



Concordia Student Union – Council of Representatives

CSU Regular Council Meeting

Wednesday, January 11th, 2017

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

2. Roll Call

3. Approval of the Agenda

4. Consent Agenda

a) Approval of the Minutes – December 11th RCM

b) Reports from Committees

c) Executive Reports

d) Chairperson's Report

e) Positions Book

5. Presentations & Guest Speakers

6. Appointments

a) CEED

b) RFP

c) Senate

d) CCSL

7. New Business – Informational

a) BIPOC

8. New Business – Substantive

9. Question Period & Business Arising

10. Announcements

11. Adjournment



1. Call to Order

Meeting called to order at 18h38

2. Roll Call

Council Chairperson: *Caitlin Robinson*

Council Minute Keeper: *Caleb Owusu-Acheaw*

Executives present for the duration of the meeting were *Lana Galbraith* (Sustainability Coordinator), *Rachel Gauthier* (Student Life Coordinator), *Lucinda Marshall-Kiparissis* (General Coordinator), *Marcus Peters* (Loyola Coordinator), *Sophia Sahrane* (Academic & Advocacy Coordinator) and *Rami Yahia* (Internal Affairs Coordinator). *Aloyse Muller* (External Affairs Coordinator), *Thomas David-Bashore* (Finance Coordinator)

Executives absent for the duration of the meeting were: *None*

Councillors present for the duration of the meeting were, *Jason Poirier Lavoie* (Arts & Science), *Rowan Gaudet* (Arts & Science), *Robert Young* (Arts & Science), *Julia Sutura Sardo* (Arts & Science), *Christina Massaro* (Arts & Science), *Agunik Mamikonyan* (Arts & Science), *AlexanderMilton* (Arts & Science), *Sara Betinjaneh* (Arts & Science), *Veronika Rydzewski* (Arts & Science), *Brittany Jackson* (Arts & Science), *April Tardif-Levesque* (Arts & Science), *Marie-Maxime G elinas-Delisle* (JMSB), *Louis Arrou-Vignod* (JMSB), *Omar Riaz* (JMSB), *Bronte Macfarlane* (JMSB), *Artem Mikhalitsin* (ENCS), *Alaa Alkirbee* (ENCS), *Meissa Thiam* (ENCS), *Mugisha Joyce Kakou* (ENCS), *Mikaela Clark-Gardner* (Fine Arts)

Councillors absent for the duration of the meeting were: *Ahmed Badr* (ENCS)

3. Approval of the Agenda

C. Robinson asks for the agenda to be approved.

For:14 Against:0 Abstain:0

4. Consent Agenda

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5. Presentations & Guest Speakers

6. Appointments

a) CEED

R. Gauthier and L. Galbraith mention the group's objectives as one to promote volunteering and active involvement in and around the city of Montreal. There is always seat open for a CSU representative on the committee

M. Peters moves to suspend Robert Rules of Order. Seconded by J. Sutura Sardo

For:14 Against: Abstain:0

M. Peters moves to add Appointments Committee as point e) under Appointments in the Agenda. Seconded by J. Sutura Sardo.

For:14 Against:0 Abstain:0

b) RFP

T. David-Bashore mentions that in order to re-negotiate the Student Health Plan at the University, a committee needs to be struck in order to review proposals. L. Marshall-Kiparissis highlights the committee as a learning experience for those who have an interest in knowing the legality of renewing contracts and proposals.

M. Peters moves to re-enter Robert Rules of Order. Consented by C. Robinson

For:15 Against:0 Abstain: 1

R. Gaudet moves to nominate themselves to the RFP. Seconded by J. Sutura Sardo

R. Gaudet motivates themselves as a quick-learner and overall committed to get the job done.

For:14 Against:0 Abstain:2

c) Senate

S. Sahrane states that due to a resignation a seat is open for a student representative. The purpose of the Senate is to hold the university administration to account with their actions especially on the academic file. S. Sahrane also adds that every member has an equal voice regardless of their administrative position on campus.

L. Marshall-Kiparissis states that there is a lack of racial and cultural diversity on the Senate and implores on future senate members to be prepared and ready to call out the administration for their faults and mistakes. S. Sahrane, speaking from personal experience, would prefer that BIPOC committee members to nominate themselves to the Senate seeing as there is a lack of attention to address issues pertaining to race, colour, gender identity on the university campus.

C. Massaro moves to nominate themselves to the Senate. Seconded by A. Mamikonyan.

C. Massaro's interest stems from their continued active involvement in student politics and hopes to bring that experience to deal with academic matters.

O. Riaz moves to nominate themselves to the Senate. Seconded by A. Mamikonyan.

O. Riaz's interest is a better reflection of what the Senate is looking for according to what was said by S. Sahrane and L. Marshall-Kiparissis. O. Riaz deems themselves as important representative to provide for the diversity lacking on the Senate.

Through a roll-call vote, O. Riaz has been appointed to the University Senate.

d) CCSL

R. Gauthier states the motivations of the committee are to serve the student interests on campus. R. Gauthier mentions such examples such as approving funding for student projects and giving out awards for student achievement and success. Meetings are once a month on Fridays.

A. Milton moves to nominate themselves to the CCSL. Seconded by M. J. Kakou.

A. Milton, speaking from personal experiences, appreciates the help that the committee's work did in publishing an academic paper. A. Milton would like to pay it forward for others at school

A. Mamikonyan moves to nominate C. Massaro to the CCSL. Consented by C. Massaro.

C. Massaro's motivation stems from their current role as VP Finance of ASFA and the continued commitment with the CSU. C. Massaro would like to take from those experiences and bring them to the CCSL.

M. J. Kakou moves to appoint both A. Milton and C. Massaro to the CCSL. Seconded by R. Young.

For:14 Against:0 Abstain:2

e) Appointments Committee

M. Peters validates the committee as vital in overseeing CSU appointments and nominations for employment positions.

J. Sutera Sardo moves to nominate themselves to the Appointments Committee. Seconded by R. Young.

J. Sutera Sardo's interest comes from their past experience in appointment procedures in and outside of campus. In addition, J. Sutera Sardo seems genuinely and passionate interested working with M. Peters in fixing and perfecting the CSU Appointments mechanism.

For:15 Against:0 Abstain:1

L. Galbraith moves to for a 10-minute recess. Seconded by R. Young

For:16 Against:0 Abstain:0

Meeting called back to order at 19h27

7. New Business – Informational

a) BIPOC Committee

S. Sahrane states that M. J. Kakou and M. Thiam have been appointed to the BIPOC Committee.

S. Sahrane, in response to a question posed by J. Sutera Sardo concerning the community's interest, states that advertisement about the committee has been going around campus and online. According to S. Sahrane, there has been some interest about the committee and hopes for that interest to grow for people to join the committee.

8. New Business – Substantive

Nil

9. Question Period & Business Arising

Nil

10. Announcements

L. Galbraith states that the mandatory consent-training session will be held this Friday and implores on councillors that did not attend the first one must attend this one. In addition, she implores on council to read the mid-mandate report to refresh members of what has happened thus far.

R. Gauthier mentions that the Winter 2017 Orientation is in full effect with events. In addition, R. Gauthier asks councillors to attend and to help out when possible with information, awareness and communication. Advertise as much as possible for them.

S. Sahrane, as a part of the Black Studies Speakers series, mentions that the next event on January 19th 2017 in the CSU Lounge. Anybody interested should attend. For S. Sahrane, mobilization and awareness are critical if a Black Studies program were to be established at the school.

L. Galbraith states that Monday January 30th 2017 will be the first day of First Voices Week. L. Galbraith requests for council to check out the Facebook page and to attend the advertised events.

S. Sahrane states that BIPOC Committee has been almost fully established with the appointment of two councilors. The next steps are to get outside students to join the committee and to start accepting proposals.

L. Galbraith mentions that there will be demonstration on January 20th 2017 against US President-elect Donald Trump's inauguration at Phillips Square.

R. Gauthier states that there will be a semi-exclusive BIPOC event to further promote the committee's purpose and efforts. Anybody interested should talk to R. Gauthier, just for the assurances to keep the event fairly small.

R. Yahia states that February 3th 2017 is the deadline for CCSL Special Projects Fund Application.

11. Adjournment

R. Young moves to adjourn. Seconded by M. J. Kakou.

Vote: Unanimous

Meeting adjourned at 19h42