



**AGENDA**

CSU Regular Council Meeting  
Wednesday November 10, 2010  
H-760 Time 6:30PM, S.G.W. Campus

**Chairperson:** Sohrab Mossaded  
**Secretary:** Jenny Kim

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  - 10.1 Presidential Decree: Student Centre
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12. Announcements
13. Adjournment

**1. Call to order**

Meeting called to order at 6:35pm.



**2. Roll call**

Councillors:

Luis Cordero  
Fernando Barbosa  
Tamara Gordon  
Paul Gillett  
Alexandra Baptista  
Abdullah Husen

Asma Omar  
Jean-Francois  
Baillargeon  
Tomer Shavit  
Melanie Hotchkiss  
Kyle Goforth  
Teresa Seminara

Aaron Green  
Heba Abdel-Hamid  
Yaniv Gidron  
Alison Revine  
Carlos Puerta  
David Feldman  
Stephen Brown

Executives:

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



### **3. Approval of the agenda**

#### Amendments:

Gillett/seconded by Baptista: The motion for emergency fund is not a motion, but rather just a discussion point. Change in wording is necessary.

Motion passed unanimously.

Gillett/seconded by Gordon: Appointments for ad hoc committee was scheduled for the meeting but is not on the agenda. Motion to add to agenda as item 10.4.

Motion passed unanimously.

Manson/seconded by Gillett: Motion to make it a common practice to move guests' points up on the agenda before the executive reports so that they do not have to wait through all the agenda items.

Motion passed unanimously.

No other amendments.

Gillett/seconded by Revine: motion to approve agenda.

Motion passed unanimously.

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

Green/seconded by Goforth: Motion to approve October minutes.

Motion passed unanimously.

### **5. Chairperson's Report & Business Arising**

Chair: as explained via email, Taronco cannot be here today. He sends his regrets.

Further regrets by absent councillors as well.

Lucas: We should work our best to work with CUTV rather than against. You can agree or disagree. Here is the CUTV and CSU motion:

“WHEREAS it is in the best interest of Concordia students that information about the Council of Representatives be widely available;

WHEREAS it is within CUTV's mandate to focus on Concordia's student life;

WHEREAS the two organizations want to reach an understanding by which meetings of Council can be filmed according to parameters respecting the participants;

Be it resolved that CUTV be invited to film the January Council meeting for a pilot project

Be it further resolved that CUTV respects parameters similar to the Canadian Parliamentary Channel and do not film individuals who are not involved in a debate and films votes in a global view without focusing on the vote of a singular individual (unless voting is done by roll call)

Be it further resolved that following the pilot project the CSU and CUTV will meet to discuss the possibility of adopting standing regulations guidelines to be presented at the March regular council meeting.”



Green: Initially was not in favour, but is now in fan of the compromise. This will increase transparency at CSU and will increase councillor accountability. Thanks to Cox, Suss, and Lara from CUTV. The compromises look good.

T. Gordon: At the last meeting, she felt overwhelmed by the matter but now that she has had the time to think about it she thinks it is a good idea in the end, though it will take some time for everyone to get comfortable with it.

Seminara: Last time she felt pressured, but now after some time to think about it, she thinks it was the way it was presented that was pressuring. As councillors, should work with this.

Hotchkiss: What does the pilot project look like?

Lara (from CUTV): The details have not all been outlined yet. Half way through, there will be a vote on the CSU website by students as well as reports from CSU and CUTV on the experience. Based on the pilot project being accepted at the end of the term, this could be brought to standing regulations.

Gordon: What happened to the last video?

Lara: It has not been aired.

Gillett: The film will not be for the public. It would just be a private video.

Manson: She is proud of the execs for taking the time to sit with CUTV to talk about this. Transparency and accountability is important.

Chair:

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Motion passed- all in favour except for one abstained (Omar).

## **6. Executive Reports**

### **6.1 President**

Presidential Decree: There was an issue with a technicality pertaining to the discussion on the student center. According to our lawyer, we had only approved a resolution and not a bylaw which means that the formulated question would not be valid should it have been voted on by the students. By issuing this decree, it would amend the situation in time to be within the referendum guidelines.

University Affairs:



- Attended the first Board of Governors retreat where we were able to brain storm how to be a more effective board through different means of communication, and were able to understand the signature areas of the University.
- There are governors on the board who are true advocates for the needs of the students so should there be any concerns please let me or Abdullah know so that we can bring these issues to the board.

Communications:

- Protest the University and their exclusivity contract without consulting the CSU and other proactive student groups that are working together to get rid of bottled water on campus.
- Meet with University officials from hospitality Concordia as well as a Nestle representative to hear the other side of the debate of why bottled water is good. A discussion panel is to follow on this issue, in which Morgan will speak in more detail about.
- 2nd Monthly Town Hall happened at the Hive on November 3rd. We would have hoped a turnout in greater numbers.

CSU 101's: We will be kicking off our special CSU 101 classes in collaboration with People's

Potato. Nov 8th at 4pm there will be a permaculture class on how to make seed balls. This will take place on top of the Greenhouse (12th floor Hall). Nov 16 at 6pm there will be a class on food systems teaching students how to make their own self-watering garden also at the Greenhouse. Nov 22 at 4pm there will be a class at the People's Potato (7th floor Hall) on food activism, and students will learn how to grow their own oyster mushrooms. The last of these classes concludes on Nov 30 at 6pm where students will learn how to make seasonal desserts, which will also be happening at the People's Potato.

CFS: There will be an examination on November 11th at 1pm for Lucy Watson a CFS national director who is involved with the former CFS-Q (RAE) legal issue, which is open to the public to attend.

Manson: Regarding Pepsico, the contract was signed without student consultation. How does this work?

Pudwell: Student consultation was not necessary in this case.

## **6.2 VP Loyola and Advocacy**

The Hive Kitchen/ Café Renovations:

- The renovation of the Hive kitchen is finally completed
- The construction focused 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
- The renovations of the Hive café is on hold until funding proposals (submitted to the SAF and CCSL) can be confirmed.



Free Loyola Luncheon:

- The luncheon officially reopened on Wednesday Oct 10<sup>th</sup>.
- Since then we have served an average of 160 students per day.
- We are working on advertising and marketing of the service so that more students at Loyola are aware of this service

Teacher's Award:

- Though the CSU's main responsibilities surround representing and defending student rights and provide great services and events, what about acknowledging the teachers that are here to teach them and shape their Concordia experience?
- In communication with the Vice-provost Dr. Dyen about setting up this award

**6.3 VP Sustainability & Promotions**

Water Bottle Free Campus: Despite the University Administration's promises to students and community members that a contract would not be signed before students were included in the negotiations process, an exclusivity contract with Pepsi has now been signed. We believe that the contract was signed on Michael DiGrappa's last day in office. The EAC (Environmental Advisory Committee) presented the administration with several proposals with regards to the contract and believe, that none of these suggestions were even considered in this process; these included no exclusivity incorporation of a percentage of local sustainable beverages in the vending machines, an open and transparent bidding and negotiations process, and an RFP (Request For Proposal). The University proceeded, secretly, against the EAC's suggestions and students were never informed of these happenings, nor were they invited to participate in dialogue around the matter. Laura Beech, a member of TapThirst, a working group of QPiRG and a partner on the CSU's Bottled Water Free Campus Campaign, has filed letters of default to several administration members for lying to students and the community, defaming her name and attempting to take away the legitimacy of this movement. In a meeting with Roger Cote (Acting-VP-Services), Beth Morey (Dean of Students), the EAC, and myself, we discussed the possibility of two major institutional changes which the CSU is following up on:

1. A committee on bottled water – this committee would consist of educated community members (students, staff, faculty, BoG members, administration, etc.) that would work with Roger Cote and the administration in order to make an informed decision on banning the sale of bottled water on campus
2. Student representation in the university's contract signing processes – either a committee or one rep that would be part of the contract proposals, negotiations and signing processes so that students interests were represented

Green Weeks:

- 2<sup>nd</sup> CSU ASFA Green Week of the year November 22 – 26 // Theme: Water – the major event of this week will be a Panel Discussion and Open Forum which will include Tony Clarke (water activist and found of The Polaris Institute), and representatives from the bottled water industry of Canada. This will be an opportunity for the Concordia community to come together to discuss and ask questions.



Promotions: We have hired the second designer, who started Monday, November 8th.

Goforth: Who is the new designer?

Pudwell: Siemon.

T. Gordon: What time is the presentation on water?

Pudwell: 6:30pm

T. Gordon: Will you also be working with Uberculture?

Pudwell: Yes, as well as Taphthirst, Environmental Committee and Sustainable Concordia.

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

Peace Campaign:

Interfaith Dialogue

Elie Wiesel: October 19, 2010

Volunteering Abroad Presentation:

Hungry for Peace Food Festival

Peacing Out Fundraising Party

-Preparation for the HIV/AIDS Awareness Campaign

FEUQ:

-A new member student union affiliated- AEESG (Business School at UQUAM)

-Finalization of the survey of the living and study conditions of undergraduate students

-Preparation for the upcoming Congress at Levis

Projects Portfolio: Meeting with Administration regarding the Escalator Project

Student Center:

-Meetings with Peter Bolla and Martine Lehoux (Facilities Management)

-Logistical preparation for the upcoming campaign

-Information sessions to clubs and different groups across campus

-Reaching out to the students: Townhall meetings, website, social media, posters

Speaker Series:

-Elie Wiesel: October 19, 2010

-Romeo Dallaire: November 4, 2010

-CCSL Meeting: October 22, 2010

-Senate Meeting: November 5, 2010

Goforth: What is the procedure for the escalator project?

Severyns: They'll start with the top 3 floors. The mezzanine floor escalators will be fixed in the summer. There will be more communicated.

#### **6.5 VP Student Life**



Halloween Party: I coordinated the logistics for both Halloween parties in collaboration with faculty member associations. Both parties were a success bringing over 2800 Concordia student together. Canadian Cultural Night: Our next event coming up is the Canadian Cultural night in collaboration with ASFA. It will take place at the Hive on November 17<sup>th</sup> we will be serving Sheppard's pie, poutine, and rye. There will be a cover charge of \$5 at the door. The Hive has a maximum capacity of 400 Concordia Students.

Winter Orientation: I will be dedicating November to the booking, brainstorming, and coordination of the winter orientation. So far the ideas I have had are: having an ice bar at the terrace and Loyola quad, many tastes of Concordia, a small concert and the hive, and a cultural night. Winter orientation will take place from January 17<sup>th</sup> to 21<sup>st</sup> based on my personal experience it is not worth it having the winter orientation the first weeks of school. I will be meeting with the events committee shortly to have more ideas and plan entirely winter orientation.

Quebec City Winter Carnival Trip: I am currently organizing a trip to Quebec City with the John Molson International Business Association. The trip will include a weekend at Quebec City including hotel, bus, night tubing, breakfast, entry to winter carnival, and much more. The trip will take place February 4 – 6.

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

Poster boards: In the goal of organizing the student center I printed lines on a poster board on the 8<sup>th</sup> floor and I am monitoring it to see how good a system like this will work however we have already found many mistakes and I am working on fixing them Offices. As I mentioned in my previous exec report three clubs lost their offices however the dean of student offered us to reallocate them to the K annex in December.

Student centre: For the student center campaign we built a generic student center with kinux. This structure will be installed on the mezzanine next to the escalator and people will be able to go in and see pictures of other student centers in North America.

Security and logistics of Elie Wiesel and Romeo Dallaire: I took care of all the logistics and security of our Elie Wiesel speaker series event. This included line up preparations, admission, security positioning, crowd control for book signing etc.

Clubs orientation: Clubs orientation took place the 15<sup>th</sup> of October the event was very successful with the 75 attendees and very beneficial to clubs especially with the new clubs manual that I fully updated. During this event several speaker explained many procedures that clubs need to follow.

Hospitality Concordia: After several meetings with hospitality Concordia, Zhuo and Yu-Hui, we decided to change the clubs' booking system. This will facilitate our job, hospitality Concordia's job and gives less work to booking officers

T. Gordon: What is the poster board thing?



Khoriarty: Poster boards are very disorganized and outdated ones aren't being taken down. We are trying to create a grid system for better organization.

### **6.7 VP Finance**

#### Tasks Accomplished:

- 1) Talled the cash received for Halloween ticket
- 2) Processed over 200 requisitions and invoices concerning Speaker Series, Club events and routine CSU spending.

Orientation: (Financial report was presented.)

CCSL SPF: The committee and I went through over 71 applications and ranked them according to their relevance and impact to student life within Concordia. Then the entire committee met to allocate the CCSL funding for the fall.

Halloween Party: CSU organized, in collaboration with various student groups, two parties. We were responsible for the sale of 300 tickets for each party. For Freakshow, we sold 240 tickets and for Tarantula, we sold 298 tickets, incurring a loss of \$1250. For each event, we allocated a contribution of \$2000. The final numbers for Tarantula is yet to be tallied.

Reggie's: Reggies generate a net sales (after cost of goods sold) of over \$20 000 for the month of, slightly less than September due to midterms. The total overhead was close to \$25 000 for the month, creating a \$5 000 deficit. However, Java U decided to settle the disputed revenue from two years ago out of court. They agreed to pay \$20 000 owed over the next 12 month. Therefore, we expect this will compensate for the operational loss incurred for the month to come.

#### Task Accomplished:

- 1) Met with Security and the Dean of Students to discuss security issues at Reggies
- 2) Introduced the 10 week campaign where every week a portion of Thursday's door proceed is going towards a local charity
- 3) Processed employee payroll and inventory replenishment

Green: Regarding CSU still operating on reserves, does this mean that the university has paid fee levies yet?

Ling: Yes, this means we are still operating on fee levies from the summer. We have submitted a request for this two and a half weeks ago, so we should get it next week or the week after.

## **7. Standing Committees' Reports**

### **7.1 Clubs and Space committee**

Met yesterday, and 2 budgets restudied and fixed. There were 2 special project funding applications. 1 was accepted and 1 denied.



There were 6 applications for clubs. 4 were accepted (Jordanian Students Association, Moroccan Student's Society, Concordia Starcraft Community, Concordia Mountain Biking and Cycling Club) and 2 rejected.

Chair: Can clubs apply at times other than September according to standing regulations?  
Khoriarty: They can apply at any time.

Chair: We will check standing regulations now... It is legitimate.

Khoriarty/seconded by Abdel-Hamid: Motion to approve the 4 clubs.  
Motion passed unanimously.

Cordero: Motion for recess.  
Heba: Motion for a 10 minute recess.  
Seconded by Gillett.  
Motion passed unanimously.

### **7.2 Events committee**

The committee hasn't met since the Halloween party, but will be meeting soon in mid November.

### **7.3 Custodial and Services committee**

(Nothing to report)

### **7.4 Appointments committee**

(Nothing to report)

### **7.5 Sustainability committee**

(Nothing to report)

### **7.6 Academic committee**

(Nothing to report)

### **7.7 External & Campaigns committee**

Severyns: It was a good meeting. We discussed the peace week campaign and ways to address the student centre and HIV campaigns.

### **7.8 Finance committee**

Ling: He didn't know that Baptista was on the committee. From here on, with this knowledge, she will be consulted. Meeting will be tomorrow to go over special project fundings.

## **8. Report from University bodies**

### **8.1 Senate**

Severyns: At the meeting, discussed honorary degree nominations as well as the special foods fund. The meeting was regarding the assessment of the teachings as well as the methods regarding addressing this issue.

### **8.2 Board of Governors**

Lucas: The next meeting will be December 9<sup>th</sup>.

### **8.3 CCSL**

Severyns: Discussed on project presentations given by facilities mgmt, on projects across Concordia.



Ling: The total funding has been decreased due to a government accounting change. About 8% decrease in total funding and a 40% increase in applicants. Went through the projects and ranked them, and applicants have already been told if and how much they will receive. Around \$40,000 has been budgeted for fall and another \$40,000 for winter.

### **9. Unfinished business**

(Nothing to report)

### **10. New Business**

#### **10.1 Presidential Decree: Student Centre**

(See attached)

Green: It just formalizes what was discussed in detail at last meeting.

T. Gordon: Is this what the students are going to see when they vote?

Lucas: No, on the actual ballot, it will be this wording without the technical wording in the front.

Severyns: The CEO would like the question to be more concise on the ballot.

Manson: The exact percentage owned by students (student control) would have been good to be included in the ballot to not be misleading.

Ling: The students will always be majority vote on issues concerning the student centre.

Lucas: (clarifies wording on ballot)

Manson: Is there any precedent on presidential decrees affecting by-laws?

Lucas: Couldn't find anything.

Manson: Was the motion actually passed by council or were just recommendations given to the CEO?

Severyns: There were 2 approvals at last council, approval of motion as well as to go into referendum. The final question was approved, and this is just to formalize the approval.

Motion passed unanimously.

#### **10.2 Motion presented by CSU and CUTV**

(This motion was moved up on the agenda.)

#### **10.3 Motion to make a small donation to the Student Emergency Food Fund**

Gillette: This is a really good service, as there are many students who could use money for food (Provigo cards). Spread the word. Also, they take donations if you want to give back to students.

Lucas: the CSU already offers this service, with the Multifaith Chaplaincy. The total budget is \$5400. Why don't we combine this, we will work together.

#### **10.4. Appointments to Ad Hoc Committee**

Appointments for 4 councillors and 1 student at large.

Gillett: An info campaign for students and faculty on open courses.



Nominations available.

Nomination for councillor:

Gillett: nomination of Baptista. Accepted.

Gillett: nomination of Green. Declined.

T. Gordon: self nomination.

Manson: self nomination.

Motion to approve all of the above. Motion passed unanimously.

Student at large appointment:

Andy (from audience): self nomination.

Motion passed unanimously.

### **11. Question period & Business Arising**

Goforth: What is the budget associated with the escalator project?

Adrien: The budget has been fluctuating until recently. Now, it is in the tens of millions, around 14. A concrete answer to come once received by the administration.

Audience member: What time is the CFS?

Lucas: All info will be posted on the CSU website.

Audience member: For the cultural night next week, what is the CSU doing to avoid excessive drinking?

Lopez: There will be more strictly enforced precautions, and more rigid control at door as well as how alcohol will be served. Further, there will be extra security too.

Audience member: What about concerns for when students leave? Such as problems at residences.

Lopez: Security will be patrolling the campus after the event. Extra measures will be taken.

Khoriarty: To add to Lopez's response, hands will be marked with X's to keep track of amount of drinking.

Lucas: The markings will be strictly enforced.

Severyns: We are also going to have pauses in serving alcohol. For example, 45 minutes of serving, followed by 15 minutes of not serving.

Audience member: When did the university first approach ASFA or CSU about concern for the all you can drink factor?

Lopez: Since the event went up. He has been speaking to different people on the measures to be taken.

Manson: Has the CSU taken a position on BOG?

Lucas: CSU is still on the fence because we don't know the repercussions of the sides. Some questions have been sent to governors, and once they have been responded to, we will be able to take a better stance.



Manson: In regards to the Pepsico contract, what alternative strategies are you considering in case this contract goes through?

Lucas: The contract has been signed with Pepsi for the next 5 years, but there is still a possibility of getting rid of water bottles on campus.

Pudwell: With the contract being signed, we can't do much to get rid of the contract. But what we will do is that for in the future, when contracts come up, students will be represented in discussion. We are looking into the clause that will ban water bottles on campus, while the university has stated that it will only consider it if the students vote on it.

Brown: When will this vote happen?

Pudwell: The next avail time is March.

Seminara: There will be Coffee with ASFA coming up. As well, the ASFA Townhall meeting will take place at 4 to 6pm.

Khoriarty: The Chocoholic's dream is going on now for anyone interested.

Lucas: Gender neutral bathrooms project was dropped due to asbestos, which would case thousands of dollars. We will be starting this in the hive. There are already 100+ gender neutral bathrooms on campus, she will receive a map locating this.

Brown: Many people would like the option of gender specific bathrooms.

Pudwell: There are, on every floor.

Manson: When that map arrives, it should be made available.

Fernando: Comedy for a cause by Casa Cares will be taking place, to benefit DoctorClown.

## **12. Announcements**

(none)

## **13. Adjournment**

Lucas/seconded by Green: Motion to adjourn.

Motion passed unanimously.

The meeting was adjourned by 8:08pm.