



Concordia Student Union – Council of Representatives

**CSU Council-Elect Meeting
Wednesday, May 17th, 2017
18h30 – SGW H439**

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.

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- 7. Council Retreat and Training**
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- 10. Announcements**
- 11. Adjournment**

1. Call to Order

Meeting called to order at 18h35

C. Robinson goes over some housekeeping details about the roles and functions of the Council of Representatives of Concordia Student Union. Robinson stresses on respect and civility for the proceedings of every Council meeting.

2. Roll Call

C. Robinson explains that the Council-Elect meeting is considered as a Regular Council meeting. Therefore, any excusals from this current meeting must be presented for consideration a la

J. Sutera Sardo moves to excuse all the following individuals. Seconded by R. Gaudet.

For: 11 Against:0 Abstain:0

Council-Elect Chairperson: *Caitlin Robinson*

Council-Elect Minute Keeper: *Caleb Owusu-Acheaw*

Executives-Elect present for the duration of the meeting were: *Devon Ellis-Durity* (Sustainability Coordinator), *Leyla Sutherland* (Student Life Coordinator), *Omar Riaz* (General Coordinator), *Maria Gabriela Polanco* (Loyola Coordinator), *Asma Mushtaq* (Academic & Advocacy Coordinator), *Veronika Rydzewski* (Internal Affairs Coordinator), *Ahmed Badr* (External Affairs Coordinator), *Soulaymane El Alaoui* (Finance Coordinator)

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

Councillors-Elect present for the duration of the meeting were: *Rowan Gaudet* (Arts & Science), *Julia Sutera Sardo* (Arts & Science), *Aouatif Zebiri* (Arts & Science), *Camille Thompson-Marchand* (Arts & Science), *Dylan Applebaum* (Arts & Science), *Rory Blaisdell* (Arts & Science), *Sally Younis* (Arts & Science), *Khadidja Komah* (Arts & Science), *Rim Hamila* (Arts & Science), *Mikaela Clark-Gardner* (Fine Arts),

Councillors-Elect absent for the duration of the meeting were: *Ali Sherra* (Arts & Science), *Charlotte Genest* (Arts & Science), *Eamon Toohey* (Arts & Science), *Jeremy Laxer* (Arts & Science), *Tabea Vischer* (Arts & Science), *Patrick Magallanes* (Arts & Science), *Ahmed Jemma* (ENCS), *Alienor Lougerstay* (ENCS), *Peter Zhuang* (Fine Arts)

3. Approval of the Agenda

J. Sutera Sardo moves to approve the agenda. Seconded by A. Zebiri

For:9 Against:0 Abstain:0

4. General Coordinator's Report

O. Riaz appreciates the presence of those at the meeting tonight. Riaz mentions that training has already started for the new executives. Riaz's hope, in the coming weeks, more information will be provided to Council for the next academic year.

5. Setting the Time of Regular Meetings

Veronika R., citing past CSU experience, believes that Wednesdays at 18h30 has always been a comfortable fit.

A few members of the Council find some difficulty with the time proposed by Veronika R due to class schedule conflicts. However, other councillors have made personal accommodations with their academic calendars to make room for the meetings.

Veronika R. moves to hold CSU Council of Representatives meetings at Wednesdays at 18h30. Seconded by J. Sutera Sardo.

D. Applebaum cites that it is unjustifiable to think that something that has worked in the past would eventually work in the future.

There was general discussion about the time set by Veronika R. by a few councillors. Their concern stresses on the requirement of attendance with the respective courses during the academic year.

R. Gaudet sources the By-laws and the Standing Regulations pertaining to Council attendance in relation to missing class. In addition, Gaudet states that some faculties at Concordia are fairly flexible in terms of potential class conflicts with CSU Council meetings.

For: 8 Against:0 Abstain:2

6. Appointments

a) Council Chair

J. Sutera Sardo moves to go into closed session. Seconded by O. Riaz

For: 9 Against: 0 Abstain: 1

S. El Alaoui moves to appoint O. Riaz as interim Chairperson. Seconded by J. Sutera Sardo.

For: 8 Against: 0 Abstain: 1

J. Sutera Sardo moves to appoint C. Robinson as the Chairperson of the 2017-2018 CSU Council of Representatives. Seconded by A. Zebiri.

For: 9 Against: 0 Abstain: 0

J. Sutera Sardo moves to reinstate C. Robinson as Chairperson of the Council-Elect meeting. Seconded by A. Zebiri.

For: 7 Against: 0 Abstain: 2

b) Council Minute-Keeper

J. Sutera Sardo moves to appoint Corinne Ouimet as Minute Keeper of the 2017-2018 CSU Council of Representatives. Seconded by A. Zebiri.

For: 9 Against:0 Abstain:0

J. Sutera Sardo moves to go into open session. Seconded by R. Gaudet.

For:8 Against:0 Abstain:0

J. Sutera Sardo moves to ratify the motions and proceedings made in closed session. Seconded by R. Gaudet.

For:6 Against:0 Abstain:2

c) Councillors to University Senate

R. Gaudet moves that contested councillor appointments be done by secret ballot with each councillor having the same number of votes as there are available seats. Seconded by J. Sutera Sardo.

R. Gaudet's desire for the motion is to remove the personal aspects of any appointments made by the Council-Elect.

For:7 Against:0 Abstain:2

O. Riaz suggests that appointments to the Senate do not have to be completed at this juncture because Council attendance isn't full tonight.

O. Riaz mentions that there are 4 seats available on the University Senate, two for CSU councillors and two seats for faculties (Arts & Science and Fine Arts). V. Rydzewski echoes the previous remarks of O. Riaz by offering the option of waiting until a full Council attendance.

J. Sutera Sardo moves to nominate themselves to the University Senate. Seconded by R. Gaudet.

J. Sutera Sardo cites their past and current involvement at Concordia University, CSU and ASFA pertaining to student concerns especially for the Arts & Science Faculty.

R. Gaudet moves to nominate A. Sherra to the University Senate. Consented by A. Sherra

R. Gaudet reads a letter of motivation on behalf of A. Sherra.

S. El Alaoui moves to nominate D. Applebaum to the University Senate. Consented by D. Applebaum

S. El Alaoui reads a letter of motivation on behalf of D. Applebaum.

R. Blaisdell moves to nominate themselves to the University Senate. Seconded by J. Sutera Sardo

Blaisdell cites their academic career as experience in recognizing the functions of university administration. Blaisdell desires to advocate for student rights at the Senate.

M. Clark-Gardner moves to nominate themselves to the University Senate. Seconded by O. Riaz.

Clark-Gardner desires to suggest inclusive and democratic policies and implement new forms of accessible pedagogical of education.

S. El Alaoui moves to table the topic to the June Council meeting. Seconded by A. Zebiri.

S. El Alaoui wants to be fair towards those who might be interested in being on the Senate as well as councilors not currently present.

For: 3 Against:4 Abstain:2

V. Rydzewski mentions that the main issue that is being discussed with the Senate nomination procedure is the interpretation for the CSU Standing Regulations. There seems to be an apparent internal conflict with the powers of the Council-Elect in making appointments to the Senate.

There is an agreement that the remaining Senate seats be open to the non-Council general student public. Efforts should and must be made to achieve gender and racial diversity with future appointments to the Senate.

O. Riaz moves to appoint J. Sutera Sardo and M. Clark-Gardner to the University Senate as the Arts & Science and Fine Arts Faculty representatives respectively. Seconded by S. El Alaoui.

O. Riaz states that these two appointments are not in contention, therefore it is deemed appropriate to act accordingly.

For:6 Against:0 Abstain: 2 (1 – J. Sutera Sardo)

S. El Alaoui states that it is difficult to voice the views of nominated individuals to the Senate. El Alaoui deems it appropriate to wait for those individuals to return to at a future Council meeting.

J. Sutera Sardo moves to suspend Roberts' Rules of Order. Seconded by A. Zebiri

For:7 Against:0 Abstain:0

J. Sutera Sardo moves to add "CAF" as i) under Appointments. Seconded by A. Zebiri

For:6 Against:0 Abstain:3

J. Sutera Sardo moves to reinstate Robert's Rules of Order. Seconded C. Thompson-Marchand

For: 9 Against:0 Abstain: 0

J. Sutera Sardo moves to excuse themselves from the remainder of this meeting. Seconded C. Thompson-Marchand

For:7 Against:0 Abstain:2

A. Bahr moves for a recess. Seconded by A. Zebiri

For:7 Against:0 Abstain:1

Meeting called back to order at

O. Riaz moves to reconsider the motion to table the topic to the June Meeting. Seconded by C. Thompson-Marchand.

For:3 Against:0 Abstain:3

For:3 Against:0 Abstain:4

d) Councillors to Standing Committees

V. Rydzewski explains the functions of the Clubs & Space Committee in reviewing and approving all budget expenses for CSU Clubs. As the newly elected Internal & Clubs Coordinator, V. Rydzewski states that they are the liaison between the CSU and its clubs.

A. Zebiri moves to nominate E. Toohey to the Clubs & Space Committee. Consented by E. Toohey.

A. Zebiri reads a letter of motivation on behalf of E. Toohey.

R. Hamila moves to nominate themselves to the Clubs & Space Committee. Seconded by S. El Alaoui

R. Hamila seems committed in presenting new ideas and concepts with the hope having more clubs interaction at CSU events.

R. Biasidel moves to nominate themselves to the Clubs & Space Committee. Seconded by S. El Alaoui.

R. Biasidel cites their previous experience as a former ex-CSU club executive in knowing the mechanics of Clubs and Space.

O. Riaz moves to omnibus all the nominations as appointments to the Clubs & Space Committee. Seconded A. Bahr.

For:7 Against:0 Abstain:2

V. Rydzewski explains the purpose and role of the Appointments Committee. The work will commence this summer with appointments to other CSU committees as well as University committees.

R. Gaudet moves to nominate themselves to the Appointments Committee. Seconded by O. Riaz.

R. Gaudet cites their recent experience with the CSU Appointments Committee from the previous Council year.

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

R. Gaudet motivates on behalf for J. Sutera Sardo as being deeply involved in student politics.

A. Zebiri moves to nominate themselves to the Appointments Committee. Seconded by O. Riaz

A. Zebiri cites their past experience as a Member-At-Large for some CSU Committees.

C. Thompson-Marchand moves to nominate themselves to the Appointments Committee. Seconded by R. Gaudet.

C. Thompson-Marchand cites their experience with QPIRG Concordia in being involved with the appointments procedure.

L. Sutherland moves to omnibus all the nominations as appointments to the Appointments Committee. Seconded by V. Rydzewski.

For: 9 Against:0 Abstain:0

A. Mushtaq explains the purpose and role of the Policy Committee. The committee's work includes reviewing the CSU's By-Laws and Standing Regulations as well as suggesting new forms of policy for the union.

S. El Alaoui moves to nominate R. Blaisdell to the Policy Committee. Consented by R. Blaisdell

R. Blaisdell cites their past experience in writing and developing policy inside school associations and outside with professional and career experience.

A. Zebiri moves to nominate themselves to the Policy Committee. Seconded by C. Thompson-Marchand.

Zebiri mentions their past involvement with CSU committees as being a member-at large. Zebiri cites their grasp of CSU By-Laws and Standing Regulations as a consequence of their involvement.

A. Zebiri moves to nominate J. Laxer to the Policy Committee. Consented by J. Laxer.

C. Robinson reads a letter of motivation on behalf of J. Laxer.

R. Gaudet moves to nominate themselves to the Policy Committee. Seconded by M. Clark-Gardner

Gaudet cites their experience with the Political Science Students Association and the CSU in terms of policy review and development. Gaudet has an interest in restructuring election policy of the union.

S. El Alaoui moves to omnibus all nominations as appointments to the Policy Committee. Seconded by V. Rydzewski.

For:9 Against:0 Abstain:0

S. El Alaoui explains the purpose and role of the Finance Committee. The committee acts a body of oversight and approval for large financial transactions of the union as well as reviewing its financial operations.

D. Applebaum moves to nominate themselves to the Finance Committee. Seconded by S. El Alaoui

Applebaum cites their academic career in studying accounting and finance as an asset in being a member of the Finance Committee.

R. Gaudet moves to nominate themselves to the Finance Committee. Seconded by A. Zebiri

Gaudet cites their past experience with the CSU and PSSA as legitimate source for being a member of the Committee.

S. El Alaoui moves to nominate R. Blaisdell to the Finance Committee. Seconded by R. Blaisdell

Blaisdell, studying finance at JMSB, deems themselves as capable and willing member to the Committee.

M. Clark Gardner appreciates the level of interest of councilors to join committees, but remarks on the sufficient level of commitment required to serve the best interests of council. Veronika R. stresses the importance of reaching gender equality and representation on committees.

D. Applebaum moves to omnibus all nominations as appointments to the Finance Committee. Seconded by A. Bahr.

For: 8 Against:0 Abstain:1

L. Sutherland's S. El Alaoui explains the purpose and role of the Student Life Committee. The committee's work includes approving funding for student-led initiatives and projects and taking charge of Orientation activities on campus.

C. Thompson-Marshall moves to nominate themselves to the Student Life Committee. Seconded by S. Younis

Thompson-Marshall explains their enjoyment in being involved in student campaigns and projects on campus as well as their experience with active groups on campus.

S. Younis moves to nominate themselves to the Student Life Committee. Seconded by R. Blaisdell

K. Komah moves to nominate themselves to the Student Life Committee. Seconded by R. Blaisdell

Komah believes their passion for student life and engagement on campus will be more than sufficient as a member of this committee.

O. Riaz moves to nominate P. Zhuang to the Student Life Committee. Consented by Peter Zhuang

Veronika R. moves omnibus all the nominations as appointments to the Student Life Committee. Seconded by C. Thompson-Marshall.

For:6 Against:0 Abstain:0

A. Bahr provides an explanation for the External & Campaigns Committee. The committee's work is about political mobilization and engagement pertaining to the union's annual campaign.

S. Younis moves to nominate themselves to the External and Campaigns Committee. Seconded by A. Zebiri

A. Zebiri moves to nominate themselves to the External and Campaigns Committee. Seconded by C. Thompson-Marchand.

Zebiri cites their active involvement in campaigns and external mobilization pertaining to concerns of international students.

C. Thompson-Marchand moves to nominate A. Sherra to the External and Campaigns Committee. Consented by A. Sherra.

Thompson-Marchand reads a letter of motivation on behalf of A. Sherra.

R. Gaudet moves to nominate T. Vischer to the External and Campaigns Committee. Consented by T. Vischer.

R. Gaudet reads a letter of motivation on behalf of T. Vischer.

R. Gaudet moves to nominate C. Genest to the External and Campaigns Committee. Consented by C. Genest.

R. Gaudet reads a letter of motivation on behalf of C. Genest.

Through a secret ballot, A. Zebiri and S. Younis have been appointed to the External and Campaigns Committee.

R. Hamila moves to leave the remaining two positions open for the June Regular Council Meeting. Seconded by C. Thompson-Marchand.

For: 8 Against:0 Abstain:1

D. Ellis-Durity's explains the role and purpose of the Sustainability Committee. The committee's work includes policy review, environmental sustainability and ethics, gender advocacy and accessibility.

A. Zebiri moves to nominate T. Vischer to the Sustainability Committee. Consented by T. Vischer

Zebiri reads a letter of motivation on behalf of T. Vischer.

R. Gaudet moves to nominate C. Gemest to the Sustainability Committee. Consented by C. Gemest

Gaudet reads a letter of motivation on behalf of C. Gemest.

K. Komah moves to nominate themselves to the Sustainability Committee. Seconded by R. Hamila

Komah's interest for the committee stems from their personal life in being environmentally conscious.

R. Hamila moves to nominate themselves to the Sustainability Committee. Seconded by R. Gaudet.

Hamila's interest for the committee stems from their academic career in stating that engineering students aren't properly represented on issues pertaining to environmental sustainability.

O. Riaz moves to nominate P. Zhuang to the Sustainability Committee. Consented by P. Zhuang.

Riaz reads a letter of motivation on behalf of P. Zhuang.

By a secret ballot vote, C. Gemest, K. Komah and R. Hamila and T. Vischer have been appointed to the Sustainability Committee.

G. Polanco's provides the role and purpose of the Loyola Committee. This year's mandate will have a focus on accessibility and mobility

R. Gaudet moves to nominate C. Gemest to the Loyola Committee. Consented by C. Gemest.

Gaudet reads a letter of motivation on behalf of C. Gemest.

C. Thompson-Marshall moves to appoint C. Genest to the Loyola Committee. Seconded by A. Bahr

Devon Ellis-Durity's provides the role and purpose of the BIPOC Committee. The committee's work includes promoting and supporting student initiatives pertaining to black, indigenous and people of colour issues. L. Sutherland explains the BIPOC appointment requirements as stated in the Standing Regulations.

e) Signing Officers

O. Riaz and S. El Alaoui refer to the Standing Regulations in stating that the union needs signing officers for approval and signature of cheques.

O. Riaz moves to nominate R. Gaudet as a CSU Signing Officer. Consented by R. Gaudet.

R. Blaisdell wonders if Signing Officers have insurance protection per their roles and functions as members of the Council of Representatives. V. Rydzewski replies in stating that the Council (as an official Board per the Quebec Companies Act) has insurance, but isn't so sure if Signing Officers have additional forms of protection. V. Rydzewski mentions that they will talk to the union's lawyer about the matter.

S. El Alaoui moves to nominate O. Riaz as a CSU Signing Officer. Consented by O. Riaz

There was a discussion and debate on whether the General Coordinator can be appointed as signing officers of the union even if on a temporary basis. The rising concern is the unintentional conflict of interest with Riaz being both the General Coordinator and a potential Signing Officer ("signing your own cheque" as an example).

R. Blaisdell moves to nominate themselves as a CSU Signing Officer under reservation. Seconded by A. Bahr.

O. Riaz moves to appoint both R. Gaudet and R. Blaisdell as CSU Signing Officers up until the first September Regular Council Meeting. Seconded by S. El Alaoui.

For: 8 Against:0 Abstain:1

S. El Alaoui moves to appoint O. Riaz as a CSU Signing Officer for the 2017-2018 academic year. Seconded by A. Bahr.

For:9 Against:0 Abstain:0

f) Concordia Council on Student Life

L. Sutherland moves to appoint themselves and V. Rydzewski as the CSU executives to the Concordia Council on Student Life. Seconded by O. Riaz.

For: 8 Against:0 Abstain:1

A.Zebiri moves to nominate E. Toohey to the Concordia Council on Student Life. Consented by T. Vischer

Zebiri reads a letter of motivation on behalf of E. Toohey.

R. Hamila moves to nominate themselves to the Concordia Council on Student Life. Seconded by O. Riaz

Hamila states that they would like to have more of an active role with student life on campus.

R. Gaudet moves to omnibus the nominations as appointments to the Concordia Council on Student Life. Seconded by A. Zebiri

For:9 Against:0 Abstain:0

g) Library Services Fund Committee

O. Riaz moves to nominate both A. Mushtaq and L. Sutherland as the CSU executives to the Library Services Fund Committee. Consented by both A. Mushtaq and L. Sutherland.

Both A. Mushtaq and L. Sutherland cite their passion and personal frequent use of library services. Their hope is to continue the efforts made by the library to promote a welcoming environment for Concordia students.

For: 9 Against: 0 Abstain: 0

M. Clark-Gardner moves to nominate themselves to the Library Services Fund Committee. Seconded by R. Gaudet.

Clark-Gardner cites their love and frequent use of libraries. With the renovations, Clark-Gardner seems the potential for greater growth to expand services to students on campus.

R. Gaudet moves to nominate J. Sutera Sardo to the Library Services Fund Committee. Consented by J. Sutera Sardo.

Gaudet motivates for Sutera Sardo as being a hard worker and committed to the task.

R. Gaudet moves to omnibus the nominations as appointments to the Library Services Fund Committee.

For:8 Against:0 Abstain:1

h) Burritoville CSU Seat

O. Riaz explains the current existence and financial situation of Burritoville. Burritoville still is in existence during its termination proceedings. The hope is that the COOP is not forced to declare bankruptcy. At this current juncture, Aloyse Muller has resigned from the Burritoville's Board as a preventative measure to solely put blame on Muller as an original co-signer.

Council inquires more about the appointment and signatory procedure of how Muller got involved.

R. Gaudet moves to mandate the General Coordinator to provide a status update of the situation at the June Regular Council meeting. Seconded by S. El Alaoui.

For: 9 Against:0 Abstain:0

i) Community Action Fund

M. Clark-Gardner moves to appoint Aloyse Muller to the Community Action Fund. Seconded by R. Gaudet.

R. Gaudet states that the orginal intention of Muller's involvement with the CAF was that they would continue after the end of their executive mandate.

L. Sutherland moves amend the motion to include a timeline from "June 1st to September 15th 2017" as requested by A. Muller. Seconded by R. Gaudet. Considered friendly.

For: 8 Against:0 Abstain:0

7. Council Retreat and Training

V. Rydzewski states that the retreat will be held a weekend sometime in September for the Council, once in office. The retreat is crafted as a form of team-building and collaboration with workshops pertaining to Robert's Rules of Order and University governance.

8. CSU Email Addresses and Council Communications

L. Sutherland and C. Robinson explain and stress on the level of information, if otherwise, will be subject to Council discretion and confidentiality. At the same time, all official documentation, if otherwise, will be sent by email.

9. Question Period

A. Bahr states the deadline to present and submit campaign proposals for the CSU has been extended until further notice.

C. Robinson mentions to Council that the next meeting dates and times will be provided as well as to refer to the Standing Regulations for more information.

D. Applebaum desires that dates and times of committee meetings be made aware to Council and the general public.

10. Announcements

A. Mushtaq mentions that any dietary or food restrictions for Council meetings should be made known to them or L. Sutherland.

11. Adjournment

A. Bahr moves to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by R. Gaudet.

For:8 Against:0 Abstain:0

Meeting adjourned at 23h08