



**CSU Regular Council Meeting  
Wednesday, March 8<sup>th</sup>, 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 – January 25<sup>th</sup> RCM, February 8<sup>th</sup> RCM
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- 9. Question Period & Business Arising**
- 10. Announcements**
- 11. Adjournment**

## 1. Call to Order

Meeting called to order at 18h40

## 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, Rowan Gaudet (Arts & Science), Robert Young (Arts & Science), Christina Massaro (Arts & Science), Agunik Mamikonyan (Arts & Science), Sara Betinjaneh (Arts & Science), Veronika Rydzewski (Arts & Science), Brittany Jackson (Arts & Science), April Tardif-Levesque (Arts & Science), AlexanderMilton (Arts & Science), Julia Sutura Sardo (Arts & Science), Artem Mikhalitsin (ENCS), Alaa Alkirbee (ENCS), Ahmed Badr (ENCS), Mikaela Clark-Gardner (Fine Arts)

Councillors absent for the duration of the meeting were: Meissa Thiam (ENCS), Marie-Maxime Gélinas-Delisle (JMSB), Mugisha Joyce Kakou (ENCS), Jason Poirier Lavoie (Arts & Science), Omar Riaz (JMSB), Bronte Macfarlane (JMSB)

A. Mikhalitsin moves to excuse both M.-M. Gelinias-Delisle and M. Thiam from this meeting. Seconded by J. Sutura Sardo.

For: 11      Against:0      Abstain:0

## 3. Approval of the Agenda

J. Sutura Sardo moves to approve the agenda, including the consent agenda. Seconded by A. Mamikonyan.

For: 11      Against:0      Abstain:

## 4. Consent Agenda

- a) Approval of the Minutes – January 25<sup>th</sup> RCM, February 8<sup>th</sup> RCM
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## 5. Presentations & Guest Speakers

Nil

## 6. Appointments

- a) Appointments Committee

Due to a resignation of a CSU councillor, M. Peters states there is now a seat on the Appointments Committee

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

R. Gaudet values themselves as a hard worker and a person committed in getting the job done.

For:8 Against:1 Abstain:1

b) CSU Signing Officer

Due to the resignation of a CSU councillor, T. David-Bashore states that a CSU signing officer position is now open.

A.Milton moves to nominate themselves as a CSU signing officer. Seconded by A. Mikhalitsin

A.Milton states that they are timely available to take on this current position.

For:9 Against:0 Abstain:1

**7. New Business – Informational**

Nil

**8. New Business – Substantive**

a) Burritoville

A. Muller presents the following motion. Seconded by A. Milton.

Whereas the Burritoville Solidarity Co-op has been closed since June 2016;  
Whereas the Burritoville Solidarity Co-op does not have any funds anymore;  
Whereas the Burritoville Solidarity Co-op still owes monies to the Quebec government;  
Whereas these monies owed cannot be absolved through bankruptcy;  
Whereas the CSU is a support member of the Burritoville Solidarity Co-op;  
Whereas the CSU has adopted the following resolution at the Special Council Meeting of August 3rd, 2016:

“Be it resolved that the CSU secure \$6000 for the Burritoville Solidarity Co-op to be allocated from the operations budget to costs relating to bankruptcy and legal aid;  
Be it further resolved that in order to access these secured funds, the Burritoville Solidarity Co-op must provide the invoices for all costs to the Concordia Student Union prior to reimbursement.”

Be it resolved that the mandate of the \$6,000 secured by the CSU for the Burritoville Solidarity Co-op be expended to cover the payment of the monies owed by the Burritoville Solidarity Co-op to the Quebec government.

Due to the bankruptcy status of the now closed Burritoville, A. Muller states that the money is now needed to pay back the Quebec government.

A.Muller, in response to a question posed by A. Mikhalitsin, states that Burritoville owes the government about \$2 000. The additional money will cover legal costs as well.

For: 9 Against:0 Abstain:1

b) Solidarity City

A.Muller presents the following motion. Seconded by B. Jackson.

Be it resolved that the CSU endorses the Solidarity City declaration, and publicizes it.

Be it further resolved that by doing so, the CSU takes the engagement to:

- Never ask for information regarding immigration status;
- Treat all information regarding other people's immigration status as strictly confidential, and never share it with government agencies;
- Not charge fees based on immigration status;
- Implement a policy of non-cooperation with the Canadian Border Services Agency, including barring them from the Concordia Student Union premises;
- Work to make sure that labour and other human rights standards are applied equally to all, without regards to immigration status, in our organizations, workplaces, and communities.

Be it further resolved that the CSU call on the city of Montreal to implement a policy of non-cooperation between the Service de Police de la Ville de Montréal (SPVM) and the Canadian Border Services Agency (CBSA).

Be it further resolved that the CSU condemn the decision of the city of Montreal to declare itself a sanctuary city without implementing actual protection for undocumented people, such as a policy of non-cooperation between the SPVM and the CBSA, thus putting undocumented people's lives at risk.

A.Muller states that this motion is a bold step for the CSU to take a stand for undocumented people at Concordia University. In addition, Muller provides a clarification that the city of Montreal is NOT a sanctuary city even though the mayor had tweeted that it was one.

S. Sahrane deems this motion important especially for international students. Sahrane cites the recent presence of CSBA agents during the cohort tuition hike protests. Sahrane believes that it is in the CSU's mandate to act accordingly to the interests of all students.

T. David-Bashore calls for a 15-minute recess following 8c) Sanctuary Campus. Seconded by

For: 10          Against:0          Abstain:0

c) Sanctuary Campus

A.Muller presents the following motion. Seconded by R. Gaudet.

Be it resolved that the following question be submitted to the CSU membership by referendum at the occasion of the 2017 General elections:

Do you, as a Concordia undergraduate student, support Concordia University formally adopting a "Sanctuary Campus" status by not collaborating with the Canadian Border Services Agency (CBSA), including but not limited to the sharing of any information on its current and past staff, faculty and students, or allowing CBSA on its premises, in order to protect undocumented community members from threat of deportation?

A.Muller and L. Marshall-Kiparissis have the same stream of thought in which having this question being posed at referendum is in accordance of the CSU's mandate. A.Muller appreciates the referendum in the hopes of legitimizing the CSU's mandate. For L. Marshall-Kiparissis, this referendum will produce a stronger mandate for the incoming 2017-2018 executives to act accordingly with the university when dealing with access of information requests especially for undocumented students.

For: 10          Against:0          Abstain:0

**Meeting back to order at 19h27**

**A.Milton moves to excuse B. Macfarlane from this meeting. Seconded by A. Mamikonyan.**

For: 11          Against:0          Abstain:0

d) Academic Amnesty

**S. Sahrane presents the following motion. Seconded by A. Badr**

*Whereas on March 1st, a bomb threat targeting specifically Muslim students was issued;  
Whereas the threat was for March 1st to March 3rd;  
Whereas the Concordia administration chose to cancel classes taking place in the Hall building and the EV building on March 1st, until 6pm;  
Whereas the CSU executive tried to reach out to the Concordia administration, as well as the offices of the Deans, to ask that all exams be cancelled for the day and attendance not be taken, throughout both campuses;  
Whereas classes, and exams, proceeded as usual after 6pm on March 1st;  
Whereas the CSU executive subsequently renewed their request in writing in the evening of March 1;  
Whereas students, and especially Muslim students, may have felt, and still feel, unsafe coming to the Concordia campuses;  
Whereas this event has caused a significant amount of mental stress to many among the Concordia community, stress that is not conducive to a learning environment, nor to any kind of academic activities, including taking an exam;*

Be it resolved that the CSU emphatically condemns this threat of a terror attack on our community, and condemns islamophobia in all its forms;

Be it further resolved that the CSU denounces the decision of the Concordia administration to hold exams as per usual after 6pm in the Hall building and the EV building, and for the whole day in the other buildings of the campuses;

Be it further resolved that the CSU request from Concordia University and its faculties the following:

That for both undergraduate and graduate students, in all programs of study, for the dates of March 1 to March 3:

- Any absence from lectures, seminars, tutorials or any other Concordia-related activity not count towards attendance records, and more generally that no student be penalized for not coming to Concordia's campuses on these days;
- Any quiz, test, exam, or other activity counting towards one's final grade scheduled for these days be cancelled, and that this measure be retroactive to March 1st, 11:00am;
- That the period from March 1 to March 5 not count towards late submission penalties for any assignment.

Be it further resolved that the CSU encourage the relevant bodies to excuse any staff or faculty absence on these days.

Be it further resolved that the CSU bring these demands to the Concordia Senate for approval, and encourages CASA, ECA, ASFA, and FASA to do similarly at their Faculty Councils.

The purpose of this motion is in response to the March 1<sup>st</sup> 2016 bomb threat at the downtown campus of Concordia University. For Sahrane, the motion is extremely and critically important to

stand up for students that felt personally affected by the threat and to help them academically accommodate as a consequence.

L. Marshall-Kiparissis states that this issue has been raised at the University's Senate Steering Committee and hopes that the discussion will come forthwith at the next Senate meeting.

S. Sahrane deems this motion as critical seeing as faculty professors will still have discretion in legitimizing claims for academic excusal as a result of personal circumstances. Citing personal experience, Sahrane finds this motion in accordance with their position as the Academic & Advocacy Coordinator.

For: 12          Against:0          Abstain:0

e) Jarislowky Frasier Authorization

**T. David-Bashore presents the following motion. Seconded by J. Sutura Sardo.**

\*Refer to Appendix\*

T. David-Bashore states that the motion was written by the investment's administrator, the Royal Bank of Canada, not by CSU. In addition, David-Bashore states that the motion is necessary in order to authorize the union's investments being in accordance with the Council's mandate.

L. Marshall-Kiparissis does not find in favour that Jarislowky Frasier works in conjunction with RBC due the bank's investments with the tar sands industry. L. Marshall-Kiparissis states that the executives took proper discretion and cause to ensure that this motion mitigates with any past sustainable positions undertaken by the CSU.

A. Mikhalitsin ponders as to why the CSU chose Jarislowky Frasier to manage some union investments. L. Marshall-Kiparissis responds that Jarislowky Frasier Authorization is known internationally for its global investments in sustainable energy as well as giving a well presentation to the SSALEC committee.

**L. Galbraith moves to attend the motion to include that Be it further resolved that the CSU be mandated to continue searching for a more sustainable investment firm in the meanwhile. Seconded by A. Mikhalitsin. Motion rescinded.**

L. Galbraith understands where the union is in with this motion. However, they hopes that the CSU will adapt from it and work to find better and ethical avenues for investment.

T. David-Bashore states that the written RBC motion does not favour or does not have any room to approve amendments.

For: 8    Against:0          Abstain:4

f) Fee Levy Reallocation Referendum Question

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

Do you as a member of the CSU approve of the following reorganization of fees currently levied by the CSU, effective for the Fall semester of 2017: A decrease in CSU Clubs of \$0.06 per credit, an increase in the CSU operating fee of \$0.05 per credit, an increase in HOJO of \$0.03 per credit,

an increase in Advocacy of \$0.02 per credit, and a decrease in the Student Space Accessible Education and Legal Contingency (SSAELC) fee of \$0.04 per credit?

For David-Bashore, the motion's purpose is to financially re-allocate fee-levy money to better reflect the administrative needs of the CSU going into the Fall 2017 semester such as operations and increasing interactive involvement with students.

A. Mamikonyan inquires whether clubs can ask for more funding under the proposed model. T. David-Bashore and R. Yahia both reply in saying yes under the special projects fund under the clubs portfolio.

For: 10            Against:0            Abstain:2

h) Dish Project Contract

**M. Peters presents the following motion. Seconded by A. Mamikonyan.**

Whereas the following motion was approved by council in the November 9th, 2016 regular meeting of Council:

Whereas the Dish Project is a service on campus that has existed for over a decade to serve student needs.

Whereas the Dish Project has previously been a working group under Sustainable Concordia, but has since split off from the organization and is therefore lacking secure funding.

Whereas the Dish Project reduces waste, lowers the cost of student events, and promotes sustainable practices on campus in a way that aligns with the mandates and direction of the CSU.

BIRT the CSU pursue the development of a contract with the Dish Project to fund its operations through the CSU's annual operating budget.

BIFRT The Loyola Coordinator be charged with the development of this contract, in collaboration with the current Dish Project coordinator and with oversight by the Loyola Committee as well as CSU Council.

BIFRT The contract, once completed, be submitted to CSU Council for approval.

BIFRT The contract be developed with the aim of implementation for the next fiscal year.

Whereas the contract's development has been a point of discussion between the Loyola Committee, Sustainable Concordia, the Dish Project Coordinator, and the Loyola Coordinator.

Be it resolved that the Dish Project Contract as presented in the March regular meeting be approved

Be it further resolved that as per the November 9th motion, the contract be signed and come into effect for the next fiscal year

Be it further resolved that as per the November 9th motion, the contract be signed pending the results of the 2017 general elections referenda, and come into effect for the next fiscal year

For:9            Against:2            Abstain:1

**T. David-Bashore presents the following motion. Seconded by R. Gaudet.**

Do you as a member of the CSU approve the transfer of \$0.04 from the Student Space Accessible Education and Legal Contingency (SSAELC) fee to the CSU Operating fee to pay for the operations of the Dish Project, a student-run service at Concordia that provides free dishware to student and community-run events?

For: 10            Against:0            Abstain:1

i) Promotional Space Referendum Question

M. Peters presents the following motion. Seconded by J. Sutura Sardo.

Be it resolved that CSU council approve the following position:

That the Concordia Student Union actively expand student promotional space, to the benefit of student and community groups at Concordia, including the purchasing, renovation, and installation of poster boards, television screens, and internal & external projectors.

For: 9            Against:0            Abstain:1

j) Daycare Demolition

L. Marshall-Kiparissis presents the following motion. Seconded by A. Mamikonyan.

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;

Whereas work-in-progression the site of the future CSU Daycare will incur previously unanticipated costs of \$22 713.45 for plumbing, electricity and general demolition;

Be it resolved that \$63 870.00 be allocated from the SSAELC Fund towards the demolition for the site of the future CSU Daycare Centre, in accordance with Special By-law I.

For: 12            Against:0            Abstain:0

k) Bylaw Referendum

L. Galbraith presents the following motion. Seconded by J. Sutura Sardo

Be it resolved that the following question be submitted to the CSU membership by referendum during the 2017 General elections:

Do you, as a member of the CSU, approve of the by-law changes that will render the executives to a more non-hierarchical structure?

**SUGGESTED BYLAW CHANGES**

Executive Decree

“*The General Coordinator* shall have the authority to exercise in writing, by decree, all the powers of the Council of Representatives between meetings of the latter, limited only by policy, regulation, positions or resolution passed by the Council of Representatives, by the results of duly conducted referendums and/or Special General Meeting(s) which met quorum and the dispositions of the Quebec Companies Act part III, *with the consent of three other members of the executive*. Any exercise of the powers of the Council of Representatives by the General Coordinator shall be reported to the next meeting of Council for ratification. The exercising of the decree can only be used for unforeseen emergencies that cannot be remedied by calling a Special Meeting of the Council of Representatives or where a Special Meeting of the Council of

Representatives failed to remedy the situation or failed to achieve quorum. [L] [SEP] In this vein, they have the power to veto any action of any individual or group which [L] [SEP] would violate or seek to violate these by-laws or regulations of the Student Union. Such a veto must be ratified by the Representatives at the first succeeding duly convened meeting of the Council of Representatives following the enactment of said veto. If said veto is not ratified at this time, it is null and void. Notwithstanding, the General Coordinator cannot veto a decision of the Council of Representatives or of the Judicial Board.”

## COORDINATORS

7.6 **The Academic and Advocacy Coordinator** is responsible for the coordination and the chairing meetings of the Academic Caucus. The Coordinator is also the liaison to the Graduate Student Association and the individuals responsible for all bodies concerning academic issues, as well as sitting on - or appointing students to - the academic bodies of the University. They are also responsible for overseeing the Advocacy Center, the Off-campus Housing and Job Bank, and the Legal Information

Clinic. The Coordinator will sit on the Policy Committee. [L] [SEP]

7.7 **The External Affairs and Mobilization Coordinator** is the liaison to all student associations and organizations outside of the University. The Coordinator is also responsible for the organization and mobilization of students for participation in the annual campaign of the Student Union. The Coordinator will sit on the External and Mobilization Committee. [L] [SEP]

7.8 **The Finance Coordinator** is responsible for preparing the budget of the Student Union, ensuring that the financial information of the Union is up-to-date, and to report on a monthly basis to the Council of Representatives. They will ensure that access to the Union’s financial information is available to its members. The Coordinator is also responsible for ensuring that the budget adopted by Council is respected and that expenses are made in the interest of the Union. The Coordinator will sit on the Financial Committee. [L] [SEP]

7.9 **The General Coordinator** is responsible for the implementation of the decisions of the Council of Representatives, for the day-to-day administration of the Student Union [L] [SEP] The General Coordinator shall be the Chief Executive Officer of the Union, the official representative and chief spokesperson of the Union.

7.10 **The Internal Affairs Coordinator** is responsible for overseeing all internal operations of the Union and the development of clubs services. The Coordinator will also act as the Secretary of the Corporation and is responsible for all corporate books of the Union. They are the liaison to clubs, and are responsible for the management of clubs’ budgets. The Coordinator will sit on the Clubs Committee. [L] [SEP]

7.11 **The Loyola Coordinator** is responsible for overseeing and developing the Union’s presence and services at the Loyola campus, and ensuring that Loyola students’ best interests are represented within the Union and the Concordia community. The Coordinator will encourage the building of ties between both campuses, and encourage a united university community. The Coordinator will sit on the Loyola Committee. [L] [SEP]

7.12 **The Student Life Coordinator** is responsible for the organizing of student orientations and the major events related to student life on campus, as well as overseeing communications with students. *The Coordinator is responsible for CSU Special Project Funding<sup>1</sup>.* They are the liaison to faculty associations. The Coordinator will sit on the Student Life Committee.

7.13 **The Sustainability Coordinator** is responsible for the implementation of environmental and social sustainability policy for the Union. The Coordinator acts as a liaison with sustainability related groups on campus and within the Concordia community, and is responsible for supporting student sustainability initiatives. The coordinator will sit on the Sustainability Committee.

L. Galbraith states the Policy Committee had approved many of the By-Law changes requested by the executives dealing with roles and positions associated with a hierarchal structure.

S. Sahrane states that some changes were already made such as position titles of current executives. In Sahrane's view, the changes were made in order to better institutionalize the non-hierarchal structure and favours the trend with these proposed By-Law changes.

For: 13            Against:0            Abstain:0

l) Sustainable Curriculum Referendum Question

**L. Galbraith presents the following motion. Seconded by A. Mamikonyan.**

Be it resolved that the following question be submitted to the CSU membership by referendum at the occasion of the 2017 General elections:

Do you, as a Concordia undergraduate student, mandate the Concordia Student Union to work with the Concordia University Administration towards integrating sustainability and indigenous studies courses in all undergraduate programs?

For Galbraith, the motion's purpose is to provide guided and streamlined clarification to CSU's mandate of encouraging academic and curriculum study of sustainability.

A. Mamikonyan wonders as to the purpose of the motion since there is already a Sustainability studies program at Concordia University and it is being perfected. L. Galbraith replies back in saying that there isn't a program dedicated to solely indigenous studies. For Galbraith, this motion attempts to solve both problems at once by centralizing efforts to equally achieve both goals.

For: 13            Against:0            Abstain:0

m) Sexual Violence Consultation

**L. Galbraith presents the following motion. Seconded by J. Sutura Sardo.**

Whereas the Quebec government will host a series of four consultations examining sexual violence at the province's universities and colleges by Higher Education Minister H  l  ne David between now and March 2017 in Montreal, Quebec City, Gatineau and Saguenay (<http://www.education.gouv.qc.ca/dossiers-thematiques/violences-a-caracteresexuel/>); Whereas 1 of 4 of those surveyed in the December 2016 Enqu  te Sexualit  , S  curit   et Interactions en Milieu Universitaire have witnessed or been the targets of sexual violence within their campus' community (49); Whereas according to the same survey, trans\* members of Quebec Universities are much more at risk for being sexually harassed or assaulted than cisgender members of the same community (32);

Whereas the CSU prioritises the role of those who have lived experience at the intersection of different systems of oppression;  
Whereas men who face sexual violence are often silenced making it difficult to address the issue and support male survivors;  
Whereas the CSU recognises the importance of listening to and recognising all identities and the different barriers that each face;  
Whereas the CSU respect the perspectives and value the representation of women and gender nonconforming folks who are Black, Indigenous, and People of Colour;  
Whereas the CSU recognise that intersectional identities create different marginalized experiences and that different women and gender nonconforming people experience different barriers based upon class, ability, race, gender expression, religion, ethnicity, etc.;  
Whereas the CSU encourage an intersectional feminist approach towards all future endeavours;

Be it resolved that the CSU demand the participation of survivors in the consultations organized by the Higher Education Ministry;

Be it resolved that the CSU in collaboration with the Centre for Gender Advocacy organize a separate event that allows for survivors to speak about their experiences with the aim that their accounts can be used (with their consent) to further explain the needs of Quebec universities when it comes to dealing with sexual violence on campus;

Be it resolved that the CSU demand that the higher education minister provide support to survivors participating in these consultations before, during and after these meetings;

Be it resolved that “support” includes but is not limited to:

- Making it explicit that survivors are welcome and will be supported in contributing to the consultations;
- Providing different options for participation, such as at the public consultations, in writing, or verbally with one person;
- Having active listeners available at the in-person consultations;
- Encouraging survivors to self-identify and disclose as much or little as they are comfortable with;
- Collaborating with local sexual assault resources centres to provide additional advice and support;
- Providing “aftercare” to those who participate.

Be it resolved that the CSU demand to know when and where the consultation will take place as well as who else will be present at least two weeks in advance;

Be it resolved that should these demands not be met that the CSU will deem these consultations illegitimate;

Be it resolved that the CSU demand that during the consultations speaking priority be given to students during the consultation;

Be it resolved that should these meetings lack efforts or attempts to encourage diversity of experience and identity (non-intersectional) that the CSU will deem these consultations illegitimate;

Be it resolved that the higher education ministry provide french-english translation at each consultation as well as translation for any other language upon request;

Be it resolved that the CSU will encourage other Quebec student unions to take similar positions as well as collaborate with relevant groups on their campuses in preparation for these consultations;

Be it resolved that the CSU will communicate with other Quebec student unions in other cities to know what to expect and plan for the Montreal consultation;

Be it resolved that the Quebec government create an actionable work plan within 6 months based on these consultations and take meaningful actions within a year;

Be it resolved that the CSU demand Concordia University that Jennifer Drummond be one of the representatives from the Concordia administration.

L. Galbraith has been in constant communication with the Center of Gender Advocacy about these consultations. Right now, not a lot of information has been provided by the Ministry of Higher Education about the logistics of when and where for the consultations. Galbraith's perspective on this motion to attempt to legitimize any consultations through sociocultural and academic representation from all backgrounds.

For: 11            Against:0            Abstain:0

n) Right to Die Position

**J. Sutura Sardo presents the following motion. Seconded by A. Mamikonyan.**

Whereas the CSU supports high quality, universally accessible postsecondary education as a human right and believes in holding the University accountable to this standard;

Whereas the CSU recognizes the various barriers that are faced by marginalized individuals based upon class, ability, race, gender expression, religion, ethnicity, etc.;

Whereas the Trudeau government's legislative response to Carter v. Canada is incomplete and restrictive;

Whereas many students' well-being and ability to have access to insurance and health services in the province is being impacted by this decision;

Be it resolved that the CSU adopt a pro-choice position toward the question of the Right to Die.

Be it further resolved that the CSU be mandated to pressure the University to ensure that Concordia students with incurable illnesses, or dealing with immediate family in this situation, are able to seek additional psychological assistance at the University, be provided with academic amnesty or clemency in difficult periods or if the need to attend frequent doctor's appointments arises, and for Concordia to take all accessibility concerns in regards to infrastructure more seriously and take concrete actions to that aim.

Be it further resolved that the CSU be mandated to support lobbying efforts that pressure the federal government to review and amend Bill C-14, which limits the scope of assisted dying in Canada.

J. Sutura Sardo, citing personal experience, acknowledges that the Concordia community has failed in dealing and facing the issue as well as students directly impacted by it.

M. Clark-Gardner finds this topic of right to die fairly too broad and complex and would like for J. Sutura Sardo to provide a clear and detailed explanation with some of the issues with Bill C-14.

A. Tardif-Levesque wonders as to what is problematic with Bill C-14. J. Sutura Sardo replies in stating that the qualification criteria is restrictive for those who choose to die under physician overview as well as the jurisdictional overlap with provincial governments.

A.Milton questions as to why this motion should of one that the CSU do take a position on in terms of academic advocacy.

R. Young critiques the broad academic clemency claim made in the motion in which it might become a slippery slope with the potential for unintended abuse. Young favours making the motion more specific to better encompass similar life difficulties and experiences. R. Gauthier echoes most of what R. Young had said, but raises the issue of deciding on which students are more worth it than others in terms of those life challenges.

M. Clark-Gardner would favour posing this motion to a referendum since it shouldn't be Council's place to take such a position.

A. Mikhalitsin moves to make the first BIRT point of the motion as an upcoming 2017 referendum question. Seconded by A. Tardif-Levesque.

S. Sahrane moves for a 15-minute recess. Seconded by A. Mamikonyan.

For: 12            Against:0            Abstain:0

**Meeting called back to order at 21h24**

S. Sahrane, because of the intense debate that occurred, recommends that this motion be brought to Policy Committee.

**A. Mikhalitsin moves to rescind their motion.**

J. Sutera Sardo moves to send their motion minus the first BIRT to Policy Committee. Seconded by R. Young.

S. Sahrane would prefer a smaller better climate in dealing with the motion. Sahrane would rather want a structured and clear and proactive discussion on this issue.

For: 9            Against:0            Abstain:1

J. Sutera Sardo moves to approve the first BIRT of their motion. Seconded by A. Mamikonyan.

For:5            Against:1            Abstain:5

**o) Greenhouse Fee Levy**

S. Sahrane presents the following motion. Seconded by J. Sutera Sardo

Whereas the Greenhouse has submitted a Fee Levy increase application to go to referendum question in the 2017 CSU Annual Elections.

Whereas upon reviewing the application as per Standing Regulation 253 and 258 b)'s requirements, Policy Committee was more than satisfied with the application and the fee levy increase request.

Be it resolved that Council approves the Concordia Greenhouse's referendum question to go to referendum in the 2017 CSU Annual Elections as follows:

“Since becoming a fee levy group in 2013, the Concordia Greenhouse has been a resource hub for students; actively supporting experiential learning opportunities and providing ecologically-grown produce and plants. As demand grows for our services, a fee levy increase would allow the Concordia Greenhouse to continue providing students with affordable educational workshops and programs, locally grown food and plants, internship and job opportunities, and a beautiful space for study and socializing.

Do you agree to increase the fee levy of the Concordia Greenhouse by 12 cents per credit to a total of 24 cents per credit, effective Fall 2017?”

S. Sahrane states that the Greenhouse motion has gone through Policy Committee with documentation. During discussion, the only issue that was brought up was the Greenhouse's Human Resources Committee. According to Sahrane, the issue was properly addressed to the committee's understanding and opinion.

L. Galbraith states that the Greenhouse is needing of this additional revenue from the fee-levy to continue its work in providing internships, health-based healing through plants. The current infrastructure of the greenhouse is needing of this money. S. Sahrane compliments Galbraith's sentiments and adds that the money is worth for all of what the Greenhouse does and provides for students that utilize it.

J. Sutura Sardo applauds the great work done by the administration of the Greenhouse in providing such detail in justifying its fee-levy.

For: 9 Against:0 Abstain:1

p) Community Action Fund

S. Sahrane moves to table this topic until the end of New Business-Substantive. Seconded by R. Young.

For: 10 Against:0 Abstain:1

S. Sahrane presents the following motion. Seconded by R. Young.

Whereas special by law I was amended in the 2016 by elections, in order to create the community action fund.

Whereas the amendment need to be provided the structure within the standing regulations in order to create the community action fund.

Be it resolved that Book XII, pertaining to the Community Action Fund be added to the standing regulations.

For: 11 Against:0 Abstain:0

q) CUSACorp Bylaw Change

S. Sahrane presents the following motion. Seconded by R. Young.

Whereas CUSACORP, formerly a subsidiary of the Concordia Student Union as defined by Special By-Law C, was dissolved in June 2016.

Be it resolved that the following question be passed through referendum at the upcoming CSU Annual Elections, in order to strike Special By-Law C, the Special By-Law pertaining to CUSACORP, from the CSU By-Law.

CUSACORP was a subsidiary of the Concordia Student Union (CSU) as defined by Special By-Law C of the CSU By-Laws, it was dissolved in June 2016 and no longer exists.

Do you agree to remove Special By-Law C from the CSU By-Laws?

S. Sahrane and L. Marshall-Kiparissis state that this motion is a simple administrative housekeeping detail.

For: 11 Against:0 Abstain:0

r) Policy Committee

L. Galbraith moves to approve the recent Policy Committee minutes with the correct attendance recorded. Seconded by J. Sutura Sardo.

For: 11          Against:0          Abstain:0

## 9. Question Period & Business Arising

R. Young moves to excuse themselves from this meeting. Seconded by A. Mamikonyan.

For: 10          Against:0          Abstain:1 (R. Young)

## 10. Announcements

L. Marshall-Kiparissis applauds the Council for staying this late during this point of semester and being able tackle some substantive motions with respect and composure.

R. Gauthier states that there will be a free HIV/AIDS awareness clinic tomorrow. R. Gauthier encourages folks to come and all questions and tests are confidential.

S. Sahrane mentions that tomorrow there will be an event hosted by the Black Studies Collective featuring McGill Art History professor Charmaine Nelson at Grey Nuns. The event is hosted in collaboration with Art Matters and FASA.

L. Galbraith mentions, as a part of Connecting Landscapes, will be hosting an event featuring an artist that takes pictures of trauma and rearranges & them as a sign of empowerment. Galbraith also mentions that the CSU is partnering up with the Center for General Advocacy for an event on March 16<sup>th</sup> to discuss about ideas and opinions as to how the provincial government should set up the Consultations on Sexual Violence.

J. Sutera Sardo states that there will be a Lack of Diversity in Politics Panel on April 3<sup>rd</sup> 2017 on the 7<sup>th</sup> floor.

A. Muller mentions that there will be an anti-consumerism rap battle set for March 29<sup>th</sup> 2017. Muller also states that on March 17<sup>th</sup>, the Woodstock Collective will be inviting two former political prisoners from the Black Panthers Movement.

M. Peters encourages councillors to answer the CSU surveys in their email mailboxes. Currently, 800 students have completed them. Peters states that there will be an anti-surveillance workshop held on March 16<sup>th</sup>.

S. Sahrane mentions that there will be a CSU-organized (but not chaired) student congress to be held on March 15<sup>th</sup> 2017.

L. Galbraith mentions that next week will be the Sustainability Action Fund's 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Week. Events are being planned out as well as the final event being collaborated with the CSU.

J. Sutera Sardo invites people to attend an event to showcase to the CCSL do menstruate and promotion is key in bringing awareness to the issue.

## 11. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 22h09.

# APPENDIX

# SCHEDULE "A"

## INVESTMENT COUNSELLOR ADMINISTRATION SERVICES ACCOUNT AGREEMENT

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### RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF

#### Concordia Student Union

*the "Corporation"*

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WHEREAS the Corporation wishes, or is the general partner of a partnership (the "Partnership") which wishes, to open and operate an account or accounts (collectively, the "Account") with RBC Investor Services Trust and is required to execute and deliver to RBC Investor Services Trust an Investment Administration Business agreement in connection therewith:

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

1. THAT the Corporation or the Partnership, as applicable, open an Investment Administration Business Account with RBC Investor Services Trust and execute and deliver to RBC Investor Services Trust an account agreement in the form or substantially in the form of the agreement on RBC Investor Services Trust's standard form now submitted to this meeting and initialled by the Chairman of the meeting for identification (the "Agreement");
2. THAT the Authorized Signatories, specified in Schedule B to the Agreement, are hereby authorized for and on behalf of the Corporation or the Partnership, as applicable, to execute and deliver to RBC Investor Services Trust the Agreement with such alterations, additions, amendments and deletions as may be approved by the persons executing the same, whose signatures shall be conclusive evidence of such approval and of the fact that the Agreement so executed is the Agreement authorized by this resolution; and
3. THAT the Authorized Signatories designated in paragraph 2 are hereby authorized and directed for and in the name of the Corporation or the Partnership, as applicable, to execute and deliver (under the corporate seal or otherwise) all such other documents and do all such other acts such as provide on-going instructions as may be necessary or desirable to give effect to this resolution and/or as may reasonably be required by RBC Investor Services Trust from time to time in connection with the opening and continued operation and closing of the Investment Administration Business Account.

### CERTIFICATE

Certified to be a true copy of a resolution of the Board of Directors of the Corporation, duly passed in accordance with all requisite corporate proceedings and in full force and effect, unamended.

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Date

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Secretary - *Apply Corporate Seal*



