



CSU Regular Council Meeting Wednesday, January 24th, 2018

MB-9A, 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) Reports from Committees
- b) Approval of minutes – January 10th (RCM)
- c) Mid-Mandate Report

5. Presentations & Guest Speakers

- a) Y4Y Quebec
- b) Tax Clinic

6. Appointments

- a) AVEQ Committees
- b) Policy Committee

7. Returning Business – Substantive

- a) Two-Round Voting

8. New Business Substantive

a) Health and Dental Committee

9. New Business – Informational

a) Library Services Fund Petition

10. Question Period & Business Arising

a) Letter to CSU

b) CUCCR

11. Announcements

12. Adjournment

1. Call to Order (18h45)

The meeting was called to Order at 18h45.

2. Roll Call

Executives present for the duration of the meeting were:

Omar Riaz (General Coordinator), Kamden Biggart (Finance Coordinator) Asma Mushtaq (Academic & Advocacy Coordinator), Veronika Rydzewski (Internal Affairs Coordinator), Maria Gabriela Polanco (Loyola Coordinator), Leyla Sutherland (Student Life Coordinator), Ahmed Badr (External Affairs and Mobilization Coordinator), Devon Ellis-Darity (Sustainability Coordinator)

Executives absent for the duration of the meeting were:

(none)

Councilors present for the duration of the meeting were:

Camille Thompson-Marchand (Arts and Science), Khadidja Komah (Engineering and Computer Science), Patrick Magallanes (Arts and Science), Rowan Gaudet (Arts and Science), Ali Sherra (Arts and Science), Aouatif Zebiri (Arts and Science), Tabea Vischer (Arts and Science), Eamon Toohey (Arts and Science), Ahmed Jemma (Engineering and Computer Science), Mikaela Clark-Gardner (Fine Arts), Mustafa Bokesmati (Arts and Sciences), Marco Rossi (John Molson School of Business), Alexis Searcy (Arts and Sciences), Jonathan Roy (Arts and Sciences), Peter Zhuang (Fine Arts), Jarrad Haas (Fine Arts), Mohammad Hafiz (John Molson School of Business), Sophie Hough-Martin (Arts and Sciences), Daniel Abrams (John Molson School of Business), Kathy Khánh Trân Du (John Molson School of Business), Alienor Lougerstay (Engineering and Computer Science), Tabea Vischer (Arts and Science), Camille Thompson-Marchand (Arts and Science), Julia Sutura Sardo (Arts and Science)

Councilors absent for the duration of the meeting were:

Rory Blaisdell (John Molson School of Business), Charlotte Genest (Arts and Sciences), Sally Younis (Engineering and Computer Science), Dylan Applebaum (John Molson School of Business), and Rim Hamila (Engineering and Computer Science)

A. Sherra moves to excuse the absent members of Council.

J. Roy seconds the motion.

In Favor: 12

Opposed: 0

Abstained: 0

The motion to excuse the absent members carries.

3. Approval of the Agenda

A. Sherra moves to approve the agenda.

S. Hough-Martin seconds the motion.

In Favor: 14

Opposed: 0

Abstained: 1

The motion carries.

5. Presentations & Guest Speakers

a) Y4Y Quebec

Chair: We can move on to our Presenters, Y for Y Quebec.

M. Lewis-Richmond: Thank you for having me. My name is Malcom, I am the president of Y for Y Quebec, a non-profit just created within Quebec. Y for Y means Youth for Youth, and I have a handout to circulate, it explains our mission and mandate. In a nutshell the purpose we created this group to represent Quebec's English speaking minority community.

It's the same as groups in other provinces representing a French speaking minority community. It's a good time because Quebec is putting a new Secretariat into place responsible for relations with the English-speaking community. We found it to be opportune to seek support from different levels of government. We are currently supported by Canadian Heritage because they seek to support the vitality of language minority communities. It's important that our voice is heard at the decision-making levels of civil society. What we're doing right now is incorporating as a non-profit association, growing a membership base and doing youth consultations. We're meeting youth from different groups across the province, and I'm happy to meet with the CSU today as you represent a lot of English-speaking youth from Quebec. I was hoping to do a more formal consultation with some students here, it could be a little chat over some food to find out the sentiments of English-speaking group as being part of a language minority community in Canada.

Any questions? The youth consultations are a big part of our program for the months of February and March, I'm also interested in hearing your thoughts of the best way to organize a youth consultation at Concordia would be. Stand-alone events, attending AGM's, and so on?

S. Hough-Martin: Are you asking for the CSU to facilitate this in conjunction with Y for Y?

M. Lewis-Richmond: We could probably facilitate it. It's more of a means of seeing if the Council thinks it's appropriate, and if the CSU could help mobilize students for this kind of activity.

A. Zebiri: I think for more concrete actions that you'd want the CSU to take, we have an External Mobilization Coordinator and Student Life Coordinator. They might be able to help you, their emails are on the website and we can share them with you.

M. Lewis-Richmond: That'd be great. More concretely what we're doing at Bishops for instance is going on a Saturday, students live quite close by and they can attend a two-hour meeting where we distribute a questionnaire to participants. If we could do

something similar at Concordia, invite students from different faculties, that'd be great.

Chair: Thank you for taking time out of your schedule to meet with us.

5. Presentations & Guest Speakers

b) Y4Y Quebec

O. Riaz: JMS reached out to us to present to Council their Tax Clinic.

Chair: While the projector is warming up, we can move on to point six, which is *Appointments*. If nobody is sure how many people are in the AVEQ committees I'm going to suggest we table the motion. We wouldn't want a Councilor appointed to a seat that doesn't exist.

V. Rydzewski: I forgot to add 'CCSL' to *Appointments*.

Chair: Can we consider that friendly? Thank you. Can we have a motion to table the AVEQ committee?

R. Gaudet moves to table the AVEQ Committee Agenda Point.

A. Mushtaq seconds the motion.

In Favor: 15

Opposed: 0

Abstained: 0

The motion was tabled.

6. Appointments

b) CCSL

V. Rydzewski: We have one seat open for Councilors on CCSL. We meet once a month, it's a fun committee, we meet Friday mornings, we rotate between Loyola and the Downtown campus. We review presentations on student life, allocate money for projects, and so on.

A. Lougerstay moves to nominate themselves to CCSL.

M. Clark-Gardner seconds the motion.

A. Lougerstay: I wanted to take part last semester but could not because of work. I would be very glad to be involved.

R. Gaudet moves to appoint A. Lougerstay to CCSL

T. Vischer seconds the motion

In Favor: 14

Opposed: 0

Abstained: 1

The motion to appoint A. Lougerstay carries.

5. Presentations and Guest Speakers (Revisited)

a) JMS Tax Clinic

Guest Speaker 1: Hello everybody. We're here to talk about the JMS Tax Clinic. Who here gets to file their taxes every year! It's a legal requirement, we can't avoid it. Let's look at the students, most students end up paying to have their taxes filed. We see that a lot of students aren't aware of the basics of their tax returns, and many are curious as to how they can file their own taxes. The John Molson Accounting Society will be looking at the Tax Clinic itself and its strengths, weaknesses and opportunities to expand in the context of a JMSB-CSU Partnership. We are undergraduate students and we represent about 2,000 students and would like to enhance the student experience. We want to bridge the gap between theory practice and professionals.

Guest Speaker 2: We host events, professional events and clinics. We feel many students live on their own or with friends and stress enough about paying for their expenses and during tax seasons students shouldn't be paying more to get their taxes done because we have that skillset as students. We would like to provide this service to fellow students. We hosted our first Tax Clinic about two clinics ago and it was the first English University tax clinic. The first goal was to provide eligible students a free tax filing students, and the second was the professionally train students to prepare tax returns. The Tax Clinic was recognized by the Canadian Government. We trained about 80 students and prepared about 275 returns, the first year. The second year we filed about 500.

Guest Speaker 1: Some of the scope of the work is getting the authorization from the CRA, recruit and train volunteers on how to prepare the tax returns to provide quality service, we are also responsible for acquiring all necessary resources, and we are also responsible for determining suitable locations for the Tax Clinic.

Some of the strengths we've seen is the positive impact on the CSU's reputation and there is no legal liability. We operate under the CRA's Community Volunteer Income Tax program. It exempts all the hosts of any legal liabilities. It promotes community involvement, it's a pro-bono service for students or any eligible members of the Montréal community and shows the volunteers the value of tax preparation.

The weaknesses might be the untapped demand. We feel that a partnership with the CSU will extend our reach and have more students seek tax preparation services from us. We also found a weakness in funding.

Guest Speaker 2: We come to the CSU because we find there are opportunities for expansion. What we did the past two years is rely on Facebook to share our events. We want to reach out to the Loyola Campus this year and the whole Downtown

buildings. We want to table and be able to create informational pamphlets and spread the word and reach out to new outlets and feel we could use the tools at the CSU's disposal. We want to rent more laptops, printers and overall have more supplies, increasing the total number of tax returns processed and reduce total waiting times.

Guest Speaker 1: The CSU exists by student funding so it is imperative the funding is used for the best interests of the students. We would recognize the CSU as the primary sponsor of the clinic and more students would feel comfortable getting their tax returns prepared for free. It's a free service and it avoids costs for students, and is an opportunity for the CSU to showcase their involvement. I believe we will create a bigger and better than ever before Tax Clinic. The CSU offers legal advice and housing assistance, and Tax Preparation service is something they also need. Any questions?

P. Zhuang: I know you are from JMSB right now, are you guys waiting to open up to other faculties or is it just the JMSB for now?

Guest Speaker 1: The Tax Clinic has been open to all the Faculties and the eligible Montreal community.

Guest Speaker 2: We would like better communication channels beyond the JMSB, it is one of our main issues we're trying to address, reaching out to other faculties.

R. Gaudet: Can we go back to the Budget on the projector? Thank you.

A. Sherra: What is an "*eligible*" student?

Guest Speaker 1: 25,000\$ cap on income, and if you're married that limit goes to 30,000\$.

A. Sherra: Last year I was checking it out, and International Students were not eligible.

Guest Speaker 2: Some would be part-year residents; those wouldn't be able to get the service. That was the only issue.

A. Sherra: International students aren't permanent residents, I was told not to even though I've been here for a long time.

Guest Speaker 2: If you had a T4 you should have been fine.

V. Rydzewski: Based on last year's actuals you bought three printers, are you buying more?

Guest Speaker 2: We rented them only.

P. Zhuang: I have a question about part time students, undergraduates, are they all eligible?

Guest Speaker 1: As long as they are eligible under the CRA requirements, yes.

R. Gaudet: A recommendation; That if the partnership does go through, I'm sure you need printers but for things like marketing expenses the CSU could probably print off flyers for cheaper than you would get externally.

A. Sherra: Are you funded by JMSB in any way?

Guest Speaker 2: JMS is funded by their sponsors. That's what we have, basically.

A. Lougerstay: According to last year you ended up with \$8,000, which means you have more than you need? How did you raise \$8,000 last year and why is the CSU such a big part of your budget this year?

Guest Speaker 1: Last year it was funded by JMS, because it benefits all of Concordia's students it would suit the CSU's mission instead of using uniquely Accounting students' resources.

Guest Speaker 2: We have other events as well, and it is difficult to fund the Tax Clinic on its own.

O.Riaz moves to allocate 7,000\$ to the Tax Clinic from the Misc. budget line.

J. Roy seconds the motion.

In Favor: 14

Opposed: 0

Abstained: 3

The motion carries.

Guest Speakers: Thank you for your time!

6. Appointments

b) Policy Committee

A. Mushtaq: We have a space remaining on Policy committee. It is a returning point until we fulfill the seat. We have two councilors and one student at large. Any aspect of the standing regulations or bylaws passes through Policy and it requires some degree of commitment. It's a very interesting committee and I strongly encourage anyone interested to join.

E. Toohey: Do you have a set schedule?

A. Mushtaq: It depends on our availability.

E. Toohey moves to nominate themselves to Policy Committee.

J. Roy seconds the nomination.

E. Toohey: The seat needs to be filled. Also I have some experience working on Policy for other groups. That's the gist of it, really.

In Favor: 15

Opposed: 0

Abstained: 1

E. Toohey has been nominated to Policy Committee.

Chair: Are we alright with a quick recess?

C. Thompson-Marchand moves to go to recess for fifteen minutes.

The motion is considered friendly.

Recess Called at 19h24

Recess ended at 19h41

7. Returning Business Substantive

a) Two-Round Voting

Chair: Last meeting we tabled this motion.

A. Sherra presents the following motion:

“Whereas no electoral system is mandated on council choosing a candidate to fill a vacant executive seat,

Whereas a vacant executive seat might have more than two competing candidates,

Whereas a First-Past-The-Post (FTPT) electoral system can vote in candidates with Simple

Majorities;

A Simple Majority is a majority in which the highest number of votes cast for any one candidate exceeds the second-highest number, while not constituting an absolute majority of

$50\% + 1$,

Whereas an *absolute* majority of more than 50% is required to vote in a new executive,

Whereas a two-round system eliminates all candidates but the two with the highest number of

votes for a second round,

Whereas a two-round system ensures that the candidate chosen has an absolute majority of

the votes,

Be It Resolved That council use a two-round system when voting on vacant executive positions.”

S. Hough-Martin seconds the motion

A. Sherra: We discussed this for a bit last time, but it’s simple. There are two types of electoral systems, one is a majority system and the other is proportional representation which would not work this type of assembly. This leaves us with the First Past the Post system which does not leave an actual majority, and then there is the Two-Round System which does.

Chair: We tabled this with the intent of getting more information regarding this issue. With that in mind, hopefully there are new points.

M. Hafiz: It requires absolute majority, would every Councilor need to be present?

A. Sherra: What you are describing is decorum. If Council has decorum it can vote on everybody. It is the responsibility of the Councilor to be present.

R. Gaudet: What's being discussed is at a meeting under this motion under it would work it would be within the majority of those who are in attendance. That might help.

M. Hafiz: Isn't that essentially what is already going on?

Chair: At a meeting any vote taken only considers those present, it follows Robert's Rules of Procedure. The only time you can't vote is if you don't have Quorum. The motion cannot change what that is.

S. Hough-Martin: What this motion is about is about an electoral system for electing to fill executive vacancies. When there were more than two competing candidates there was a lengthy discussion, when there are more than two the vote can be split in a First Past the Post system. So it tries to simplify that.

A. Sherra: I know this motion is about vacant Executive seats, I hope if it passes that Policy committee can review it and add to it regarding specifics for elections.

In Favor: 13

Opposed: 0

Abstained: 5

The motion carries.

8. New Business

a) Health and Dental Committee

R. Gaudet presents the following motion:

“Whereas Soulay El Alaoui held a seat on the ad-hoc Health and Dental committee;

Whereas due to a conflict of interest Soulay did not have voting rights on said committee;

Be it resolved that Kamden Biggart be given a seat with voting rights on the ad-hoc Health and Dental committee.”

J. Roy seconds the motion

R. Gaudet: It wasn't clear what would happen when Soulay resigned, Kamden doesn't have the same conflict of interest that Soulay had and therefor can have voting rights. It's procedural as this position does not have any authority or power.

In Favor: 18

Opposed: 0

Abstained: 0

8. New Business Substantive

b) Consent Training

L. Sutherland presents the following motion:

“Whereas council must receive 3 hours of consent training in accordance with Standing Regulation 214,

Be it resolved that the second training will take place on Wednesday February 7th from 6:30-9:30, location to be announced, notwithstanding the date specified in Standing Regulation 214.”

C. Thompson-Marchand seconds the motion.

L. Sutherland: As you hopefully know it is required. If you do not have the training your seat may go up to be re-filled. It will happen on the 7th of February, and if you already know you cannot attend as a Councilor, you have to let me know before the

training takes place so we can make alternate arrangements so your seat does not become up for a vote.

P. Zhuang: For those of us who did it in the fall do we have to do it again?

L. Sutherland: No, you would not.

In Favor: 18

Opposed: 0

Abstained: 0

The motion carries unanimously.

8. New Business Substantive

c) BIPOC Motion

K. Biggart presents the following motion:

“Whereas BIPOC Committee is one of eight Standing Committees on Council, and its membership composed of representative from CSU Office, CSU Council, community groups, and Concordia student(s) at large,

Whereas Council has been unable to fill the seats from its membership on BIPOC Committee multiple occasions, and the BIPOC is unable to remain operational due to lacking quorum,

Whereas the current Academic and Advocacy Coordinator (A Mushtaq) is a racialized student who fits the BIPOC membership criteria and has been attending all meetings, as an observing member (with no voting rights),

Be it resolved that Council approve of the current AAC (A Mushtaq)'s appointment as one of the two representatives selected through Council, with voting rights.

Be it further resolved that this motion notwithstanding the selection process proposed by the Policy Committee, in an order to facilitate BIPOC to remain in operation.

Be it further resolved, that BIPOC Committee continue to reach out to racialized members until the selection committee is formed, and report back on its progress at each consecutive meeting as outlined in the Policy Committee's recommendations."

A. Zebiri seconds the motion.

K. Biggart: We have two open seats that we posted a callout for, we received applications but Policy recommended we first build a selection committee. The committee has been inactive for the past month or two, so applicants are waiting responses. We'd like to speed up the process to give them responses as soon as possible.

A. Zebiri: The selection committee proposed by Policy, why is it that it has not been created?

K. Biggart: I know a bit, we would have had to post a similar callout to be a part of this selection committee before selecting the BIPOC members.

P. Zhuang: If Asma does this, she can vote?

K. Biggart: Yes, she can.

In Favor: 18

Opposed: 0

Abstained: 0

The motion carries unanimously.

9. New Business Informational

a) Library Services Fund Petition

L. Sutherland: Some of you may remember from the presentation from Guylaine the conversation about the Library Services Fund, established in 2009 in an agreement between the CSU and the Library in order to enable 24/7 access to the downtown and Loyola Library, Improved Laptop and Tablet loan systems and the Textbook and Course Reserves room. This was raised this year that it was nearing expiration and the Library Services representatives and the Committee would like it renewed, as the costs of keeping the libraries opened 24/7 are huge and cannot be done without this funding. It is a good opportunity to advocate for additional services students want. We want to establish it as a new fund to negotiate, so we need to collect signatures from undergraduate students. A committee has been actively seeking signatures but the question to delay the submission deadline for this was pushed until the first Monday of February. For anyone who has any time to dedicate and come by the office, grab a clipboard with a signature form and get help. Between the five of us on the committee it is a lot of signatures but between Council it isn't. We're aiming for a thousand signatures, so please let me know if you can help because it is very important. Without this we cannot bring new points to referendum regarding this, and it is a great chance to talk to students and do what we are elected to do.

M. Clark-Gardner: How many clipboards do we have?

L. Sutherland: We can get more if needed.

O. Riaz: Who is going to be verifying the signatures? If we do the People's Potato line we need to avoid the repetition of signatures.

L. Sutherland: It's given to Policy Committee to review them.

9. New Business Informational

b) Mid-Mandate Report

R. Gaudet: I had some questions starting with the point on the Housing Co-op, that it might potentially fail? Suddenly seeing that in a report is concerning.

O. Riaz: That was for transparency, the Borough of the Plateau has not been as cooperative as we hoped. Initially when we proposed a permit from the City, they said if we didn't have a brick façade it would be okay. Now that it's in the final stages they're saying it's not okay. They had also asked us to turn the building around, but then backed down. This is to make everyone aware of if they force us to do that.

R. Gaudet: The daycare also needed to be Re-Approved by the Government.

O. Riaz: That just happened in the new year as well, the new legislation has prompted us to re-submit for approval to operate a Daycare. We do not have a concrete timeline but the construction shall proceed as normal.

R. Gaudet: Do we know about how long it took last time?

O. Riaz: About six months, but this should not take as long as it's mostly done. One 8-page form needs to be resubmitted and probably already has been. We tried to get in touch with a person who submits it to a committee for final review to avoid any delays.

R. Gaudet: I wanted to ask about the website. According to the June reports it was supposed to be done by August, In September...November, and so on. It's still not launched without explanation. I've heard rumors from people contracted to make it, no costs associated, so why?

O. Riaz: When we started it back in June we hired an experienced student but was unable to do it due to the complexity of the back end allowing Clubs to log in and do booking. That added the most work. We added another page for funding and went on to a professional company instead of our current company and their expertise isn't in back-end website development. Other than the back end, the website is done. Most parts are almost complete.

M. Clark-Gardner: Rowan had a good question, have we seen the finances? Multiple contracts means paying multiple people. I don't know who was hired or how that process went, it's important to know the person's qualifications, and they should have been verified beforehand.

O. Riaz: At the beginning of the year we got proposals of 100-150 thousand. We went with WordPress because it's easy to maintain, we haven't paid anyone but the company we're with at 7,000\$. The way they were chosen was sourcing them on Google because we had a hard time finding someone.

R. Gaudet moves that a report be submitted to council including all of the proposed costs, explaining each delay for each date provided and their causes.

A. Lougerstay seconds the motion.

Rowan: It was not included in the mid-mandate report, and so on.

O. Riaz: The contract was submitted to Council already.

R. Gaudet: There have been numerous delays without reasons being given to Council; it was to be done several months ago. Why it has been delayed and so on, aside from the costs it has not been succinctly reported to Council. This requires transparency so that all students at this University can see.

K. Khánh Trân Du: Who is in charge of this project?

O. Riaz: I am. Can you outline what you want in the report?

R. Gaudet: As the motion says, explaining each delay for each date provided and actually explaining their causes including the costs.

Chair: If you need any more information, you can follow up with Rowan.

In Favor: 12

Opposed: 0

Abstained: 6

The motion carries.

9. New Business Informational

c) CSU Credit Card

S. Hough-Martin: I submitted a motion in December about over 1,000\$ of Uber charges on the CSU credit card. We are still in the process of investigating, the motion was tabled and not all of the receipts have been submitted to Council. Once we've received all the information from Uber as there may have been multiple accounts attached to the same credit card. Once we do we may call a Special Council Meeting, so if anyone has any information can be brought forward for accounting and not brought through the cheque requisition process.

10. Question Period & Business Arising

a) Letter to CSU Membership

O. Riaz: I submitted this letter after the meeting on September 20th. I've looked it over and taken into account the things mentioned by several Councilors. I think I have been clear as to what I've done and I'm responsible for.

R. Gaudet moves to table the motion.

S. Hough-Martin seconds the motion.

In Favor: 9

Opposed: 4

Abstained: 4

The motion carries.

Chair: This will be brought back to Council for discussion at the next meeting.

O. Riaz: Can I discuss the topic?

Chair: The acceptance of the letter will be tabled. Councilors have emailed me asking for more time to read it before they can decide. When I received the letter I myself passed it on to Council. With the response of emails I will be more careful to disallow contentious documents.

O. Riaz: I wanted to ask why it would be tabled, but I'd imagine it is because of the late submission.

10. Question Period & Business Arising

b) CUCCR

D. Ellis-Darity: If you remember the December 13th meeting, Recyc Quebec has funded them and they would like to discuss with us on February 1st, there will be a Special Council Meeting and SUCCR will be presenting their requests for funds.

Chair: If there is nothing further we will be moving on to Question Period

A. Zebiri moves to excuse M. Bokesmati.

S. Hough-Martin seconds the motion

A. Zebiri: They are sick and would like to be excused.

In Favor: 17

Opposed: 0

Abstained: 0

The excusal carries.

Chair: I know that Julia was in class as well and couldn't make it.

A. Zebiri moves to excuse J. Sutura Sardo.

P. Magallanes seconds the motion.

In Favor: 14

Opposed: 0

Abstained: 4

The excusal carries.

A. Jemma: I was unable to come on time because of class.

Chair: You are on time, thankfully.

M. Clark-Gardner: So if Julia shows up they might make it on time?

Chair: Yes, exactly.

S. Hough-Martin: I'd like to ask a question for the Executive about the *Sexual Misconduct letter*, I was wondering what other actions have been taken and if any pressure has been put on the Administration. Alan Shephard has kind of claimed ignorance and Sexual Violence is an issue I am passionate about as a survivor. Is the CSU planning on holding him accountable as a member of the English Department?

M. Clark-Gardner: At Senate there was a long discussion about this, and definitely pressure has been put on the University. The President gave a very long explanation and students requested an apology. The logistics of this timeframe has been vague, and basically the response was that it will be in June but they will reach out because the process will incorporate students. So yes while it has technically been responded to we're kind of waiting for more information and we have to hold the University accountable for that. A lot of things need to be changed and students need to be at the forefront.

L. Sutherland: I would like to reassure Council I was very pleased by the level of student voices raised at Senate Friday and it is very clear students are involved in holding the Administration accountable. Asma can also shed some light on internal procedures; we have not been given a lot of information. The University has been pretty cagey so right now it's a lot of external pressure but hopefully when we undertake some more internal mechanism we will have more concrete answers to questions a lot of students have.

A. Zebiri: I heard "June", what is going to be submitted?

L. Sutherland: There were three steps Alan Shephard proposed, one of which is the investigation. The June deadline was the report from that investigation. It was the only concrete plan out of those three steps.

A. Zebiri: So they did start?

L. Sutherland: An investigator has been hired and contracts are being finalized.

J. Roy: I want to provide context about what Alan was saying. We keep getting these reassurances from different levels. They all say Students will be involved. The school needs to tell us exactly how students are going to be involved.

S. Hough-Martin: Thank you for following up but it would be important to push on who is doing the investigation and it is worth emphasizing again that Alan Shephard is part of the English Department and is claiming ignorance of what was going on.

L. Sutherland: It was a point of concern and it is something that CASE raised, whether it would be a third party that students would approve of. We were informed by our legal counsel they would not inform us because it could impact the investigation. If there is a desire for a student-approved investigator it would be on top of our other demands.

A. Mushtaq: There are multiple conversations taking place and a lot of interest in what's going on, we have been working on Policy recommendations. We've had some delayed responses and a lot of conversations related to the larger issue being tied to the University's response when it comes to sexual misconduct issues and assault allegations. It's a bit of a tangle right now to get the University to respond to the demands being made. Most of what we have been focusing on is how to organize internally. I wanted to reach out to members specifically interested in working on a task force dedicated to this. We want to work both in support of CASE and in terms of systematic issues we have been dealing with for a very long time now, many years. We want students to be more involved and it's something we want to work on. In

terms of all the steps we're taking this might not be the best forum. A definite involvement from student leadership will be needed.

M. Clark-Gardner: At Senate we talked about needing clarification on what counts as evidence. Many students have come forward already, and it hasn't been addressed until now apart from one other case. It is a big problem so we need to know what 'counts' as evidence. It takes a lot of emotional and mental endurance to continue to tell these stories, it can be traumatic. And to be dismissed or discouraged with not going through with formal complaints, and I went to the English Department meeting and faculty members have cited only one formal complaint being made in their tenures. It's a very big issue that there has only one formal complaint and that complaint did not involve sexual assault. So very big issues need to be resolved with the complaint process, with the chair saying that they were unaware of this issue, and that their doors are open, they cannot say that. The complaint process needs to be changed or dealt with. It needs to become a point of action.

11. Announcements.

A. Badr: As usual I would like everyone to check the CSU Facebook change for our events. Recipes for a change, community consultations, and more events will be announced. If anyone needs more information they can reach out to us at AVEQ

D. Ellis-Darity: Apparently these plates are compostable, so they go into this compostable bin. Yes! So if you read in the mid-mandate report, pen recycling will happen soon and will begin by the end of this week. If you have dying pens, bring them to the CSU office!

R. Gaudet: Are the spoons, as well?

D. Ellis-Darity: All the cutlery!

R. Gaudet: I want to make an announcement for next weekend: There is a transition conference for the Concordia Food Coalition. Panels, workshops, films, including food movements in universities, It's 15\$ or pay-what-you-can,

free food every day. It's a super cool annual conference. You can find it on facebook.

J. Roy: Reminder that *First Voices Week* is next week! It would be nice for everyone to show up and celebrate the beauty that is the Indigenous community.

R. Gaudet moves to adjourn

V. Rydzewski seconds the motion.

The motion to adjourn is considered friendly.

The meeting adjourned at 20h27