



Concordia Student Union – Council of Representatives

CSU Special Council Meeting

Wednesday, April 5th, 2017

CSU Conference Room, 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. 7th floor Renovations**
- 4. Final Approval**
- 5. Adjournment**

Meeting officially called by CSU General Coordinator Lucinda Marshall-Kiparissis as per By- Law 6.6.3

1. Call to Order

Meeting called to order at 18h41

2. Roll Call

Council Chairperson: *Caitlin Robinson*

Council Minute Keeper: *Caleb Owusu-Acheaw*

Executives present for the duration of the meeting were: *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: *Lana Galbraith* (Sustainability Coordinator)

Councillors present for the duration of the meeting were, *Rowan Gaudet* (Arts & Science), *Julia Sutura Sardo* (Arts & Science), *Veronika Rydzewski* (Arts & Science), *April Tardif-Levesque* (Arts & Science), *Marie-Maxime Gélinas-Delisle* (JMSB), *Omar Riaz* (JMSB), *Bronte Macfarlane* (JMSB), *Ahmed Badr* (ENCS), *Mikaela Clark-Gardner* (Fine Arts)

Councillors absent for the duration of the meeting were: *Jason Poirier Lavoie* (Arts & Science), *Robert Young* (Arts & Science), *Christina Massaro* (Arts & Science), *Agunik Mamikonyan* (Arts & Science), *Alexander Milton* (Arts & Science), *Sara Betinjaneh* (Arts & Science), *Brittany Jackson* (Arts & Science), *Artem Mikhalitsin* (ENCS), *Mugisha Joyce Kakou* (ENCS), *Alaa Alkirbee* (ENCS), *Meissa Thiam* (ENCS), *Louis Arrou-Vignod* (JMSB)

A.Badr moves to excuse L. Galbraith for this Special Council Meeting. Seconded by J. Sutura Sardo

According to S. Sahrane, L. Galbraith has a personal matter to deal with during the time.

For:8 Against:0 Abstain:0

3. 7th Floor Renovations

A.Muller presents the following motion. Seconded by J. Sutura Sardo.

Be it resolved that the CSU approves the expense of \$25, 300 from the SSAELC Fund as per Special Bylaw I, for the purpose of the renovation of the Legal Information Clinic and the CSU 7th floor lounge.

A.Muller presents the document as to how the Hall building 7th floor renovations are going to take place. An agreement was reached between the University, and the Muslim Students Association about expanding the latter's space. The Legal Information Clinic's offices will get a face lift to make it more visible to the viewing public in terms of establishing its presence. The University will cover some of the costs with the LIC renovation. The Lounge will have its glass door entrances modified. There's an eventual hope to turn the Lounge into a multimedia space. The entire financial cost (with contingencies) will be about \$25 300.

R.Gaudet wonders if the renovation will impact the MSA's Friday prayers. A.Muller replies in saying that discussions have been productive and the association's executive are generally pleased with these renovations.

L. Marshall-Kiparissis states that the renovation proposals have been centered on the MSA's needs in consideration of the Islamic holidays being held during the Winter & Spring semesters.

A. Badr stresses on the importance of space for the MSA seeing as many people tend to do other activities near the prayer rooms. For Badr, these activities, being so close to the prayer rooms, can be bothersome at times.

For:8 Against:0 Abstain:0

4. Financial Approval

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

Whereas the CSU currently pays an average annual cost of \$15,500 to maintain its current IT infrastructure

Whereas the current CSU IT infrastructure has frequent errors, is slow, and is generally difficult to use, compromising the efficiency of operations throughout the CSU

Whereas a transition to Google Apps (G-Suite) would greatly decrease annual cost while increase operational capacity of the CSU

Whereas it is standard to amortize large hardware purchases to decrease impact to any single year's budget and since hardware continues to have value for multiple years

Whereas the cost of transition is estimated at \$28,569.09

Whereas it is prudent to budget an additional 15% to account for errors and cost fluctuations

Be it Resolved that a maximum of \$32,848.70 be allocated to transitioning from the current VMWare IT structure to Google Apps

Be it Further Resolved that all hardware costs (estimated at \$27,557.09) be amortized over 5 years

T. David-Bashore stresses on the timing importance of this motion before the CSU's IT Director leaves in June. According to David-Bashore, the IT Director had recommended for this implementation plan before the arrival of the new executives into office.

S. Sahrane highlights that this motion's technological and electronic components helps in processing requisitions such as cheques, expenses and rooms.

T. David-Bashore, in reply to a question asked by R. Gaudet, states that long-term costs are likely to go down, but can't directly state the numerical stats on them. They cite market volatility as a justification.

T. David-Bashore, in reply to a question asked by A. Tardif-Levesque, cites that the plan will help in the long-term in saving on hardware and technological costs of maintaining any existing mainframes.

For: 8 Against:0 Abstain:0

5. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 19h07

Meeting officially called by CSU General Coordinator Lucinda Marshall-Kiparissis as per By- Law 6.6.3