

**DECEMBER MEETING OF THE CSU COUNCIL
DECEMBER 3, 2008, 6:30pm
ROOM AD 210 LOYOLA**

AGENDA

1. Call to Order

2. Roll Call/ Approval of the Agenda

3. Approval of the Minutes

3.1 Minutes of September 17th, 2008

3.2 Minutes of October 2nd, 2008

3.3 Minutes of October 22nd, 2008

3.4 Minutes of October 30th, 2008

3.5 Minutes of November 12th, 2008

4. Chairperson's Report

5. Executive Reports

5.1 President

5.2 Vice President Services

5.3 Vice President External

5.4 Vice President Clubs and Sustainability

5.5 Vice President Communications

5.6 Vice President Finance

6. New Business

6.1 Motion Regarding CEO Posting

6.2 Motion on Proper Documentation of Amendments New Standing
Regulations

6.3 Motions Regarding SAF Referendum Question

7. Other Business

8. Adjournment

1. Call to Order

The chair calls the meeting to order at 6:48pm.

2. Roll Call/ Approval of the Agenda

Councilors:

Heather Gore
Nicole Murphy
Amine Dabchy
Katherine Belanger
Samantha Banks
Eduoard Fuchs
Louise Birdsell-Bauer
Prince Osei
Kaysy Paolucci
Sean Zimmerman
Alejandro Guerrero
Stephan Paek
Jessica Cohen

Executives:

Andre Leroy Audy
Priscila Gomes
Jose Garcia
Colin Goldfinch
Keyana Kashfi
Elie Chivi

Kashfi moves to add a new point CSU Financial Informational to the agenda and to put the point before new business

In Favour 11

Motion passes

Fuchs moves to add a motion to new business

Vote to amend agenda

8 in favour

Motion fails

Motion to pass agenda
(Kashfi/ Birdsell-bauer)

11 for

Agenda passes

3. Approval of the Minutes

Sept 17th

Move to approve
(Birdsell-bauer/Fuchs)

Amendments:
Heather Gore will be added

Move to approve
(Zimmerman/Banks)

For 11

Minutes are accepted

October 2

(Goldfinch/Devlin)

Amendments: Heather Gore will be added

Motion to approve
(Chivi/ Murphy)

For 10

Minutes are accepted

October 22

H-762 change room number

Motion to approve
(Dabchy/Belanger)

For 11

Minutes are accepted

October 30
(Chivi/Banks)

Cohen motions to table the minutes until they are reformatted -Secretary will format the minutes for next meeting

for 12

Motion passes once reformatted Minutes will be accepted

November 12

Amendments -Devlin-should be on the roll call

For 11

Minutes are accepted.

4. Chairperson's Report

Nudo hopes that everyone is doing well with their studying and preparing for exams. She is very disappointed with whoever spoke to the media. It has been a good semester besides that.

5. Executive Reports

- **5.1 President** -See attached report for more information

Meeting with Woodsworth: Libraries and study space, int'l fee deregulation, clubs space, shuttle buses, ECA.

- President Woodsworth wasn't aware of CCSL, which is a shame.
- Library is a really loud space due to group work especially downtown. Last year the CSU paid for another week of 24-hour access, in total that makes 3 full weeks.

Shuttle bus service-we want extra service so that you can return to downtown for night classes, at present some classes run later than the shuttle bus.

- Asked for a plan about int'l fee deregulation, have not yet received a promise about that.
- Real estate committee will be meeting next week; councilors should come if at all possible.

Senate- University writing test- thanks to lobbying by CSU its no longer necessary.

CCSL- met last week, CSU is against the CCSL raising fees

VP Student Life and Loyola—Natalie Mai has resigned she found it difficult to keep up with her tasks. She hasn't been paid since she stopped working in response to questions from the newspaper

- Dabchy-Will there be a new Student life executive?
- Kashfi -We are all working on orientation. The executives have not decided yet.
- Birdsell-Bauer- In terms of University Writing Test will there be something faculty-wise to replace it?
- Kashfi-possibly, that is a good question, they are looking into this.
- Osei- Is there any information on the Hive lease?
- Kashfi –The negotiations are going well. December 1st officially it is done
- Kashfi- In response to question over Natalie Mai being paid- She was not paid last pay period, it has been 2 weeks...
- Devlin-Could you elaborate on Board Of Governors and Senate steering committee?
- Kashfi-their was a lot of appointing people to committees, housekeeping, nothing too interesting. We have asked questions on int'l fee deregulation, they haven't responded yet.
- Paek-in your last meeting with president did you mention that at the library they aren't checking ID's, maybe that is why the library is so busy.
- Guerrero-were there any other reasons for Mai resigning
- Kashfi-personal issues
- Gore -Engineering writing test still remains, just so people know.
- Goldfinch-the committee that is working on figuring out what to replace the University Writing Test is out of the provosts working group on teaching and learning is the committee that abolished this writing test. Hopefully there will be something more effective in the future. In regards to the Loyola portfolio –we will be sure to create a new position for a Loyola coordinator.

5.2 Vice President Services

I volunteer –

- It is up and running. We have a great database of volunteers which is up and is useful for students

Tutoring Bank

- We need to develop it more but it is up.
- The main strategy is to double the amount of tutors we have.

New Loyola Luncheon Coordinator

- Will be hiring a new coordinator
- No interviews could happen due to no union members being appointed to the committee

Housing and Job Bank

- Employees are being sent to workshops, so their housing law knowledge is constantly updated.

HIV/AIDS week

- Was a success, budget was half of last years due to volunteers
- Unfortunately due to server problem, posters didn't come out on time.

Black history week coordinator

- This position will be hired in January

Garcia is taking over a number of Mai's responsibilities including movie nights

- Guerrero—Loyola Luncheon what is the process for hiring committee?
- Garcia- requested that Kashfi asked for 2 staff members to join committee
- Osei- This Monday the hiring committee will happen?
- Chivi- Yes, it makes more sense to re-launch the luncheon in January
- Kashfi- I'm also not sure if the Luncheon was offered during exam period last year
- Osei- Are students informed that the Luncheon wasn't available?
- Chivi- Yes, there was many different notifications most importantly the receptionists at Loyola informed people
- Osei- could we use volunteers?
- Kashfi- No it goes against the collective agreement

5.3 Vice President External

- Just returned from CFS national meeting, got to discuss with Memorial University about how they were able to defeat a 10% int'l fee increase
- Other issues at CFS-Q semi-annual general meeting: Public transportation fund – get rid of age restriction and Copyright reform legislation

Election work

- Passing out flyers on voteeducation.ca website at coffee breaks these last few days.
- CREM-Mtl coalition of students –meeting was last night
- FEUQ bilingual student newspaper—working on distribution of flyers

New Campaigns Coordinator

- One has been hired. It has been difficult these last few months without one, The last coordinator, Chris Schwartz, resigned.

Advocacy Center

- Has been short staffed but there will be a new Employee in January

Legal information Clinic

- The LIC will be giving workshops—“How to’s”
- One will be visiting visas, How to get Permanent residency

Provosts Committee on Teaching and Learning

- Issues discussed include: extended learning, continuing education, distance learning, experimental classes with new methods of teaching. How can we include community involvement in our educations?

Senate Meeting

- Discussion about how to best represent the end of the UWT to students, work with the university so they understand –what the suspension of the UWT means for them.
 - Devlin- Heather Nagy is the new campaigns coordinator.
 - Cohen- I do not think a course is better than a test to replace the UWT.
 - Kashfi-Yes a course should be a last call. We don’t want to need 93 credits instead of 90 credits for our degrees.
 - Dabchy- Int’l students already have a fluency test to get into university.
 - Goldfinch- Yes also the questions that were on the UWT were culturally specific if you don’t know who Brittany spears is...then...
 - Student-Have you talked to any of the unions, the CUFA? They are thinking of striking?
 - Kashfi-They don’t have an agreement, they haven’t agreed on salaries. Their council’s membership gave a strike mandate if their members vote it on, we don’t know what will happen for sure.
 - Devlin- What about the fine? I read about in the Concordian, 50\$ per day for late charges?
 - Kashfi-Its not 50\$ a day, what we have heard from our legal council. When the Concordian brought this up I tripled checked and was informed that its with the government and it takes a long time. The processing date is retroactive from the date you filed for. Kashfi has filed the new names with the government.
 - Cohen- When there is a strike, does that mean they won’t mark papers?
 - Kashfi- During their last strike, the part-time union marked papers to be nice to students, I hope they will follow the same methods in the future
 - Andrew- 2 part question-Aparently it will be an actual strike. He checked yesterday the registry and its still not filed. It could still be 3 months.
 - Chivi-there are many types of corporations, we are non-for-profit so we are not charged like that 50\$ a day penalty. We are part 3- Not for Profit, so that does not affect us at all. We should also show solidarity with faculty members who may go on strike, Whatever they decide to do.
 - Cohen-Strike again. Are they being paid while they are on strike?
 - Kashfi-The audit for the university is out in public and the 1.3 million dollar buy out for Lajeunesse is out, the University isn’t saying anything about it. They used this money to buy him out and it is the same amount they now

collect from international Students with the new 10% increase. I think this is outrageous to pay him this amount after only 5 months.

5.4 VP Clubs and Sustainability

Coffee breaks

- Was able to speak about the coffee cards, the mug and its importance, Gomes is speaking with café depot. We are now half way through the year and we have given out more than half of our mugs

Library

- Spoke with New Librarian about double-sided printing, he moved quickly. Downtown there is now a double-sided printer. Unfortunately, Vanier has not changed.
- 100,000 pages saved per month, and during finals it will be more obviously. How much it will cost? New librarian isn't sure it will save \$ for them.
- Apparently the library isn't making money on the printing, just breaking even
- Online course packs- Gomes encourages everyone to encourage professors to put more things online. Its better in terms of sustainability and accessibility

U-Pass Transit

- We are still working on this.

Other updates that are mentioned:

- JMSB received a grant of 2 million dollars for sustainability, which is encouraging.
- Next speaker January 15th Would like to see everyone there.
- Clubs portfolio- Communicates on a bimonthly manner.
- Many tastes of Concordia – January 12th.
- Clubs leadership training day.
- Renovation of clubs space.
- We now have a new clubs lounge where the old ASFA office was.
- Special projects for clubs are still going.
 - Chivi- Please councilors encourage professors to accept double sided papers
 - Devlin- Will Many Tastes of Concordia be in the same place as CISA's event?
 - Gomes-No, winter is difficult for indoor space, the different panels don't move on the 7th floor
 - Paek- How is possible that Concordia is not making a profit on .07\$ a page per print?

5.5 Executive Report – Vice President Communications

Speakers' series

2nd intimate speakers series

-Researching-a very diverse group of speakers will surely deliver

The CSU Website

-It was revamped; clubs and JB section will be reworked

-We want it to be more interactive

Alcohol policy

Being reworked –not too much is confirmed.

Poster policy committee

Going well - please refer to report

CVAP

-There has been two meetings since last exec meeting

Lots of new things including: CVAP Execs can't vote now and minutes are public

Exam coffee break –please councilors we would appreciate any help, please come volunteer send your availability

101's

People's potato, CUTV workshop, Vegan cooking are possibilities for the next session

- Guerrero –when's the Alcohol committees' next meeting?
- Chivi- we are working not to let them limit the amount of alcohol permits students can get. We want it to be easy for permits to be obtained
- The SIP exam isn't good, its easy, but it should be stronger, and servers need to be well trained.
- Guerrero-in your letter Keyana-you mentioned that Peoples Potato would be getting money where is that coming from?
- Audy-it would be a loan, due to the problems
- Kashfi –they haven't followed up but we are hoping that they will.

5.6 Executive Report - VP Finance

Budget code changes—in the future clubs will have an easier way to get equipment for event from IITS

Administrators have been getting bonuses, as much as 20% without any serious review.

Reggies

Has had some very profitable nights

But he would like to talk to people from clubs—to get them to use the bar since it is the campus bar.

- Dabchy-Why were you guys working there are you low on staff?
- Andre-not a lack of Staff, a lack competent managerial staff is our problem. We lost

- a manager and we are pulling it together
- Osei-Does Reggies advertise on Campus?
- Andre-Yes
- Cohen-we put up a banner
- Dabchy-ASFAs organizes a hockey night at Reggies

Informational point- closed session
(Kashfi/Murphy)

14 for

6. New Business

Motion for 5-minute recess (fuchs/belanger)

For 6

Against 4

Motion fails

6.1 Motion Regarding CEO Posting

Whereas the CSU's server crashed from Tuesday, November 11th to Wednesday, November 20th, forcing the CSU website to go offline at different times during the week. Whereas The Chief Electoral Officer's online posting was unavailable to students as a result of the server crash.

Whereas emails and job applications sent to most CSU accounts between Tuesday, November 11th and Wednesday, November 20th are still delayed or missing as a result of the server crash.

Whereas posters advertising for the Chief Electoral Officer position, along with other CSU job postings, have been turned down for several weeks therefore decreasing the accessibility of information to the student body.

BIRT Council ratify the Chief Electoral Officer application deadline extension to December 5th, 2008.

BIRFT the appointment of the new Chief Electoral Officer for CSU take place during the January 14th, 2009 regularly scheduled Council meeting

(Chivi/Seconder?)

- Chivi motivates that the JB officially ratified the extension
- Osei-who is in charge?
- Kashfi- Appointments committee
- Osei- How many applications have we received?
- Kashfi- I believe seven
- Osei- Couldn't the VP communications send this information out to the councilors
- Chair-Yes
- Osei-I would like to amend the motion- to read BIRFT Monday Dec 8th the Appointment committee to go over the CV's the candidates
- Kashfi- You can't motion for something that already happens...CV's are confidential
- Dabchy- Will the appointment committee meet before January?
- Kashfi-Yes
- Chair- SO this proposed amendment can't be done.

Call the question

(Cohen/Paek)

For 14

Vote on Motion 6.1

For- 14 (Birdsell-Bauer)

Opposed -0

Motion Passes unanimously

6.2 Motion on Proper Documentation of Amendments New Standing Regulations

Whereas the CSU By-laws and Standing Regulations govern the Concordia Student Union

Whereas it is imperative that all amendments to the Standing Regulations should be properly documented to facilitate institutional memory.

BIRFT that all amendments to existing Standing Regulations must indicate the date

of the meeting of which they are adopted via parenthesis at the end of the motion containing date and time.

(Chivi/Banks)

- Chivi motivates -I don't know why at a certain point the date was no longer added to new Standing Regulations. So that we know in the future when things were adopted.
- Cohen suggests an amendment to take out the word time from the motion.

Calls the question

12 for the amendment to the question

Amendment passes

Call the question

(Dabchy/Murphy)

Unanimous

Vote on the amended motion: **BIRT that all amendments to existing Standing Regulations must indicate the date of the meeting of which they are adopted via parenthesis at the end of the motion.**

For 14

Motion passes unanimously

6.3 Motion Regarding SAF Referendum Question

WHEREAS On October 2nd Council passed a motion to adopt a referendum question on the continued funding of the Sustainable Action Fund

WHEREAS there exist problems with the Sustainable Action Fund By-laws

WHEREAS many members of the Concordia Student Union do not feel a referendum is the most appropriate way to evaluate the Sustainable Action Fund

WHEREAS the Concordia Student Union Executive is a representative body who listens

to its membership

BIRT the resolution regarding the Sustainable Action Fund passed on October 2nd 2008 be rescinded

BIFRT the Executive of the Concordia Student Union meet with the Sustainable Action Fund to discuss and work to resolve the issues raised within the Sustainable Action Fund's By-laws and operating procedures.

(Kashfi/ Seconder?)

- Kashfi- motivates- there was a lot of discussion now Kashfi and Jasmine Stewart are striking a committee to improve the bylaws there are large grey areas. Jasmine Stewart, the SAF Board –will work together. The group includes Goldfinch, Gomes, Audy, Noah Stewart As well as any other interested member of the board
- Guerrero-friendly amendment: Please change Sustainable to Sustainability.
- Cohen-As much as I think its great you want to make changes, I thought the original problems were too complicated to fix. What is different now?
- Kashfi-It is difficult, we will be striking a committee to deal with this
- Cohen -Can we table this motion? Until the committee knows whether or not they can change things and make it work?
- Dabchy-Why did it take so long for the changes, we've had months of fighting, Why did it take so long, why not 1 and a half months ago? And to Gomes VP Sustainability- You kept silent for along time, what do you think about all of this, what do you think of this motion?
- Gomes- I support the motion, as for not speaking, You are supposed to discuss and decide things
- Dabchy-So you think it is fixable?
- Kashfi-The issues still stand, but our membership thinks its not the best way to do things
- Osei-I have a problem with the wording “Whereas many members of the Concordia student union is a representative body who listens to its membership”. This is not about executives its about the council.
- Belanger –If there is a committee its not represented in the motion. So it should read 2 members of the SAF and 2 members of the Concordia Student Unions. What I heard at the meetings was that the lawyers read the bylaws and they aren't fixable there was a problem with the AGM... I congratulate the Executives on listening to the students but I don not think this motion is clear enough... I would suggest someone make an amendment that 3 members of the executive sit on the committee and ...it should be concrete. We should mandate a specific number of people. Currently this is very vague.
- Guerrero-We argued for hours and hours about how this couldn't be brought back to council, what was the change? I do not know what happened, Now we can fix things?

- Goldfinch-we are no longer in a campaigns period in a referendum we could not answer that.
- Guerrero that wasn't the statement then
- Kashfi Yes it was
- Devlin- I want to amend the motion...
- Chivi- Everyone expected these many interesting questions to come up. We discussed this for a long time. Now we are Dec 3rd and we can discuss it. The JB Rescinded motion, this isn't the first time a motion has been rescinded, it is legally possible. Like the JB motion which was also rescinded. Are their By-laws fixable? I do not know, but we are now sitting down together to work together because that is what students want. The flaws are still there, we don't know if they are possibly to fix...we will bring this back to council.

Call the question
(Goldfinch/Dabchy)

For- 13
Opposed- 2 (Belanger, Devlin)

Vote on the amended motion: **BIRT the resolution regarding the Sustainability Action Fund passed on October 2nd 2008 be rescinded**

BIFRT the Executive of the Concordia Student Union meet with the Sustainability Action Fund to discuss and work to resolve the issues raised within the Sustainability Action Fund's By-laws and operating procedures.

For -12
Opposed 1 (Cohen)
Abstentions (Paolucci)

Motion Passes

8. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn (Fuchs/Paek)

Motion passes unanimously

Meeting is adjourned at 9:40pm

Attached Executive Reports:

5.1 Executive Report – Meeting of Wednesday, December 3rd

Keyana Kashfi - President

Dear CSU Councilors,

The following is an update on the activities and projects that I have been working since the last Council meeting:

Presidents Cabinet Meeting

I called and organized a meeting with all the Presidents of our Faculty Associations as well as with President Woodsworth. This was the first meeting of a series of meetings we hope to have with Dr. Woodsworth to discuss student issues as see positive changes on our campus.

Real Estate Planning Committee

Concordia University's Board sub committee responsibility for real estate planning has met once since our last meeting of council.

Events Attended:

- +CISA Cultural Fair
- +CISA Wine and Cheese
- +JMSB Awards of Distinction
- +President Woodsworth's Installation

I attended Dr. Woodsworth's installation ceremony as an Escort of Honor. I represented the CSU and undergraduate students of Concordia.

Senate meeting

The UWT has been eliminated. More details to be given at this Council meeting

Concordia Council on Student Life

Has met once since the last meeting of council.

Meeting of Concordia University's Board of Governors

Reevaluation committee for the Dean of Fine Arts
Update on Search Committee for the Dean of Arts Science

CUPE Relations

- + Hiring Committee for Junior Advocate

Meeting with CUFA President

To brief on the issues they are facing during their negotiations with Concordia Administration.

Executive Committee of the Board of Governors

Has met once since the last meeting of council.

Senate Steering Committee

Has met once since the last meeting of council.

Hive Lease Negotiations

Update to be given at council meeting

Status of Vice President Student Life and Loyola – Natalie Mai

Update during Council meeting

Winter Orientation Planning

Quick Updates:

I would like to congratulate all members of council and the Concordia community on their accomplishments during this semester as well as good luck on your upcoming exams and papers.

Other Comments:

Please feel free to contact me at any point if you have any questions or concerns. The 2008/2009

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5.2 Executive Report – Meeting of Wednesday, December 3rd, 2008

Jose Garcia - Vice President Services

Dear CSU Councilors,

The following is an update on the activities and projects that I have been working since the last Council meeting:

I Volunteer Program

Thanks to the I Volunteer Program students had the opportunity to volunteer in:

Vote education campaign

Sustainability lecture series

Movie night: The Dark Night

HIV/AIDS Awareness Week

Coffee breaks (December)

Other CSU activities

Now volunteers can register online

Tutoring Centre

Posters to recruit tutors will be ready during exam periods to create a buzz. The goal is to duplicate our database at the end of January

Loyola Luncheon

The hiring committee could not be formed as expected. There were no Union Members appointed in order to conduct the interviews

Off-Campus Housing and Job Bank

HOJO staff has been sent to workshops about Housing-Law, in order to improve the information they provide to students

Preparing the Annual Report

The SGW office was remodeled in order to provide a better service

HIV/AIDS Awareness Week

Volunteers and student leaders made the week happen

More than 15 volunteers

Diverse workshops and speakers

Great raise funding for Aids Community Care Montreal

The events offered to students were doubled without overspending

Quick Updates:

Black History Week Coordinator will be hired

Next movie night: 007

I will be out of town for the Christmas Holidays. I can be reached by cellphone or email at any time of the day. Good luck with your exams and happy holidays!!

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5.3 Executive Report – Meeting of Wednesday, December 3rd, 2008

Colin Goldfinch - Vice President External

Dear CSU Councilors,

The following is an update on the activities and projects that I have been working since the last Council meeting:

CFS National Annual General Meeting (November 26th-29th)

CFS Quebec Semi-Annual General Meeting (November 26th-28th)

Provincial Election

Information kiosk

Work on election website and facebook group

CREM Meetings

Prep for FEUQ Student Voice distribution

Hiring of campaigns coordinator

Continued HR development of the advocacy center

Prep work for first Legal Information Clinic workshops

Meetings with the Provost's workgroup on teaching and learning.

Senate Steering Committee meeting

Quick Updates: The website with the online petition against international tuition deregulation is fully operational in English and French. Please encourage as many people as possible to go to the website and sign the online petition.

Other Comments: In the last newsletter a section including links to several websites and a facebook group regarding the provincial election were sent out. It would be very helpful if councilors could invite their friends and members of list-serves they manage for other organizations to check out the websites and join the facebook group.

Please feel free to contact me at any point if you have any questions or concerns. The 2008/2009

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5.4 Executive Report – Meeting of Wednesday, December 3rd, 2008 Priscila Gomes- VP Clubs and Sustainability

Dear CSU Councilors,

The following is an update on the activities and projects that I have been working since the last Council meeting:

Sustainability

Bring Your Mug Campaign- will be having the campaign during the study breaks.

CCSL: Double Sided Printing, E-coursepacks –

Double-sided printing: Successfully worked with the Library Director to initiate a trial out session of double sided printing at the libraries on both campuses. Each library now has 3 new printers that give students the option to print double sided. If trial goes well we will have all printers print double sided by next semester. We are working on the reduction of the prices for printing on double sided but as of this moment the 7 cents per page will remain. This project will save on average 100,000 pages of paper per month and during finals much more!

E-coursepacks: Also working with the Library Director to encourage faculty to post most of their class materials online. The University already pays over \$2 million for many online databases for journals and articles, now our campaign is to encourage professors to utilize these online resources, work more with the library, to decrease the amount of paper consumption and save students money.

U-Pass Transit- The U-Pass Transit is project is still under negotiations and research. I will update as soon as I have further information from the Government. Sustainability Talks- Dr. Martens, our Business professor, spoke on November 19th, 2008. He gave a great lecture on how we can start changing the business mentality of just pure maximizing profit and creating a more sustainable business education by creating awareness within the business world that working as a community and not as a sole individual is the way to go. Our next speaker will be during our Winter Orientation on January 15th, 2009. I encourage all to come and if anybody is interested to help or participate in the event please contact me.

Clubs

Clubs newsletter- I currently write to the clubs on a bi-monthly matter to remind them of all of the services and resources that we can provide. I also remind and update them on their responsibilities, budgets, spaces and events.

Many Tastes of Concordia/ Club's Day- have started organizing the January Many Tastes of Concordia. It will be on January 12th from 11am-5pm.

Clubs Leadership Training Day- We will be providing, together with Counseling and Development, a leadership training day for all clubs. The tentative date is February 6th. This training will help club executives become better leaders and acquire better skills so that they can use themselves and also pass forward to their new executive team/members. Clubs renovations- have started renovating the clubs office and making sure that the clubs that have the worst conditioned offices have priority. We now have a new Clubs lounge at the P annex. I am now renovating the place so that it can be used and accessed by all clubs. Also I am now researching on renovating a bigger and more accessible lounge for the clubs. As soon as I get more information and feasibility of the project I will update Council.

Special Projects – clubs are now applying and I still encourage more clubs to use the fund.

Other Comments:

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5.5 Executive Report – Meeting of Wednesday, December 3rd

Elie Chivi - Vice President Communications

Dear CSU Councilors,

The following is an update on the activities and projects that I have been working since the last Council meeting:

CSU Speaker Series : Sustainability Talks Lecture

Worked on an intimate lecture with JMSB professor, Martin Martens that focused on the issues of sustainability in the corporate world. This is the second edition of the CSU's new Sustainability Talks lecture and we are working on two more for the winter semester (January and April).

CSU Speaker Series : Research for Winter

Currently contacting agents and figuring out prices for several lectures in January, February, and March. Though I would prefer to keep the names secret as to not spoil the surprise, they surely will not disappoint!

CSU Website Revamp

Continuing to iron out the kinks on the CSU's revamped website. After the CSU's sever

crashed in November, it became increasingly problematic to deal with all the bugs that appear on our site but the situation seems to be under control now. Suggestions are always welcome on how to further improve it! More information will be given at the website presentation.

University Alcohol Policy Committee

Meeting to discuss the University's reworked Alcohol Policy to ensure that students' interests are met and that less bureaucracy is in place while still maintaining the integrity of the policy. Some achievements include successfully steering the draft policy away from its original direction of making our campus a dryer campus.

University Poster Policy Committee

Working with representatives from FASA, ASFA, CASA, and ECA as well as representatives from the University to re-evaluate the current University Poster Policy. The meetings are going very well and a final draft should be completed before the end of the year.

Concordia Volunteer Abroad Program Board of Directors Committee

Reworked the existing CVAP by-laws that were flawed and riddled with errors with the Board of Directors. Some positive changes include the availability of meeting minutes and audited statements to the public, CVAP executives no longer voting, and clarified the membership of the Board.

Exam Coffee Breaks

Giving out free coffee, fruit, and snacks and making sure that the CSU Bring Your Mug campaign will play a very large role in this initiative to ensure that the project is a sustainable one.

The dates are the following:

Loyola Campus Vanier Library

Tuesday, December 2 and Wednesday, December 3

10:30 a.m. - 6 p.m.

SGW Campus LB Atrium

Thursday, December 11 and Wednesday, December 16

2:30 p.m.-7:30 p.m.

I encourage all councilors to help the CSU Executives and volunteers during the exam breaks even for a little while as it's a great way to engage with the student body.

All CSU Communication, Media, and Marketing

Ensuring that all communication with the student body is consistent with the CSU's comprehensive communication strategy. This includes all CSU services, events, and programs through all existing mediums.

Winter CSU 101's Classes

Researching and beginning to implement the different Winter CSU 101's classes. The

Fall CSU 101s classes have been successful and feedback from participants has been very positive. Most winter classes have been confirmed. We are very interested in working with fee levy groups on these classes as mentioned in the last council meeting. We have requested to work with the Peoples Potato but they have yet to respond to us but we have confirmed a class with CUTV already. .

CSU Winter Orientation

Working with other executives on CSU Winter Orientation events. Winter events will begin on January 12th and end on January 15th. The full schedule of events will be announced once events are confirmed but it surely going to be jam-packed, similar to fall Orientation which was the CSU's most successful and diverse orientation yet!

Quick Updates:

I have also spent time helping other executives on some of their work including the Vote Education campaign, movie nights, and I Volunteer Program initiatives.

Other Comments:

Please feel free to contact me at any point if you have any questions or concerns. The 2008/2009 CSU Executive operates with an open door policy and is always open to your suggestions.

5.6 Executive Report – Meeting of Wednesday, December 3rd, 2008

Andre Leroy Audy- VP Finance

Dear CSU Councilors,

The following is an update on the activities and projects that I have been working since the last Council meeting:

1. Concordia Student Union

Budgetary Management:

- Budget approval of space and equipment booking requests.
- Cheque Requisitions
- Bank deposits
- Other Financial Management

Fincom Report:

The committee met in last week and approved the following projects for funding.

- The Advanced Prints Projects Class
- Quebec Engineering Games
- CISA Cultural Fair
- Headlight Anthology 12
- CUPA Sweatshirts
- John Molson Undergraduate Case Competition

CUSA Corp Management

Budgetary Management:

- Sales analysis
- Bank deposits
- Sales Report Reggies
- Reggie's glasswasher

Other Comments:

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