitly saying that they commit to offering high quality education, so we wanted some kind of formal commitment somewhere. Experiential hands-on learning aligns with the university's strategic directions in terms of allowing students to be out in the field. The third part is about coop programs. the Fine Arts coop program was closed down because there was not enough funding for partnerships. Coop is stronger in some faculties but not in others so we are asking that the university diversify. At some point I am hoping that the university gives academic credit for hands-on learning. We already talk about these things in the academic committees I participate in, but taking positions on it gives them strength.

Marcus Peters: The coop aspect of this motion, how was it brought up and discussed?

Terry Wilkings: Jerry Hughes, the Director of the coop program gave presentations to the Board of Governors and the Senate however they have been offered in two (2) faculties, JMSB and ENCS, and



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what we are talking about is creating a balance and diversifying the opportunities. For the purpose of austerity we include in the Positions Book that we are in favour of these efforts.

Marion Miller: We say diversify the offerings across all faculties. This can also mean ensuring that some coops happen within business and industry and others in communities. We want to diversify placements.

VOTE

In favour : 12

Opposed: 0

Abstentions: 0

Motion carries.

e) Student Tribunals

Terry Wilkings moves to enter closed session.

Seconded by **Jason Poirier-Lavoie**.

VOTE

In favour : 9

Opposed: 0

Abstentions: 0

Motion carries.

Meeting enters closed session at 20h30.

Marcus Peters moves to enter open session.

Seconded by **Lucinda Marshall-Kiparissis**.

Motion carries.

Meeting enters open session at 20h37.

Terry Wilkings:

WHEREAS Concordia University has the most stringent by-laws with regard to eligibility criteria for student participation on senior governing bodies throughout Quebec;

WHEREAS the implication of these restrictive conditions deeply impacts students who have been recently charged under the Code of Rights and Responsibilities;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the CSU calls on Concordia University to change its by-laws in accordance with *An Act Respecting the Accreditation and Financing of Students' Associations* in order to respect the democratic will of students and their duly elected representatives;



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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT Council mandates the executive to engage in representation on the matter and communicate the position of the CSU to the Concordia administration.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT if actions taken by Concordia University are insufficient to address the aforementioned issues, Council mandate the executive to take the legal action necessary to adjudicate the issues of student representation.

Seconded by **Antoine Rail**.

Terry Wilkings: I just think that throughout the course of the year there has been a lot of discussion of the merit of actions taken by students and the steps taken today are to demonstrate that in Quebec it is very unique and we do have a binding set of rights and responsibilities and we want our bylaws to reflect and respect those fundamental rights enshrined through the legal framework which has existed in the province over the last several decades.

VOTE

In favour : 9

Opposed: 0

Abstentions: 0

Motion carries.

f) Policy Changes

Marion Miller moves to approve the Standing Regulation changes outlined in the Policy Committee report of March 4th.

Seconded by **Aloyse Muller**.

Marion Miller: The report outlines these little changes.

8. QUESTION PERIOD & BUSINESS ARISING

Jenna Cocullo: I was wondering if someone could clarify why the elections for the CSU were not advertised on the website. I know a lot of people were trying to figure out when the elections were. It would be cool if in the future it were on the CSU's website.

Terry Wilkings: I feel like this might be the first year that we have had more of a functional website during the time of the elections. As part of that process, I feel that in the past it has never been advertised on the website so it is just a matter of updating this practice, given the updated website. It is encouraging that students are going to the website though. We are piloting a media specialist this year, and I have suggested to the CEO to recommend to make permanent the media specialist. Right we are now working in tandem with the CEO. It is incremental now, but going in the right direction.

Jenna Cocullo: Not all students have Facebook, so it is not very accessible.



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Jason Poirier-Lavoie: The goal is to not only to promote the elections, but to promote participation in the elections throughout the nominations period. If you rely on posters and Facebook, these were well announced after the start of the nominations period. Most of my peers and myself did not know until halfway through the nominations period though. I am very disappointed in the way that the CEO is promoting the nominations period. When it comes to speaking to the CEO after the elections, I will make sure that this point is brought up.

John Talbot: One of the DEOs doing the marketing approached me after the nominations period asking for my help. It is going in the newsletter and we are flyer-ing, but I agree with the sentiment that the CEO did not start advertising at the appropriate time.

Terry Wilkings: We will also be tracking this person's hours as the media specialist, along with the DEOs, to see if we could trend hours so that during the nominations period it is higher to effectively advertise. I just think that we should also understand that this is a process and we are improving it.

Rachel Gauthier: To build off of that, I happen to know the media specialist and I think that my recommendation would be to hire the person way in advance so that the marketing campaign could be developed before, such that it could start the first day of the nominations period. This year, the media specialist started during the nominations period and the timeline was not the best.

Lucinda Marshall-Kiparissis: When was the media specialist hired?

Rachel Gauthier: She was hired on the Tuesday returning from March break.

Terry Wilkings: If indeed folks are happy with the media specialist, we will be implementing this in the budget for next year so that they will definitely have adequate time to prepare. It sounds like it is successful though, and we will make sure to structure this in a way that the media specialist gets adequate time.

9. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Terry Wilkings: In the report I wrote, I mentioned that we will be having a Special Council Meeting sometime before April to hold the final shareholders meeting of CUSACorp. I will give more notice that required, and as much as possible. We will have set our expectations for the near future.

Jenna Cocullo: The ASFA referendum will be held next Wednesday, Thursday and Friday. Three (3) very import questions are being asked – a levy of \$0.10 per credit for the Loyola Luncheon, a second increase in the fees for money to student associations, and the last one about restructuring ASFA. It is proposed that a Finance, Internal and Advocacy Coordinator will support student associations. This will be a very good change for the associations and I encourage friends and association members to vote.

Marion Miller: On Monday we had an extremely interesting panel with the Centre for Race Action Relations on dismantling sexual assault on campus, and it was an extremely interesting discussion and we were able to get the material for Policy Committee on safer spaces. There were things McGill brought up and the Centre for Gender Advocacy brought up. I invite you to the third annual student congress



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happening Monday. In the past, we came to interesting consensus like things about unpaid internships and sustainability, and we have time to build consensus on a variety of issues touching the entire population of Concordia. Get in touch with your departmental associations. It will be held March 21st at 15h00 and associations may send up to eight (8) people.

Chairperson: In the ongoing process of me becoming the chair of all things Concordia, I have been approached by the Centre for Gender Advocacy to chair their annual general meeting held on the 6th of April, and I felt that I should let Council know.

Sanaz Hassan Pour: We support this.

Marcus Peters: You chaired the Graduate Students Association (GSA) too, making you possibly the most ubiquitous chair in Concordia's history.

Chloë Williams: Do you get an award for the number of things you chaired?

Mat Forget: Maybe a very dignified high five.

10. ADJOURNMENT

Marcus Peters moves to adjourn.

Seconded by **Lucinda Marshall-Kiparissis**.

VOTE

In favour : 9

Opposed: 0

Abstentions: 0

Motion carries.

Meeting is adjourned at 20h52.



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**CSU Special Council Meeting
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H-767, 18h30, S.G.W. Campus**

Summary of Motions Carried

5. PRESENTATIONS AND GUEST SPEAKERS

The following motion was carried:

WHEREAS Le Frigo Vert expanding and becoming wheelchair accessible creates a unique space on campus accessible to all students, raising awareness for inclusivity of all types of bodies on Concordia's campus;

WHEREAS Le Frigo Vert is a long standing integral part of the student-led food movement at Concordia;

WHEREAS the Concordia Student Union holds a position adopted by the members to "actively supports affordable, sustainable, and student-run food service initiatives on campus". [Adopted during the March General Election, 2013];

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Concordia Student Union award a one-time monetary contribution of \$100,000 to le Frigo Vert for renovation costs associated with the expansion and accessibility project of it's new location.

– Geneviève Nadeau-Bonin (*Sanaz Hassan Pour*)

6. APPOINTMENTS

b) Senate

A motion was carried allowing Benjamin Prunty continue as a Senator, notwithstanding Standing Regulation 219 d).

– Marion Miller (*Lucinda Marshall-Kiparissis*)

7. NEW BUSINESS – SUBSTANTIVE

a) Safe Spaces Policy at Reggies

The following motion was carried:

WHEREAS concerns have been brought forward by students around Reggies safe space;

WHEREAS many students have chosen not to attend Reggies due to a lack of safe space;

WHEREAS the CSU hosts events and parties at Reggies;



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WHEREAS These events should foster inclusivity, safety and comfort;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the CSU work with Reggies and the Centre for Gender Advocacy to establish a safer space policy;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the CSU not host events at Reggies until a safer space policy be established.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the current Reggies staff undergo workshops on consent, bystander intervention and rape culture as soon as possible.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the the CSU not host events at Reggies until a safer space policy can be established, notwithstanding the Rap Battle for Gender Freedom and the co-hosted show.

– Jenna Cocullo (*Sanaz Hassan Pour*)

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– *Marion Miller (Aloyse Muller)*