



SEPTEMBER MEETING OF THE CSU COUNCIL  
WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 15, 2010  
Hall 760, 6:30pm

**Agenda**

1. Call to order
2. Roll call
3. Approval of Agenda
4. Approval of minutes and business arising
5. chairperson's report
6. Executive's report
  - a. President
  - b. VP Loyola and Advocacy
  - c. VP Sustainability & Promotions
  - d. VP External and Projects
  - e. VP Student Life
  - f. VP Clubs & Outreach
  - g. VP Finance
7. Appointment to standing committees
  - a. Academic committee
  - b. Clubs and Space committee
  - c. Appointments committee
  - d. Custodial and services committee
  - e. Finance committee
  - f. Events committee
  - g. External and campaign committee
  - h. Sustainability committee
  - i. Women's Caucus
8. Senate appointments
9. Report from University bodies and business arising
10. Unfinished business
11. New business
12. Question period
13. Adjournment

**1. Call to order**

Meeting called to order at 6:40pm.

**2. Roll call**

Executives:

- Heather Lucas
- Adrien Severyns
- Hassan Abdullahi
- Morgan Pudwell
- Andres Lopez
- Ramy Khoriaty
- Zhuo Ling



Councillors:

- David Feldman
- Tamara Gordon
- Ethan Cox
- Tomer Shavit
- Joel Suss
- Lex Gill
- Teresa Seminara
- Aaron Green
- Taylor Knott
- Michaela Manson
- Alexandra Baptista
- Carlos Puerta
- Fernando Barbosa
- Stephen Brown
- Asma Omar
- Heba Abdel-Hamid
- Alison Revine
- Paul Gillett
- Kyle Goforth
- Rasim Hafiz
- Luis Cordero
- Menachem Freedman
- Stephen Brown
- Johnnie Vu

**3. Approval of Agenda**

Motion to amend agenda.

(Green/Cox)

Green: To add topic of excusing councillor absences to meetings during summer months to agenda. Add to agenda after approval of agenda- Item 3.1.

Motion passes unanimously.

Motion to amend agenda.

(Seminara/Knott)

Seminara: Would like to add legitimating this meeting to the agenda.

Motion passes unanimously.

Motion to amend agenda.

(Seminara/Manson)

Seminara: Motion to correct the date on today's agenda.

Motion passes unanimously.

Motion to approve agenda.

(Rasim/Green)

Motion passes unanimously.



**3.1.**

Green: Councillors' absences to meetings during summer months should be excused, as many had other commitments such as jobs and volunteering.

Seconded by Cox.

Amended by Cox.

Cox: Today's meeting should also be included in the above and excused, as there was a date change.

Seconded by Green.

Motion carried.

**3.2.**

Seminara: Whereas under the CSU bylaws section 6.62 the agenda must be distributed at least 5 days in advance of any such matters,

Whereas we could forgive Marc-Antoni Tarondo, the CSU's new chairperson for not being aware of this particular deadline,

BIRT this meeting be ratified by council as a legitimate meeting.

Seconded by Knott.

Motion carried.

**3.3.**

Seminara: Whereas the date on today's agenda is September 22, 2010,

Whereas today's date is September 15, 2010.

BIRT the date on today's agenda be updated to September 15, 2010.

Seconded by Manson.

Motion carried.

**4. Approval of minutes and business arising**

(Green/Knott)

Motion carried.

**5. Chairperson's report**

Chair: The annual council retreat / training day happened on August 28th from 11-3pm. 12 councillors and 5 executives were present. The training consisted of an overview of the CSU council of representatives, its function and councillors' roles and responsibilities. Also, the basics of Robert's Rules of Order and how to use them on council plus an overview of the by-laws and standing regulations were given. Sohrab's recommendations: Overall, it was a success although in the future, an effort should be made so that the date of the retreat is set in June and more councillors attend.

**6. Executives' report**

**6.1. President**

Lucas: First I'd like to apologize again for the delay in the reports, as the executives had thought that the regular meeting was to be on the 22<sup>nd</sup>. With that said, I would like to extend to you all a warm welcome back to school. The entire executive looks forward working with



you all in producing a fruitful year. All of the executives reports are all based on what has been done all through out the summer until now.

#### University officials

- Met with Dr. Woodsworth to introduce myself and the VP External, to lay down our big projects for the year which is taking a strong stance in fighting tuition increases, and launching the student center.
- Sat on the Steering Committee of Senate with the VP Finance to set the agenda for the first Senate meeting.

#### Communications

- working with the Services and Communications coordinator (George Alexandar) on the monthly newsletter for September.
- Regular updates on Facebook.
- Lots of tabling for CSU services (Hojo) as well as handing out free CSU promo stuff ie. agendas, pens, lanyards.
- Press releases speaking against police brutality during the G20 in Toronto, opposing the intention of making the census voluntary, and against international students being discriminated against when trying to find housing.

#### CSU 101's

- 101's are starting up soon depending on what classes you take (end of Sept/ early Oct).
- First time we're offering bartending certification courses.

#### FEUQ/ FECQ

- Attended the FEUQ congresses in June, and August 19-22.
- Attended the census protest in Ottawa.
- Protest Dr. Woodsworth's speech to increase tuition in Quebec City
- Discussed with the FECQ as to how to collaborate in the fight against tuition increases (ie. Demonstrations that would catch the attention of the media).

#### Press conference/Hojo

- CSU held a conference with CRARR (Center for Research Action on Race Relations), Hojo, CISA and the LIC, to address the issue of International students being taken advantage of when trying to find housing.
- This will be one of the leading issues that the Hojo will be addressing the whole year through working with other Quebec universities as well as the Quebec Human Rights Commission.

#### CFS

- Starting the process on the declaratory judgment in order to continue proceeding we need to meet with the University's finance officers to find out how exactly the fees were collected and remitted so that we can see the exact figures on a spread sheet.
- We are looking for an answer from the University as to how the fees were paid and calculated.



#### Frosh/ Orientation/ New student Orientation

- Gave several welcome speeches to new students which were done with Counseling and Development.
- Along with the executive, helped first year students move into both downtown and Loyola rez.
- Attended each faculty association's frosh and CISA orientation day.
- Orientation has gone flawlessly well thus far, thanks to all the hard work of the other executives, staff and volunteers.

### **6.2. VP Loyola and Advocacy**

Abdullahi:

#### The Hive Kitchen/ Café Renovations

- After long negotiations with facilities management we have finally agreed on the budget for the expansion.
- Construction began on Sept 7<sup>th</sup> and is expected to be completed by the end of the month.
- The construction will focus on the expanding the kitchen to facilitate the future needs of the Hive Café and to allow the free Loyola Luncheon to expand its service to even more students.
- Construction on the new Hive café is to begin as soon as the construction on the Kitchen is completed.

#### Book ex-change

- Book exchange began on the 7<sup>th</sup> of Sept and will run all the way until Sept 20<sup>th</sup> (the drop deadline).
- This is a service the CSU is offering for the second year now. This service offers students a convenient and easy way to sell or buy used book.
- Hired 6 Managers and 15 staff to ensure the smooth running of the book exchange.
- The Book exchange is still on-going but has so far shown great results. A more detailed assessment will be given during the next council meeting.

#### Free Loyola Luncheon

- Due to the expansion of the Hive kitchen, the luncheon has been relocated from the Hive to the green space outside the SC building.
- The luncheon has been suspended during the first 2 weeks of school. It will resume on the 20<sup>th</sup> of Sept at its current location until the kitchen is ready at the Hive.
- Launch date for the reopening of the Loyola luncheon at the Hive is set in mid-October.

### **6.3. VP Sustainability & Promotions**

Pudwell:

#### Water Bottle Free Campus

- Working alongside Tap Thirst (and many other groups on campus), to mobilize the students, associations, clubs, staff and faculty towards a water bottle free campus.
- Researching options regarding our options as far as water fountains / water dispensers.



- Contacted other universities who are water bottle free or are working towards this goal working on a unified strategy.
- Creating content for a website for all students / student associations to get involved.
- Awareness campaign with the HUB stakeholders.

#### Sustainable and Ethical Purchasing Policy Reform

- Have been drafting up some ideas and collecting concerns with regards to the current Annexes – hope to begin addressing these changes over the semester so that our policy is clear and forward thinking.
- Researching other similar organizations policies.
- Looking for any students or councilors interested in environmentally sustainable policy to participate in brainstorming.

#### Orientation

- Working with Kim Fox and the Food Systems Working Group on the Sustainable Food Festival – educational material, awareness material, promo, stakeholders, sponsors, contacts, vendors, etc.

#### Other

- Will be attending a conference on greening urban areas – hope to apply this to the Mackay project.

#### Promotions

- All promo items are in, such as mugs and pens. If you'd like something let me know!
- The agenda is finished and students are loving it!

Working with Amir on the website – the site will soon be a place where students can come for all information and resources. First step: the brand new sustainability section! We are slowly adding to it so that it is not just a CSU blurb but a whole resource library and calendar of upcoming events in the community

### **6.4. VP External and Projects**

#### Severyns:

- Hiring of a new Campaigns Coordinator (Daniel Shakibaian).
- Met with city councillor of Ville Marie and city council chairperson on numerous occasions for the closing of Mackay.

#### CFS

- Consultation with CSU lawyer on the legal actions to be taken.
- Set up communication branches with contacts in universities attempting to disaffiliate.
- Drafted the “CFS 101” Presentation (preservation of institutional memory).
- Gathered support from different Quebec universities (ADEESE from UQUAM drafted a letter of support to the CSU).

#### FEUQ

- Attended the 1<sup>st</sup> annual FEUQ Congress (June 17 to 19).
- Attended the 2<sup>nd</sup> annual FEUQ Congress (August 20 to 22).





- Board of Directors meetings (August 22 and September 8).

Meeting with the President of the FECQ on Thursday August 26, 2010.

- Discussion revolved around collective plans of actions in the fight against tuition fee increases.
- Different campaigns happening throughout the year.

Trip to Ottawa on Tuesday March 27<sup>th</sup>, 2010.

- Press release on the part of the Student Union.
- Protest against the ban on the long-form census.
- The CSU had a presence in this issue affecting its constituency.
- Mobilization front: A good sign of solidarity among Quebec universities.

Trip to Quebec City on Monday August 16<sup>th</sup>, 2010.

- Hearings on education: Concordia University was the first university to present its report. Mobilization front: A good sign of solidarity among Quebec universities.
- A delegation organized by the CSU (with members of the GSA) in collaboration with the FEUQ traveled to Quebec City. Past President Prince Ralph Osei and I attended the audiences.
- Concordia's administration called for a drastic increase (144%) in tuition fees without any consultation with the students.

Meeting with Concordia President Dr. Judith Woodsworth and her Chief of Staff Jonathan R. Levinson

- Discussions revolved around this year's projects and campaigns.
- Differences: Tuition fees and water bottle free campus.
- Similarities: CFS, Speaker Series, Student Center.

Speaker Series

- Secured Holocaust Survivor and Nobel Peace Prize Laureate Elie Wiesel to speak (October 19, 2010).
- Secured Canada's ex-governor general the Right Honorable Adrienne Clarkson to speak (January 13, 2011).
- All councillors will be invited!

## **6.5. VP Student Life**

Lopez:

Orientation

- Orientation up to this point has been going very smoothly I am very happy with the entire organization and logistics.
- The concert this past Thursday was a total success! I received very good comments from students, administration, and friends.
- Orientation has kept me busy for the past month planning out each event. I have also been in close contact with the Faculty member associations helping them out with their frosh.



- We did in collaboration the interfaculty boat party, we are also involved with DUSTED part with ECA this coming Friday and we are currently planning an interfaculty Halloween party in October.

### **6.6. VP Clubs & Outreach**

Khoriaty:

Clubs in general

- Registrations
- 54/69 of the clubs have re-registered.

Printing codes

- for clubs to be able to print at the CSU's rate, we generated printing codes for all the registered clubs so that they can start printing posters.

Hiring a new clubs director

- since the previous clubs director Sohrab Mossaded decided to leave his job due to academic pursuits, a hiring committee was formed by two people from the union and two executives who interviewed 8 applicants and all voted in favor of Noura Redding as the new clubs coordinator.
- we purchased two projectors for clubs to use. In addition to the projector that is already available for clubs to rent for free, two extra projectors were bought.

Office check + reallocation of offices for clubs

- I went to all the clubs' offices to make sure that they were following all of the regulations and that they are in order.
- Two associations that have been inactive for two years lost their office space and two other associations were given that space.

Orientation:

Clubs fair downtown

- I organized the clubs fair by inviting all associations; I then registered all attending associations to ensure that they had a table on the Reggie's terrace.
- There was an extremely high turnout for this event both on the clubs side as well as on the student attendance side.

Many tastes of Concordia downtown

- Many Tastes of the CSU is a biannual event to showcase different cultures of CSU groups by offering samples of food from around the world. All CSU cultural and ethnic groups as well as all other associations were invited to showcase their unique tastes, and music.
- The Reggie's terrace was setup for around 50 associations the turn out was great even though the weather wasn't.

Many tastes / club fair Loyola

- Many tastes of Concordia and the clubs fair were a joint event at Loyola.





- 48 associations showed up at this event that was moved from the quad to the Hive due to bad weather.

#### Soccer tournament with UNICEF and CESA

- Also part of orientation was a soccer tournament that was organized in collaboration with CESA (the Concordia Egyptian student association and Unicef Concordia). During this event, 10 teams competed for prizes and all the registration fees were donated to victims of the flood in Pakistan.

#### Impact game

- I am organizing a university day with the soccer team, Impact Montreal at the Saputo stadium on October 3rd. This is being done with both the CSU and SSMU. In addition, there will be discounted prices on tickets for all Concordia students.

### **6.7. VP Finance**

Ling: (read by Lucas)

Over the summer I have been working on the following:

- 1) Monitoring day to day sales and inventories of Reggie's to ensure the business is on a sound footing.
- 2) Successfully executed a transfer of the Student Center Fund from University into a GIC, generating more than \$150 000 in interest revenue for the student center.
- 3) Monitor the planned expenditure for Orientation and ensuring the speedy payments of artist, staff and overhead expense.
- 4) Daily process of requisitions, cash in/outtake and check
- 5) Support of the auditors in progress
- 6) Financial planning for future events
- 7) Review special project fund requests and club requisitions

Over first three months of my mandate, my work was concentrated on the financial planning for the upcoming year, the operations of Reggie's and the cash transactions of CSU.

Taking a holistic approach, I prioritized, from a budgetary perspective, CSU's services, campaigns and event based on research from historical financials of the student union. By aligning the budget with the needs of students, I want to ensure the dollar efficiency of CSU's spending will be maximized. Moreover, to allow for better services on a restraining budget, I worked closely with the directors of sponsorship for both Orientation and Handbook to ensure we receive the adequate funding.



Reggie's requires daily cash accounting and operation over-sight. On my part, I worked on evaluating expansion and renovation projects such as the introduction of food at the bar. Also, I am working on cost-control of Reggie's inventory by monitoring the data provided by the inventory manager.

Lastly, Reggie's Thursday, Orientation and FIFA event sales generates significant amount of cash that needs to be accounted for daily and deposited weekly. A lot of time is spent to ensure due diligence of the process.

CSU is closing its books for accounting year 2009-2010. I will give a update on last year's financial profile at the next council meeting.

Hafiz: applauds the executives for all the hard work over the summer.

## **7. Appointment to standing committees**

Manson: (point of information) all councillors are required to sit on a committee when possible. This will be at next meeting.

Baptista: There were council appointments made at the June meeting.

Chair: These appointments to be discussed now are regarding appointments of students at large.

Lucas: (reads the by-laws regarding the committees)

Lucas: There was only one person who applied before the deadline. Should we consider late applicants?

Motion to consider late applicants.

(Gill/Cox)

Motion passed- All in favour except 1 abstaining (Abdel-Hamad).

Motion to go into closed session.

(Lucas)

Cox: against closed session until later. Interviews should be held in open session.

Green: sees Cox's point but for closed session as we will be scrutinizing the applicants and we should be able to speak on each person comfortably.

Motion to go into closed session.

(Green/Abdel-Hamid)

Vote to call the question.

(14 in favour, 8 opposed)

Call to question passed.

Vote to go into closed session now.

(11 in favour, 10 opposed)

Motion carried.

Meeting is now in closed session.



- 7.1 Academic committee**
  - Student appointment: Melissa Lemieux
  
- 7.2 Clubs and Space committee**
  - No appointment
  
- 7.3 Appointments committee**
  - No appointment
  
- 7.4 Custodial and Services committee**
  - Student appointment: Melissa Lemieux
  
- 7.5 Finance committee**
  - No appointment
  
- 7.6 Events committee**
  - Student appointment: Diana Sitoianu
  
- 7.7 External and Campaigns committee**
  - Student appointment: Leslie Reifer
  
- 7.8 Sustainability Committee**
  - No appointment
  
- 7.9 Women's Caucus**

Back to open session.

Nominations of executives:

Motion to nominate Pudwell.

(Pudwell/Manson)

Accepted by Pudwell.

Motion to nominate Lucas.

(Lucas/Green)

Accepted by Lucas.

Motion to nominate Severyns.

(Green)

Declined by Severyns.

Severyns: explains he has too many commitments.

Motion to nominate Abdullahi.

(Husen)

Declined by Abdullahi.



Nomination of councillors:

Motion to nominate Goforth.  
(Lucas/Green)  
Accepted by Goforth.

Motion to nominate Seminara.  
(Green/Gordon)  
Accepted by Seminara.

Motion to nominate Cordero.  
(Lopez)  
Declined by Cordero.

Motion to nominate Freedman.  
(Husen/Abdel-Hamid)  
Accepted by Freedman.

Morgan: The Women's Caucus was established years ago to represent women at CSU, and was refurbished last year. It represents issues such as gender representation in the CSU as well as in the overall student population, etc.

Motion to nominate Gillett.  
(Manson/Abdel-Hamid)  
Accepted by Gillett.

Motion to nominate Manson.  
(Abdel-Hamid/Gill)  
Accepted by Manson.

Motion to nominate Knott.  
(Green/Seminara)  
Accepted by Knott.

Motion to nominate Abdel-Hamid.  
(Manson/Gill)  
Accepted by Abdel-Hamid.

Motion to nominate Revine.  
(Green/Abdel-Hamid)  
Accepted by Revine.

Motion to nominate Gordon.  
(Knott)  
Declined by Gordon.



Motion to nominate Baptista.  
(Green/Knott)  
Accepted by Baptista.

Morgan: There is no limit to the number of people on Women's Caucus. Also, you do not have to have a seat on the committee to be take part. If you would like to participate, please don't hesitate to show up and partake.

Motion to approve everyone who accepted above.  
(Green/Heba)  
Motion passed.

### **8. Senate appointments**

Lucas: There is one applicant, Marvin Colby.

Interviewing Marvin Colby.

Marvin: He would love to have a voice in the Concordia Student Union.

Lucas: What do you think makes you an ideal candidate to be a representative?

Motion for closed session.

(Pudwell/Green)

Motion passed.

Meeting goes into closed session.

Interview continued.

Marvin Colby appointed to Senate.

Meeting returns to open session.

Lucas: There are openings on the Senate for members from council.

Chair: That will be taken care of at next meeting, as today is just for appointments of students at large.

### **9. Report from University bodies and business arising**

Lucas: This was part of standard procedure. There is nothing to discuss today.

### **10. Unfinished business**

Morgan: Can we clarify that we are going to finish appointing councillors to committees at next meeting?

Chair: By the way, its not obligatory for all councillors to be on a committee so don't feel forced, though encouraged.

Motion for chair to send out the available positions to councillors.

(Pudwell/Seminara)

Motion passed.

### **11. New business**

Chair: Any new business?

None.



### **12. Question period**

Husen: Are councillors still getting their gym passes?

Heather: Because of the date confusion for the meeting, the gym passes were not prepared for today. They will be ready for next meeting, though if they are ready before, I will notify you.

Paul: When do the committee meetings take place?

Lucas: The executive that heads the committee will notify you.

### **13. Adjournment**

Motion to adjourn.

(Gill/Manson)

All in favour.

Chair adjourned meeting at 10:30pm.