



CSU Regular Council Meeting – Agenda

Wednesday, October 26th, 2016

RF-335, 18h30, Loyola Campus

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. The Concordia Student Union 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.

1. Call to Order

Meeting called to order at 18h45.

Council Chairperson: Caitlin Robinson

Minute Keeper: Caleb Owusu-Acheaw

Executives present for the duration of the meeting consisted of: Marcus Peters (Loyola), Aloyse Muller (External & Mobilization), Lana Galbraith (Sustainability), Rachel Gauthier (Student Life), Lucinda Marshall-Kiparissis (General), Adrian Longinotti (Finance), Rami Yahia (Internal Affairs), Sophia Sahrane (Academic & Advocacy)

Councillors present for the duration of the meeting consisted of: Thomas David-Bashore (Arts & Science), Alexander Milton (Arts & Science), Ahmed Badr (ENCS), Mugisha Joyce-Christiane Kakou (ENCS), Artem Mikhalitsin (ENCS), Alaa Alawi Alkirbee (ENCS), Meissa Thiam (ENCS), Stephen Karchut (Fine Arts), Louis Arrou-Vignod (JMSB), Bronte Macfarlane (JMSB), Christina Massaro (JMSB)

2. Roll Call

L. Arrou-Vignod moves to excuse M.Clark-Gardner from this meeting and retroactively from the last meeting. Seconded by S.Karchut.

For:7 Against:0 Abstain:0

S. Karchut moves to excuse B. Jackson from this meeting. Seconded by L. Arrou-Vignod.

For:5 Against:0 Abstain:0

3. Approval of the Agenda

T. David-Bashore moves to approve the agenda and all items under the consent agenda.
Seconded by A. Milton.

For: 6 Against:0 Abstain:1

4. Consent Agenda

- a) Approval of Minutes
- b) Reports from Committees

5. Presentations & Guest Speakers

Nil

6. Appointments

- a) Loyola Committee

M. Peters states to the council for the third time that a seat still remains available for the Loyola Committee. He requests for an individual to present themselves as a viable candidate.

- b) Sustainability Committee

R. Gauthier states to the council that a seat still remains available on the Sustainability Committee and requests for an individual to present themselves a viable candidate.

- c) Stop the Hike Ad Hoc Committee

A. Muller explains the purpose of the committee to respond the tuition increases implemented for international students.

A.Muller moves to nominate himself to the Stop the Hike Ad Hoc Committee. Seconded by L. Arrou-Vignod.

A. Muller has already done the work in setting up the committee as well as started the awareness required for the purposes of the cause.

A. Mikhalitsin moves to nominate himself to the Stop the Hike Ad Hoc Committee.
Seconded by A. Milton.

He feels that since the hike increase would affect many students in ENCS, he believes that he would be the voice for engineering students. He adds that his current work on the External Committee would complement this committee's purpose.

T. David-Bashore moves to appoint both A. Muller and A. Mikhalitsin to the Stop the Hike Ad Hoc Committee. Seconded by A.Milton.

For: 9 Against:0 Abstain: 1

d) Policy Committee

S. Sahrane explains the purposes of the committee to the Council as to their objective in formulating new policies and reviewing the standing regulations for the CSU to better function as a students' association.

L. Marshall-Kiparissis desires for more non-male representation on the committee in terms of having a diversity of people from all backgrounds.

S. Karchut moves to nominate himself to the Policy Committee. Seconded by A.Bahr.

S. Karchut states his past experience in policy formation for other student associations. He has also done oversight work for federally-incorporated entities.

L. Arrou-Vignod moves to appoint S. Karchut to the Policy Committee. Seconded by M. Joyce-Christiane Kakou.

For: 8 Against: 0 Abstain: 1

e) Clubs and Space Committee Appointment

R. Yahia reports that there is a seat available for this committee. He mentions that the purposes of the committee is to review and go over the administration and finances of clubs at the school.

f) CEED Representative

M. Peters explains that CEED is a fee-levy group that promotes sustainable development in Uganda and other parts of Africa. The non-profit group is looking for a representative, preferably a councillor or an executive, to take the responsibility

L. Marshall-Kiparissis adds that they recently changed their name (from CVAP: Concordia Volunteer Abroad Program) to better reflect its overall objectives.

R. Gauthier provides her past experience since she was formerly involved with the group and adds that this work provides an potential academic advantage.

7. New Business – Informational

a) Tuition Increases

L. Marshall-Kiparissis explains that the University will be planning on increasing tuition rates for international students in competitive “deregulated/cohort” programs such as Computer Science & Engineering, JMSB and Sciences. She adds that the school administration has been secretive in terms of explaining the finances of it and mentions that the CSU, as the accredited legal representative for undergrad students, has not be consulted. She believes, as a pilot project done by the Government of Quebec, this is a harmful measure to privatize the university experience for out of province students. Time is running out to make a proper awareness campaign for all students affected and

mobilization with other schools is needed. She asks upon the council to ask their friends and or acquaintances in these programs to sign up for the CSU Mobilization Campaigner job if they are both interested and concerned about this pressing issue for students.

8. New Business – Substantive

a) Reggie's General Manager Office Move

R. Gauthier presents the following motion. Seconded by L. Arrou-Vignod.

Whereas the Reggies General Manager's office is currently in the basement of the bar with no windows nor ventilation, nor immediate access to staff and customers;

Whereas the General Manager will be moving their offices next to Reggies' bar space on the same floor in order to better supervise the staff, be more accessible for students, and work in healthier conditions;

Whereas the University will not cover renovation expenses related to phone, internet, electricity and painting costs;

Whereas the CSU Student Space, Accessible Education and Legal Contingency (SSAELC) Fund may be used for the "renovation of, and/or repairs to, such lands and buildings (or parts thereof) located at one or more sites considered suitable by the Council of Representatives of the CSU to serve as student centres," as stated in Special Bylaw I;

Be it resolved that the CSU contributes up to \$1000 for phone, internet, electricity and paint expenses related to the office relocation of Reggies' General Manager through the SSAELC Fund, in accordance with Special Bylaw I.

For: 10 Against:0 Abstain:1

R. Gauthier moves for a recess. Seconded by T. David-Bashore.

For:9 Against:0 Abstain:1

Meeting is called back into order at 19h35

b) Bylaw Change

A.Muller presents the following motion. Seconded by T. David-Bashore.

Refer to the Appendix of Documents

Be it resolved that Council submit the following question to the CSU membership by referendum, at the occasion of the 2016 By-election:

- Do you, as a Concordia undergraduate student, agree with amendment to the CSU Special Bylaw I, as outlined in the document ___?

The purpose, as A. Muller, states to increase funding for various CSU committees and initiatives with the SSAELC fund.

A.Muller states that there are a few details that have to be ironed out such as the preamble.

For: 6 Against:0 Abstain:2

A.Muller moves to reconsider a previous motion. Seconded by T. David-Bashore.

For:8 Against:0 Abstain:0

A.Muller moves to amend the referencing document “LEVY FOR STUDENT FEES” to add the following information (initiatives) “CSU Community Action Fund” and/or “CSU Community Action Committee”. Seconded by A. Milton

A. Muller explains that the amendment is required for clarification purposes.

For:9 Against:0 Abstain:1

For:2 Against:0 Abstain:6

c) Consent Workshops

L. Galbraith presents the following motion. Seconded by L. Arrou-Vignod.

Whereas according to standing regulation 211; “Councilors and Executives should see themselves as particularly concerned with creating a culture shift on campus to promote safer spaces and safer events which reduce the risk of sexual violence and create opportunities for education on consent culture.”

Whereas according to standing regulation 214; “Prior to October 1st of their mandate, each Council member shall complete a minimum of 3 hours of consent training.”

Whereas standing regulation 214 was not withstood by council on September 21st so that the consent training could take place shortly after October 1st.

Be it resolved that the consent training absences be seen similarly to regular council meeting absences (standing regulations 60 to 66).

L. Galbraith brings up the motion as an enforcement measure to compel councillors to attend the mandatory consent training sessions.

T. David-Bashore moves to amend the motion to so “that councillors may be excused for academic class and work employment reasons” with “at least three weeks notice” for “it not on a Wednesday”. Seconded by M. Joyce-Christane Kalou

T.David-Bashore moves to amend the amendment the motion to add “effective with the January session” to complement the “at least three weeks notice” Seconded by A. Milton.

For:10 Against:0 Abstain:0

L. Galbraith moves to amend the amendment to “let it be resolved should the consent training not take place a Wednesday, that work and class be an adequate reason for excuse”, “be it resolved any further consent training be announced three weeks in advanced”, “that if a councillor receives an absence from the October consent training, that absence can be excused if they show up to the January consent training. Seconded by A. Bahr

For: 11 Against:0 Abstain:0

A.Mikhailitsin moves to have for a closed session. Seconded by L. Arrou-Vignod.

For: 10 Against:0 Abstain:0

S. Karchut moves to excuse M. Joyce-Christiane Kalou from the mandatory consent training on Thursday, October 27th 2016.

For: 9 Against:0 Abstain:0

A.Milton moves to excuse S. Karchut from the mandatory consent training on Thursday, October 27th 2016. Seconded by A. Bahr.

For: 9 Against:0 Abstain:0

A.Milton moves to excuse R. Young from the mandatory consent training on Thursday, October 27th 2016. Seconded by T. David-Bashore.

For: 8 Against:0 Abstain:3

T. David-Bashore moves to excuse C. Massaro from the mandatory consent training on Thursday, October 27th 2016. Seconded by S. Karchut.

For: 10 Against:0 Abstain:1

T. David-Bashore moves to excuse M. Clark-Gardner from the mandatory consent training on Thursday, October 27th 2016. Seconded by S. Karchut.

For:11 Against:0 Abstain:0

S. Karchut moves to excuse L. Arrou-Vignod from the mandatory consent training on Thursday, October 27th 2016. Seconded by T. David-Bashore.

For: 10 Against:0 Abstain:1

S. Karchut moves to excuse A. Alawi Alkirbee from the mandatory consent training on Thursday, October 27th 2016. Seconded by A. Bahr.

For: 11 Against:0 Abstain:0

S. Karchut moves to return back into open session. Seconded by T. David-Bashore.

For: 11 Against:0 Abstain:0

T. David-Bashore moves ratify the motions made in closed session. Seconded by S. Karchut.

For: 11 Against:0 Abstain:0

M. Joyce-Christiane Kalou moves excuse R. Young from this meeting. Seconded by T. David-Bashore.

For: 9 Against:1 Abstain:0

d) CEO Compensation

L. Marshall-Kiparissis presents the following motion. Seconded by T. David-Bashore.

Whereas the Chief Electoral Officer (CEO) of the Concordia Student Union (CSU) is an employee position not covered under the collective agreement with staff unionised through CUPE 4512;

Whereas the CSU CEO position has been previously remunerated for their labour through a single honorarium as a lump sum determined by CSU Council after the end of each by-election and general election period;

Whereas this status quo of irregular pay - in amount and in schedule - for CEO labour perpetuates financial precarity, and limits the pool of qualified applicants for future CEO vacancies based on individuals' existing financial stability;

Whereas CSU Council has appointed a CEO currently engaged in work for the 2016 by-election period;

Be it resolved that CSU Council approve for the CSU CEO to be paid \$15 an hour for hours worked during the current by-election period, to be remunerated on a biweekly basis, with the possibility of additional honorarium at Council's discretion following the submission of the CEO report for the 2016 by-election;

Be it further resolved that the CEO for 2016 by-election period submit their hours on a weekly basis to the General Coordinator, for subsequent verification by the Finance Coordinator and Accountant;

Be it further resolved that Council mandate the CEO to compensate the Deputy Electoral Officers on a biweekly basis rather than one lump sum payment at the end of the by-election period;

Be it further resolved that CSU Council mandate CSU Policy Committee to explore policy-based amendments towards ensuring regular, living-wage compensation for CEO labour before the 2017 CSU general election period.

L. Marshall-Kiparissis admits that this motion is required as a temporary administrative measure (per Policy Committee future recommendation) to correct the Chief Electoral Officer mandate under the collective union agreement of all CSU employees

S. Karchut highlights the potential for abuse seeing as it is an honour system of commitment (word-of-mouth) for the CEO.

For: 9 Against:0 Abstain:0

e) Policy Committee Minutes 24-Oct

T. David-Bashore moves to approve the minutes for the Policy Committee minutes on October 24th 2016 including *Motion for point 1*. Seconded by S. Karchut.

T. David-Bashore provides his reasoning for the motion to provide specifics per the planned mandate of every group interested in having a fee-levy. S. Sahrane compliments this reasoning by giving the reason that students know where their money is going

For: 9 Against:0 Abstain:1

S. Karchut wants to ensure that this issue is to be referred to Policy Committee for further discussion.

f) Approval of CSU and CUSA Audit Reports

A.Longinotti presents the report for a motion to be approved. Seconded by T. David-Bashore.

Whereas the CSU and CUSACORP are both organizations subject to be to be audited once per fiscal year;

Be it resolved that council approves the CSU and CUSACORP Management LTD year-end 2016 Audit Reports (drafts).

For: 9 Against:0 Abstain:0

9. Question Period & Business Arising

Nil

10. Announcements

L. Galbraith states the first out of two mandatory consent-training sessions will be held on Thursday, October 27th 2016

11. Adjournment

M. Peters moves to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by T. David-Bashore.

Vote: Unanimous

Meeting adjourned at 21h11.

Appendix of Documents

CSU External Committee - October 17, 2016

Taken by: Aloyse

Facilitator: Chris

Members present: Aloyse, Chris, Mikaela, Artem

Meeting started at: 12h40

Agenda

1. Check-in

2. Solidarity Fund

The committee reviewed the new amended version of the “solidarity” fund. It will be reviewed again by policy committee before being sent to council for approval as a referendum question.

3. Rap battle

Dan Parker submitted a request for the three remaining Rap Battle for Social Justice to take place in the winter semester, and for the last one, on Migrant Justice, to be part of the demonstration organized by Solidarity Across Borders.

The committee agrees.

4. CFC funding application

Be it resolved that the external committee grant \$300 from the Speaker Series budget to the Concordia Food Coalition for the panel it is organizing on Indigenous Food Security.

Moved: Artem

Seconded: Mikaela

UA

5. A haunting

Be it resolved that the external committee grants \$250 to “A Haunting: A Multidisciplinary Performance of Decolonial Poetics” from the mobilisation budget line, and recommend alternative funding for the event to its organisers, such as GSA or student life.

Moved: Chris

Seconded: Mikaela

UA

5. Juliana Huxtable

The committee will consider the request for additional at its next meeting.

Adjourned at 13:28

Policy Committee Meeting October 15th

Present: Sophia, Thomas, Aouatif, Aloyse

Absent: Jason, Mikaela

- 1. Approval of the Agenda**
- 2. Check-in**
- 3. Standing Reg 237**

Sophia: Standing Reg 237 wrong wording, probably a copy pasting error.

Thomas: Motion to amend Stand Reg 237 so that "Chair of Council" now reads "Secretary of Senate" and that "council" reads "Senate".

- 4. Solidarity Fund**

Presentation by Aloyse on the Special By Law change proposal (same than the one that will be presented at Council). We will revisit it at the next committee meeting.

- 5. Fee-Levy Application Reform (Informational)**

Thomas: the Standing Regs are not very clear in the way we should be reviewing fee levies for recommendation to council for referendum. A considerable problem is the ties the fee levies applying have to the community. Look at the more quantitative requests for a fee levy application for recommendation to council.

- Have a clear list of what we do, what we look into when reviewing fee levy applications.
- It could be a list that policy committee is given each by-elections and annual elections.
- Add budgets to the standing regs review of fee levy applications.
- What we have to look at is not restrained by the checklist: "including but not limited to..."

The consideration that groups should have a history of involvement and ties to the community at Concordia before trying to apply for a fee levy creation.

- If we do chose to enforce that, if a group is new or cannot prove its involvement within the concordia community, to give them access to some sort of funding for them to work on establishing their group, memberships, etc.

- 6. Updates & Ideas**
- 7. Check out**

Policy Committee Meeting October 24th 2016

Present: Sophia, Thomas,

Absent: Aouatif, Mikaela,

1. Approval of the Agenda

2. Check ins

Jason: Jason might go into parliamentary comparative law and theory, we might cite him in our future papers (or our kids will cause i staying a student forever)

Thomas: ALLLRIGHTTT. Has been listening to a lot of Soviet choral music.

Sophia: Learned a new word → choral also doing good.

3. External Coordinator Fund motion and presentation

- Jason: the text must be justified. Remind council that this has effectively taken away power of council to change or approve any changes to be made to the by laws relating to fee levies.
- There was a small addition to the by law change to avoid confusion on how council could use the fund. An amendment was made.

4. Fee-Levy Application Reform

Thomas: some things should be changed. Require financial reports from applicant to a new fee levy and/the increase of an existing fee levy.

We would always be looking at budgets, and no group that has existed for less than a year would be able to apply for a fee-levy.

Thomas motions to pass the fee levy application reforms

Unanimously supported by policy committee.

5. Check out

Jason: already checked out (mentally), sophia freaked him out and he's scared because Sophia has had many terrifying accidents and brushes with death maybe it's a good idea to keep away from her and soccer balls.

Thomas: gonna keep working on fee levy things, I REQUEST THAT COUNCILLORS WHO ARE INTERESTED IN POLICY COMMITTEE NOMINATE THEMSELVES

6. Adjournment of meeting

Rami Yahia
Internal Affairs & Clubs Coordinator

Committee Report

Regular Council Meeting - 26/10/16

Unfortunately we weren't able to meet during the last two weeks. We still have a lot of things to cover for our next meeting. We are hoping to meet the week of the 24th of October in order to go over new club applications, club spaces as well as well budget requests. Budget requests keep coming in.

Budget Requests

- EMAC
- Powerlifting Club
- Concordia Dodgeball League
- Concordia Cycling
- Games Club
- Mauritian Club
- Iraqi Association
- Tangled Tongues
- Global China Connection
- Concordia Rock Climbers
- Positive Psychology

New Club Application

- Art Club
- Concordia Film Union
- Club 5 a 7
- Collabradabratory

Club Spaces

- A list of vacant spaces will be shown to the committee
- We will find a procedure to fill these club spaces up

Sustainability Committee 20/10/16

Present: Artem Mikhailitsin, Lana Galbraith, Mikeala Clark-Garner, Theo Denieul

Absent: Christina Massaro

Agenda:

1. Check In
2. Facilitator
3. Minute Taker
4. Policy Presentation
5. SAF Collaboration
6. Off the Page: A Haunting
7. Gender Neutral Bathrooms Campaign Update
8. Concordia Food Coalition
9. Other Business
10. Adjournment

1. Check In

Call to Order 15:05

2. Facilitator

As Lana has a presentation to give and will be speaking a lot at this meeting she volunteers as facilitator.

Committee unanimously approves.

3. Minute Taker

Artem will take minutes.

Committee unanimously approves.

4. Presentation

- Sustainable Concordia: social justice, economic equality, environmental health
- Concordia will be launching a sustainability policy soon
 - Mindset and process to reduce our ecological footprint while maintaining economic viability on and off campus
- CSU currently has no definition for sustainability.
 - We can define our own or use another definition
- Mikaela: Is sustainability a new position?
 - Lana: It's been around 6 or 7 years.
- Three pillars of sustainability:
 - Social
 - Environmental
 - Economic
 - Activity to separate key sustainability issues into the 3 categories
 - Austerity
 - Food Politics
 - Colonialism

- etc.
- The Sustainability coordinator was initially created just for the environmental pillar with Economic & Social put to the side
 - Consider instead a nested sustainability model where society exists within the environment and economy within society, hence when something affects the environment it affects the other 3, etc.
- Current sustainability policy:
 - Ecologo, Fair-Trade, OCIA, Quebec Vrai, Demeter, Garantie.
 - Inherent problems with some of these initiatives,
 - i.e. fair trade guarantees a living wage but not an acceptable wage by western standards.
 - Still better than nothing?
 - CSU's responsibility is to make Concordia a more sustainable university.
 - This is like a position that the CSU has, but not often communicated.
 - Should be worked on. A student on senate, being appointed by CSU should uphold such a position.
 - CSU's relationship with fossil fuels
 - Not allowed to have any fossil fuel investment
 - If you need transportation, prioritise train or diesel
 - Waste management in day-to-day operations
 - Sustainable Concordia's Sustainable Event Guide
 - Guidelines for sustainable business (positions on things like collective agreement, child labour, etc.)
 - Contract
- We have to update policy based on the Positions Book
 - Talk about indigenous sovereignty
 - Oppose sale of bottled water
 - Endorse BDS
 - Support sustainable food service
 - So for example – instead of guidelines on events about percentage of vegetarian food, change to percentage of food from student-run initiatives
 - Sustainable Concordia's Organizing Sustainability Workshop
 - Dish Project
 - References to other policies
- Some things that are part of sustainability aren't in CSU policy
 - Code of conduct
 - Connection to CSU services
 - Definition of sustainability (currently none)
 - Add a cheat sheet/checklist of what to look for when purchasing. List of companies we are encouraging/boycotting.
 - Add sustainability initiatives to standing regulations outside of the sustainability-specific section
 - Have some kind of training for staff
- Suggestions

- Mikaela: Sustainable curriculum. Would be interesting to look into what that means. Really important, but also vague.
 - Lana: Currently CSU supports anything that increases sustainability in curriculum. For example, currently there is an audit to see how many times gender is mentioned in curriculum. The university is working on a sustainability major (there is already a minor). This will take a few years.
- Lana: Important to communicate these things to senate. If you are appointed by the CSU you should be upholding CSU positions.
- Theo: CSU is the most sustainable branch. We should also be asking what would make Concordia more sustainable.
 - Lana: We're trying, however the reach of our power mostly limits us.
- Mikaela: It would be nice if everyone did know about sustainability policy. Personally, I didn't know about it until today. If you're on senate, you might not even be aware of these things. An information session on this would be really helpful
 - Theo: So educate more. Workshops would really help.
 - Mikaela: Should be well formatted and aesthetically easy to read, so you don't have to process a lot of text so people would want to read it.
- Questions
 - Theo: What kind of power do we have as the committee in terms of this policy?
 - Lana: The committee can edit the policy and create new policies.

5. Sustainability Action Fund Collaboration

- Fee levy group on campus. Kind of like CCSL is a funding body, but they only fund sustainability initiatives.
- SAF started after a summit involving Al Gore, David Suzuki, etc. When David Suzuki suggested there should be a fund just for sustainability initiatives.
- 10th anniversary, so next semester they would like to organize an event week for their birthday
 - Asking for collaboration on a panel they would like to host.
 - Would like to bring back David Suzuki, since this is how it started.
 - External would be footing a lot of the bill since it's a speaker event
 - Aloyse said they will look into it
- Lana: Does the committee want to work on this?
- Artem: How does this fit into our budget?
 - Lana: If it's a small speaker, it could fit into our budget, otherwise I'll be applying for grants and external would pay a large portion
- Committee agrees to work on this project.

6. Off the page: A Haunting

- Event within the English department. Decolonial poetics. Video and performance presentations.
 - Artem, Mikaela: This came up in external. One issue we had is that this is an application by a graduate student. We offered some funding and would communicate with GSA.

- Lana: I asked whether they are looking to collaborate or just funding. Initially they are looking just looking for funding, but would also welcome promotions. Also, only the applicant is a graduate student, the team consists of mostly undergrads.
- Mikaela asks to verify with a current budget.
- This could fit into collaborations or anti-colonial projects.
- Theo: From previous exercise, should we focus on a single pillar?
 - Lana: We should definitely take the intersectional approach, and focus that impact to one pillar affects all the others.
- Mikaela: How often does sustainability get requests for funding? In external we get so many so we have to pick and choose.
 - Lana: Pretty often. I think this year we have done a pretty good job of reaching out that we can help if someone needs help.
- Artem: External gave \$250 and suggested to seek funding from GSA or Student Life. What would student life do about this?
 - Lana: In student life meetings, they'd get a list of proposals, and money is allocated. It's not a lot of input from CSU.
 - Mikaela: Budget is more than sustainability?
 - Lana: A lot more
- Artem: I just feel this doesn't provide much outreach and the money can be better spent elsewhere.
- The committee reviews past funding and overall budget
 - Lana: The most we have currently given for a funding request is \$1500 to Hoodstock
 - Mikaela: Compared to that this is a pretty small amount.

Be it resolved that \$250 be allocated from anti-colonial projects towards Haunting.

Motion: Mikaela

Seconded: Lana

Artem abstains

Approved

7. Gender Neutral Bathrooms Campaign Update

- ~\$1000 was spent on the panel. Each panellist was paid \$300 and \$100 for the moderator.
 - Got some ideas for Reggies and how a bar would deal with gender-neutral bathrooms.
 - One idea is to take off the doors
 - There was a panellist from Dawson's equivalent of the CGA
 - So we were under budget (\$1500 was budgeted)
- The bathroom hunt didn't happen (no one really showed up)
- The event got a lot of visibility.
- Got a list of what the university sees as gender neutral bathrooms on campus.
- From here, we'll probably do a map or a location-based app to find the closest gender-neutral bathrooms.
- Still ~\$2500 left for gender neutral bathroom-related things.

- Mikaela: In an ideal world would we want all bathrooms to be gender neutral?
 - Lana: The consensus was that there should be multi-stall and single-stall gender neutral bathrooms.
- Info about this event will be in the Sustainability Coordinator's report.
- Artem: Does this mean we can start reallocating money from this budget line?
 - Lana: Not yet because we still have to figure out how much we will need to spend on the map/app.

8. Concordia Food Coalition

- Indigenous food security panel
 - We allocated \$1000 to bite me and they spent ~\$800
 - Panel didn't happen at bite me, will happen when they can get better outreach.

9. Other business

- Mikaela: I'm excited to be on this committee
 - Lana: If there's anything you want to put on the agenda, or something you think that the committee should be aware of, let me know.
- Mikaela: Are you still thinking of doing the art thing?
 - Lana: Yeah we're thinking of doing it next semester.

10. Adjournment 16:36

SPECIAL BY-LAW I (clean version)
LEVY OF STUDENT UNION FEES

The membership fees payable by members of the Concordia Student Union pursuant to Section 11.1 of its General By-Laws and the *Act respecting the Accreditation and Financing of Students' Association* (Quebec) are the following:

CSU Operating fee: \$1.97/credit

CSU Advocacy Center: \$0.21/credit

CSU Housing and Job Bank (HOJO): \$0.20/credit

CSU Legal Information Clinic (LIC): \$0.17/credit

CSU Clubs: \$0.25 per credit

Student Space, Accessible Education & Legal Contingency Fund* (SSAELC): \$1.00/credit

TOTAL: 3.80 per credit**

[*Previously called Union Building Fund, as per Special By-law G now repealed]

[**All of the CSU membership fees shall be indexed to inflation in accordance with the Consumer Price Index, effective Fall 2015]

Those fees are refundable in accordance with Concordia University's Fee Payment, Refund and Withdrawal Policy in effect from time to time. This by-law replaces Special By-Law E, Special By-Law F and Special By-Law G concerning the levy of fees.

Any and all resolutions and By-Laws of the CSU (with the exception of its General By-Laws) relating to the fixing, combining and collection of the Fee Levy or any portion thereof and the allocation of such fees for various purposes are hereby repealed, and any agreements or other arrangements of any kind made in connection with the Fee Levy or any portion thereof are hereby cancelled and are replaced by the other provisions of this Special By-Law "I", provided that such repeal and cancellation shall not affect the past application thereof nor the past validity of any measures taken (including without limitation the validity of the past collection of the Fee Levy), resolutions passed, and rights, privileges or obligations created thereunder before their repeal.

Under no circumstances may any representative, member of the Executive, or member of the Council of Representatives consent to an "entente" as defined by the Règles Budgétaires and the Quebec Ministry of Education, Leisure and Sports regarding the collection of mandatory institutional fees ("frais institutionnels obligatoires") with Concordia University on behalf of the Concordia Student Union.

The sole method by which the Concordia Student Union may authorize the collection of an increase to mandatory institutional fees is through a duly convened referendum pursuant to these Bylaws and all CSU Regulations. The referendum question must clearly state that the elector is being asked to consent to an increase to a mandatory institutional fee to Concordia University beyond the normally allowed increase as defined by the Règles Budgétaires and the Quebec Ministry of Education, Leisure and Sports.

STUDENT SPACE, ACCESSIBLE EDUCATION, AND LEGAL CONTINGENCY FUND

The Council of Representatives of the CSU be and is authorized to incur expenses from the Student Space, Accessible Education, and Legal Contingency Fund, which includes the former Union Building Fund as per Special By-law G now repealed, with the utmost transparency and

diligence, and subject to the approbation of a Fund Committee as established by Special By-Law J, to:

A) carry out such studies, make such inquiries, retain such professionals, contractors and other service providers and make any decisions and enter into any transactions or agreements, and generally take any and all other actions that the Council of Representatives of the CSU considers desirable from time to time in its discretion to improve the facilities available to students for use as student spaces, including without limitation:

(i) the construction, acquisition, disposition, replacement, renovation of, and/or repairs to, such lands and buildings (or parts thereof) located at one or more sites considered suitable by the Council of Representatives of the CSU to serve as student centres;

(ii) acquiring, maintaining and/or disposing of ownership or other occupancy rights in such lands and buildings (or parts thereof) and the operation thereof, including without limitation the leasing, subleasing or use of space by persons carrying on commercial and/or non-commercial activities beneficial or useful to the students, engaging such contractors, building managers and other service providers desirable for the operation, maintenance, repair and/or renovation of such lands and buildings (or parts thereof) and including the payment of all fees and expenses associated with the foregoing (including for greater certainty any rents, taxes, management fees and other costs);

(iii) the obtaining of any financing (in capital and interest and secured or unsecured) contracted for the purposes set forth in this section, according to terms and conditions determined by the Council of Representatives of the CSU;

B) With permission of a two-thirds (2/3) majority vote of the Council of Representatives, to satisfy a judgment or to settle a legal action where the cost to the Student Union would compromise the general operations of the Union.

The annual interest accrued on the Student Space, Access to Education and Legal Contingency Fund from the previous fiscal year may be used, not subject to the approbation of the Fund Committee as established by Special By-Law J, to:

A) grant funding to initiatives or organizations aligned with the CSU Position Book, following the procedures outlined in the CSU Standing Regulations;

B) accommodate costs needed by a Concordia University undergraduate student association in case of a binding strike mandate voted by said association;

C) for the provision of additional resources and to accommodate costs needed in case of a binding strike mandate approved by the membership at a duly convened Special General Meeting.

Fifty thousand (50,000) dollars of the abovementioned annual interest shall be set aside for the purpose of Sections A) and B). In the event that the annual interest were to be lower than fifty thousand (50,000) dollars, the entirety of said annual interest shall be set aside for the purpose of Sections A) and B). This amount shall be cumulative from year to year for a maximum of seventy five thousand (75,000) dollars. In the event that Section C) is invoked, the provision of section A) and B) shall take precedence.

Any expense incurred under Section A), B) and C) shall be subject to the approval of a committee, as defined in the CSU Standing Regulations, with the following composition:

- four (4) CSU members, independently appointed by incorporated non-CSU organizations that collect fees from CSU membership and are accountable to the CSU membership.
- three (3) representatives appointed by the CSU.

Quorum for the committee shall be four (4) voting members.

The Council of Representatives of the CSU be and is hereby authorized to do all other things necessary, desirable or advisable for the carrying out of the foregoing in any manner which it may deem to be in the best interest of the CSU and of its members, subject only to the specific jurisdiction of the Fund Committee, established by Special By-Law J, to manage the capital of the Student Space, Accessible Education, and Legal Contingency Fund.

Fee Levy Application Reform Proposal

Presented to CSU Policy Committee October 24, 2016

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As discussed at the last Policy Committee meeting on October 17, there is a need to revise the Fee-Levy approval process. These are the steps I propose, with justification being given in person at the meeting:

1. Require financial reports, budget, and a statement of how the fee levy would be used from all applicants (see attached motion)
 - a. If the Committee feels it is necessary, a motion could also be entertained to extend the application process by moving the application deadline to an earlier date.
2. Find a way to make sure that Fee-Levy Organizations (FLOs) are doing what FLOs are supposed to do:
 - a. Find out / decide what exactly FLOs are supposed to do
 - i. Meet with FLAC
 - b. Find a way to ensure that new FLOs conform to this objective and write policy
3. Improve access to alternate funding for applicants that do not satisfy current requirements, but could in the future.
 - a. Create list of alternative funding sources that applicants could be directed to
 - b. Explore the creation of start-up funding or probationary fee-levies
 - i. Start-up: Lump sum
 - ii. Probationary Fee-Levies: Fee levy that would have to be renewed, or made permanent after a probationary period

Motion for point 1

BIRT Standing Regulation 250 be amended to add the points “g) At least one year’s past Financial report and a current budget” and “h) a detailed statement of how the money from the fee-levy will be used”

BIFRT Standing Regulation 252 be amended to add the points “h) At least two years’ past financial reports and a current budget” and “i) a detailed statement of how the money from the fee-levy will be used”