



## Concordia Student Union – Council of Representatives

### **CSU Special Council Meeting – Agenda**

**Wednesday, May 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2018**

**CSU Conference Room, 18h30, S.G.W. Campus**

**1. Call to Order**

**2. Roll Call**

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**6. Appointments**

**c) Councillors to Standing Committees**

**d) Signing Officers**

**e) Concordia Council on Student Life**

**f) Library Services Fund Committee**

**g) CSU Community Action Fund**

**h) Ad Hoc Committees**

**7. Council Retreat and Training**

**8. Question Period and Business Arising**

**9. Announcements**

**10. Adjournment**



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### CSU Council-Elect Meeting – Minutes

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#### 1. CALL TO ORDER

Meeting is called to order.

*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. TiohÉá: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.*

#### 2. ROLL CALL

Council Chairperson: *Caitlin Robinson*

Council Minute Keeper (Interim):

Executives present for the duration of the meeting were *Akira De Carlos* (Sustainability Coordinator), *Sophie Hough-Martin* (General Coordinator), *Mikaela Clark-Gardner* (Internal & Clubs Coordinator), *Michele Sandiford* (Student Life Coordinator), *Alexis Searcy* (Loyola Coordinator) and *Princess Somefun* (Internal & Clubs Coordinator).

Executives absent for the duration of the meeting were *John Hutton* (Finance Coordinator) and *Camille Thompson-Marchand* (External & Mobilization Coordinator).

Councillors present for the duration of the meeting were *Jad Faraj Abi Semaan* (Arts & Science), *Bara Abuhamed* (ENCS), *Sophie Beauchamp-Lizotte*, *Margot Berner* (Arts & Science), *Rory Blaisdell* (JMSB), *Samantha Cadido* (Arts & Science), *David Ferrara* (ENCS), *Rowan Gaudet* (Arts & Science), *Jarrad Haas* (Fine Arts), *Sami Al-Hanbali* (Arts & Science), *James Hanna* (ENCS), *Christopher Kalafitidis* (Arts & Science), *Alex Karasick* (Arts & Science), *Paige Keleher* (Arts & Science), *Caleb Owusu-Acheaw* (Arts & Science), *Patrick Quinn* (Arts & Science), *Zoe Zeitouni* (Arts & Science).

Councillors absent for the duration of the meeting were *Daniel Abrams* (JMSB), *Marlène Iradakunda* (Arts & Science), *Abdellah Taleki* (ENCS), *Sally Younis* (ENCS) and *Peter Zhuang* (Fine Arts).

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#### 6. APPOINTMENTS

##### c) Councillors to Standing Committees



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### *Finance Committee*

#### Appointed:

R. Blaisdell  
M. Berner  
Z. Zeitouni

**R. Gaudet** moves for a run-off vote between tied candidates C. Owusu-Acheaw and C. Kalafitidis.  
**M. Berner** seconds.

Yes: 6  
No: 1  
Abstention: 1

*Motion carries.*

**C. Kalafitidis** is appointed as the fourth member.

Chair mentions that Standing Regulations stipulate that every councillor should be on one committee.

### *Student Life Committee*

**M. Sandiford** explains what Student Life Committee is. It is a committee for funding historically, Special Projects Funding, which is around \$40,000 per year to fund student projects. Helps facilitate, planning and facilitate events organized by the CSU, in the past, Councillors have not been as interested in that. The core is committee funding and special project. Lower commitment, but deadlines are important so you must attend. A little bit of work going through proposals.

Chair opens the floor to nominations.

**S. Beauchamp-Lizotte** nominates themselves.  
**S. Candido** nominates themselves.  
**P. Keleher** nominates themselves.  
**P. Zhaung** nominated themselves *in absentia*.

**R. Gaudet** moves to omnibus all four candidates.  
Seconded by **M. Berner**.

Yes: 11  
No: 0  
Abstention: 0

All four candidates are appointed to the Student Life Committee.



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### *External & Campaigns Committee*

**M. Clark-Gardner** explains the External committee for C. Thompson-Marchand who is absent. Meetings are once a month, availabilities must be for the first week of June.

**B. Abuhamed** nominates themselves.

**R. Gaudet** seconds.

**M. Berner** nominates themselves.

**R. Gaudet** seconds

**R. Gaudet** nominates themselves.

Seconded by **M. Berner**.

**J. Haas** nominated by **A. Karasick** with their consent, seconded by **M. Berner**.

**J. Hanna**, nominated by **A. Karasick** with their consent, seconded by **P. Quinn**.

Motivations from each of the present candidates.

**M. Berner** motivates for **J. Haas** on the basis of them being the only person who stepped down for gender parity.

**S. Beauchamp-Lizotte** motivates for **M. Berner** and **R. Gaudet**.

**S. Candido** motivates for **J. Hanna**, based on their experience.

**A. Karasick** motivates for **J. Hanna** based on their experience with campaigning in the political sphere

**S. Hough-Martin** reminds everyone that there are some councillors not yet on committees and gender parity.

**B. Abuhamed, M. Berner, J. Haas, and J. Hanna** are appointed to the External & Campaigns Committee.

### *Sustainability Committee*

**A. De Carlos** explains what Sustainability committee is. Busy year for sustainability committee as Concordia reassesses its 5 year sustainability plan.

**S. Beauchamp-Lizotte** nominates themselves, seconded by **S. Candido**.

**P. Keleher** nominates themselves, seconded by **R. Blaisdell**.

**J. Abi Semaan** nominates themselves, seconded by **B. Abuhamed**.

**S. Beauchamp-Lizotte** motivates for themselves based on involvement in sustainability circles.



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**P. Keleher** motivates for themselves and making sustainability more sustainable for everyone on campus. Sustainability framed as a personal failing and not institutional problems.

**J. Abi Semaan** motivates for themselves. Providing an out of the box solutions.

**R. Gaudet** moves to omnibus, seconded by **M. Berner**.

Yes: 10

No: 0

Abstention: 0

**S. Beauchamp-Lizotte, P. Keleher, J. Abi Semaan** are appointed to the Sustainability Committee.

### *Loyola Committee*

**A. Searcy** explains what the Loyola Committee does. Working on events at Loyola, better services at Loyola (food services, sexual violence services, peer counselling, and ongoing leftover projects)

**J. Haas** is nominated by **A. Karasick** with their consent, **R. Gaudet** seconds.

**M. Clark-Gardner** encourages people to be open to Loyola committee, even if they are not on the campus or near Loyola. Want to do a lot more outreach, exciting committee, not much movement but aiming to do a lot more. Asks **A. Searcy** what the commitment is.

**A. Searcy** says once a month.

**P. Keleher** nominates themselves, seconded by **M. Berner**.

**R. Blaisdell** nominates **P. Zhuang**. – Rescinds.

**A. Karasick** motions for omnibus. Seconded by **P. Keleher**.

Yes: 9

No: 0

Abstention: 1

J. Haas and P. Keleher are appointed to the Loyola Committee.

### **d) Signing Officers**

**R. Blaisdell** nominates themselves, **R. Gaudet** seconds.

**R. Gaudet** nominates themselves, **M. Berner** seconds.

**J. Hanna** nominates **C. Owusu-Acheaw**, **A. Karasick** seconds.



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**A. Karasick** nominates themselves, seconded by **J. Hanna**.

**P. Keleher** nominates themselves, seconded by **R. Blaisdell**

**J. Abi Semaan** nominates themselves, seconded by **R. Blaisdell**.

**C. Kalafitidis** nominates **S. Candido** with their consent, seconded by **P. Quinn**.

Rory, Rowan, Caleb, Alex, Paige are nominated.

Motivations from councillors.

**R. Blaisdell** motivates for themselves.

**P. Quinn** motivates for **S. Candido**.

**J. Hanna** motivates for **C. Owusu-Acheaw**.

**S. Candido** motivates for **R. Gaudet**, **R. Blaisdell** and **A. Karasick**.

**R. Blaisdell** applauds everyone for wanting to keep the CSU honest, but reminds councillors that signing officers aren't responsible for deciding how things are spent, just verifying that the procedures were followed correctly.

**C. Kalafitidis** motivates for **C. Owusu-Acheaw**.

**R. Blaisdell** moves to appoint **S. Hough-Martin** as the executive signing officer. Seconded by **M. Berner**.

Yes: 11

No: 1

Abstention: 0

### **e) Concordia Council on Student Life (CCSL)**

**M. Sandiford** explains what CCSL is. Main thing they do is funding with their own special projects fund. Distributed about \$135,000 to student projects on campus.

**M. Sandiford** motions for **J. Hutton** and **M. Sandiford** to be the executives who sit on CCSL. Seconded by **M. Berner**.

**J. Abi Semaan** nominates themselves. Seconded by **A. Karasick**.

**J. Hanna** nominates **D. Ferraria** with their consent.



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**P. Keleher** nominates themselves.

Seconded by **M. Berner**.

Motivations by each of the candidates.

**M. Berner** moves to omnibus.

Seconded by **P. Keleher**.

Yes: 11

No: 0

Abstentions: 0

Jad, David and Paige are appointed to the Concordia Council on Student Life.

### **f) Library Services Fund Committee**

**M. Clark Gardner** presents what the committee is. Really fun, amazing food at the committee meetings. You get paid for the equivalent of one course to be on this committee.

**J. Abi Semaan** nominates themselves, seconded by **S. Hanbali**

**S. Hanbali** nominates themselves, seconded by **P. Quinn**.

**M. Berner** nominates **P. Keleher** with their consent.

**S. Beauchamp-Lizotte** nominates themselves, seconded by **M. Berner**

**M. Berner** nominates themselves, seconded by **P. Keleher**.

**J. Abi Semaan** motivates for themselves. Wants to improve the library.

**S. Hanbali** motivates for themselves. So much potential for the library, wants to make it better.

**P. Keleher** motivates for themselves. Library-related outreach.

**S. Beauchamp-Lizotte** rescinds their nomination.

**M. Berner** motivates for themselves. Using library services, without library services there are very few classes that they could afford books for. Passionate about Libraries.

**M. Clark-Gardner** clarifies that there are 2 councillor seats.

**P. Quinn** motivates for **S. Hanbali**.

**A. Karsick** motivates for **S. Hanbali**.

**S. Hanbali** and **J. Abi Semaan** appointed.



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**M. Clark-Gardner** and **A. Searcy** nominate themselves as the executive seats on Library Services Fund.  
**M. Berner** seconds.

*Motion carries via unanimous consent.*

### **g) CSU Community Action Fund**

**M. Sandiford** explains the role of the Community Action Fund. Prioritizes funding for marginalized groups.

**J. Abi Semaan** nominates themselves to sit on the committee, seconded by

**J. Hanna** nominates themselves to sit on the committee, seconded by

**A. Karasick** nominates themselves to sit on the committee,

Chair defers this point to the Policy Committee for the lack of clarity in the By-Laws about seat distribution, so this will be brought back in June or at such a time when Policy Committee can provide clarification.

### **h) Online Voting Committee**

**J. Hanna** presents motion. Initiative that they want to bring up. We should do in electoral reform is to transition into online voting. A committee that they want to create to start studying the motion and how we can implement online voting. Other electoral reform committee will have too much but they want to have something specific.

**S. Hough-Martin** clarifies that there is currently no electoral reform committee, as it's an ad hoc committee that must be recreated at the June council meeting.

**M. Clark-Gardner** voices that electoral reform and online voting are the very similar mandates. More committees, more difficulty reaching quorum.

**J. Hanna** motivates for separating the committees. Electoral reform deals with a lot of issues, and would online voting be good for the CSU, and how we would implement this very specific point of online voting. Wants to single out this issue, this is an issue that's very important to constituents and is one of the key issues for modernizing.

**A. Karasick** motivates for separate committees.

**P. Quinn** moves to establish a committee called the Elections and Participation Committee with a mandate to create online voting by the general elections of this year.

**R. Gaudent** seconds.

**P. Quinn** motivates.





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**R. Gaudet** agrees that online voting is something important to bring up, but having an end decision before the mandate begins doesn't make sense.

**S. Hough-Martin** voices concern about having a given mandate to a committee before its met is incredibly difficult.

**J. Hanna** moves for a friendly amendment to have a decision made by the next elections. 1 exec, 4 councillors (one from each faculty), 5 students-at-large mandate to investigate online voting and come up with a decision and implement that decision by next general elections.

**R. Blaisdell** asks what the composition of the Electoral Reform committee right now?

**M. Clark-Gardner** states that there was no set out number, because we wanted as many people to be part of it as possible. We didn't meet many times, but recommends that representation is super important, and thinking about quorum and having enough people. This will be a lot of work, and a lot of research to move this forward. If you want something by next march, that's a lot.

**R. Gaudet** moves to split the vote between the mandate and the composition of the committee. Seconded by **S. Candido**

Yes: 6

No: 5

Abstentions: 0

*Motion carries.*

Composition

**J. Hanna** believes composition is important to have one member from each faculty to see their views and how they can contribute.

**R. Gaudet** thinks faculty representation is important, but exact numbers on each isn't necessarily helpful in this case. 5 student-at-larges creates a massive, hectic committee who won't necessarily have experience. A second executive would be helpful, they're paid and have more capacity. 10 people is a lot. That's quorum at a council meeting.

**D. Ferrara** disagrees with **R. Gaudet**. Agrees with **J. Hanna** about the number of people needed. Big burden on 2 people, having this many people on board would help delegate the work more efficiently.

**P. Quinn** moves to amend the composition to 7 members total, optimal number. Two executives, three councillors, and 2 members at large. Seconded by **S. Beauchamp-Lizotte**. Motivates that the bigger committees get the more unproductive they are.

**J Hanna** motivates that representation from each faculty is very important, part of the mandate that got them elected. Distribution of work.



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**J. Abi Semaan** rescinds.

**A Karasick** rescinds.

**S Hough-Martin** reminds people that 10 people is a lot come midterms. 7 is much more reasonable.

**S Beauchamp-Lizotte** points out a lot of people aren't involved, trying to get 5 people involved is difficult.

Call to question.

Voting on amendment to be 7 members total, 2 execs, 3 councillors and 2 members at large.

Yes: 10

No: 1

Abstain: 3

*Motion carries.*

**R. Gaudet** rescinds.

**D. Ferrara** rescinds.

**J. Hanna** motivates for the motion amendment.

**P. Quinn** calls the question.

Seconded by **A. Karasick**.

Yes: 9

No: 0

Abstention: 4

**C. Kalafitidis** rescinds.

**A. Karasick** talks about what the committee is gonna look like.

**J. Hanna** for any questions about whether that this should be merged with electoral reform issue, so it should be its own separate thing.

**D. Ferrara** calls the question.

**S. Beauchamp-Lizotte** asks about the electoral reform committee's mandate.

**S. Hough-Martin** clarifies that there is currently no electoral reform committee because it is ad hoc. It does not exist.



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**J. Hanna** moves to establish the Elections and Participation Committee with the mandate to investigate the issue of online voting before the General Elections of next year and keep the composition to 7 people – 2 executives, 3 councillors, and 2 Members-at-Large

Yes: 9

No: 2

Abstain: 3

**S. Beauchamp-Lizotte** thinks we should vote for next meeting. Motion to table, seconded by M. Berner.

Yes: 8

No: 0

Abstentions: 6

*Motion carries.*

These will come back at the June Regular Council Meeting.

### **7. Council Retreat and Training**

**R. Gaudet** moves to excuse **J. Hutton** and **C. Thompson-Marchand** from this meeting.  
Seconded by **M. Berner**.

*Motion carries.*

**A Karasick** asks if electoral reform will be decided on in June. (YES)

**J. Abi Semaan** asks if council meets in July and August. (No)

**M. Clark-Gardner** challenges the chair's decision to defer the previous point to Police Committee.  
Seconded by **R. Gaudet**.

Opposed by **J. Hanna**

Yes: 7

No: 4

Abstention: 3

**R. Gaudet** brings up past precedent.

**D. Ferraria** motions to keep it as the precedent, 1 exec 1 councillor 1 student at large, seconded by M. Berner.

**R. Gaudet** calls the question. **J. Abi Semaan** seconds.



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Keep status quo 1 exec, 1 councillor 1 student at large

Yes: 9

No: 2

Abstention: 1

**J Hanna** nominates themselves, **J Abi Semaan** seconded.

**P Somefun** nominates **P Keleher** with their consent.

**S Hanbali** nominates **J. Abi Semaan**, **J. Abi Semaan** seconds

Motivations

**D Ferrara** calls the question. Moves to a vote.

**J. Abi Semaan** is appointed to CAF.

**J Hanna** motions to get more meat.

Chair brings up that motions that are formulated from the floor, must be formulated be properly.

**J Hanna** motions to repeal the clause saying 2/3 vegan food at Council.

No second, the motion fails.

**M Berner** calls for the orders of the day.

**R. Gaudet** announces that there's a petition for the city of Montreal regarding consultation on systemic racism.

### 8. ADJOURNMENT

**M Berner** moves to adjourn at 9:43 p.m. seconded by **P Keleher**.

*Carries unanimously.*

*MEETING ADJOURNED: 9:43 P.M.*