



Concordia Student Union – Council of Representatives

CSU Council-Elect Meeting – Agenda

Wednesday, May 18th, 2016

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

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1. CALL TO ORDER

Meeting is called to order at 18h51.

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 *Lana Galbraith* (Sustainability Coordinator), *Rachel Gauthier* (Student Life Coordinator), *Adrian Longinotti* (Finance Coordinator), *Lucy Marshall-Kiparissis* (General Coordinator), *Aloyse Muller* (External Affairs Coordinator), *Marcus Peters* (Loyola Coordinator), *Sophia Sahrane* (Academic & Advocacy Coordinator) and *Rami Yahia* (Internal Affairs Coordinator).

Councillors present for the duration of the meeting were *Alaa Alkirbee* (ENCS), *Louis Arrou-Vignod* (JMSB), *Mikaela Clark-Gardner* (Fine Arts), *Thomas David-Bashore* (Arts & Science), *Panagiotis Destounis* (JMSB), *Marie-Maxime Gélinas-Delisle* (JMSB), *Brittany Jackson* (Arts & Science), *Mugisha Kakou* (ENCS), *Armani Martel* (Arts & Science), *Artem Mikhailitsin* (ENCS), *Alexander Milton* (Arts & Science), *Jason Poirier Lavoie* (Arts & Science), *Veronika Rydzewski* (Arts & Science), *Meissa Thiam* (ENCS), *Chloë Williams* (Arts & Science) and *Robert Young* (Arts & Science).

Councillors absent for the duration of the meeting were *Ahmed Badr* (ENCS), *Hayley Currier* (Arts & Science), *Nora Fabre* (Arts & Science), *Maidina Kadeer* (Arts & Science), *Stephen Karchut* (Fine Arts), *Émilie Lamoureux-Sproule* (Arts & Science), *Matthew Leddy* (Arts & Science), *Bronte Macfarlane* (JMSB), *Christina Massaro* (Arts & Science).

Lucinda Marshall-Kiparissis (Chair): I have received some requests for excusal and notices of absence. **Ahmed Badr** came in and he has a midterm so he cannot be present. **Nora Fabre** cannot attend due to work, **Brittany Jackson** has class from 18h30 until 21h00 so she will come after. **Matthew Leddy** has a Sustainable Concordia board meeting until 20:30. **Émilie Lamoureux-Sproule** is working out of town, **Christina Massaro** is tree-planting in British Columbia for the summer and **Stephen Karchut** is working out of province. According to the Standing Regulations we cannot excuse any absences because of work or class but it is open to the floor whether we want to notwithstanding and do a grace excusal. I recommend that we excuse **Ahmed Badr** though.

Jason Poirier Lavoie moves to excuse **Ahmed Badr** from this meeting of Council. Be it further resolved that we excuse the rest of the absences.



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Seconded by **Robert Young**.

Jason Poirier Lavoie: For the first part of the resolution, a councillor has a midterm and in the Standing Regulations we can excuse this. The second part is about whether we shall enforce the rules strictly. After two (2) absences a councillor is out, so the question is whether we want to be that strict or whether we want to disregard the Standing Regulations and what we believe is justifiable. About someone who has a regular class or irregular contractual work, do we permit that? I put this to Council.

Robert Young: In terms of adopting a position for the entire year, I do not know if we should do that, but for the summer this is a pretty major commitment and people have work plans. If this is something you have to be doing, students have things to pay for so we should maybe let it slide.

Thomas David-Bashore moves to amend the motion to approve the excusal of all absences for this meeting and the June meeting, by default.

Seconded by **Louis Arrou-Vignod**.

Thomas David-Bashore: It has been said pretty clearly, and over the summer there are only two (2) meetings. People have special commitments such as work or class which will only cover these two (2) meetings. It is reasonable to excuse in omnibus fashion.

Chloë Williams: I just want to speak against doing omnibus excusals for Council meetings and instead excusing on a case-by-case because it is a way of holding accountability and you do not want a non-active Council since we are the ones responsible for holding the CSU accountable. If there is no incentive to come, councillors may stop showing up. There is a reason that this is in the Standing Regulations.

Aloyse Muller: The Standing Regulations need to be not-withstood for class and vacation so we must amend the motion this. Secondly, as for **Chloë's** comment, absences should be excused by Council, and not in advance. This is entirely up to Council though.

VOTE

In favour: 8

Opposed: 0

Abstentions: 4

Amendment is adopted.

Aloyse Muller moves to amend the motion to include “notwithstanding Standing Regulation 66”.

Seconded by **Robert Young**.

Aloyse Muller: We have to do this.

Amendment is adopted via unanimous consent.



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VOTE

In favour: 13

Opposed: 1

Abstentions: 0

Motion carries.

3. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Jason Poirier Lavoie: At the end of the meeting, will there be a period to discuss Business Arising?

Lucinda Marshall-Kiparissis (Chair): It has not been formally added, but we can assume that it is included.

Jason Poirier Lavoie: I would like to briefly introduce some proposals.

Rachel Gauthier moves to table 6. d) Senate, 6. f) CCSL and 6. g) LSFC.

Seconded by **Robert Young**.

Artem Mikhalitsin: Will there be closed session?

Lucinda Marshall-Kiparissis (Chair): During the appointments for Minute-Keeper and Chairperson.

Artem Mikhalitsin: Will the Minute-Keeper and Chairperson be present?

Lucinda Marshall-Kiparissis (Chair): Whoever is applying for a job will not be present while the others interviewed so that there is no conflict of interest.

Robert Young moves to approve the agenda and all items under 4. *Consent Agenda*.

Seconded by **Jason Poirier Lavoie**.

VOTE

In favour: 14

Opposed: 0

Abstentions: 0

Motion carries.

4. CONSENT AGENDA

a) Executive Reports

Ratified by consent.



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5. SETTING THE TIME OF REGULAR MEETINGS

Lucinda Marshall-Kiparissis (Chair): As per the Standing Regulations we do have our meetings on Wednesdays but the time is not necessarily fixed. What has been the past few years has been 18h30, but depending on Council's will, we can change the time.

Jason Poirier Lavoie moves to continue holding Council meetings at 18h30 on the Wednesdays that we are supposed to meet.

Seconded by **Mugisha Kakou**.

Aloyse Muller: It is in the Bylaws that there is a meeting every month, once a month, and twice in October, November and January.

VOTE

In favour: 14

Opposed: 0

Abstentions: 0

Motion carries.

6. APPOINTMENTS

a) Council Chairperson

Jason Poirier Lavoie moves to enter closed session.

Seconded by **Robert Young**.

Meeting enters closed session at 19h13.

VOTE

In favour: 14

Opposed: 0

Abstentions: 0

Motion carries.

Robert Young moves to appoint Caitlin Robinson as Council's 2016-2017 Chairperson.

Seconded by **Jason Poirier-Lavoie**.

b) Council Minute-Keeper

Louis Arrou-Vignod moves to appoint Caleb Owusu-Acheaw as Council's 2016-2017 Minute-Keeper.

Seconded by **Robert Young**.



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Motion carries.

Robert Young moves to enter open session.
Seconded by **Louis Arrou-Vignod**.

Motion carries.

Meeting enters open session at 20h54.

Jason Poirier Lavoie moves to notwithstanding Standing Regulation 56 for the duration of this year. Be it further resolved that the Policy Committee move forward in investigating how to repeal this provision in the Standing Regulations

Seconded by **Louis Arrou-Vignod**.

Jason Poirier Lavoie: We are responsible for the decisions we make in open and closed session and it is important that we keep record of this. It is irresponsible when we need to rescind, reconsider and consult motions. I do not know why historically we have been deleting closed session minutes, and this can only serve to help us. Even then, it will not be published. The discussions will stay there and will help us refer to the past.

Armani Martel: I am strongly opposed to this – the reason why we have secret meetings is usually to discuss strategy and motions that we do not want a record of. This is the reason that we have never had a record.

Louis Arrou-Vignod: Who has them?

Jason Poirier Lavoie: The Chairperson.

Aloyste Muller: For context, Standing Regulation 56 reads: *“The Minute Keeper shall keep minutes during closed sessions of Council, including the full text of motions debated and voted on, so as to facilitate discussion. When a meeting returns to open session, these closed session minutes shall be erased, excepting the full text of any motions passed during the closed session. These will instead be inserted into the minutes of the open session, so as to remain a part of the Student Union’s official record. For the purpose of transparency, these motions should still be ratified by a public vote once the meeting has returned to open session.”*

Robert Young moves to formally include in the motion that the Chairperson would be the custodian of the closed session minutes.

Robert Young: The original motion has a year-long term on it. Hopefully we will have a long time to figure this out. I would not be able to support this with an open end or not deleting.

Jason Poirier Lavoie moves to table the entire motion indefinitely.
Seconded by **Louis Arrou-Vignod**.



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Jason Poirier Lavoie: I apologize, I misunderstood the Standing Regulations and I thought that we deleted everything, even the motions. The motion says that we sanction an action and should be kept. I misunderstood the Standing Regulations and suggest we pretend that this did not happen.

VOTE

In favour: 13
Opposed: 0
Abstentions: 0

Motion carries.

Robert Young moves to ratify the proceedings of closed session.
Seconded by **Alexander Milton**.

VOTE

In favour: 13
Opposed: 0
Abstentions: 1 (**Chloë**)

Motion carries.

Louis Arrou-Vignod moves to enter a twenty (20)-minute recess.
Seconded by **Robert Young**.

VOTE

In favour: 14
Opposed: 0
Abstentions: 0

Motion carries.

Meeting enters recess at 21h30.

Meeting reconvenes at 21h50.

c) Councillors to Standing Committees of Council

Lucinda Marshall-Kiparissis (Chair): Committees are where the really substantial work gets done at the CSU. As councillors, you are going to get the real work done on committees and your participation is extremely important. You must sit on one committee but can sit on multiple committees and most councillors sit on two (2). Committees have diff time commitments and the coordinators will explain them. I do not want people to feel that if they are interested in something that they do not have enough relevant experience and the skill-set to do so. If you are genuinely interested and want experience, just put this in your motivation and that is totally fine. Most people in the room are totally fine with those who are learning. I would like to see, as the General Coordinator and someone on Council, that you do



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not feel afraid to nominate yourself to a committee. Standing Committees meet throughout the year with regular business and ad hoc committees can be struck as needed.

APPOINTMENTS COMMITTEE

Marcus Peters: For the Appointments Committee, we had a preview already and it is straightforward. We appoint people to key positions within the CSU. We have had a good experience of it so far, but it is more of an expedient process when part of a smaller committee. I encourage people who want to be part of the selection process to nominate themselves or friends.

Jason Poirier Lavoie nominates **Thomas David-Bashore**.

Thomas accepts.

Marie-Maxime Gélinas-Delisle nominates herself.

Seconded by **Robert Young**.

Louis Arrou-Vignod nominates **Jason Poirier Lavoie**.

Jason accepts.

Robert Young nominates **Ahmed Badr**.

Seconded by **Mikaela Clark-Gardner**.

Thomas David-Bashore: I have done recruitment for student groups at JMSB in the past where I oversaw CVs and most of the process myself. I learned a lot from that and would prefer to not single-handedly do it, but I could offer valuable expertise.

Jason Poirier Lavoie: Ever since I started at the CSU two (2) years ago I have been on the Appointments Committee. At Bombardier I did interviews for the Engineering department for people who would replace me. I have a lot of experience with interviews and I like to place emphasis on being welcoming and like to do an alternative style like talk to the person and explain the job, especially in a learning environment where students are less sure about what the jobs are but are looking for an avenue to participate.

Marie-Maxime Gélinas-Delisle: I am in a management program so it would be good experience for my career goals. Also, I worked as a human resources manager for two (2) retail stores. I have experience and could bring good skills to the committee.

Lucinda Marshall-Kiparissis (Chair): **Ahmed** writes that he is currently an Engineering student, an involved individual, part of academic and social associations, volunteers, wants to be involved, and this should be a top priority for him.

Chloë Williams nominates to **Mugisha Kakou**.

Mugisha accepts.

Mugisha Kakou: I do not have a lot of experience, but I came here to learn.



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Robert Young moves to notwithstanding Standing Regulation 17. (a) to allow five (5) councillors onto the Appointments Committee.

Seconded by **Chloë Williams**.

Robert Young: The fact that it is that close means that it is obviously a difficult decision and if we were going to be adding three (3) more people it could be a problem, but one (1) more person should not be. This might be a good way to go.

Sophie Sahrane: I would just like to speak in favour of gender parity on committees.

Chloë Williams: I would like to speak against the motion for this committee given that in order to make decisions on the committee, you need quorum. I sat on the Appointments Committee last year and it becomes difficult because you cannot interview people if you do not have quorum. If you vote five (5) people in, make sure that they are here for the summer because the committee is more active then. If you are not here for summer, maybe rescind your candidacy to help the committee make quorum. We had times where it was really hard to do interviews, especially if you are Skyping in committee members and people you are interviewing at the same time. It gets complicated with technology.

Louis Arrou-Vignod: What is the frequency of meetings?

Marcus Peters: Initially fairly often at the beginning of the year, but then it is dependent on how things go.

Jason Poirier Lavoie: It is usually three (3) to four (4) times at the beginning of the semester and then the only reason we reconvene is if someone drops out. It is just intense in the beginning of the semester and the rest of year it is just waiting or a what-if scenario.

Mikaela Clark-Gardner: Why is **Ahmed** not here?

Lucinda Marshall-Kiparissis (Chair): He had a midterm.

VOTE

In favour: 2

Opposed: 2

Abstentions: 9

Motion fails.

Chloë Williams: I am in favour of gender parity on committees, having sat on them in the past. It is quite important and all the candidates are well-qualified and I would not speak against anyone.

Following a vote by roll call Thomas David-Bashore, Marie-Maxime Gélinas-Delisle, Mugisha Kakou and Jason Poirier Lavoie are appointed to the Appointments Committee.



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CLUBS & SPACE COMMITTEE

Rami Yahia: The Clubs & Space Committee should be meeting around once every two weeks, especially at the beginning of the year and in September when we are approving clubs budgets. This is a fun committee since we allocate funding and directly see the effects of the funding when we see events and we get to discover cool clubs on campus. I sat on the Clubs & Space Committee two (2) years ago and it is a good committee and you do not need a lot of experience. You could come from any background and I encourage people from all over the place to get involved.

Jason Poirier Lavoie noms **Veronika Rydzewski**.

Veronika accepts.

Brittany Jackson nominates herself.

Seconded by **Robert Young**.

Lucinda Marshall-Kiparissis (Chair): Several people are absent current and **Ahmed Badr** would like to be nominated *in absentia*.

Seconded by **Robert Young**.

Robert Young nominates **Hayley Currier** *in absentia*.

Seconded by **Alexander Milton**.

Alexander Milton nominates **Christina Massaro**.

Seconded by **Louis Arrou-Vignod**.

Lucinda Marshall-Kiparissis (Chair): We have five (5) candidates so far, but please nominate other people. This is what these conversations are for.

Veronika Rydzewski: I do not have much experience with clubs but would love to be on the committee. I think that I could help out with allocation of budgets and everything else that **Rami** said.

Brittany Jackson: I was the Clubs & Space Committee student-at-large last year and it was amazing. I had so much fun and going to the clubs gala I got to see how the executives are so passionate about their work. I was involved in enriching the student experience, and being on this committee would help me get into helping students make the most of their four (4)-year undergraduate degrees.

Lucinda Marshall-Kiparissis (Chair): **Ahmed** send a blanket motivation, so it is the same as his last motivation. As for **Hayley's** motivation, she was member of the committee last term and wants to continue on with the Clubs & Space Committee because helps her exercise her administrative skills and is a great avenue to know what is going on through a student lens. As for **Christina's** motivation, she was the previous VP Finance for Concordia's Undergraduate Psychology Association (CUPA), sat on ASFA's Finance Committee and is the incoming ASFA VP Finance. She wants to be involved in the finances at the CSU level and wants to see how clubs and finances work at the CSU.



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Robert Young: I motivate for **Hayley** and Christina. I worked with both of them a lot at the Liberal Arts Society (LAS) and ASFA where I was on the executive with **Christina**. Both are good people and very motivated. **Hayley**, when she joined the Clubs & Space Committee, would talk about it and her enthusiasm was remarkable. **Christina** brings a really good administrative edge to the stuff she does.

Alexander Milton: I motivate for **Hayley** and Christina but can speak more to the latter. **Christina** was the VP Finance for ASFA for the past four (4) months and is the incoming one for upcoming year and she has done a fantastic job, has been very hands-on and made herself known. I assume that she will bring the same work ethic to the Clubs & Space Committee. I know **Hayley** from a distance and have taken a course with her in Liberal Arts and from the ASFA offices I know that she has always been busy doing stuff and getting involved.

Chloë Williams: I motivate for **Brittany** and **Ahmed**. **Brittany** is good for continuity between one year and then next and as for **Ahmed** it is good to have gender parity. Also, he did not make it onto the Appointments Committee and it would be nice to have him.

Jason Poirier Lavoie: I motivate for **Veronika**. She has dedicated a lot of time with the Political Science Student Association (PSSA) and is a hands-on and valuable member of its committees. She will be the VP Internal of the PSSA and this work would integrate well with her role on the PSSA working with subsidiary bodies, funding and constitutional considerations. This works hand in hand with what she is doing at the PSSA where she has shown skill and dedication.

Louis Arrou-Vignod: What is the reason of absence of **Hayley** and **Christina**?

Lucinda Marshall-Kiparissis (Chair): **Hayley** is tree-planting in British Columbia and **Christina** is working out of province, also tree-planting.

Thomas David-Bashore: Is this a club with summer responsibilities?

Rami Yahia: There are quite some responsibilities in terms of needing to find out structures on how to create budget templates, and since clubs will not have budgets until mid-September or early October, we will get requests for Special Clubs Funding. We will be meeting not as often in July and August, but more in September.

Following a vote by roll call Ahmed Badr, Hayley Currier, Brittany Jackson and Veronika Rydzewski are appointed to the Clubs & Space Committee.

EXTERNAL & CAMPAIGNS COMMITTEE

Aloyse Muller: If you apply to be on the External and Campaigns Committee, you get to work with me. This is a good committee if you are interested in social, political and environmental issues. You get to oversee the CSU's relationship with organizations outside of the university. You get to work and assist in planning the campaigns of the CSU. You get to keep an eye on the positions book, which is the political stance of the CSU. In general, if you have interest and would like to get involved in student movements



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and community organizations, this is a good committee. As for the time commitment, we meet every week or two. Meetings happen less often during the summer.

Alexander Milton nominates **Émilie Lamoureux-Sproule** *in absentia*.

Seconded by **Robert Young**.

Robert Young nominates himself.

Seconded by **Chloë Williams**.

Artem Mikhalitsin nominates himself.

Seconded by **Robert Young**.

Mikaela Clark-Gardner nominates herself.

Seconded by **Robert Young**.

Alexander Milton: I was made aware of **Émilie's** desire to be on the External & Campaigns Committee despite not submitting a formal letter as per the others. She was, for the past two (2) years, an executive on the Sociology & Anthropology Student Union (SASU).

Robert Young: Grassroots stuff done for the CSU got me started on the train of student politics. IT was completely accidental and I found out that is the way that most students engage in the first place, as it was a huge awakening and has been a lot of fun. Being able to work on a committee is something rewarded and I work well with **Aloyse** so I am game to do it.

Artem Mikhalitsin: I do not have experience being on a committee but I am interested in student activism. I have done a bit of work with the Concordia Against Tribunals group.

Mikaela Clark-Gardner: I am interested in social justice issues and have coordinated and facilitated many events to do with social justice and political relevance within workshops and events. In my own program I do work in the community in art education and do know the Montreal community a lot better and am really motivated in mobilization and bringing awareness to the student body about issues.

Jason Poirier Lavoie moves to appoint all candidates omnibus.

Seconded by **Chloë Williams**.

Jason Poirier Lavoie: We do not need to spend more time than we need to, and there is room for them all. Let's expedite their wishes.

VOTE

In favour: 12

Opposed: 0

Abstentions: 3 (**Robert, Artem, Mikaela**)

Motion carries.



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Mikaela Clark-Gardner, Émilie Lamoureux-Sproule, Artem Mikhalitsin and Robert Young are appointed to the External & Campaigns Committee.

Aloyse Muller: Please come and see me at the end of this meeting.

FINANCE COMMITTEE

Adrian Longinotti: We meet one (1) to three (3) times per month and primarily the responsibilities are overseeing financial operations and monitoring revenues and expenditure of the CSU. The Finance Committee is responsible for reviewing financial policy at least once per fiscal year and you will be involved in having the privilege to adjust budgets also indicated in the CSU bylaws. Do not let numbers or spreadsheets scare you away, it is a good opportunity to learn the finances of the CSU and I encourage those who do not have financial experience to start.

Alaa Alkirbee nominates himself
Seconded by **Robert Young**.

Lucinda Marshall-Kiparissis (Chair): **Ahmed** wanted to be on the Finance Committee.

Mikaela Clark-Gardner nominates **Ahmed Badr**, *in absentia*.
Seconded by **Alexander Milton**.

Robert Young nominates **Bronte Macfarlane**, *in absentia*.
Seconded by **Artem Mikhalitsin**.

Alaa Alkirbee: I do not have so much experience in finance so I wanted to get the opportunity to learn.

Lucinda Marshall-Kiparissis (Chair): **Ahmed** submitted the same motivation for all committees.

Chloë Williams nominates herself
Seconded by **Robert Young**.

Lucinda Marshall-Kiparissis (Chair): **Bronte** writes that she could add value to the Finance Committee as she is a hard-worker, positive in approaching new challenges and organized. She attended events in JMSB and from attending these events feels like a part of the Concordia community and was inspired to get more involved in Concordia. She could add to the CSU Finance Committee reliability and transparency and wants to work in finance in the future.

Chloë Williams: I have been on Council or on the executive for two (2) years and finance was always the committee I avoided because I was scared of numbers. I am ready to face that fear and this is a great opportunity and I have a good institutional memory and understanding of the institution. I would bring a critical lens to this committee.

Robert Young moves to omnibus appoint the four (4) candidates to the External & Campaigns Committee.



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Seconded by **Louis Arrou-Vignod**.

VOTE

In favour: 13

Opposed: 0

Abstentions: 0

Motion carries.

Alaa Alkirbee, Ahmed Badr, Bronte Macfarlane and Chloë Williams are appointed to the Finance Committee.

LOYOLA COMMITTEE

Marcus Peters: The Loyola Committee is the committee that I chair, or not quite, but I highly encourage anyone interested in the development of the Loyola campus to join, especially if you are interested in the free lunch program, the commissioning of murals, purchasing equipment, or are interested in expanding student spaces there and working on them, collaborating on Orientation and working with the Hive Cafe. It is the most beautiful part of Concordia and I would recommend that if you are interested, come work with us.

Brittany Jackson nominates herself.

Seconded by **Artem Mikhalitsin**.

Alexander Milton nominates himself

Seconded by **Robert Young**.

Artem Mikhalitsin nominates himself

Seconded by **Robert Young**.

Lucinda Marshall-Kiparissis (Chair): **Matthew Leddy** would like to be nominated but he is in a Sustainable Concordia board meeting.

Robert Young nominates **Matthew Leddy**.

Seconded by **Alexander Milton**.

Brittany Jackson: I would like to be on the Loyola Committee because I have a huge soft spot for that campus. I lived in Hingston Hall and eat the cafeteria food, and the Hive Free Lunch, which is the greatest thing to happen. For everyone who has ever been there, it is special, unique and beautiful and has a lot of potential. I would love to get involved and exploit the campus' potential for the rest of the student body and help to achieve the goal of making it what it can be.

Alexander Milton: I have been to Loyola maybe twelve (12) times in my three (3) years here at Concordia. My studies keep me here in the library and I really love nature. Also, I am in favour of some of



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the things happening there like the Petit Vélo Rouge bike shop and I am really interested in its development and given the area and space, the possibilities open to it.

Artem Mikhalitsin: One of the points I made while running for the CSU is that I think that the Loyola campus is important. Student welfare is very important and some of the things **Marcus** mentioned like the Free Lunch Program and murals play into that. I would like to work on these to ensure their success.

Lucinda Marshall-Kiparissis (Chair): **Matthew Leddy** was in a rush when writing this, but part of his motivation is that he is the incoming VP Sustainability of the Loyola Collage for Sustainability and Diversity and feels this would be a good bridge between his studies and student involvement.

Robert Young moves to omnibus appoint the four (4) candidates to the Loyola Committee.
Seconded by **Thomas David-Bashore**.

VOTE

In favour: 10

Opposed: 0

Abstentions: 2 (**Alexander, Artem**)

Motion carries.

Brittany Jackson, Matthew Leddy, Artem Mikhalitsin and Alexander Milton are appointed to the Finance Committee.

Marcus Peters: I would like to thank everyone and on a side note, your names in order is an acronym that spells BMM.

POLICY COMMITTEE

Sophia Sahrane: The Policy Committee reviews the Standing Regulations and Bylaws, looks over the current format for our documents, makes changes and improvements, and tries to eradicate contradictions within our documents. If new issues like referendum questions, fee levy functioning, or creating a fee levy arise, we make appropriate changes or additions to the CSU documents. For example, this year we are working on a safer spaces policy which is very exiting to try and eradicate sexual violence. This is a committee which necessitates a lot of time commitment. We meet about once per week. We do need quorum to review or pass anything.

Jason Poirier-Lavoie nominates himself
Seconded by **Louis Arrou-Vignod**.

Thomas David-Bashore nominates himself.
Seconded by **Jason Poirier-Lavoie**.

Chloë Williams nominates **Maidina Kadeer** *in absentia*.
Seconded by **Robert Young**.



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Mikaela Clark-Gardner nominates herself.
Seconded by **Robert Young**.

Lucinda Marshall-Kiparissis (Chair): I have received a request for nomination from **Émilie Lamoureux-Sproule**.

Louis Arrou-Vignod nominates **Émilie Lamoureux-Sproule** *in absentia*.
Seconded by **Artem Mikhalitsin**.

Lucinda Marshall-Kiparissis (Chair): **Stephen** would also like to nominate himself.

Louis Arrou-Vignod nominates **Stephen Karchut** *in absentia*.
Seconded by **Robert Young**.

Artem Mikhalitsin: What projects is the committee working on?

Sophia Sahrane: The safer spaces policy to eradicate sexual and gender-based violence, a review of fee-levy constitutions and applications, and we discuss lots of things and any changes done to Standing Regulations or Bylaws. An example of something to work on this year is the bursaries given by the CSU and a possible change to the Bylaws such that the number of people we give the bursaries to is proportional to the people who apply. There is a lot of reading and time commitment.

Jason Poirier-Lavoie: I was on the Policy Committee last year, it was a large workload but I am very capable and ready for it. When it comes to duties and skills, I have written constitutions and bylaws for several associations like the PSSA and drafted constitutions for our sub committees. I am familiar with the review and writing of regulations. The skills I have acquired over my time at the CSU and Concordia are very useful for Council.

Thomas David-Bashore: I have written one student constitution myself and assisted in the writing of four (4) or five (5). I ran for Council on a platform of looking into electoral reform and improving involvement, something which is best done from a policy standpoint. I really live and breathe this stuff. I like bylaws.

Chloë Williams: **Maidina** asked me to nominate them. They were on Senate last year and very interested in becoming more involved in the CSU Policy Committee. In terms of personal motivation, I sit with them on the governance committee at the Hive and we work with policy development there starting from the bottom. They would make a great contribution to the Policy Committee.

Mikaela Clark-Gardner: I motivate for **Maidina**. I was on Senate with them and they are really motivated and passionate about policy and bring an interesting voice to the committee. I was on Senate too and learned a lot about the structure and how policy works and is made. I am personally interested in policy and educational policy and a major reason I ran for the CSU was about creating inclusive spaces for everyone, and I have experience. I have sat on a committee for student voice and would like to continue.



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Lucinda Marshall-Kiparissis (Chair): For the motivation of **Emilie**, she has been into policy and policy-making since the start, and helped to develop a sexual assault policy with the CGA and this is important to bring to the CSU.

Artem Mikhailitsin: I motivate for the candidates who identify as female or non-binary. The work that the committee is doing with safer space would benefit from those voices. I do not want to disregard gender parity but the committee would benefit from those voices.

Alexander Milton: I motivate in favour of **Maidina**. I worked with them with on CASE and I will be working with them again the upcoming year. They are a very hard worker, have a wonderful work ethic and bring a lot of good opinions and interesting and applicable thought to the table.

Jason Poirier-Lavoie: I would like to motivate for **Thomas**. Throughout the year when it came to the PSSA restructuring, he was good source of help and deep insight. I had assembled team of students to redraft the bylaws and **Thomas** gave me the most sound advice and was always there with his experience with these issues. He is an expert.

Chloë Williams: I motivate for **Mikaela** and **Emilie**. I have worked with them and seen them work in the community and the things I have heard about them is outstanding and they would give a great lens to some of the projects, and given the harassment policy which came forward last year **Mikaela** worked at the Centre as well. I would also like to motivate for **Jason** as he gave a critical lens on policy last year and will continue this year.

Marcus Peters: I would motivate for **Emilie**. Having worked with her in SASU, she has experience working on policies with the CGA. She would make a fantastic addition and I have been exposed to her high degree of commitment, diligence and attention to detail.

Following a vote by roll call Mikaela Clark-Gardner, Thomas David-Bashore, Maidina Kadeer and Jason Poirier-Lavoie are appointed to the Finance Committee.

Lucinda Marshall-Kiparissis (Chair): I am just bringing this up because of what has been done with the Policy Committee for the last two (2) years in a row, considering the closest margin was between two votes. The Policy Committee's membership limit has been not-withstood for the past two (2) years to bring on five (5) members. For full disclosure that has been the precedent but it is up to Council.

STUDENT LIFE COMMITTEE

Rachel Gauthier: You get to work with me and what we do half the time is review the budget for all the events hosted by the Student Life mandate, and the other half is approving Special Projects Funding (SPF). This is the interesting part of the portfolio and you get to learn about all the events that happen on campus. If you want to get involved in events, this is a great place to start. I motivate for people on different faculties being nominated because I was sitting on the Student Life Committee last year and a lot of the time during the SPF applications there would be projects from different faculties and it is great to have input from people who know what the projects are.



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Jason Poirier-Lavoie nominates **Louis Arrou-Vignod**.

Louis accepts.

Meissa Thiam nominates himself.

Seconded by **Mugisha Kakou**.

Panagiotis Destounis nominates himself.

Seconded by **Marie-Maxime Gélinas-Delisle**.

Marie-Maxime Gélinas-Delisle nominates herself

Seconded by **Alexander Milton**.

Alexander Milton nominates **Matthew Leddy**, *in absentia*.

Seconded by **Chloë Williams**.

Alexander Milton nominates **Hayley Currier**, *in absentia*.

Seconded by **Mugisha Kakou**.

Louis Arrou-Vignod: This is the only committee that I am really likely to be committed to. I love being a part of events and knowing about the events and crunching numbers. I have organized a few events myself and am experienced enough to know what will work and what will not.

Meissa Thiam: The student life thing excited me to join a committee and this is the best one for me.

Panagiotis Destounis: I feel like it is the committee that resonates with me as it helps people get involved and these events we provide to students help them identify more with Concordia as an institution. Being a part of that would inspire me and I am interested.

Marie-Maxime Gélinas-Delisle: I have moved around a lot and have been to twelve (12) different schools so I understand how student life and events are important to feel at home in a new community. This committee is very near and dear to my heart.

Matthew Leddy: This is the committee where I can be most effective. I have put on events as my primary work and it would be fun to bring that to the CSU

Lucinda Marshall-Kiparissis (Chair): **Hayley** writes that student life initiatives are her primary goals, she has been the social affairs coordinator for the Liberal Arts Society and wants to apply what she has learned there to the greater Concordia community.

Following a vote by roll call Louis Arrou-Vignod, Hayley Currier, Marie-Maxime Gélinas-Delisle and Meissa Thiam are appointed to the Finance Committee.

SUSTAINABILITY COMMITTEE



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Lana Galbraith: I see the Sustainability Committee as a mix of a bit of everything. We have the food systems Special Project Fund where you get to allocate money towards projects or initiatives that help food on campus, which is a bit student life-like. We are promoting sustainability on campus and having events and campaigns and working with the community to promote sustainability. If you are into an intersectional vision of sustainability, this is for you. Also, if you want to learn what sustainability is all about, this is a great opportunity. Meetings are once or twice per month.

Lucinda Marshall-Kiparissis (Chair): There is a councillor who did not have a chance to submit a nomination, which was **Nora**. There are currently three councillors not on committees.

Mikaela Clark-Gardner nominates herself.
Seconded by **Robert Young**.

Alexander Milton nominates **Hayley Currier**, *in absentia*.
Seconded by **Artem Mikhalitsin**.

Louis nominates **Christina Massaro**, *in absentia*.
Seconded by **Mugisha Kakou**.

Louis Arrou-Vignod nominates **Panagiotis Destounis**.
Panagiotis accepts.

Mikaela Clark-Gardner: I am interested in sustainability and do not have a huge background in it, but have been focusing on it in the past year in the context of art. I have been interested to see things as interconnected and that is what sustainability is all about. Social, economic and environmental sustainability are important as viewpoints and overseeing the CSU and where we are going and how we are going to go further sustainably. I would like to learn a lot more and am motivated to progress sustainability on campus.

Panagiotis Destounis: This was not my first or second choice but it is an interesting topic and I will definitely give it my all.

Lucinda Marshall-Kiparissis (Chair): **Hayley** sat on the committee last term and wants to maximize her involvement in sustainable initiatives within the CSU. Also, she is planting trees right now. **Christina** sent the same motivation as before.

Robert Young moves to omnibus appoint the four (4) candidates to the Sustainability Committee.
Seconded by **Jason Poirier-Lavoie**.

VOTE

In favour: 14

Opposed: 0

Abstentions: 0

Motion carries.



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d) Signing Officers

Adrian Longinotti: According to the Bylaws there must be three (3) Signing Officers registered with the CSU, one being the General Coordinator. We will appoint two (2) today, and basically all of the contracts and cheques require the signature of two (2) Signing Officers in addition to the approval of the executive and authorization of our General Manager, Robert Henri. We will be meeting one (1) to three (3) times per week with myself or Robert when I am not available. You must be available preferably on a regular basis and be on campus frequently. When you get a call to sign cheques, you must be able to get upstairs in a short amount of time and sign. Basically, the most important thing is that this is a great learning experience in terms of the CSU's reimbursement system. This serves as a good method of self-development and also you will have experience in the analytical verification of documentation, contracts and cheques. This is for every entity asking for reimbursements. Even if you have no experience, this is a good way to gain it.

Lucinda Marshall-Kiparissis (Chair): Everyone I know who has come in as a Signing Officer had little experience and I would not let the big words **Adrian** said scare you as it is easy to pick up. You need to have a careful eye, but the most important thing is availability. This is a good thing to get your feet wet if it is new to you. Do not be afraid to nominate yourself and do not feel like you do not have enough experience..

Robert Young nominates himself.
Seconded by **Louis Arrou-Vignod**.

Lucinda Marshall-Kiparissis (Chair): We do not have to make the second nomination today and could leave it until June. We will have two (2) people in the office, but it is always good to have three in case the others are not around.

Robert Young: I have been one of the people filing this role at ASFA for the past four (4) months. It is not that hard, but you do have to look at what you are signing. It is easier as a Council Signing Officer at the CSU since the processing of cheques is done in advance so you are not worried about budget lines since the vetting is already done. Also, reading and signing contracts is fun and satisfying. This is something that we are all going to have to do with our adult lives so having this opportunity to familiarize yourself with the language and formatting is good, and if nothing else, you will be inclined to be even more careful here because you will be signing for 35 000 undergraduate students at Concordia so you are accountable to 35 000 people. This is a good skill to hone and it is kind of fun to sign cheques. You can feel fleetingly important even though anyone with a hand could probably do it.

Chloë Williams nominates **Lucinda Marshall-Kiparissis**.
Lucinda accepts.
Seconded by **Marcus Peters**.

Lucinda Marshall-Kiparissis (Chair): I have to do this, it is in the Bylaws.

Rami Yahia noms **Mugisha Kakou**.
Mugisha accepts.



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Mugisha Kakou: I do not have experience in this.

Sophia Sahrane: I would like to motivate for **Mugisha**. She is a newly elected councillor, is always on campus and also is a very responsible person and very driven. Signing Officer is a good position to get used to the structure of the CSU and see how it works and be in the office and talk to people. This is a good opportunity for her and she is super qualified to sign her name.

Chloë Williams: For both councillors, are you campus often on daily basis for emergencies?

Mugisha Kakou: I live at school. I am always at school until the guards tell me to get out.

Robert Young: I have a full course-load and am operating in three (3) diff student associations so I will not be home very much. I will be around.

Jason Poirier Lavoie moves to appoint **Mugisha Kakou**, **Lucinda Marshall-Kiparissis** and **Robert Young** as the CSU's Signing Officers for the 2016-2017 academic year.
Seconded by **Louis Arrou-Vignod**.

VOTE

In favour: 12

Opposed: 0

Abstentions: 2 (**Mugisha, Robert**)

Motion carries.

7. COUNCIL RETREAT AND TRAINING

Lucinda Marshall-Kiparissis (Chair): I will touch on training first – we were not able to confirm the workshop providers for the trainings for councillors before the meeting, but we will be holding them June 1st and 2nd. Currently we are hammering out that schedule and anticipating these workshops to be mandatory for councillors. If you need to be excused, please let us know because we would like to have the reason why you are not attending. Whereas we would have approximately four (4) or five (5) workshops we will be doubling up over two (2) days and offering them at different times like over one (1) or two (2) days. These will cover the board rules and regulation, structure of the university and bodies, CSU structure, power dynamics and Robert's Rules. We gave an extremely barebones overview in the conference room, but these will be 1-hour to 1.5-hour workshops. It is extremely valuable and if you were a councillor before, I still suggest taking them as they are good for a refresher too. The minute this is all confirmed I will send out the details. As for Council retreat, which is fun, that is when as councillors and executives we take the weekend and go in deep about projects coming up and mandates and things and getting immersed in the nitty-gritty of Council. As for figuring out where we are going, the past couple of years Council went to a nice camping ground which charged a not-for-profit fee to rent cabins which goes back to providing camp services for kids. We will go somewhere nice but not extravagant. We just want to ensure that people will be around to do the retreat. It is in our documents that this needs to happen before October 1st. If necessary and people are not around in September we can notwithstanding



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this, however. I do not suggest that we make a decision now but just do a straw-poll of the people present to see if folks will be around during the second half of September.

Jason Poirier Lavoie: In the final week of September I am leaving.

Lucinda Marshall-Kiparissis (Chair): We will aim for September.

Robert Young: How much notice will be given?

Lucinda Marshall-Kiparissis (Chair): You will have at least a couple of months notice. If we are aiming for the end of September, hopefully we will have a date by mid-summer.

8. CSU EMAIL ADDRESSES AND COUNCIL COMMUNICATIONS

Lucinda Marshall-Kiparissis (Chair): In terms of Council communications, I am just checking in to make sure that the emails provided to us are good ways of communicating with you. If it is an email address you do not check often, you can let us know. The Facebook group is also something good to use and access. If anyone would like, councillors can get CSU email addresses. I never had one, but it is kind of cool to have a second email and it is your initial and last name follow by @csu.qc.ca. Come and talk to one of us and we will get you in touch with Filip, the IT Coordinator.

Aloyse Muller: I would advise this if you use, which is good, but if you never check it then it is a problem. Please keep that in mind.

Thomas David-Bashore: What is the cost?

Lucinda Marshall-Kiparissis (Chair): It is free.

Sophie Sahrane: Just a reminder, the CSU emails are hard to access from a phone if that is where you check your emails. You need a special application and lots of codes and even then it might not work.

9. QUESTION PERIOD & BUSINESS ARISING

Jason Poirier Lavoie: I will be uploading to the Facebook group a small reform package which is composed of a set of four (4) resolutions to propose to Council. It is for you to consult prior to the June meeting. It is not substantial but will require thinking and discussion on our part. One is about electronic voting, one is about executive training to the clubs beneath us and one is for the CSU to start formal workshop training for chairpersons. Feel free to consult the document and do not hesitate to contact me.

Sophia Sahrane: I would like to remind **Jason** to go through the committees these point to if they have to do with changes the Standing Regulations or the Bylaws.

Jason Poirier Lavoie: They are just to consult and have to do with feasibility studies. This culture at Concordia where members and councillors cannot bring motion to Council directly, that is not



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necessarily true. It is a good practice but if you feel that your idea should go to Council, you can do so. Committees are specialized bodies but if you do not feel the need to go through them, there is no obligation to do so.

10. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Lana Galbraith: Something that councillors should know is that they are entitled to a workspace in the CSU office, and also all of the coordinators have agreed on open doors for all of our offices and being welcoming, so do not be afraid to come in and say hi and ask questions. You do not need to email us in advance.

Rachel Gauthier: There are a lot of CSU jobs posted on the website so please check them out. Councillors cannot work, but you have friends that can share this through your networks.

Adrian Longinotti: For the past two (2) years the CSU has presented a special event with Electronic Music at Concordia (EMAC) called On the Square on the Hall terrace in May. For this year it has been finalized for May 31st so we are going ahead with the 3rd edition of the event, but doing it in a completely new space which is the 11th floor terrace of the EV-building. This On the Roof event will be taking place from 16h30 to 22h30 on May 31st in collaboration with the MUTEK festival starting the next day.

Aloyse Muller: Congratulations on finishing the worst Council meeting of the year. If you want to forget it, come and have a drink with us at Reggies.

Sophia Sahrane: I want to point out that my position is asked by the administration to be part of committees or to appoint people for committees which include the administration, so for projects and consultations, if you are interested in participating, please get into contact with me. If I am asked and I cannot attend a meeting, we can have two (2) spots on the committee, so I will contact you.

Lucinda Marshall-Kiparissis (Chair): I would like to reiterate, and I think that I did this through virtual communications but it is the first time seeing you face-to-face, that the CSU offices are an open door. If it is office hours and the lights are on and you can open the glass door, please come in. As was said, there are spaces to work in and I think that a few of us have had a couple of years of experience on Council and through these there are things that we are building into our mandates, to give a sense of what the year will look like going forward. You are the most important part of this. If you want to stop by and ask questions or get a coffee, it is not just a platitude, please do so. You know how to contact us and we have to hold regular office hours so we cannot run away too far so please take advantage of that. If we can be resources, let us be them.

11. ADJOURNMENT

Alexander Milton moves to adjourn.
Seconded by **Robert Young**.

VOTE

In favour: 13



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Opposed: 0
Abstentions: 0

Motion carries.

Meeting is adjourned at 23h20.



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CSU Council-Elect Meeting
Wednesday, May 18th, 2016
H-767, 18h30, S.G.W. Campus

Summary of Motions Carried

2. ROLL CALL

The following motion was carried:

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Ahmed Badr be excused from this meeting of Council;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT Council grant the excusal of all absences from this meeting of Council and the June meeting, by default, notwithstanding Standing Regulation 66.

– Jason Poirier Lavoie (Robert Young)

5. SETTING THE TIME OF REGULAR MEETINGS

A motion was carried to continue holding meetings on Wednesdays starting at 18h30 on the appropriate dates.

– Jason Poirier Lavoie (Mugisha Kakou)

6. APPOINTMENTS

a) Council Chair

A motion was carried to appoint Caitlin Robinson as Council Chairperson for the 2016-2017 academic year.

– Robert Young (Jason Poirier-Lavoie)

b) Council Secretary

A motion was carried to appoint Caleb Owusu-Acheaw as the Council Minute-Keeper for the 2016-2017 academic year.

– Louis Arrou-Vignod (Robert Young)



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c) Councillors to Standing Committees of Council

APPOINTMENTS COMMITTEE

Following a vote by roll call Thomas David-Bashore, Marie-Maxime Gélinas-Delisle, Mugisha Kakou and Jason Poirier Lavoie are appointed to the Appointments Committee.

CLUBS & SPACE COMMITTEE

Following a vote by roll call Ahmed Badr, Hayley Currier, Brittany Jackson and Veronika Rydzewski are appointed to the Clubs & Space Committee.

EXTERNAL & CAMPAIGNS COMMITTEE

A motion was carried to appoint Mikaela Clark-Gardner, Émilie Lamoureux-Sproule, Artem Mikhalitsin and Robert Young are appointed to the External & Campaigns Committee.

– Jason Poirier Lavoie (Chloë Williams)

FINANCE COMMITTEE

A motion was carried to appoint Alaa Alkirbee, Ahmed Badr, Bronte Macfarlane and Chloë Williams to the Finance Committee.

– Robert Young (Louis Arrou-Vignod)

LOYOLA COMMITTEE

Brittany Jackson, Matthew Leddy, Artem Mikhalitsin and Alexander Milton are appointed to the Finance Committee.

POLICY COMMITTEE

Following a vote by roll call Mikaela Clark-Gardner, Thomas David-Bashore, Maidina Kadeer and Jason Poirier-Lavoie are appointed to the Finance Committee.

STUDENT LIFE COMMITTEE

Following a vote by roll call Louis Arrou-Vignod, Hayley Currier, Marie-Maxime Gélinas-Delisle and Meissa Thiam are appointed to the Finance Committee.

SUSTAINABILITY COMMITTEE

A motion was carried to appoint Mikaela Clark-Gardner, Hayley Currier, Panagiotis Destounis and Christina Massaro to the Finance Committee.

– Robert Young (Jason Poirier-Lavoie)



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d) Signing Officers

A motion was carried to appoint Mugisha Kakou, Lucinda Marshall-Kiparissis and Robert Young as the CSU's Signing Officers for the 2016-2017 academic year.

– *Jason Poirier Lavoie (Louis Arrou-Vignod)*