



**CSU Regular Council Meeting**

**Wednesday, April 12<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 – March 8<sup>th</sup> RCM, Feb & Dec RCM edits
  - b) Reports from Committees
  - c) Executive Reports
  - d) Chairperson's Report
- 5. Presentations & Guest Speakers**
- 6. Appointments**
- 7. New Business – Informational**
- 8. New Business – Substantive**
  - a) Certificat de Selection du Quebec (CSQ)
  - b) Concordia Farmer's Market
  - c) Sustainability Committee Minutes
  - d) Community Action Fund - Provisional Committee
  - e) Health and Dental Plan RFP
  - f) CSU Annual General Meeting
  - g) Daycare
  - h) HOJO Renovation
  - i) Chancellor Reappointment
- 9. Question Period & Business Arising**
- 10. Announcements**
- 11. Adjournment**

## 1. Call to Order

Meeting called to order at 18h47

## 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), Lucinda Marshall-Kiparissis (General Coordinator), Marcus Peters (Loyola Coordinator), Sophia Sahrane (Academic & Advocacy Coordinator), Rami Yahia (Internal Affairs Coordinator), Aloyse Muller (External Affairs Coordinator), Thomas David-Bashore (Finance Coordinator)

Executives absent for the duration of the meeting were: Rachel Gauthier (Student Life Coordinator)

Councillors present for the duration of the meeting were, Rowan Gaudet (Arts & Science), Robert Young (Arts & Science), Christina Massaro (Arts & Science), Brittany Jackson (Arts & Science), Julia Sutura Sardo (Arts & Science), Artem Mikhalitsin (ENCS), Ahmed Badr (ENCS), Mikaela Clark-Gardner (Fine Arts), Bronte Macfarlane (JMSB), Omar Riaz (JMSB), Marie-Maxime Gélinas-Delisle (JMSB)

Councillors absent for the duration of the meeting were: Meissa Thiam (ENCS), Mugisha Joyce Kakou (ENCS), Agunik Mamikonyan (Arts & Science), Sara Betinjaneh (Arts & Science), Veronika Ryzewski (Arts & Science), April Tardif-Levesque (Arts & Science), AlexanderMilton (Arts & Science), Alaa Alkirbee (ENCS)

J. Sutura Sardo moves to excuse R. Gauthier notwithstanding Standing Regulation 393.  
Seconded by A. Bahr.

For:8      Against:0      Abstain:0

## 3. Approval of the Agenda

C. Robinson requests approval of the agenda.

For: 8      Against:0      Abstain:0

## 4. Consent Agenda

- a) Approval of the Minutes – March 8<sup>th</sup> RCM, Feb & Dec RCM edits
- b) Reports from Committees
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## 5. Presentations & Guest Speakers

Nil

## 6. Appointments

Nil

## 7. New Business – Informational

Nil

## 8. New Business – Substantive

a) Certificat de Sélection du Québec (CSQ)

**A.Muller presents the following motion. Seconded by A. Bahr.**

Be it resolved that the CSU endorse and support the conclusions of the Association Québécoise des Avocats et Avocates en droit de l'immigration (AQAADI) to the Ministre de l'immigration, de la diversité et de l'inclusion (MIDI), as outlined in its letter « PEQ - Décisions de rejet au motif d'avoir fourni une information ou un document faux ou trompeur concernant les compétences linguistiques en français (03.02.2017)».

A.Muller presents the motion by highlighting a pressing problem that is occurring on campus. The issue is that international students are now being sanctioned by the Ministry of Immigration for surprise French Oral tests. The allegation that is being made is that some them might have falsified or misreported their French language skills to the Ministry. What makes matters worse for international students is that they would have to shell out the necessary legal costs to prove the Ministry wrong with its assessment.

S. Sahrane believes that, as a consequence, international students have become the scapegoats to hide the fact the regulatory and administrative boards had failed to do their job properly.

For: 8                  Against: 0                  Abstain: 0

b) Concordia Farmer's Market

**L. Galbraith presents the following motion. Seconded by Julia.**

BIRT the CSU be mandated to draft an agreement between the Concordia Food Coalition, the Concordia Farmers Market and the Concordia Student Union to provide funding to the Market for operating costs and coordinator salary so that the Market may run for Spring, Summer, Fall and Winter.

BIFRT this agreement can be renegotiated a maximum of every five years.

BIFRT each year the Concordia Farmer's Market be allocated a maximum of 8,000\$ per year.

For L. Galbraith, following meetings with the executives of the mentioned groups, the motion's purpose is to help administratively and operationally manage the Concordia's Farmers' Market. To provide a bit of context, Galbraith states that the agreement would be similar in shape such as the Dish Project and the Hive Free Lunch Program.

For: 9            Against:0            Abstain:0

c) Sustainability Committee Minutes

**L. Galbraith moves to approve the Sustainability Committee Minutes. Seconded by J. Sutura Sardo.**

L. Galbraith just wanted to make that everything had been covered with the previous motion. Galbraith just desired for more oversight by Council with the motion.

For: 9            Against:0            Abstain: 0

d) Community Action Fund - Provisional Committee

**A.Muller presents the following motion. Seconded by R. Young**

Whereas the CSU Community Action Fund was created through referendum in the November 2016 By-elections;

Whereas the Standing Regulations governing the administration of the CSU Community Action Fund were adopted by the Council of Representatives at the occasion of the March Regular Council Meeting;

Be it resolved that a provisional committee be created effective immediately to administer the logistics surrounding the opening of the CSU Community Action Fund (CAF) until June 1, 2017;

Be it further resolved that, in the event that a new CAF committee has not been appointed by June 1, 2017, the mandate of the provisional committee be extended until such time as a new CAF committee has been appointed;

Be it further resolved that the provisional committee may not review applications nor grant fundings from the CAF;

In order to ensure a smooth transition, be it further resolved that any externally appointed CSU members to the Community Action Fund provisional committee be considered automatically members of the new CAF committee, and that the date of the creation of the new CAF committee be used to determine the start date of their mandate;

Be it further resolved that \$50,000 (fifty thousand dollars) be transferred from the SSAELC Fund to the Community Action Fund for its provision for the year 2017-18, as per Special Bylaw I., in preparation for the opening of the CAF;

Be it further resolved that the CSU Community Action Fund be officially launched and active on June 1, 2017.

The purpose of the committee, for Muller, is to help with the administrative side of the Community Action Fund rather than approving direct expenses. The committee would better institutionalize the Fund upon its establishment.

For:9                      Against:0                      Abstain: 0

**A.Muller moves to nominate themselves to the CAF Provisional Committee. Seconded by R. Young.**

R. Gaudet asks whether people on the committee would be required to be in the city during the summer. A.Muller states that current forms of online communication such as Skype and email will suffice.

A.Muller cites their motivation to sit on the committee as already being involved with this project off the ground.

**J. Sutera Sardo moves to nominate themselves to the CAF Provisional Committee. Seconded by R. Gaudet.**

J. Sutera Sardo desires to continuously be involved with the Concordia & CSU communities.

For: 8                      Against: 0                      Abstain: 3 (1 – J. Sutera Sardo)

**L. Galbraith moves for a 15-minute recess. Seconded by R. Young.**

For: 11                      Against: 0                      Abstain: 0

e) Health and Dental Plan RFP

**Meeting back in order at 19h30**

**R. Young moves for a closed session. Seconded by J. Sutera Sardo.**

For: 11                      Against: 0                      Abstain: 0

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

Whereas the CSU Health and Dental Plan Committee was formed with the mandate of executing a health and Dental Plan RFP Process, and submitting a recommendation to Council;

Whereas the Committee has determined that the CSU should continue its relationship with StudentCare (ASEQ) because the proponent offers competitive pricing, has consistently delivered services effectively and efficiently to CSU members, offers the most comprehensive services of any proponent, has a superior network of service providers, poses a low risk to the CSU, and offers greatest the potential to improve the plan in coming years;

Be it Resolved That the CSU finalize negotiations with StudentCare (ASEQ) and enter a contract effective September 1st, 2017;

Be it Further Resolved That the contract be consistent with the Request for Proposals published on February 1st, 2017, and with StudentCare's proposal to the Health and Dental Plan Committee;

Be if Further Resolved That the contract be for three (3) years, with two possible extensions of one (1) year each;

Be it Further Resolved That the cost of the health plan to a student enrolled be at maximum \$74.50 for a full year of coverage starting on September 1st, 2017;

Be it Further Resolved That the cost of the dental plan to a student enrolled be at maximum \$105.50 for a full year of coverage starting on September 1st, 2017.

For: 9            Against: 0            Abstain: 1

**T. David-Bashore moves to return back into open session. Seconded by J. Sutera Sardo.**

For: 9            Against: 0            Abstain: 1

**T. David-Bashore moves to ratify the motions made in closed session. Seconded by J. Sutera Sardo.**

For: 8            Against: 0            Abstain: 0

T. David-Bashore states that most of the committee's recommendations have been reflected in this council as well as getting a better deal with StudentCare as compared to last year. As a suggestion, David-Bashore requests the committee's responsibility and mandate be officially formalized. The hope is for CSU continuously advocate for better offers for students,

f) CSU Annual General Meeting

**L. Marshall-Kiparissis presents the following motion. Seconded by J. Sutera Sardo**

WHEREAS Article 5.2 of the Concordia Student Union By-Laws stipulates that the Annual General Meeting of the Corporation must be held on the last week of April as called by its Council of Representatives;

BE IT RESOLVED that the Concordia Student Union Annual General Meeting for the 2016/2017 year take place April 25 2017, from 16h00 to 19h00.

L. Marshall-Kiparissis cites this motion as necessary because of the Standing Regulations and Bylaws mandate Council to hold an AGM at this time of the semester. It is the CSU's responsibility as a non-profit corporation to act accordingly in holding this AGM.

For: 8            Against: 0            Abstain: 0

g) Daycare

**L. Marshall-Kiparissis presents the following motion. Seconded by R. Gaudet.**

BE IT RESOLVED that \$23 050 be expensed from the Student Space, Accessible Education and Legal Contingency and Fund towards the decontamination of the future site of the CSU Daycare.

Marshall-Kiparissis cites this motion critically important since the daycare would be house in an old building downtown currently filled with cancerous compound of asbestos.

For: 7                  Against: 0                  Abstain: 1

h) HOJO Renovation

**L. Marshall-Kiparissis presents the following motion. Seconded by M.-M. Gelinas-Delisle**

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the CSU Council of Representatives approve of the CSU Executive signing the letter of intent between the CSU and Concordia University as presented, regarding the renovation and relocation of the CSU's HOJO offices;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT \$167,800.00 be expensed from the Student Space, Accessible Education, and Legal Contingency Fund towards the CSU's share of the renovated and relocated HOJO offices.

Marshall-Kiparissis states the motion as purely administrative to cover its shared cost following negotiations between the CSU and the university administration. As for the three-day response period brought up by a councillor, Marshall-Kiparissis cites that the CSU is not directly implicated to give a solid reply because of the governing structure that exists to prevent unilateral executive decrees.

For: 9                  Against: 0                  Abstain: 0

i) Chancellor Reappointment

**L. Marshall-Kiparissis presents the following motion. Seconded by R. Young**

WHEREAS Jonathan Wener was appointed as Concordia University's Chancellor beginning January 2015, following an October 2014 mandate from Concordia's Board of Directors;

WHEREAS Article 10 of Concordia University's By-Laws delineates three years as term length for Members of the Corporation (ie. the University);

WHEREAS the Fine Arts Student Alliance passed a motion formally condemning Jonathan Wener's appointment as Chancellor at a general assembly on November 17 2014;

WHEREAS this motion included the following preamble clauses:

“Whereas Wener, in being both on Concordia’s Board of Governors and as a real estate magnate, was a central figure in the administration’s pressure tactics for the Concordia Student Union to purchase student space in the Faubourg Ste-Catherine, a proposal which was overwhelmingly rejected by Concordia’s undergraduate body in 2010 through referendum, and again rejected by the Concordia Student Union Council in 2011; “Whereas Wener’s involvement with the failed Faubourg proposal is indicative of a lack of respect for undergraduate student democratic mechanisms and the consequential decisions made;

“Whereas Wener is a sitting member of the Fraser Institute’s Board of Directors, as well as 2010 recipient of the Institute’s Founder’s Award;

“Whereas Wener’s involvement with the Fraser institute implicates him in the ideologies of neo-liberalism, conservatism, anti-unionism and the privatisation and commodification of the public sphere, as well as advocacy for non-renewable energy resource industries”

BE IT RESOLVED THAT representatives of the Concordia Student Union be mandated to oppose the reappointment of Jonathan Wener as Chancellor of Concordia University, should it be presented to the Concordia Board of Governors.

L. Marshall-Kiparissis believes that Concordia University can and must do well in picking its next Chancellor other than the aforementioned individual. In harkening back to a previous motion passed at a faculty council meeting, Marshall-Kiparissis cites the negative pressure tactics employed by the individual in attempting to purchase real estate for the school. Citing personal reservations, Marshall-Kiparissis does not in favour with the individual being re-appointed to their position.

R. Gaudet has heard about this individual before they got involved on Council and deems it greatly appropriate that the CSU take a public stand against this individual’s re-appointment.

For: 8            Against:0            Abstain:2

## 9. Question Period & Business Arising

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

BIRT the Health and Dental Plan Committee continue to meet with a mandate to develop a final price for the health and dental plan for the 2017-2018 Academic year, and a recommendation of pricing for the 2018-2019 Academic year, with its recommendation to be presented at the first Council Meeting of May 2017.

The purpose of the motion is to institutionalize the committee’s mandate to include the price selection option.

For: 9            Against:0            Abstain:1

## 10. Announcements

L. Marshall-Kiparissis wishes for Council to attend the Annual General Assembly on April 25<sup>th</sup> at 4:00 pm in the CSU Lounge. Marshall-Kiparissis states that quorum is 40 people.

L. Galbraith states the Legal Information Clinic will be holding a Legal Immigration to Quebec event on April 18<sup>th</sup> from 12:00-2:00pm.

M. Peters states that there are seats open on Judicial Board. Appointments are for a lifetime as long as they remain a Concordia student. Peters wants people to spread the message along about the availability of seats on the Board.

M. Peters mentions that 3000 individuals' have responded to the CSU undergraduate survey.

L. Galbraith mentions that there will be Connecting Landscapes End of Semester Jam to highlight the successes and accomplishments with the project.

J. Sutera Sardo states that there will be an ASFA Annual General Assembly on May 11<sup>th</sup> 3:30pm. Those in the Faculty of Arts & Science should attend the event.

## **11. Adjournment**

**S. Sahrane moves to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by R. Young.**

For:9      Against:0      Abstain:0

**Meeting adjourned at 20h17**