



## Concordia Student Union – Council of Representatives

### **CSU Regular Council Meeting - Agenda Wednesday, October 11<sup>th</sup>, 2017 MB-9A, 18h30, S.G.W Campus**

**1. Call to Order**

**2. Roll Call**

**3. Approval of the Agenda**

**4. Consent Agenda**

**a) Approval of the Minutes – September 20<sup>th</sup> (RCM), September 25<sup>th</sup> (SCM)**

**b) Reports from Committees**

**c) Executive Reports**

**d) Positions Books**

**e) Chairperson's Report**

**5. Presentations & Guest Speakers**

**a) General Undergraduate Survey Research Report**

**6. Appointments**

**a) CEO Appointment**

**b) Loyola Committee (1 seat)**

**7. Returning Business**

**a) Chairperson's report**

**b) External Committee Report**

**c) CAF Report**

**d) June 14th Minutes**

**8. New Business – Informational**

**9. New Business – Substantive**

**a) ASEQ**

**b) November Demonstration**

**c) Consent Training**

**d) Strategic Planning Cammie**

**e) Council Retreat**

**f) By-Elections**

**10. Question Period & Business Arising**

**11. Announcements**

**12. Adjournment**

## 1. CALL TO ORDER

Meeting Called to Order at 18h39.

**Chair:** This meeting is called to order.

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.

## 2. ROLL CALL

### 1. Roll Call

Council Chairperson: *Caitlin Robinson*

Council Minute Keeper: *Corinne Ouimet*

Executives present for the duration of the meeting were: *Omar Riaz (General Coordinator), Asma Mushtaq (Academic & Advocacy Coordinator), Veronika Rydzewski (Internal Affairs Coordinator), Maria Gabriela Polanco (Loyola Coordinator), Leyla Sutherland (Student Life Coordinator), and Devon Ellis-Darity (Sustainability Coordinator).*

Executives absent for the duration of the meeting were:

*Asma Mushtaq (Academic & Advocacy Coordinator), Soulaymane El Alaoui (Finance Coordinator),*

Councillors present for the duration of the meeting were: *Rim Hamila (Engineering and Computer Science), Khadidja Komah (Engineering and Computer Science), Sally Younis (Engineering and Computer Science), Peter Zhuang (Fine Arts), Eamon Toohey (Arts and Science), Camille Thompson-Marchand (Arts and Science), Alienor Lougerstay (Engineering and Computer Science), **Julia Sutera Sardo:** *Sutera Sardo (Arts and Science), Dylan Applebaum (John Molson School of Business) Jeremy Laxer (Arts and Science), Patrick Megallanes (Arts and Science), Rowan Gaudet (Arts and Science). Ali Sherra (Arts and Science), Aouatif Zebiri (Arts and Science), Tabea Vischer (Arts and Science) **Ahmed Badr:** *Jemma (Engineering and Computer Science), Rory Blaisdell (John Molson School of Business), Charlotte Genest (Arts and Science).***

Councillors absent for the duration of the meeting were:

*Mikaela Clark-Gardner (Arts and Science)*

**Julia Suter Sardo:** motions to excuse the three absent members.

*The motion is seconded by Omar Riaz.*

**VOTE**

In Favor: 12

Opposed: 0

Abstentions: 0

*The motion to excuse those absent carries.*

### **3. Approval of the Agenda**

**Rory Blaisdell** adds "Clubs Committee" to the Appointments Agenda.

**Julia Suter Sardo** adds a point of information called "Food".

**Rowan Gaudet** motions to pull both the Loyola and the External Mobilization Coordinator's reports, and put them under separate points under Business Substantive for approval.

**VOTE**

In Favor: 13

Opposed: 0

Abstentions: 1

*The motion carries.*

**Rowan Gaudet** adds a new point under new Business Substantive called Executive report, Informational.

**Chair:** We can move straight into presentations and guest speakers and give the floor to Marcus to give the General Undergraduate Survey Research Report.

### **5. Presentations & Guest Speakers**

**Marcus:** Hello. There are 13 slides to this report and it's open to questions at the end.

That being said, this is a table of contents for the presentation, the survey, recommendations for future surveys, the web app and the results. The results are separated into four categories. They're exhaustive document, so I'll explain them.

The survey was launched for one month, with a survey question sent out each Tuesday, which was decided as the optimal time. There were approximately 1500 responses for each, and the cleaning of the data took longer than expected. It was planned to end in April and was designed for long-term study. The point of this presentation is to give you a clear idea of the results of the responses of the undergraduates.

I've heard anecdotally that Concordia has one of the biggest Muslim populations of any University so I regret that religion is not part of the survey. Also there's economic background, and the data wasn't weighted which can affect some of the results, such as information about gender. The information is available on the Concordia website under 'fast facts'. The web app was made by a contract programmer using the language "AR", all the limits to the data are included in the report and it is only as true as the methodology included in the report. We'll take a look at that, it's on the CSU site right now under Projects, if you go to Survey.

It shows all of the descriptive analysis inferential mapping and data so you can change the output formulas. If ever you need to reference the demographics at Concordia you can see that it's all within an accessible format. You can also run inferential statistics including Anova. The point is that if you want to test the effectiveness of programs launched by the CSU included in future surveys you can use this application to do so. For example if we go to debt, and select 'potato use', we can find a positive linear relationship between Potato use and debt. This means that students with debt are more likely to attend the People's Potato than not. This might seem obvious, but it shows the utility of the application regarding demographics. There is currently no mapping plugin to put the actual demographics over the map, so a lot of geography and social science projects will have a map as a function. But it could be added at the discretion of anyone who would want it. There aren't as many points as expected; it only aggregates the first three postal code digits of the respondents to respect their privacy. That data is not fully anonymous, but the publically available dataset is. Upon request anyone can ask for access with a valid reason, which can be downloaded. The whole point was to make the student body information accessible.

The results of the General Undergraduate Survey: Paying international tuition is related with a 5.6 % decrease in grades. It shows that it hurts grades, and it demonstrates the relation between the factors. It also eliminates counterarguments that assign cause to other factors. It is similar with student loans, the way you can interpret these statistics as an argument for free education. If you are working 20 hours a week it is associated with a 20% decrease in grades if you study full-time. You can see the rest of the results here; scholarships and trust funds are associated with an increase in grades.

It paints a picture of financial security contributing to higher grade outcomes. A section of the survey was devoted to issues of harassment and discrimination, unfortunately because the analysis took a long time and our time was limited, we didn't get a chance to run the whole test. What we have is a breakdown of the frequency of the events, and we have discrimination based on gender, orientation, ableism, and racism. These are the findings of the survey, there are however some methodological issues with this survey due to the phrasing of the questions and that they are not weighted.

But it could be gone over and improved. We also noted earlier that debt of over 1000\$ raises the likelihood of using the people's potato, as does being vegan or vegetarian. This is using both the Loyola free lunch program as well as the people's potato and assessing them based on income and debt. It's kind of heartening because we can interpret the results as showing that the programs are of special benefit to those who get involved in extracurricular activities and promotes healthier diets. That's one way of looking at the survey there's a visual representation here as well for Potato use and debt. This is

a difference of means test, the likelihood is based on debt, the confidence intervals stretches to 80% with the blue line value being a 95%. There's other metrics we could use of course, and I've listed a couple for the free lunch programs. At the People's Potato, an average of 265 people were served daily. The cost per person per day is only seventy three cents. If we were to assess the efficiency per person we can conclude they are extremely efficient.

When it comes to ENCS students, they rate their professors lower than students from any other faculty. Arts and Science students rate professor's attempts to connect them with employers lower than anyone else, and Fine Arts students disfavor their employability. Arts and Science students find themselves employable, and JMSB find their professors ineffective at communicating concepts. But this is entirely based on student perceptions, and it's interesting that the CSU is effective at filling the gaps of some of these educational needs. These are the overall results.

**Rory Blaisdell:** It was a comment about the discrimination by gender, ableism, you had four of them and I didn't find them here in the report.

**Marcus:** Gender, Ability, Sexual Orientation and Race.

**Rory Blaisdell:** And the question was which campus spaces it was overwhelmingly in classrooms and departmental spaces, it's a comment for us, it's a big takeaway for us. The bulk of the discrimination occurs in classrooms it seems. It's my observation.

**Marcus:** It's an interesting finding. When it comes to interpreting those results because of the methodological issues you have to take the findings with a grain of salt, but the findings are part of the Gender Advocacy's mapping research project.

**Rory Blaisdell:** Did you send the data to the ECSD?

**Marcus:** I hope the summary report will be uploaded to the access panel of the CSU so it will be available.

**Rory Blaisdell:** It's a shame that the Academic Advocacy coordinator isn't here today, this is something that I've experienced as a student registered with that office, and I have to go through it with every professor there. To hear that other students reported it in this Survey and nothing's being done about it. I feel that this sort of reinforces that we should be advocating to these offices that they need to be making changes within their faculty spheres. More of a comment than a question.

**Marcus:** I agree, it is regret that we did not have the resources to conduct an analysis on that side. I have seen a lot of anecdotal accounts online on social media about racism in these faculties. It would be an interesting test to do, it's at the discretion of everyone in the room. There is the positions book to form actions on.

**Chair:** Any more questions or comments for Marcus? Thank you very much for coming. The slide show is available if anyone is interested. Thank you very much Marcus. With that we can move on to point six.

## 6. CEO Appointment

**Veronika Rydzewski** motions to go into closed session.

**Julia Sutura Sardo** seconds the motion.

### VOTE

In Favor: 11

Opposed: 0

Abstentions: 4

**The motion to enter closed session carries.**

*ENTERED CLOSED SESSION AT 19H03*

**Rowan Gaudet** motions to bring the meeting back into open session.

**Julia Sutura Sardo** seconds the motion.

### VOTE

In Favor: 13

Opposed: 0

Abstentions: 2

*RETURNED TO OPEN SESSION AT 19h38*

## 6.B) Loyola Committee

**Gabriela Polanco:** We still have a spot open in our wonderful committee comprised of Charlotte, Peter and Rowan. I would mention that the whole point of the Loyola Committee is to bring life into Loyola. People feel that Loyola is stigmatized, that it's a whole other country. I encourage you to consider joining the committee. It would be worth it.

**Chair:** If anyone would like to sit on the Loyola committee, and there are by elections coming up.

**Aouatif Zebiri:** Point of information, to Gabby, is the committee able to run as-is?

**Gabriela Polanco:** Yes. We've been working as-is.

**Chair:** If there are no nominations this will come back next meeting. If not we can move on to clubs and space committee, there was a last minute resignation from Rory that will come up in my Chairperson's report. I will give the floor to Veronika.

**Veronika Rydzewski:** We need someone as soon as possible as we haven't been able to reach quorum yet, Meetings will be every two weeks for October-November

**Chair:** Anyone want to nominate themselves?

*Peter Zhuang motions to appoint themselves to Loyola Committee.*

*Aouatif Zebiri seconds the motion.*

**Peter Zhuang:** Motivation: I have been working with clubs already so I know the ways of dealing and communicating with them.

#### **VOTE**

In Favor: 10

Opposed: 0

Abstentions: 3

*The motion to appoint Peter carries.*

## **7. Returning Business**

### **A) Chairperson's Report**

*Rowan Gaudet motions to approve the Chairperson's report.*

*Julia Sutera Sardo seconds the motion.*

**Chair:** There was an issue with my report, there was a councillor deemed resigned then un-resigned.

**Ali Sherra:** I wanted to apply to a CSU staff position so someone told me I had to resign to apply, so I resigned, but this was not the case. That was the reason why.

**Chair:** That's noted, the report will be accepted as it is and it will be in the minutes that an amendment was made and the situation was discussed.

**Julia Sutera Sardo:** Did you speak to the IT people?

**Chair:** I expected to be here earlier but I'm going to contact them.

#### **VOTE**

In Favor: 15

Opposed: 0

Abstentions: 1

*The motion carries.*

## 7. B) External Committee Report

**Rory Blaisdell** moves to approve the report.

**Julia Sutura Sardo** seconds the motion.

**Rory Blaisdell:** Just for the Hoodstock event, I'm wondering why it wasn't sent to BIPOC.

**Ahmed Badr:** For Hoodstock it was a practice from previous years that the external committee review it. But this year we have the Community Action Plan, and I made the decision that it might be a better fit for the new committee. It was a recommendation from me. Why not BIPOC? I hadn't had a chance.

**Aouatif Zebiri:** I think at the time this was discussed but the Policy Committee was still working on BIPOC. So CAF was more prepared for it.

**Rowan Gaudet:** I missed the question but I might be out of line, but to jump off the comment I know one of the concerns when BIPOC was created they didn't want it to become a catch-all for everything related to BIPOC.

### VOTE

In Favor: 13

Opposed: 0

Abstentions: 2

*The motion carries.*

## 7. C) CAF Report

**Rory Blaisdell** motions to approve the CAF report.

**Julia Sutura Sardo** seconds the motion.

**Chair:** Any discussion to be had on approving the CAF report?

**Chair:** All in favor?

### VOTE

In Favor: 11

Opposed: 0

Abstentions: 4

*The motion carries.*

## 7. D) June 14th Minutes

**Rory Blaisdell** moves to approve the minutes.

**Rory Blaisdell:** A lot of the minutes attempt to record all the minutes, I'd like to bring up some edits later on.

**Julia Sutura Sardo:** Maybe look at the formats for the minutes last year.

#### **VOTE**

In Favor: 12

Opposed: 0

Abstentions: 3

*The motion carries.*

### **8. New Business – Informational**

**Julia Sutura Sardo:** Food: I was wondering if we can have a diversity of food at council. It can get pretty unhealthy to keep having pizza. Sometimes we have falafel but to help promote health we can change the food sometimes.

**Leyla Sutherland:** This came up today in an executive meeting planning for council, and we have no ideas but if anyone has any suggestions feel free to message us.

**Ali Sherra:** I rescind.

**Chair:** If you have any ideas for food you can direct them to Leyla.

### **8. C) Executive Reports**

**Rowan Gaudet:** I wanted to address them in a general matter. I found multiple reports to be lacking, not much. This is how we as councillors get our information and ask questions. Reports lacking in substantive information will need to be resubmitted, as a comment moving forward.

**Aouatif Zebiri:** I want to say I want to agree with Rowan, I read the reports and I understand some of what's being said but some of the councillors here aren't able to be as involved with CSU. Sometimes a brief summary isn't enough; they need a better idea of what you've been doing.

***Recess Called at 20h05.***

***Recess Ended at 20h17.***

***Ali Sherra motions to Robert's Rules, to ratify two excusals by consent.***

***Julia Sutura Sardo seconds the motion.***

#### **VOTE**

In Favor: 10  
Opposed: 0  
Abstentions: 2

**Robert's Rules** have been suspended.

**Ali Sherra:** I want to add the First Voices motion in New Business Substantive.

**Chair:** To clarify, when the agenda goes out on Friday at 5pm it cannot be modified after that. On point 3, Approval of the Agenda, it has to be amended and it will be added. We'd need a motion to go back into Robert's rules and approve the amendments to the agenda.

**Omar Riaz** motions to renew Robert's Rules.

**Aouatif Zebiri** seconds the motion.

#### **VOTE**

In Favor: 9  
Opposed: 0  
Abstentions: 0

**Robert's Rules** have been renewed.

## **9. New Business – Substantive**

### **9. A) ASEQ**

**Omar Riaz** moves to table the ASEQ motion due to Asma's absence.

**Aouatif Zebiri** seconds the motion.

**Omar Riaz:** Soule isn't here today and it's not time-sensitive so it can wait.

#### **VOTE**

In Favor: 9  
Opposed: 0  
Abstentions: 1

*The motion is tabled.*

### **9. B) November Demonstration**

**Eamon Toohey:**

WHEREAS the motion has recently been passed to “oppose the rise of fascism and its current manifestation as the alt-right both locally and internationally and... [to] support local groups which carry a similar mandate;”

WHEREAS the CSU recognizes the reality of “different barriers based upon class, ability, race, gender expression, religion, ethnicity, etc.” (Positions Book 12.1)

BE IT RESOLVED that the CSU formally endorse the “CALL FOR A LARGE DEMONSTRATION ON NOVEMBER 12TH AGAINST HATE AND RACISM.”

**Rowan Gaudet** seconds the motion.

**Eamon Toohey:** It is supposed to be a proactive demonstration as opposed to a reaction against these racist hate groups.

Given that we recently passed the anti-fascist motion and it was added to the position book,

and Given that we have an existing clause in our positions book regarding intersectional feminism explicitly,

This demonstration is calling for endorsements from community and student groups, and they already have something to the tune of 15 endorsements. It is perfectly within our mandate to move ahead as far as that’s concern.

**Camille Thompson-Marchand:** I would like to build on what Eamon has said. If you look at the positions book it’s kind of amazing to see that there is no position on racism but we do have on micro injustices, and on this point.

**Eamon Toohey:** This isn’t out of bounds with stuff we’ve done before, we’ve given space to workshops for people to better resist the rise of the alt-right and fascism, this is perfectly in line with what we’ve done before and there’s a precedent for it.

**Ahmed Badr:** Are we taking into consideration the safety of people who want to protest? Normally there are confrontations. If we endorse this protest we need to ensure that safety is taken into account.

**Rowan Gaudet:** I think we shouldn’t endorse a protest calling for violence, but this is a family-friendly event. It’s in line with things we’ve done, and quite often most times when protests become violent it is often a reaction by the police so it’s not something we exactly had to worry about.

**Camille Thompson-Marchand:** Mostly because it is not a counter-demonstration, mostly what I’ve heard is that mostly during counter-protests you’ll find clashing. But this is proactive against hate and racism but not a group of people, physically speaking.

**Julia Sutura Sardo:** I agree I think that if all the people who are listed as signatories are approving of this event are, it’s because they think it’s worthwhile and the violence that can ensue isn’t important because the police would act only if there’s a life-threatening issue, the protest is against hate and racism. I think Ahmed might want us provide the route to the police ahead of time to make sure all is well.

**VOTE**

In Favor: 7

Opposed: 1

Abstentions: 4

*The motion carries.*

***Julia Sutera Sardo's Yes vote noted.***

***Eamon Toohey's Yes vote noted.***

***Camille Thompson-Marchand 's Yes vote noted.***

**Rowan Gaudet:** I'd like to add to what Ahmed was saying as well; when I joined a similar motion I was informed that there was "Organizations who've endorsed the call of the CSU Mobilization Committee".

I recommend and considered it part of the motion that was passed for at least one of the executives to attend that meeting (referring to the invitation).

**9. C) Consent training**

**Leyla Sutherland:**

**Whereas** Council must receive 3 hours of consent training in accordance with Standing Regulation 214. Be it resolved that the training will take place on Wednesday October 18th from 6:30-9:30, location to be announced, notwithstanding the date specified in Standing Regulation 214.

***Julia Sutera Sardo seconds the motion.***

**Leyla Sutherland:** This is something that is mandated and is going to happen.

**VOTE**

In Favor: 14

Opposed: 0

Abstentions: 1

*The motion carries.*

***Julia Sutera Sardo motions to request Policy Committee determine a policy for consent training they deem fit for future consent training.***

***Rory Blaisdell seconds the motion.***

**Julia Sutera Sardo:** I spoke with Leyla and we think it'd be good for Policy to go over it in the future.

**Leyla Sutherland:** I think specifically that if people have attended the consent training is involved in certain student groups there'd be some way to confirm if that's happened so this doesn't become redundant, so people who have completed the training can be excused on an exceptional basis.

**Aouatif Zebiri:** I rescind.

#### **VOTE**

In Favor: 13

Opposed: 0

Abstentions: 2

*The motion carries.*

### **9. D) Strategic Planning Cammie**

**Rory Blaisdell:** This is a point that came up last council meeting from the visit to BC. In the SUDS report it was recommended that the CSU have some strategic plan. In discussions with Omar I offered to lead a strategic analysis and planning committee.

The idea is to create an ad hoc committee to participate in a strategic planning process to help solidify directions that the organization wants to take in the long term. In the past, when different executive teams come in year-to-year, things change and they may not want to pursue directives taken the previous year.

**Rory Blaisdell** motions to develop a Strategic Planning Committee.

Julia Sutera Sardo seconds the motion.

**Julia Sutera Sardo:** I think these sounds like a good idea but I don't know if it should go through council first or if Policy should review it. We could create the standing committee but we could refer the procedure to Policy, they're qualified to determine all of that and I'm sure Rory can bring his ideas to Policy because he's a member.

**Julia Sutera Sardo** motions to table the motion and have it reviewed by Policy Committee.

**Rowan Gaudet** seconds the motion.

**Peter Zhuang:** What are you planning to do as a group? Do you want this to be like a regular workshop? Or would it be something else?

**Rory Blaisdell:** The reason I left this open-ended is so that members who are interested in this type of planning can get involved. Usually when the University developed their new strategic directives it took a year and they consulted the student body, the faculties, there are activities that go along with the

process to evaluate the needs of the establishment. Because our mandate is one year doesn't mean we can't do work that has a lasting plan in place.

**Ali Sherra:** I don't understand. Right now the committee is going to be about...say there's a project from this year that needs to continue next year, is that what it's for?

**Rory Blaisdell:** It's like our Positions Book. It would establish what we'd like to do, something like "ending discrimination on campus", if we set that as a strategic pillar we can move towards that. There would be a set of operations that get put in place and developed annually.

**Peter Zhuang:** I have a question, if we do form it what will be the benefit for the students? For us it's fine we can implement it, but what would it bring to student life?

**Julia Sutera Sardo:** This is something that would be determined by Policy Committee.

**Rory Blaisdell:** Can I answer this one?

**Ali Sherra:** I'll allow him to answer and go back on the Speaker's list.

**Rory Blaisdell:** To answer Peter, the benefit to the student body is that they can have a say in the direction that the organization takes. They can have their say in what the CSU believes in and put it forward in a document, here's what the CSU's going to do. There's accountability on our part, to say we're listening to you. We can focus on their needs, academic advocacy, social activism, the student body can have their say and we can have some accountability on the student side for us to accomplish this for them.

**Chair:** I'd like to rein it in; this is about sending this to policy. Any further questions?

**Rory Blaisdell:** I want to have my say on whether it ought to go to Policy. As I suggested, we come back to council later and say; "This is the mandate we have, this is what we can accomplish", and then we can decide if that's what we want to do it. I'm against sending it to policy for that reason to give people the autonomy to make up their own minds.

**Aouatif Zebiri:** I agree.

**Rowan Gaudet:** We haven't seen how much interest there is right now from council, but I have noticed we have a lot of empty seats right now. It might be worth holding this off until after by elections. A lot of us don't want to take on more seats depending on how much interest there is.

**Julia Sutera Sardo:** In the motion I presented I meant the rules and responsibilities, the processes would be sent to Policy, not the creation of the committee. The fact that we send this to Policy doesn't stop people from council working as a group or asking to be invited to the committee meeting that discusses this, it's all open, and you could attend it anyway. Going through Policy makes it a lot cleaner and people interested in making the policies and the policies are clear and straightforward and don't go against standing regulations.

**Rory Blaisdell:** I rescind.

**Aouatif Zebiri:** There's a lack of a clear set of objectives that this committee or project is going to achieve and it's useless to send something to Policy without knowing the context of this project or committee so until this project clears up its objectives I don't think Policy Committee will be able to work on any structure.

**Chair:** The motion on the table is to send the prospective ad hoc committee to Policy Committee.

**VOTE**

In Favor: 3

Opposed: 06

Abstentions: 6

*The motion fails to carry.*

**Chair:** We're back on the main motion, the creation of the Strategic Planning ad hoc committee.

**Ali Sherra** motions to table the motion to after the by-elections.

**Julia Sutura Sardo** seconds the motion.

**VOTE**

In Favor: 12

Opposed: 0

Abstentions: 4

*The motion carries.*

**Chair:** That will be moved to the first meeting after the elections.

## **9. E) Council Retreat**

**Omar Riaz:**

"Whereas Standing Regulation 77 specifies that the Annual Retreat shall be held annually before October 1st.

Whereas due to the lack of availabilities of many participants, it was unfeasible to hold the retreat before October 1st.

Whereas more councillors will be elected after the by-election in November 2017.

Whereas there is no retreat planned in the Winter semester.

Be it resolved that the annual retreat be held between January 26th and January 29th, 2018, notwithstanding the date specified in Standing Regulation 77."

*Tabea Vischer seconds the motion.*

**Omar Riaz:** We polled to see who preferred the weekend retreat and gave some options, so the first weekend was not feasible and the second was thanksgiving, we are at the third weekend. We had 18 participants but since the beginning of the week, it's Monday, a lot of people brought up midterms, work or unforeseeable commitments, I don't think it works to have this retreat with such a small number of participants. It's not just council, it's senators, members of academic caucus, JMSB, and so on.

*Julia Sutera Sardo moves to amend the motion to hold the retreat in January.*

**Julia Sutera Sardo:** If Omar makes a poll right away for January we can secure our dates well in advance, there are no Exams in January

**Leyla Sutherland:** The reason the executive together is proposing this as the date is because of the need to do it earlier in the semester not to affect midterms. Unfortunately had it been held this weekend only half of the executive would have been able to attend, it would be especially useful for the entire executive to be able to attend given that a large part of the retreat is to be able to present ongoing projects.

We figured rather than extending the choosing of a date by polling it would be more feasible to set a date that as many people as possible can book off. It's unfortunate that it's most likely that not everyone will be able to attend, but we need to give everyone time to plan.

**Eamon Toohey:** I rescind

**Peter Zhuang:** For some of us in January the only thing I'm concerned about I might be away, so it might be hard to get back for the retreat again. Some of us might have to be away.

**Alienor Lougerstay:** I wanted to mention having it in Montreal; it's really hard to go two hours away in the middle of everything.

**Rory Blaisdell:** I get the idea of booking it in advance but I know I can't make it on that date, if you can open it up to a three week window with a deadline for responding it might be that more people are available whenever it is. It opens up the possibility for a better turnout than setting the date and trying to make it work.

**Leyla Sutherland:** I'm not opposed to having the most people possible attending, that's the goal. We chose a three-day weekend because it could be a one-day retreat, regardless of where it is if people could only come one of multiple days we could organize transport.

If everyone would rather do a poll I think it's just as workable but I would strongly advocate for the most executives being able to work there as the goal is to facilitate communications between council and the executives, I would strongly advise against organizing the same week of the congress. I am not opposed to the poll.

**Chair:** The motion is to change the date to January in general.

**Eamon Toohey:** The issue is the retreat –to my understanding—the purpose isn’t just go to away for a weekend, it’s for good working dynamics between the council and the executive, doing that in January when we’re half way into our term seems kind of like it’s just an exercise in getting it done as a process. By the time we’re half way into our term we’ve kind of established our working relationships and we may not benefit as much at that point

**Dylan Applebaum:** If attendance is the major element by limiting the time to the three dates, we’re limiting the number of councillors able to attend. We will have new councillors as well and the dynamic will change

**Peter Zhuang:** I was agreeing with Eamon, because it’s only a collaboration between the executive and councillors there is no point to go all the way two hours away that some of us don’t have the transportation to go to it’s going to be a bit harder to get to so if we could be bale to do it in school or anywhere in Montreal it would be best.

**Chair:** We’re still talking about the January amendment.

**Julia Sutera Sardo:** Firstly, we have to have a retreat, the motion that Omar proposed was a specific time, maybe I could amend my amendment to include “after a poll” instead of January.

**Julia Sutera Sardo:** It needs to happen, we get to actually spend time with each other and people from different boards that we might not know well and it’s important to do to move forward. It also allows new councillors join in the team, last year when I joined we didn’t have a retreat that included us and it would have been better.

A poll might be a better idea if people already know they can’t make it on that date. If we make one on Doodle rather than facebook, we could have the same poll and send it out to people on the other boards to check their availabilities as well. We could wait until elections to figure out the dates the executive is well placed to figure it out.

**Chair:** Can we consider the amendment friendly?

*Julia Sutera Sardo’s amendments are considered friendly.*

**Ahmed Badr:** There will be new councillors by then, and they will be available at that time of year. During October everyone has midterms and projects.

**Ali Sherra:** I would rather have it in the first two to three weeks of school, after that it gets demanding. If we can focus on the first three weeks only, because it would be repeating the same mistake.

**Dylan Applebaum** calls the question.

**VOTE**

In Favor: 13

Opposed: 0

Abstentions: 1

The question has been called.

**Chair:** Now the motion is the amendment to Julia Suter Sardo's motion.

**VOTE**

In Favor: 12

Opposed: 0

Abstentions: 2

The motion carries.

**Chair:** We're back on the main motion.

**Rowan Gaudet:** I am curious, it said it was postponed due to unavailability. Our regulations say it needs to be held before October 1<sup>st</sup>. The first poll was sent out less than a week before that deadline, what was the delay that caused all of these delays?

**Omar Riaz:** We wanted to ensure the highest number of executives could be there and it's difficult to see which weekend would be best. Unfortunately it delayed the whole process.

**VOTE**

In Favor: 13

Opposed: 0

Abstentions: 2

*The motion carries.*

**Chair:** Any more discussion on council retreat?

**Omar Riaz:** This is a little bit of housekeeping, more administrative than anything else as we don't have a CEO right now. I'll read it out

**Whereas** Standing Regulation 242 states that, in accordance with the By-Laws, a by-election for vacant seats on Council shall be held such that the polling period ends on the second-last Thursday of November if any of the following conditions are met:

(a) more than one fourth of Council seats are vacant;

(b) all seats in one faculty are vacant;

(c) if a referendum in accordance with these regulations and the By-Laws is to be held.

**Whereas** one of the conditions in Standing Regulation 242 is met; all seats for independent students are vacant (0/2).

**Whereas** Standing Regulation 287 states that, not later than 22 days before the polling period, the Chief Electoral Officer shall issue a general public notice to announce the holding of a poll. Should that day fall during the midterm break in February, the announcement of the poll shall be issued on the first judicial day following it.

**Whereas** Standing Regulation 293 states that, the nomination paper shall be filled at the place(s) and times designate by the Chief Electoral Officer during the period beginning 21 days and ending 12 days before the polling period.

**Whereas** Standing Regulation 311 states that, The campaigning period shall begin 10 days before the polling period and end at 9 pm the day before the polling period.

**Be it resolved that** the CSU CEO announce the CSU by-election October 20<sup>th</sup>, 2017.

**Be it further resolved that** the nomination period take place between October 23<sup>rd</sup> to November 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2017.

**Be it further resolved that** the campaigning period take place between November 7<sup>th</sup> to November 20<sup>th</sup>, 2017.

**Be it further resolved that** the polling period take place between November 29<sup>th</sup> and November 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2017 (November 23<sup>rd</sup> being the second last Thursday in November).

*Rowan Gaudet seconds the motion.*

**Omar Riaz:** It's to make sure our by elections are held according to the standing regulations, we wanted to avoid appointing a CEO at the last minute. The executive would inform the Chair who would then send it off to the CEO, it's regular housekeeping.

**Veronika Rydzewski:** The previous person we interviewed replied to my email and he is not an undergraduate or independent student. I will be reposting the position.

**Chair:** Thank you for the update.

**Omar Riaz:** The motion says the polling period says 29<sup>th</sup> to 23<sup>rd</sup>, it's 21<sup>st</sup> to 23<sup>rd</sup>

**Chair:** All in favor:

#### **VOTE**

In Favor: 9

Opposed: 0

Abstentions: 4

*The motion carries.*

**Omar Riaz** presents a second motion:

The standing regulations state that council has to announce how many seats are available and they are filled in the by elections in fall.

**Whereas** the CSU General Election called in February of 2017 indicated Council Seats available are as follows:

14 Seats in Arts & Science

6 Seats in John Molson School of Business

5 Seats in Engineering and Computer Science

3 Seats in Fine Arts

2 Seats for Independent Students

**Whereas**, as per the CEO report presented at the May 2017 General Assembly declared that the seats filled are as follows:

10 Seats in Arts & Science

2 Seats in John Molson School of Business

5 Seats in Engineering and Computer Science

2 Seats in Fine Arts

0 Seats for Independent Students

**Be it resolved** that the CSU CEO announce that the following seats are available for the November 2017 by-election are as follows:

4 Seats in Arts & Science

4 Seats in John Molson School of Business

1 Seat in Fine Arts

2 Seats for Independent Students

**Ali Sherra** seconds the motion.

**Omar Riaz:** Council I believe in February announced how many seats were available which were filled during the general election, the seats remaining are 11 seats for councilors hopefully filled during the by elections.

**Jeremy Laxer:** If I'm resigning because I'm graduating can I fill a seat?

**Chair:** You're resigning in January, the by elections are in November

**Chair:** All in favor?

#### **VOTE**

In Favor: 13

Opposed: 0

Abstentions: 2

*The motion carries.*

### **9. G) First Voices Week**

**Ali Sherra:**

"Whereas First Voices Week is an Indigenous student-led Week of social, cultural, political and academic events about First Peoples on campus and across Canada;

Whereas First Voices Week organizers are seeking to obtain sustainable funding for this yearly event;

Whereas the CSU has supported First Voices Week in the past, and has contributed \$4,000 to its 2017 edition;

Whereas the CSU holds the following positions:

- 4.1 The Concordia Student Union stands in solidarity with Idle No More, its legitimate treaty-based concerns, and its efforts to create change through the facilitation of much needed nation-wide popular education regarding the plight of Indigenous peoples in Canada. [Adopted January 23, 2013]
- 4.3 That indigenous sovereignty over their territories, and their veto power over resource extraction projects, is recognized. [Adopted October 8, 2014]
- 4.5 That the CSU support the petition put forward by the FPSTMA including the

following proposals

- 4.5.2 Reviewing the Truth and Reconciliation Commission's calls to action, and discussing how the University can respond to those directed at educational institutions
  - 4.5.4 Expanding Concordia's ability to support Indigenous research grounded in the community
  - 4.6 That the CSU encourages other campus groups to equally adopt these [4.1 to 4.5.4] proposals and commit to working in collaboration with leaders of these initiatives to achieve institutional change. [Adopted May 11th 2016]
  - 12.1 the CSU recognize that intersectional identities create different marginalized experiences and that different women and gender non-conforming people experience different barriers based upon class, ability, race, gender expression, religion, ethnicity, etc. [Adopted November 23, 2016]
  - 12.2 That the CSU respect the perspectives and value the representation of women and gender non-conforming folks who are Black, Indigenous, and People of Colour; [Adopted November 23, 2016]
  - 12.3 That the CSU add power and visibility to the voices of women and gender nonconforming folks who are Black, Indigenous, and People of Colour; [Adopted November 23, 2016]
  - 12.4 That the CSU encourage an intersectional feminist approach towards all future endeavors; [Adopted November 23, 2016]
  - 12.5 That the CSU recognizes the importance of listening and recognizing all identities and the different barriers that each face. [Adopted November 23, 2016]
- Be it resolved that a new budget line, named "First Voices Week," be created in the CSU Operations budget;

Be it further resolved that the aforementioned budget line be provisioned with \$5,000 annually, and that this amount be maintained in future annual CSU budgets;

Be it further resolved that any modification to the amount, or the existence, of this budget line may be done only after due consultation with the CSU BIPOC or External & Mobilization Committee, as well as the organizers of First Voices Week: First People Studies Member Association, the Director of the First People Studies Program, and the Aboriginal Student Resource Centre;

Be it further resolved that the Chair of the CSU BIPOC or of the External and Mobilization Committee be the designated approver for the “First Voices Week” budget line;

Be it further resolved that that organizers of First Voices Week be required to submit a budget each year and maintain consistent communication with the relevant CSU Executive;

Be it further resolved that the CSU Standing Regulations be amended as follow (amendment in bold):

173. The following expenses must have their own distinct budget lines:

(a) Judicial Board expenses, for any and all expenses relating to the Judicial Board, its advisor, or its meetings, and nothing else

(b) Elections and referenda expenses, for any and all expenses relating to the annual general elections or any by-elections or referenda, and nothing else.

(c) The Hive Free Lunch Program, for any and all expenses relating to the Hive Free Lunch program that fall within the contract guidelines.

(d) First Voices Week, for any expenses relating to the organizing of

First Voices Week. The Chair of the CSU BIPOC or External and Mobilization Committee shall be the designated approver of the First Voices Week budget line.

**Julia Sutura Sardo** seconds the motion.

**Ali Sherra:** The First Voices Week is an indigenous event for First Nations people across Canada, with an impressive participation in 2017 alone. The event has become important for all indigenous students, staff and faculty in their work on indigenous academy. It allows spaces for settlers to understand their legacy in Canada.

It seeks to address the truth, reconciliation and call to action.

**Julia Sutura Sardo:** As somebody who collaborated with the first peoples study association, I think this is a fantastic initiative. Not only is it a symbolic gesture but guarantees them some funding and it's difficult for them to apply every year and get unstable allocations. If they had CSU funding it would allow them room booking for their events, it's in line with our positions and it is a great way to indigenize our university.

**Ali Sherra:** I'd like to echo that. To create this budget this year it would be passed on to finance committee but it would ensure the 5000\$ in their budget to allocate it for them right away, they wait on it year after year and it would help them do what they do

**Aouatif Zebiri:** One of the points they made was about the timing, if this budget line is added when are they going to be receiving the money? We spoke about the overall budget being complete, so where would it come from and is it only for the next academic year? And how would it be distributed?

**Ali Sherra:** In the following year they would submit a budget to use their money like any other CSU branch but for this year it's best that this motion pass first and then discuss how the money would be brought out because when this document was handed in to the external committee it has a suggestion of how to take the budget out of different committees. We discussed it and we decided it would be a lengthy process and we don't have that authority. We decided to amend the motion and just pass this one first and then let the discussion be about how it would be taken care of this year. It could go to finance committee and make recommendations before it is voted on by council.

**Aouatif Zebiri:** At the beginning they'd have to apply every year, the budget line would not be assured?

**Ali Sherra:** the budget is going to be 5000\$ no matter what, for them to be able to use that money they need to give the CSU a budget

**Rowan Gaudet:** Once council creates a budget line, it starts as of when it is made. They could use it the next day and immediately start planning and so on, and as Ali said once the budget line is there they don't have to reapply. They just have to provide budget documentation.

**Omar Riaz:** Part of the motion states that the chair of BIPOC would be the designated approver, not finance. If it's alright I'd like to add an amendment,

Be it further resolved that 5000\$ be moved from the miscellaneous budget line to First Voice Week Budget Line

**Ali Sherra** seconds the motion.

**Chair:** Can it be considered friendly? Thank you.

**The motion is considered friendly.**

**Omar Riaz:** The reason is that this money has to be budgeted and the MISC was for projects and such that come up in the middle of the year. This would be a once time occurrence for this year and next year the 5000\$ would need to be incorporated into the budget for the year.

**Julia Sutera Sardo:** I understand that, the miscellaneous budget line is for big issues that happen unexpectedly, I don't think we should be touching that for a project, maybe this should come from special project budget line.

**Chair:** Now we're on the topic of the amendment.

**Ali Sherra:** When this motion came into the external committee we had a proposal with numbers to be taken from separate committees but we felt it would be a hassle, so our first idea was to send it to finance for them to deal with the details.

**Leyla Sutherland:** From my understanding this point was going to be raised at the next meeting because we were going to internally secure that funding from various budget lines. There was a proposal for it to be taken from those lines and then brought for approval but I'd say the MISC line is just for that, not just for emergency purposes. Ultimately we are already discussing this, we could go with the MISC option or we could approve the establishment of the budget line and for the funds to be reallocated from existing budget lines, this was going to be raised at the next meeting for this reason exactly. It can be filled by as variety of committee budgets

**Julia Sutera Sardo:** moves to amend: So that the executive and finance committee could determine where the money would come from, (amending Omar's motion) I want to table it so the executive and finance committee have time to consider this.

**Chair:** There's a motion to table Omar's amendment to the next meeting.

**VOTE**

In Favor: 7

Opposed: 1

Abstentions: 6

*The amendment is tabled.*

**Devon Ellis-Darity:** I was going to bring this up next week this motion, I was one of the executives contacted for the First Voices Week when my mandate started. Madeline the old assistant and Cheyenne from first people's studies approached me on this and I didn't feel prepared for this week, but I do have some answers.

Last year it came from Sustainability and we were going to see if the motion would pass if we did it this year, and then see if for next year we could make the separate budget line for it.

**Dylan Applebaum:** What was the cost last year?

**Julia Sutura Sardo:** About 11K, some from ASPA, CSU, CCSL, and the ACPA and the First People's studies program provides them with more, and the university sometimes has discretionary funds. They've had to run for their money every year.

**Aouatif Zebiri:** I rescind.

**Julia Sutura Sardo:** Can communicate it with Soulay to check with finance? I know sustainability might be good but there might be other sources so that sustainability can support other initiatives, this is transversal and goes through many committees. Maybe we can discuss this with him for next meeting.

**Devon Ellis-Darity** seconds the motion.

**Dylan Applebaum** moves to table the motion.

**Rowan Gaudet** seconds the motion.

#### **VOTE**

In Favor: 5

Opposed: 5

Abstentions: 4

*The motion does not get tabled.*

**Ali Sherra:** The point about taking money out of different committees, if it were to be taken out of sustainability, some committees such as external have already allocated funds for this event. If we were to get the funding from the CSU, would we cancel that?

**Devon Ellis-Darity:** If it has changed, I would suggest we discuss the details with the external and finance committees. When we talked about it was coming from sustainability but if anything has changed we should just have the meeting between the two groups

**Julia Sutera Sardo:** I want to stress the importance of them knowing they have funding, wherever it comes from, we'll decide on that but we'll decide on this for now so they can do their booking and preparation

**Rowan Gaudet:** I would be better if we found somewhere to take it out of now and prioritize letting them know they can proceed. We have a large budget we can take a hit for something we know we can reallocate

**Dylan Applebaum:** Why only 5000\$? They seem to need more money; they're not required to use the whole amount if they're required to budget for it. Theoretically, why don't we budget more?

**Ali Sherra:** They get the money from many different sources so they can depend on something, it's safer. The gap is for growth, the CSU would allocate 5000\$ and whoever wants to allocate on their part can allocate more.

**Omar Riaz:** We could take it out of miscellaneous, because there are other funds for emergencies. It's not a substantial different; we are already probably going to have a surplus because not all budgets have been fully used. I suggest we simply take it out of MISC

**Julia Sutera Sardo:** I have two parts to my comment:

1) If they ask for 5k and respect that, if they wanted more they would have asked for more and follow through with the spirit of this initiative and respect what they wanted.

2) What Omar's saying might be valid but it should be up to finance committee to discuss this to see all their options. Soulay is probably very well-versed with the budget and find somewhere with the finance committee

**Rowan Gaudet:** I rescind

**Chair:** All in favor of Ali's motion?

#### **VOTE**

In Favor: 9

Opposed: 0

Abstentions: 5

*The motion carries.*

**Julia Sutera Sardo's Yes vote noted.**

**Ali Sherra's Yes vote noted.**

**Chair:** We can move on to Loyola Coordinator Report

**Rowan Gaudet** presents the following motion:

Be it resolved that the Loyola Coordinator Report be edited and approved at the next meeting.

*Camille Thompson-Marchand seconds the motion.*

**Rowan Gaudet:** I noticed a mistake in how it's worded. When it discusses the G-lounge it says the CSU intends to renovate the space, it's more complex than the reasons offered. There's an ongoing the Dean of Student's office and the CSU, as it currently stands we do not have the intentions nor has it been mandated by the council to renovate the space knowing that the Dean of Students Office probably reads these documents we ought to clear this up before the report goes through.

**VOTE**

In Favor: 8

Opposed: 1

Abstentions: 5

*The motion carries.*

**Chair:** We can move on to External Coordinator Report.

**Rowan Gaudet:** Looking at the report I saw that it talked about a coalition being formed with the municipal election between various university unions as well as cegeps and it mentions that the CSU joined this coalition. Who signed off on this?

**Ahmed Badr:** First the coalition formed and sent us the recommendation, we reviewed the position book and their demands and had an internal exec meeting and decided it fits into our mandate.

**Rowan Gaudet:** I don't think the Executive has the authority to make a political stance to join a coalition. It should have come to council.

**Aouatif Zebiri:** Maybe this is to clarify, has the CSU joined as a VIEWER or as a member? I think as a viewer it's fine to attend and listen but more contributions would need to be made

**Ahmed Badr:** We communicated by email about this.

**Rowan Gaudet:** You executives received an email and endorsed a coalition campaign without consulting Council?

**Ahmed Badr:** Yes.

**Chair:** Any more discussion on the External Coordinator report?

**Julia Sutera Sardo:** The role of council is to approve of any positions or coalition joining so I'm not sure that it's valid that we joined if council didn't approve of it, the executive can't make the decision made by itself and we should rectify it and vote on it and the person who communicated to this coalition should respond and clarify on whether or not we've joined. It's okay to join as an observer but it's not okay to join random coalitions as good as they may be without consulting council, it's our job to make

sure what we're joining is in line with our beliefs, and for transparency it needs to happen. We need to have a better vetting process for this stuff. If we're not sure it's better to add it as a point of information to the agenda and create proposal and then join in. Right now I'm concerned the CSU's name is somewhere on the internet saying we're part of a coalition we're not part of.

**Aouatif Zebiri:** did the reply to the email say that we agree to become members?

**Ahmed Badr:** No we are supporting the demands.

**Omar Riaz:** FEM is a coalition, we're not a member but they came up with demands and we are only in support of the 8 demands they made.

**Rowan Gaudet:** Be it resolved that the CSU rescind its involvement with the coalition until further support comes from council

Ali seconds

**Rowan Gaudet:** The executive does not have the authority to make this decision. The executive is fully welcome to bring this to council next meeting.

**Julia Sutera Sardo:** I agree with Rowan I would like to know from someone on the executive if this was even discussed at a meeting how and if these eight things follow our positions book and why it wasn't brought to council.

**Ahmed Badr:** B: It was last week, Wednesday.

**Julia Sutera Sardo:** That doesn't answer all of my questions.

**Ahmed Badr:** B: Why we didn't bring it to council, I had included it in the report. They sent me an email last Wednesday and sent us the positions similar to the ones they had done in the past, it was a similar set of demands. We believe it's related to our positions because of representation, transportation, homeless students, and advocacy.

**Aouatif Zebiri:** I want to echo what has been said by Rowan and **Julia Sutera Sardo:**. I'd like that the external campaign coordinator clarify to us next council meeting if the email said we agreed to membership as opposed to demands. What do they think we agreed to? We can refer to their meeting minutes.

**Chair:** Reminder we're on the motion to rescind its membership.

**Julia Sutera Sardo:** Was this discussed at an executive meeting?

**Ahmed Badr:** B: We had a discussion, yes.

**Julia Sutura Sardo:** Would it be possible for me to read those minutes? I am confused by this.

**Omar Riaz:** We had a meeting today this afternoon, we did have a confirmation that all the executives were in support of these eight demands.

**Rory Blaisdell:** Point of order, I feel I was on the Speaker's List.

**Chair:** Then Rowan made a motion then the speaker's list went to that motion

**Rowan Gaudet:** This report was sent out at least a couple days ago and you're saying the executive team did not discuss it until today.

**Omar Riaz:** Right.

**Jeremy Laxer:** To clarify the timeline of events, it was discussed at council today, but the support happened prior to this.

**Devon Ellis-Darity: Ahmed Badr:** brought it up during our meeting and sent out an email and we all responded to the email. We have our meetings Wednesdays starting at 1 and we confirmed it today in a point and we concurred.

**Jeremy Laxer:** Again, you were all consulted?

**Devon Ellis-Darity:** Yes.

**Rory Blaisdell:** My point on supporting this, I don't think there's a difference between saying we support their demands and joining the coalition if their purpose is to bring those demands to the municipal elections. They're the same thing. We shouldn't split hairs that way. We've essentially joined.

**Julia Sutura Sardo:** Was the executive asked directly for their express support or whether they were asked to join? If it was a conversation of whether it adhered to CSU values, sure, there may have been a misinterpretation but I'm not sure if everyone understood the role of Council vis a vis the role of the Executive. I would like a response.

**Leyla Sutherland:** To clarify, when this was brought forward council was not an explicit part of the conversation. The demands were made known to us and I was personally asked if I was on board with those demands.

**Aouatif Zebiri:** I see where Rory's argument comes from, there's no distinction there. But I've had experiences with these kinds of groups and it's important for us to know if they think we're official members. Official members have responsibilities to the group, and just supporting something can be apart from those obligations. I'd like to know from the executive next meeting.

**Dylan Applebaum:** I wanted to know if the reasonability of these demands were all pursued, are all they practical demands?

**Julia Sutera Sardo:** I think we should vote on this and there should be a presentation so we can make an informed decision in the future.

**Chair:** The motion on the table is be it resolved that the CSU resolve its membership.

## **VOTE**

In Favor: 13

Opposed: 0

Abstentions: 3

The motion carries.

**Rowan Gaudet:** On to an unrelated part of this report where it talks about the FEUQ, it talks about an estimate of funds available, as well as last meeting it really doesn't explain what is happening here. Might the external mobilization be able to expand on that?

**Ali Sherra:** We've been asking similar questions. We don't have that information. As you can see from the reports hopefully next week we'll have a meeting in regards to our information requests. It's a problem, we aren't aware.

**Aouatif Zebiri:** Ali has said it all, but to add we've asked the external mobilization coordinator. There was a meeting this summer for the FEUQ and they decided to give back money to unions because they are dissolving as an initiative. We didn't agree in the committee on this, and we asked **Ahmed Badr:** to go back to the minutes of that meeting because we were not present at that meeting.

**Julia Sutera Sardo:** Rescind

**Rory Blaisdell:** Rescind

**Omar Riaz:** I've been trying to help **Ahmed Badr:** to answer those questions but the problem is that their email is a Gmail so it's hard to contact them, their number listed is not their but of their lawyer's office, the FEUQ is hard to contact in general.

**Rowan Gaudet:** It was stated by someone that there had been an earlier meeting with FEUQ this summer. Were we present at the meeting?

**Ahmed Badr:** There were two meetings, none of the executives were aware of the summer meeting. The second one was in August and I was out of town but I received a letter from them in September and we forwarded this letter to a lawyer for advice. Hopefully we'll hear a response from them tomorrow.

**Omar Riaz:** By the end of this week we'll have an update to the FEUQ contract.

**Ahmed Badr:** I received no answer over three emails, and I mentioned it in my report. I sent them a tracked letter, hopefully they received it today and we get an answer.

**Ali Sherra:** This topic is very important and the external mobilization committee was concerned about the money, it's probably going to be a big chunk. I have a suggestion in regards to the old members of the organization, even if we approach them themselves, we need to get somewhere. If the execs aren't willing to do it, it can be assigned to a committee, there is a lack of transparency we don't know the amount, the why it was decided, anything. We're clueless about this. If the executives need help with something like this if you want councilors to have a callout to find out who the old members of this group were, this is very important and it has like a lot of weight. I'd be willing to help with this.

**Aouatif Zebiri:** I've heard that we sent a request for the contract, but another request for the minutes would be good. The minutes will tell us more about the discussion and will help us understand the contract.

Maybe we can post it on our facebook group when we receive it.

**Ahmed Badr:** The three points I asked for were the minutes, the estimation of the amount, and the update. I want to say we had a motion last year for giving the FEQ 21,000\$ to the CAF.

**Omar Riaz:** The first council meeting after the summer, council voted to approve 21,000 to the community action fund of (AFEC?). We were no longer doing that but the funds were still accumulated. There was a condition to reconsider it, which will likely come back next meeting.

**Ali Sherra:** Is the money still being collected?

**Omar Riaz:** They stopped, there was 41,000\$ and half of it was given to AFEC.

**Ali Sherra:** I want to come back to the initial topic, because I think that's the importance of discussing this report. I think before we motion anything everyone should read that document. In regards to what we were discussing initially, there should be more transparency with regards to this. We should have numbers by the end of the week.

**Omar Riaz: Ahmed Badr:** and I are working on it. The lack of transparency doesn't come from us withholding that information but the representative of AFEC? They have not been responsive. That money belongs to our students. Thank you for offering to help.

**Rowan Gaudet:** I move to approve the External Mobilization Coordinator's Report

Seconded by Ali

**Rowan Gaudet:** We've discussed it at length and we feel better about it at this point.

F: 13 O: 0 A: 2

**Chair:** We can move on to Question Period and Business Arising, Rim and Kadijah asked to be excused.

**Julia Sutera Sardo** motions to excuse them.

**Ali Sherra** seconds their excusal

**VOTE**

In Favor: 14

Opposed: 0

Abstentions: 0

**Julia Sutera Sardo:** I'm not sure if it was brought up last time, would it be possible to buy a hotspot for the internet? Sometimes it cuts off and if we're too many people in one room it cuts out.

**Omar Riaz:** I will look into it. I'll try to get us a hotspot. I'm not sure it will persist in this building. It might not be needed.

**Julia Sutera Sardo:** The point I want to bring up is that in the CSU conference room on the right it doesn't work either. It would be a good investment if we figure that out with the IT person.

**Dylan Applebaum:** I rescind

**Peter Zhuang:** My question was for Leyla Devon and Veronika, I just come back and It might take me time to get stuff down. I wanted to let you know, and if there's anything you need me to do just send it to me.

**Dylan Applebaum** motions to be excused.

**Camille Thompson-Marchand** seconds the motion.

**VOTE**

In Favor: 13

Opposed: 0

Abstentions: 0

*Dylan is excused.*

**Leyla Sutherland:** Reminder there's consent training next week, circulate the posting for the CEO job, there's a Dean of Students cocktail meeting.

**Julia Sutera Sardo:** I relaunch the menstrual hygiene products campaign. There will be a lot of announcements about getting involved. Message me if you want to get involved. It would be super cool if you got involved.

**Alienor Lougerstay:** I have a question about the event tomorrow?

**Peter Zhuang:** It's from four to seven on the ninth floor here.

**Devon Ellis-Darity: Julia Sutera Sardo:** I remember a council meeting earlier you motioned for 2000\$ to be added to Sustainability as a collaboration?

**Julia Sutera Sardo:** Yes! We should have a meeting on that

***Jeremy Laxer moves to adjourn.***

***Rowan Gaudet seconds the motion.***

Meeting ends at 10:08pm

Appendix