



# Concordia Student Union – Council of Representatives

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**CSU Council-Elect Meeting – Agenda Wednesday, May 16<sup>th</sup>, 2018 MB 9-  
CD (conference room), 18h30, S.G.W. Campus**

**We would like to begin by acknowledging that Concordia University is located on unceded Indigenous lands. The Kanien'kehá:ka(Ga-niyen-gé-haa-ga) Nation is recognized as the custodians of the lands and waters on which we gather today. TiohEá:ke(jo-jya-gé)/Montreal is historically known as a gathering place for many First Nations. Today, it is home to a diverse population of Indigenous and other peoples. We respect the continued connections with the past, present, and future in our ongoing relationships with Indigenous and other peoples within the Montreal community."**

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### **1. Call to Order**

*The meeting was called to order at 18h48.*

### **2. Roll Call**

Chair: I'd like to welcome you all to the CSU, and congratulations on your elected positions. I know campaigning is not easy, and is sure you will have productive meetings this year. I was last year's Chairperson for the union. I'm going to send a more formal email outlining responsibilities, what's expected of Councilors before the next meeting. To begin this on a note so we're on the same page, in terms of attendance, make sure you email the chair requesting an excusal if you cannot attend the next meeting. Each councilor has three absences before being deemed resigned.

In terms of how Council operates, we use Robert's Rules. There are resources online. I know the first meeting's a bit...people aren't familiar with how it runs. You raise your placard to be put on the Speaker's List, whenever you need to. Make sure you respect the speaking turn, when someone is speaking, you are not. In general, respect is the name of the game. When you speak, ensure you are addressing the room in an appropriate tone. An important part of Robert's Rules is to not directly address people in the room, no pointing or being accusatory when speaking as a matter of Parliamentary procedure.

A note on the implication, you've all been elected here by your respective faculties. Keep that in mind when you conduct yourself at meetings, you represent your faculty.

It is very important, you are not only speaking for yourself, this is a Board with legal obligations. There will be Council trainings in June on Robert's Rules, the legal implications, the functions of the University, so keep an eye out. If you have any dietary restrictions, you can email the student life coordinator. It's usually them who takes care of dealing with food and stuff like that.

With that being said, we are operating off the agenda. Please sign the Roll Call sheet, it is important for attendance. That being said, if there are any questions, don't hesitate to ask. There are some 2nd year Councilors in the room. If you're unsure of how to proceed, raise your placard and you can ask about how

things work in terms of procedure. There are quick hints on the back of the placard as well. Historically this meeting can be a little lengthy, but I'll try to make it as painless as possible.

Any questions before we begin? Okay. At this point we are on the Motion to Approve the Council Elect Meeting Agenda.

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

*C. Owusu-Acheaw moves to approve the agenda.*

*J. Haas seconds the motion.*

In Favor: 17

Opposed: 0

Abstained: 0

*The agenda is approved.*

### **4. General Coordinator's Report**

S. Hough-Martin: My name is Sophie, I'm the incoming General Coordinator. I'd like to give you an update about our work this month. We did training, a prep for leadership conference with all the faculty associations. We got to meet some of the members of the president's executive group. The incoming executive team and I are trying to work on a work plan for the summer. I also attended the Utile General Assembly. The CSU is in partnership with them for the housing project. I am the point person for the taskforce on sexual violence. We look forward to doing the best we can, so thank you.

Chair: Any discussion or questions for the General Coordinator?

Chair: To clarify, this isn't an actual meeting because your mandates haven't started, everything we do today will need to be approved in June. We're not putting anything into motion right now. It's not technically going to be binding until it is ratified.

That being said, we are on point 5.

### **5. Setting the Time of Regular Meetings**

*C. Thompson-Marchand moves to set the time to every 2nd Wednesday at 6:30 pm.*

*J. Haas seconds the motion.*

C. Thompson-Marchand: It is the usual time we meet last Council elect had a long debate and we arrived at this same point. I'd like to speed things up. It's been working well.

Chair: To clarify, meetings are to be held the 2nd Wednesday of the month with the exception of October, November and January when they are the 2nd and 4th. Any discussion?

R. Blaisdell: This is something some of the new Councilors might not have experience with, occasionally we have meetings that run late into the night. I'd like to feel the room as to what they think about mandating an end and start time to meetings. We can discuss that at length, but I would like to limit council to not go past 1am. I don't think that Council is effective past that time, even though it may be necessary to finish the agenda. We should start with the expectation that we will not be here past 1am.

J. Hanna: I would like to voice my agreement, maybe we can amend that we can make exceptions in rare cases. Maybe if one or two items are left you can motion to extend.

C. Owusu-Acheaw: Doesn't the CSU have a policy of Taxi rides being covered if the meeting is covered?

Chair: Yes.

J. Hutton: I have been on student councils at other universities, the standard meeting should be three hours. Maybe you should have a motion to extend them would be better. We should think of creative ways to do that.

S. Hough-Martin: I want to second what John said, the fact we've had meetings that have gone that long, I have experience with my first meeting lasting till about 3am. It's a little long, maybe we should expect people to come more prepared for council. A lot of those issues could have been avoided by that. Setting a time limit could be a great idea. I think we all understand that those 1am meetings should be a rare occasion.

J. Haas: I also want to say though something about limiting it to 1am, we should take into account that some members on council who have early classes on Thursday, and they might live further out. By that time they won't be in good shape for class.

S. Candido: I was going to second what John said. I guess, third his motion. For the sake of efficiency, should there be a need to extend a meeting to cover the agenda it could be justified.

Chair: To clarify there is one motion on the floor, to set the time, if you want to amend you have to proceed officially with "I move".

*R. Blaisdell moves to limit council to 11:30 at night except with approval of a 2/3 majority*

*C. Thompson-Marchand seconds the motion.*

R. Blaisdell: What John said is very apt, 3 hours is...I've been on council when it's sufficient to go beyond 3 hours, but if everyone reads the documents in advance and there are no surprise documents, it would be as it should be. If you show up 15 minutes early and something goes wrong, you're still "on time". We set it for 11:30 and that's the expectation, and if we need to go longer it wouldn't be too long. I'm proposing a 2/3 majority because of the issue of quorum. If people in the room want to be excused to leave, if we only get half of the people voting to stay, the rest can just leave and we'd lose quorum.

Chair: Any dissent to the amendment?

C. Kalafatidis: Do you mind if I start with a point of information? I want to understand, did you say until 11:30? Okay. Well we were talking about it not going past 12, 11:30 would end at 12 anyway. We should aim for a bit lower, like 10:30 or 11.

J. Haas: Can I make an amendment if it's friendly that at 11 there's a warning that it's close to 11 and then council can decide.

Chair: You can always just ask for it to be done and it will be done. I don't think it requires a motion, but if you'd like to move to amend...

J. Haas: Okay, that's okay.

R. Gaudet: I don't think arguing over exact times is necessary, we should set a time and aim for it based on the meeting.

C. Owusu-Acheaw: Rory mentioned efficiency, but the problem with Jarad's point is if we get a warning at 11, then we're going to feel pressured to finish rather than discuss important issues on hand. I don't want to see things rushed when Council is here.

P. Somefun: I'd like to say what Rowan said about either tabling this or picking a time, there are people who are here invited for interview and we'd like to not let their time go to waste, too.

*J. Haas moves to call the question.*

*A. Karasick seconds the motion.*

Chair: To narrate a little, the question has been called. It means you want to decide to vote on the motion on the table.

In Favor: 16  
Opposed: 0  
Abstained: 2

*The motion carries.*

Chair: Now we'll vote on the amendment on the table, to limit council to 11:30 except by express approval of a 2/3 majority.

In Favor: 18  
Opposed: 0  
Abstained: 0

*The motion carries.*

Chair: We are back on the main motion.

J. Hanna: For 6:30, Wednesdays, right?

Chair: Yes.

In Favor: 17  
Opposed: 0  
Abstained: 1

*The motion carries.*

J. Haas: Will this be included in tonight's council or after tonight?

Chair: The thing about tonight is that it's not an official meeting, it's more like a discussion. If you want to end at 11:30, you can. It's up to you.

Chair: We are on Appointments.

## 6. Appointments

### a) Council Chair

*R. Blaisdell moves to go into closed session and temporarily appoint the incoming General Coordinator as the Chair.*

*C. Thompson-Marchand seconds the motion.*

In Favor: 17

Opposed: 0

Abstained: 0

*The motion carries, and the Meeting is now in Closed Session.*

*J. Haas moves to bring in Caitlin Robertson in for an interview.*

*C. Thompson-Marchand seconds the motion.*

*J. Hanna moves to call the question.*

*J. Haas seconds the motion.*

In Favor: 9

Opposed: 0

Abstained: 7

*The question has been called.*

In Favor: 12

Opposed: 0

Abstained: 5

*The motion carries, Caitlin Robertson is interviewed.*

Yes: 12

No: 6

Abstained: 0

*C. Robertson has been appointed to the position of Chair of Council.*

*The Chair returns to the Meeting.*

*The proposed ten-minute recess is considered friendly.*

### b) Minute Keeper

*The Minute Keeper was excused during the interview process so this portion of the Meeting has not been transcribed.*

### c) Appointment of Councilors to Standing Committees of Council

Chair: It's recommended that councilors sit on at least one committee, but it is not necessary.

C. Owusu-Acheaw: Did we ratify the minutes of closed session?

Chair: We would do it in June. We will follow the order in the standing regulation. I'll give the floor to the chair of that committee, how often it meets, what days they will meet, their plans, people will raise their placards to nominate themselves or someone else with their consent. And you'd need a second from somebody in the room. I'll allow all the nominations to proceed until everyone is done. After that I'll give you a couple seconds to say why you should sit on the committee, and we'll proceed to a vote. If there is more than the amount of applicants for the number of seats, the CSU moved to do a close ballot last year. If we want to do it, no motion required. If not, then one is. We'll use appointments as our 'echantillon'. Appointments chair is..?

J. Hutton: That's me. The appointments committee, the workload is mostly focused on the summer as you would be able to appoint people to different things easily. It would slow down around August with a few more around the end of the Winter semester. The idea is as various positions within the CSU have to be filled, the CSU solicits student input to application positions, we would post interviews and make recommendations to council. The examples of position would be senate appointments, we need to fill the Student at Large position at each standing committee, and members of the Judicial Board as some examples.

Chair: How often do they meet?

J. Hutton: Not on a set schedule, on an as-needed basis. Most of the meetings will be in the summer.

*A. Karasick moves to nominate themselves.*

*C. Owusu-Acheaw seconds the nomination.*

*P. Quinn: moves to nominate themselves.*

*D. Ferraria seconds the nomination.*

*C. Kalafatidis moves to nominate themselves.*

*Jared seconds the nomination.*

*M. Berner moves to nominate themselves.*

*R. Gaudet seconds the nomination.*

*R. Gaudet moves to nominate themselves.*

*M. Berner seconds the nomination.*

J. Abi Semaan: Summer, July august or June?

J. Hutton: all of them but realistically mostly in August. You get the most at the start of school year, that's when the interviews would take place.

S. Hough-Martin: I'd like to make a note of gender parity, to consider it when applying or electing. It's important that it's not just (forgive me), a male majority. Consider gender parity.

Chair: The committees don't have to be filled today; if you're undecided today these committees will keep coming up at every meeting.

C. Owusu-Acheaw: How many "At Large" seats are there at this committee?

J. Hutton: One per committee.

Chair: I'll give you the opportunity to motivate for your positions.

A. Karasick: Nothing particularly important but I feel I'd do a good job at nominating people, doing oversight and I've been strongly against conflict of interest. I think this is the perfect place for me to do that.

P. Quinn: I've had some relevant experience at Policy. I take my job seriously, I've been on ASFA council and I make sure when it comes to appointments I want to ensure there are no conflicts, and that we are getting the best candidates.

C. Kalafatidis: When I heard it was a "summer thing" I thought it was great. I have no job this summer. I worked for Ted Ex Concordia where I did interviews to generate teams and put together speaker lineups. I put together a successful slate for student elections and I am open to talent.

M. Berner: I worked on the Concordia Food Coalition, working on their HR committee. I'm also involved with ASFA, I coach and belong to the ASFA task force. I'm particularly interested in Gender Parity and racialized, indigenous voices are heard. And my summer is open.

R. Gaudet: My summer is also open. I've also been on this committee before for 2016-2017 and was re-appointed for 2017 last year. I've been on before, sat on over half the standing committees of council. I generally know the CSU quite well, and its needs.

Chair: Either the floor is open, or we can do a secret ballot if there is an excess of applicants.

Chair: At this point there's five applicants for four positions. I'd open the floor briefly to motivate. I'll go on a little tangent. We're speaking of our colleagues; please remember the fun of gender-neutral pronouns. We use "they". It's a matter of respect, fairness and solidarity. I know it's not everyone's first nature, so I'll be gentle with reminders. If anyone would like to say anything, now's the time.

S. Hough-Martin: I would like to motivate for Margot and Rowan. I've worked with Margot with Policy Drafting committee which we drafted together. Rowan and I have worked together on the CSU and Rowan is very knowledgeable and provides great institutional memory.

C. Owusu-Acheaw: I'm going to motivate for Alex. They're my successor and they are open-minded. I am confident they will operate with good financial management in mind. I know them for their work at the model UN at Vanier and Concordia and they will bring their competencies to the table.

A. Karasick: I would like to motivate for Chris, as someone running with Chris previously, I know they are good at sourcing people and identifying conflicts.

P. Somefun: I'd like to motivate for Margot because I've known them this past semester and worked with them on the ASFA sexual violence policy and really think they offer a voice that promotes intersectionality and that's important to everyone here.

C. Kalafatidis: I'd like to motivate for P. Quinn. I know them through their work at ASFA council and they take it beyond way too seriously and sinks their life into it. Watching them work is part of why I'm here right now. Council always sounded boring to me, and got excited about it through their work.

S. Candido: I would like to motivate for Chris and Rowan. I believe having someone experienced in committees can provide the right perspective for new Councilors and have the right sense of priority that the CSU can create a lot of conductivity out of. I believe Chris has a profound understanding of how appointments work, providing new perspectives that may advance the CSU's efforts.

*D. Ferrara moves to commence voting.*

*C. Thompson-Marchand seconds the motion.*

*The motion carries unanimously.*

Chair: We will move to a vote by secret ballot.

Chair: Based on the results of the secret ballot are Chris, P. Quinn., Alex and Margot. With that, I said we'd go in the order of the Standing Regs and we didn't do that. So now we're on the point of Clubs and Space Committee under the purview of the Internal Executive, Princess.

P. Somefun: Hi everyone you all know me as princess. I am the chair of the Clubs and Space committee. We will be in charge of approving budgets, clubs, figuring out spacing, we will meet about once a month, I plan on helping provide good snacks, and yeah! That's it.

Chair: At this point the floor is open for nominations. For council to know, I received a request from Councillor Peter who could not make it today, they'd like to be nominated to the Clubs and Space committee.

*D. Ferrara moves to nominate themselves.*

*R. Blaisdell seconds the motion.*

*P. Keleher moves to nominate themselves.*

*S. Hough-Martin seconds the motion.*

J. Hutton: To keep things flowing neatly, I ask that discussion of the candidates wait until the nominations are closed.

*R. Gaudet moves to nominate Zoe with their consent.*

*J. Abi Semaan moves to nominate themselves, and Hilal Ghanem with their consent.*

*R. Blaisdell seconds the motion.*

H. Ghanem: How many positions are there?

Chair: Four per committee, with five applicants currently.

*M. Berner moves to nominate themselves.*

*J. Hanna seconds the nomination.*

R. Blaisdell: I want to let everyone who is discussing the nomination, Clubs and Space takes a lot of time especially at the beginning of the year. You will spend hours going over a few Club's budgets, it isn't a matter of efficiency. There are a tonne of clubs. It's important to be prepared during the summer and the beginning of the year to be meeting frequently for long periods of time and doing your homework first.

*P. Keleher withdraws their nomination.*

D. Ferrara: I read the other ones, this one seems more involving. I want to be directly involved and finding the best way to engage with those students.

R. Gaudet: For Zoe, they discuss their knowledge on managing budgets, they were a financing secretary and they are involved in the Concordia Community and is involved. They'd like to support new clubs and help with the Underground Tours of Concordia.

J. Abi Semaan: I would put effort into it, and time. I know a lot of people at clubs at Concordia and I'd like to see Clubs be more taken care of. I've heard a lot of complaints from clubs.

Chair: If you sit as an executive on a club, you cannot sit on the Clubs and Space committee, just to ensure nobody is disqualified.

Chair: Did Hilal write anything to you? Okay, no.

M. Berner: I am a club executive.

Chair: Then that makes you ineligible. Peter needs a second for their nomination.

*J. Hanna moves to second Peter's nomination.*

R. Blaisdell: I want to speak to Peter's candidacy. They are persistent and will show up!

C. Thompson-Marchand: I would like to speak more about Zoe. I've worked with Zoe before on many projects. I want to kind of...it's hard to make a decision when the person is not there but they are extremely dedicated and they know what to do before coming to meetings. They will have informed well-thought of opinions so meetings don't stretch out.

J. Hanna: I'd like to speak to the candidacy of David. As an ENCS representative it's nice to see ENCS people involved. It might be valuable especially since ENCS is known for not being very politically involved. As well as the clubs I'm going to be applying for, I hope that everybody else at least respects the need for a diversity of faculty.

S. Hough-Martin: This is going to be my creaky wheel, gender parity is important on committees. Prioritize all voices, please keep it in mind.

J. Abi Semaan: I'd like to vouch for Hilal. I think they're a very hard-working person. They want to be involved and thought that being involved with Clubs and Space committee would be a good way to do that. I would also like to retract my nomination.

Chair: At this point we have four applicants for four spots.

*J. Haas moves to omnibus the applications.*

*R. Blaisdell sections the motion.*

Chair: All in favor?

*The motion carries unanimously.*

Chair: So at this point, David, Zoe, Hilal and Peter are appointed to Clubs and Space Committee.

Chair: We can move on to the Policy Committee.

M. Clark-Gardner: Hi! So, Policy has four open Councilor seats. We're responsible for the making of bylaws and standing regulations, along with creating policy. It's a heavy committee, you need to be committed. In the summer I will be working on Policy, you don't need to be there but I will be sending things out to prepare for our meetings. It's not necessary to have already done Policy, it's good to have a diverse group. The projects I am working on, and the ones you're interested in are some of the things we

will be looking at along with Sexual Code of Conduct, undergraduate policies, electoral reform and looking at contradictions with bylaws. It's a brief overview. I don't want to scare anyone off, but please be prepared to work. It will be a fun year.

Chair: The floor's open for nominations.

*C. Owusu-Acheaw moves to nominate P. Quinn: Quinn to the committee with their consent.*

*C. Kalafatidis seconds the nomination.*

*M. Berner moves to nominate themselves.*

*S. Candido seconds the nomination.*

*J. Hanna moves to nominate themselves.*

*A. Karasick seconds the nomination.*

J. Haas: What days of the week will Policy meet?

M. Clark-Gardner: We will be finding a time.

*J. Haas moves to nominate themselves.*

*A. Karasick seconds the nomination.*

*A. Karasick moves to nominate themselves.*

*J. Hanna seconds the nomination.*

Chair: We'll move to our motivations.

P. Quinn: I've got experience with Policy-making. I was on the ASFA Policy Committee, we were the ones responsible with putting forth the new bylaws. We've been working on the new sexual harassment policy which will hopefully come out soon. I have experience with that.

M. Berner: I was spearheading the ASFA sexual harassment policy that was recently considered by Policy for the first time a few days ago. I also have worked on policies for the HR committee for the CFC as well as more general CFC policy-making. I actually...really like writing policy and finding discrepancies and get a little geeky about it.

S. Candido: My passion for politics comes from my experiences with policy. I am excited to edit any regulations or bylaws if necessary. I'm committed to working on policy involving sexual violence and electoral reform. I'd like to uphold the structure of the Standing regulations, although in an unrelated case I was the CEO of the Arts and Sciences Association which gave me a good appreciation of how policy works and identify gaps to help benefit students.

J. Haas: Policy is something I'm interested in, and I'd like to get involved in it at a young age. I'm new here at Concordia, so jumping on it now would be really great and it would be good to try to give it a fresh spin.

A. Karasick: I've read the entirety of the bylaws and standing regulations...a little bit too much. I've found a few things that need clarifications. I feel I would be a good addition to this committee.

J. Hanna: Diversity of faculty, I'm the only applicant from Engineering. There are a lot of poli-sci students. I'm passionate about electoral reform; I motioned to add online voting to the agenda for this reason. Also, I love stuff like Policy. Which is why one of the things I'd like to try to do is get an internship to be involved, and my involvement at the model of UN would help.

Chair: Are we all amenable to no more than five minutes of motivating? Thank you.

M. Clark-Gardner: Electoral reform is a hot topic right now, we are thinking of making an ad hoc committee as an executive already want one. It will be talked about but it won't be the main point, we have a lot of other subjects to work on.

D. Ferraria: I wanted to motivate for James because we had discussed previously their intention on putting forth online voting system and all of these reforms, they made me realize how well-fitting they'd be for this committee. That being said, that's all.

S. Hough-Martin: I'd like to motivate for Margot. Margot has written an incredible policy for ASFA sexual harassment policy, they bring with them a lot of experience in terms of taking a fresh perspective. They are so diligent and they work so hard. I'd also like to motivate for Samantha because their public policies are useful.

C. Kalafatidis: I'd like to motivate for Samantha. They are completing a degree in political science and starting a new degree in Public Policy and Public Affairs. They'd have a very good understanding. I'd like to testify to their character, they are obsessively attentive with policy. I believe Samantha would fulfill that

J. Haas: I'd like to mention Gender parity, we could get exactly 50/50 so I'd like to rescind.

*J. Haas withdraws their nomination.  
(applause)*

Chair: This is a great learning moment, to remember to use 'jazz hands'.

C. Kalafatidis: I'd also like to motivate for Sam. There's nobody here who will care more about the Policy Committee than Sam.

P. Somefun: I would like to motivate for Margot and Sam and I would have totally motivated for you too Jared, but it's okay. I've worked with Margot before on policy and I know something that is very very important to them is inclusion and diversity on all fronts. Primarily not just when it involves faculty but involving racialized minorities in these conversations. Laws these days don't include a lot of people, like myself and others and non-binary folks. Two thumbs up! Sam I know you and the fact that you are dedicated when you put your mind to something. I am heavy for the two of you.

Chair: We're approaching the end of the five minutes, can we vote or do we maintain the Speaker's List?

M. Berner: Someone said something about me writing the policy, there are a lot of people who wrote on this policy. I want them to be credited.

Chair: Are we amenable to a vote? There are five applicants for four positions. Patrick, Margot, Alex Samantha and James.

Chair: And I will learn all of your names with the end of the night. I promise.

Chair: I will announce the appointees: Patrick, Alex, Samantha and James.

Chair: With that, we can move on to Finance Committee.

J. Hutton: The description of Finance Committee is that it's responsible for overseeing the financial operations of the student union, monitoring its expenditures and revenues. They review them at least once per fiscal year, and manage disbursements from the Special Projects fund. Approval from the Finance

Committee is required for any expenditure between 10 and 15 thousand and any special funding in excess of 10 thousand. Some things come up all at once, or a slow trickle. Because the budget process is imminent, if you come to the Finance committee be prepared to work in June and July. I know some people were on Finance last year, if they'd like to share their experiences to set expectations.

*J. Hanna moves to nominate themselves.*

*C. Owusu-Acheaw seconds the nomination.*

*C. Owusu-Acheaw moves to nominate themselves.*

*A. Karasick seconds the nomination.*

*A. Karasick moves to nominate themselves.*

*C. Owusu-Acheaw seconds the nomination.*

*J. Abi Semaan moves to nominate themselves.*

*R. Blaisdell seconds the nomination.*

*R. Gaudet moves to nominate Zoe Zeitouni with their consent.*

*R. Blaisdell seconds the nomination.*

J. Haas: If I have their consent, I'd like to nominate Margot.

M. Berner: For Finance? Sure!

*J. Haas moves to nominate Margot with their consent.*

Chair: I have James, Caleb, Alex, Jad, Zoe and Margot.

*R. Blaisdell moves to nominate themselves.*

*A. Karasick seconds the nomination.*

J. Hanna: I don't know if this is repetitive, but again I think I'm the only engineering student. The same thing applies as last time. I think I'm good with numbers and finances and if it's at all relevant I was raised by two accountants. I think you can trust me to be good with the books. They're auditors. And engineering, I'd like to at least one person from the faculty be involved. What can go wrong?

C. Owusu-Acheaw: I'm a former VP finance of TSSA and former treasurer of the Vanier College association, and the member of board of director.

A. Karasick: I am the former VP finance at the TSSA and have a bit of experience with budget and finance and student organization budgets. I'm very dedicated to ensuring that this money is used to help students as effectively as possible.

J. Abi Semaan: The reason I want to be part of that committee is to ensure that the finances are accounted for perfectly to hold organizations accountable. It would be a skill I'd like to develop.

R. Gaudet: Zoe gave me some highlights. They were the secretary of finance for ASFA, they created and dealt with budgets and monitored expenses, they have a degree of commerce from CEGEP. Personally I've worked with them and they were responsible for finance for the Concordia Underground Tours. It was a mess but they managed to figure it out and keep us going despite having barely any money. They are good and willing to put in the time to figure out situations and they have experience.

M. Berner: I have experience working with the CSU's finances. I could do it. Sounds like fun.

R. Blaisdell: I was on Finance Committee this past year, I originally sat on two other committees and resigned from them realizing how much time they took. That's my advice, pick and choose. In all seriousness, I'm a Finance Major, a JMSB student, and have held a variety of jobs at the University involving finances. I've been a signing officer as well so I'm good at keeping things under scrutiny and ensuring finances are well-documented. There were a few things on Finance Committee we didn't get to complete this year. A lot of things I've noticed that I'd like to work on this year, so it's important to me.

C. Kalafatidis: First off, my summer's free. I'm down to treat the CSU as a full-time job. I want this experience. On what I've done with TED-EX, we worked with a projected budget of over \$100,000. I helped them trim it down to something more realistic. I grew the debate society to way more funding they ever dealt with. I'm currently working on PSSA's budget, I have lots of experience and I'd love to fix the SPF system. I did figure out how to get it going. It was a giant mess, I know how it was from a clubs experience and I'd like to change that.

C. Thompson-Marchand: I would like to point out, there's a lot of people trying to...or wanting to get into a lot of committees, that's great. But remember, they're supposed to include all councilors. Other people need to join spaces too. For the voters, please privilege those who are not already on committees, and of course, gender parity.

M. Clark-Gardner: I also want to say no committee has gender parity right now. A lot of people on my Policy committee are also on a lot of other committees, please keep into consideration the demands of a heavy committee like Policy.

A. De Carlos: I want to motivate for Margot. They are hard-working and responsible.

P. Quinn: Rory works hard not only at the CSU, but they've also been the chair of ASFA and they have a lot of experience in student government.

R. Gaudet: Someone mentioned Special Projects funding, it's done through Student Life and not Finance Committee.

C. Kalafatidis: I'd like to strongly motivate for Caleb. They were on Vanier Student Council and helped fix their budget quite a bit. They brought the PSSA, an organization with bad transparency to being an accountable one, for students.

J. Hutton: I'd like to emphasize that this committee approves large expenditures on sporadic timelines. We need to ensure we don't lose quorum, so please take it seriously to avoid a backlog of large expenditure so we don't end up needing to cancel bills further along the line.

S. Candido: I'd like to vouch for Caleb and for Alex. If anyone knows Caleb they hold true to their core abilities; They have fantastic spreadsheet-generating capacities. At the same time Alex holds a position as VP finance. The student body trusts them to allocate funds and collaborate responsibly, managing where funds and levies go.

S. Hough-Martin: To respond to something, it's great that slaying deficits has been brought up. The CSU has no deficit currently. Only two non-men have been appointed to committees to say it one more time, gender parity is very important. I was the only non-dude on Finance last year, please consider that.

J. Hanna: I would like to speak highly in favor of Caleb. I've had lots of very good experiences with their explaining skills. I will rescind my nomination.

P. Somefun: Am I allowed to ask the candidates questions?

Chair: We have seven. So it would be seven answers to your question. So you can be on the Speaker's List.

C. Kalafatidis: I'd like to vouch for Alex. They're very considerate in their work.

*The meeting was temporarily halted due to a health-related issue which occurred at 10:52pm.*

R. Gaudet: Maybe we should table these decisions to next week. It's running late.

Chair: You can call a special meeting and ratify it in June, or deal with it in June.

R. Gaudet: For the sake of committees and signing authorities, we'll call a meeting before June 1st.

J. Hutton: Do we need to motion to extend the signing authority?

S. Hough-Martin: We'll call a meeting before May 31st to handle signing.

J. Hanna: We're tabling until the special meeting?

S. Hough-Martin: Yes, we need to see what needs to be done before our mandates begin and what can wait until that date. A special meeting will be called. We will figure out now what we'll need to do. We will re-assess what was left on the Agenda.

R. Gaudet: Can we agree, June 1st is a Friday, We will have this meeting probably the Wednesday of that week.

C. Kalafatidis: Nobody wants a 17 hour council meeting. I would suggest we do quickly vote on finance because we've done 90% of it. It would take even longer to re-do this next meeting.

M. Clark-Gardner: I think we should motion to leave.

J. Hanna: Table everything today specifically to May 25th, it would work out.

S. Hough-Martin: Order, please.

We need to table it to a meeting before June 1st. We will come up with a date, we will use a Doodle to choose a date. It will be done in the most efficient way possible. There is too much commotion right now. James I appreciate your motivation in this, but for expediency, for all the pizzazz of tonight we need to clear this up at a later date.

C. Thompson-Marchand: I'd like to amend this for the end of May. My external committee has to present the annual campaign during the first meeting in June. We would be short on time.

S. Hough-Martin: It will most likely be done before then. Thank you, it is noted.

*R. Gaudet moves to adjourn.*

*The motion to adjourn is considered friendly.*

*The meeting was adjourned at 23h13.*

