



**Regular Meeting
CSU Council or Representatives**

**Wednesday January 12, 2011 at 6:30pm
SGW H-760**

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1. Call to order

The meeting was called to order at 6:48pm.

2. Roll call



Councillors:

Alex Gordon	Joel Suss	Fernando Barbosa
Aaron Green	Asma Omar	Alison Revine
Teresa Seminara	Tomer Shavit	Abdullah Husen
Ethan Cox	Alexandra Baptista	Jean-Francois Baillargeon
Melanie Hotchkiss	Michaela Manson	Stephen Brown
Tamara Gordon	Luis Cordero	Kyle Goforth
Heba Abdel-Hamid	Taylor Knott	Menachem Freedman
Lex Gill	Carlos Puerta	

Executives:

Heather Lucas	Andres Lopez	Rami Khoriaty
Hassan Abdullahi	Morgan Pudwell	Adrien Severyns

3. Approval of the agenda

Lucas/Baptista: Section 10 to be Appointments, and the later agenda items to shift back by one.

Motion passed.

Lucas/Cox: Add 9.9 as Policy Reform committee.

Motion passed.

Hotchkiss/Suss: Matters of University Governance to precede Executive Reports.

Motion passed.

Green/Seminara: Motion to approve agenda.

Motion passed.

4. Approval of the minutes and business arising

Seminara/Green: Motion to approve last minutes.

Motion passed.

5. Chairperson's report

Nothing to report.

6. CJLO presentation



Presentation made by Katie (station manager at CJLO) along with others. CJLO has expanded rapidly, from 20 volunteers to 140. Resources have been stretched thin. To continue and sustain growth, the current fee levy of 25 cents per undergrad student (since 2004) needs to be increased by 9 cents per credit. CJLO's successes and acknowledgements are numerous and the station has several objectives, including better quality, maintaining its free services, increased community outreach, training opportunities, more paid staff, and more.

Cox: Congratulations for all its achievements. As a point of information, this proposal was already approved by custodial committee and has rightly been brought to Council.

Puerta: How did the specific number of 9 cents per credit come about?

CJLO: The total that would be collected by increasing 9 cents per credit will allow CJLO to accomplish objectives.

Green: In favour of the 9 cents as it seems reasonable.

Gill/Cox: Call to question, to approve the proposal to be included in the vote.

Motion passed.

7. The Void magazine presentation

Cole from Void Magazine: The magazine, since 2002, has been Concordia's only bilingual liberal arts magazine. We are looking to expand. Void would like to propose approval for an increase in the fee levy by 2 cents per credit, to cover core operating costs. Void is not incorporated at the moment, so this question will be dependent on whether it becomes incorporated.

Freedman: It is a great magazine, and its uniqueness contributes something special to Concordia. So far, much of the fundraising has been done by the magazine, creating additional challenges.

Cox/Husen: Call to question. Motion passed.

8. Matters of university governance.

Hotchkiss: The CSU should inform the public better.

Lucas: The executives have prepared a report, which will be released soon.

Cox: Proposed Statement:

“Whereas the abrupt dismissal of Concordia's second President in three years has caused a serious crisis of confidence at our university.

Whereas the lack of transparency exhibited by the BOG, and specifically it is Executive Committee, is unacceptable to Concordia students.

Whereas the current situation appears to have been largely caused by external members of the BOG, many of whom represent corporations and have a corporate view of university governance which is incompatible with an educational institution in the public sphere.

Whereas the actions of the BOG have damaged the reputation of Concordia, and consequently harmed the interests of the students we represent.



Whereas the amount paid out in severance packages to our last two university presidents is in excess of 1.5 million dollars of public money and is an unacceptable use of public funds which should have been used to improve our university.

BIRT the CSU condemn the firing of President Woodsworth and the dishonesty with which the BOG has communicated with the university community.

BIFRT the CSU call on all external members of the BOG, many of whom have exceeded the maximum term limit, to resign immediately for the good of Concordia and out of respect for the community members they supposedly represent.”

There is no argument that these issues are harming to Concordia and its students. We need to strongly represent the interest of our students, who stand as one against the Board of Governors.

Gill: The circumstances under which Woodsworth was removed was inappropriate. CSU has not made a strong position, which is offensive to our allies. The council exists to represent the students, not the Board of Governors. CSU must take a stronger position on behalf of our students.

Suss: This is a case of irresponsibility on behalf of the Board of Governors. We must voice our concern.

Husen: Because of Concordia’s constitution, there is a predominance of external members. It is ridiculous to ask to rid of the majority constituency. Students have the right to be angry but at this point, what is being said is more out of anger than anything. We don’t have a strategy of relieving the situation. It is a naïve proposition. The motion on the table right now should be taken back to the drawing board.

Freedman: This is a sensitive issue and remarks that are offensive to those present are unnecessary. There are aspects of the motion to be agreed with but not all. Further, the motion should suggest a supported way of moving forward.

Student 1: This is a huge issue which has the majority of the student population concerned. Councillors, as representatives, need to stand up and take a stand. External members on the Board of Governors don’t represent the interests of students. I agree that external members are necessary, just perhaps not as majority. Also, instead of eliminating the members, perhaps they can be replaced. Further, the hiring and firing process should be more transparent.

Student 2: Calling for the resignation of the executive committee. Many by-laws have been violated. They lack respect and concern for students as well. Issues and petitions have been ignored. What’s realistic is to follow what the unions are saying. In terms of moving forward, the executive committee will be appointing an interim president without consulting us. Than this person will become president.

Cox: Would like to clarify that the motion doesn’t ask to eliminate external seats, but rather for them to resign for violation of rules such as term limits. There may also be better members to represent the community than company executives. All this concern for the feelings of Board of Governors is confusing, after all the times we have fought against them. The CSU is an important player in this issue and what we decide is critical. We have to stand strongly to represent our students. The interest of students, our constituents, should be our primary concern.

Pudwell: Suggestion for creating a committee to work on the restructuring.



Husen: Asking for a resignation is ineffective unless we can propose a strategy of re-electing the external members. A committee of students and faculty to agree on a clear election process to recommend will be a more effective strategy. This isn't a matter that should be discussed and voted on abruptly. We should stick to a politically correct statement for now and then take the time to come up with a proposal.

Lucas: The executive committee makes recommendations but the board votes.

Dachby (student member of BoG): There is some misinformation going on. He is on the executive committee for the board of governors. The students were informed day-by-day what was going on regarding Woodsworth's departure. The university won't break the confidentiality agreement. Concern was expressed regarding Woodsworth. Good things came from her departure. The timing of her departure was surprising, but we can't do anything about it. My point is that the process was transparent between the board members. All students on the board were informed, and these issues were discussed at meetings. Therefore, to say that the external members hid information and issues is incorrect. We have a reform committee with student representation, and we have not received any requests. So whoever is concerned by this reform, please send your thoughts.

Student 2: The president of GSA was not fully informed.

Manson: There are two issues: the firing and the restructuring. Keep in mind that we can make one motion now and another later. On another note, for CSU to issue a watered down statement in order to be politically correct may be politically incorrect on its own.

Green: the CSU should work with the Board of Governors to work out the issues. The BoG does make many important decisions.

Student 2: The BoG won't work with you. The students don't have much pull on the BoG. The composition of the BoG needs to change in order for changes to be made.

Student 1: It's inexcusable that over \$700,000 has been paid to Woodsworth to leave. CSU's statement should be in line with students' interests. Though the issue was transparent to members of the board, it was not to the student population.

Cox: We have a time constraint to come up with a position. The motion on the table has a time constraint. If members of the board were so well briefed, why were students not briefed. Students should have been informed. We must approve this motion right now. Students will hold us accountable.

Suss: Regarding communication from the Board, this is the first time Council has been addressed. It seems that the students on the BoG don't have the interests of students in mind. Students need better communication and leadership on this issue.

Student (Dachby): I always work in the best interest of students. I would like to correct a couple statements. We (students of BoG) were informed approximately December 12th regarding the issue. We expressed many issues regarding Woodsworth and demanded her resignation. Regarding the statement the CSU is about to make, it is rushed. You should



see the reasons why you are making a statement. The reason she received that exact amount for severance was written into her contract. She received nothing more. There is no rush right now. We should take the time when issuing this statement and the two issues should be kept separate. Regarding the issues of communication, the internal and external members of BoG have been working together.

Gill: First, this isn't a rash decision to make a statement. Different groups have already proposed for the resignation of even the entire board. Plenty of stands have been taken, within and outside the university.

Brown: The question isn't about what we're saying, but rather what we're accomplishing. It is our position that angering the external members of BoG will reduce our power. If this is the case, we should think about a long-term plan. I am asking the students on BoG: Would issuing this statement impede our position on BoG?

Husen: The statement won't achieve a specific goal. Concordia already lacks management. Losing governance is not wise.

Dachby (as a member BoG): To issue a statement won't be harmful. The question is what the statement is going to be and what it is going to achieve. Just asking them to resign doesn't mean they will.

Siriwardhana (as a member BoG) : The board members do care about the students. Student interests have been discussed in depth on many occasions. We should work with them. Another issue discussed was about each member's roles. The board is progressive.

Lucas (as a member of BoG): Asking the board members to resign won't be effective or diplomatic.

Cox: (re-reading the motion with unofficial amendments):

"...BIRT the CSU condemn the *process of firing* of President Woodsworth and the dishonesty with which the BOG has communicated with the university community... "

Husen: We must keep in mind the legal aspects. What, legally, could be divulged to the students, was divulged as appropriate. Regarding the severance package, the economically efficient decision, was made. We are discussing if our next step will represent student interest, not feelings or reputation. We don't want to create chaos, which will create more damage than the \$700,000 that we are complaining about now. If there is no benefit, we should not make recommendations.

T. Gordon: What would be effective?

Dachby: The council should have all the information first. If you want to issue a statement, issue it on real information. My advice would be to issue a statement that is clear but not accusatory.

Student 2: Do you know why the two excused presidents were hired?



Dachby: Hiring presidents is very difficult. It is a complicated process of attracting and hiring.

Cox: There are multiple external members who have overstayed their term.
Dachby: If members have overstayed, than they should leave.

Suss: Do you think statements that the sociology faculty has made are false?
Dachby: I cannot speak for the faculty as I am not a faculty member.

Green/T. Gordon: To call to question to vote on the motion by Cox.

Cox/Husen: Motion to suspend the rules to make the amendment official.
Motion passed.

Cox: (re-read the motion with the amendment)

Gill: Request for role-call

Husen: N
Goforth: N
Barbosa: N
Puerta: A
Cordero: N
A. Gordon Y
Green: N
Hotchkiss: Y
Gill: Y
Shavit: N
Freedman: Y
Abdel-Hamid: A
Baillargeon: N
Brown: N
Suss: Y
Seminara: N
Manson: Y
Knott: A
Baptista: N
Gidron: A
Cox: Y
T. Gordon: Y
Revine: N

Motion failed.

Green/Puerta: Motion to continue along the agenda.



Manson: Objection to closing the matter. This is a good moment to create the committee for the restructuring.

Husen: Regarding creating the committee, the most effective method may be for someone from the CSU to create a committee that is representative of students.

Goforth/Baptista: motion for 10 minute recess.

Motion approved.

Recess at 8:56pm.

Back in session at 9:10pm.

Freedman: Would like to motivate against the motion to continue along the agenda.

Brown: We should continue discussion.

Manson: (point of information) Since there was an objection to the motion to continue along the agenda, shouldn't we move on?

Cox: (point of information) If someone makes an objection, it is settled. However, one can make a motion to move on to the next agenda item.

Chair: This discussion will continue until a motion is made and passed to move on.

Pudwell: When this statement was created, it wasn't written to be a watered down one. Further, there has been more than one statement made by the CSU.

Severyns: There have been multiple statements, internally and externally, proposing solutions. The CSU has been taking action. However, it is understandable if the council would like to encourage further action.

Cox: Motion to make an amendment in wording.

Green/T. Gordon: Motion to postpone indefinitely.

Green/Cox: Motion to move to call to question.

Motion passed to call to question (to postpone indefinitely). Motion failed.

Motion to call to question the new amendment. Motion passed.

Called to question. Motion failed.

Manson: Would like to make a motion to issue a statement for the BoG to follow their by-laws and for those who have stayed over their term to be terminated.

Brown: Further, students should have a say in the restructuring of the BoG.

Freedman/Gill: Amendment to the Cox's motion.

Manson/Gill: Motion to call to question.

Motion passed.

Vote on Manson's proposed motion.

"Whereas the abrupt dismissal of Concordia's second President in three years has caused a serious crisis of confidence at our university.

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BIRT that the CSU adopt an official position that demands the resignation of all external members of the board who have exceeded their term limits as per their own by-laws."

Freedman: (amendment)

"WHEREAS the Concordia Student Community as well as the Concordia Student Union Council has been forced to learn of the various details of President Woodsworth's "departure". BE IT RESOLVED THAT the CSU condemns the dishonesty with which the Board of Governors has communicated with the university community in relation to the firing of President Woodsworth. "

Motion passed.

9. Executive reports

9.1 President

Welcome back and Happy New Year!

Communications:

- Speaking at new student orientations to explain the function and purpose of the CSU
- Overseeing the plans and details for Winter Orientation (Jan 17- 20)

Black History Month:

- Working with various associations such as CCSU, ASAC, and NSBE to solidify the events for February
- Details of events will be released by the end of January

CFS:

- Numbers (money paid / credit for the last 5 years) from the University were given to the lawyers for the legal proceedings to move on

Custodial and Services committee:

- Reviewed the wording for CJLO's fee levy increase
- Proposed changes to the standing regulations are attached to the agenda

Appointments committee:

- 3 candidates for student at large will be interviewed
- 1 JB applicant will be interviewed

Board of Governors:

- Dr. Woodsworth announced her resignation on Dec 22, 2010 through a press release
- We will hopefully get more answers at the next board meeting as to what the next steps are in selecting a qualified interim President

9.2 VP Loyola and Advocacy

- Due to increase demand at the Loyola luncheon, we have secured more funding.



- We are working on advertising and marketing of the service so that more students at Loyola are aware of this service
- Upgrading the sound system at the hive so that it becomes easier for clubs and associations to use during events,
- Cooperating with the Dean of Students office on the “Loyola on Ice” project

CSU Bursaries Awards

- Preparing the online system for the bursary registration.
- Scheduling dates for the academic committee to meet and discuss the procedure for giving out the awards.
- Plan to give out all awards in the winter semester.

9.3 VP Sustainability & Promotions

Sustainability

Water Bottle Free Campus

- Development of CSU policy on bottled water (see document from policy reform committee for details)
- Will be bringing the question to students as referendum question in March elections
- This semester will launch a wide spread multi- stake holder (SC, ASFA, TapThirst, R4) campaign to inform students about: their right to access free potable water; the financial, environmental and ethical implications of bottled water
- There are free water dispensers available for student use both in the CSU office reception and HOJO office.

Green Weeks

- 3rd CSU ASFA Green Week will take place January 24 – 27: this will include workshops on energy conservation, film screenings, etc.

Hive Café

- DART 392 students (a design class that focuses on sustainable design using the ideas from Cradle to Cradle) will be playing a key role in the design of the Hive Café, their projects will be incorporated in to the café in time for it’s opening
- Working with other Loyola sustainability projects (Loyola farm project, fruit orchard, RealiTea) we are applying for funding as group in order to show the network of sustainable initiatives, all dependent on each other, and to receive more funding necessary for the project(s) to continue. More updates to come.

Promotions

- working on a plan for a simpler user- friendly CSU website, the current site is dated and somewhat unorganized
- promotion for Winter Orientation has begun
- promo for Adrienne Clarkson speaks in H110 has begun
- promotion for CSU IGM (January 27) has begun

Other

- have been working with the other stakeholders in the Concordia Safer Sex Project to move the project along. Still waiting on a budget from CSU FinComm. Hope to get the D of S official support this week. Will be applying to CCSL for support as well.

9.4 VP External and Projects



Preparation for the FEUQ meeting happening at Concordia University from February 11 to 13, 2011.

- Logistical and technical preparations for the next Speaker Series event featuring former Governor General of Canada, The Right Honourable Adrienne Clarkson. All Councillors are invited!
- Logistical preparation for the Information General Meeting on January 27th, 2011.
- Conducted interviews for the recruitment of the Campaigns Coordinator.

9.5 VP Student Life

Winter Orientation: I have been planning for the last month the logistics for orientation. We have set up the events and activities below is the list of activities.

January 17: The first day of Winter Orientation will have outdoor activities at the terrace including an ice bar, winter carnival games, DJs, and a snowboard park set up at the parking lot. At the same time we will have breakdancing competition going on inside Reggies. Activities will take place from 11am to 11pm, attached is a floor plan of where everything will be set up.

January 18: There will be a many tastes of Concordia going on at the 7th floor lounge, were all CSU clubs will provide free food to students to show their culture.

January 19: Cultural night will take place at the hive from 7pm to 11pm we are expecting 350 people. The theme will be Russian night.

January 20: We will organize a concert that will take place at the hive with a famous artist called Scratch, Scratch, Scratch a novelty act of live music remixing. We expect 350 people to attend and the event will go from 9pm to 3am, we will book extra shuttle buses to and from Loyola.

January 21: Hangover breakfast at the 7th floor lounge 8am to 11am

Quebec City Trip: Registration is currently taking place everything is confirmed for the trip. We have around 30 spots left from 110 capacity. The trip will take place Feb 4- 6.

New York Trip: I have been meeting with ASFA to finalize the details for the trip. I will be giving more information in the next council meeting.

9.6 VP Clubs & Outreach

- Organized coffee breaks for the exams. It was very successful we served around 8000 students during 7 days and we stayed within budget. For the next semester we are planning on increasing the number of days.
- Clubs requisitions deadline for events in fall was in December so I am processing all the requisitions and issuing the checks.
- Clubs newsletter was written and sent with the following topics: many taste of Concordia, co-curricular transcript and REHC event
- I did my VP finance training. And I am planning to implement some extra files for the execs to keep track of their expenses
- Cash and checks deposits for CSU and CUSA CORP.

10. Standing committees' reports

10.1 Clubs and Space committee



Nothing to report.

10.2 Events committee

Nothing to report.

10.3 Custodial and Services committee

Reviewed the wording for the CJLO fee-levy proposition.

10.4 Appointments committee

3 students were interviewed.

10.5 Sustainability committee

For anyone wishing to attend the meeting, please email Pudwell.

10.6 Academic committee

Nothing to report.

10.7 External & Campaigns committee

Speaker series and governance issues were discussed.

10.8 Finance committee

Nothing to report.

10.9 Reform committee

Pudwell: Changes have been made to several policies and standing regulations.

Freedman/Abdel-Hamid: motion to remove the section "...education fundamental right and should be free for all students..." because it may come off naïve and it does not belong in the standing regulations.

Suss: It should be kept because whether it is practical or not, that is something that we may stand for.

Hotchkiss: We could change the wording.

Gill: Advocating for a right doesn't mean that it has to be practical, we can advocate what we stand for, such as the right to education.

Abdel-Hamid: We should add the word "strive"

Abdullahi: Instead of "free", "accessible" may be the right term.

Pudwell: (point of information) The word "accessible" is already stated in the policy.

Severyns: "Accessible" is the right word and "free" pushes it into a discourse we are not in at the moment. Using the term in our standing regulation, though a noble idea, may come off naïve.

Freedman: "Accessible" should be useful.

Hotchkiss: We have to be careful with the term "accessible" as well.

Brown: When we speak of "accessible", are we including international students and other students who are here on a temporary basis?

Freedman: To call to question. Motion failed.

Student: Free education is possible, though definitely an aspiration. Also, would like to stand up for international students who do contribute.

Severyns: I agree with the cause fundamentally but would like to advise council that the term "free" is dangerous.

Abdel-Hamid: If we can't use the term "accessible", shouldn't use the term "free" either.

Pudwell: The Reform Committee should look at this further

Abdullahi: Motion to suspend the current motion indefinitely, have the Reform Committee further look at this particular policy and bring it back to council.



Motion passed.

Freedman/Abdullahi: Motion to ratify the other policies.

Motion passed.

Pudwell/Freedman: Motion to ratify PB 5- 11 Healthy Sexuality Preamble

Motion passed.

Pudwell/Goforth: Motion to send to referendum policies 6-11 and 7-11.

Motion passed.

11. Appointments

Lucas: Motion for closed session. Retracted.

Lucas: Motion to approve all applicants to the Mobilization Committee by omnibus.

Suss: Has met with the candidates and they seemed qualified.

Students Cameron Monagle, Andy Filipowich, Kyle McLoughlin, Gonzalo Nieto, and Shaima Shoab are appointed as students at large on the mobilization committee.

Suss/Lucas: Motion to accept these candidates. Motion passed.

Lucas/Freedman: Motion to go into closed session for Judicial Board appointments.

Motion passed.

Closed session (10:20pm).

Suss/Abdullahi: Motion to go into open session (10:28pm).

Tuan Dinh was appointed to the Judicial Board.

Suss/Abdel-Hamid: Motion to appoint Freedman. Motion passed. Accepted by Freedman.

12. Report from university bodies

12.1 Senate

Nothing to report.

12.2 Board of Governors

Already heard.

12.3 CCSL

Nothing to report.

12.4 Women's Caucus

Women's week is being planned.

13. Unfinished business

14. New business

14.1 Details regarding IGM



Dates and times have been set up: Jan 27 at 4pm if anybody wants to participate. The Deadline is Jan 20th. Contact mobilize@csu.qc.ca.

Abdel-Hamid: Motion to be replaced by Gill on CVAP. Motion passed.

15. Question period & Business arising

16. Announcements

Green: On Jan 20th from 11am-4pm, ASFA member association fair to meet department and student representatives.

Goforth: Anyone with questions or input for the design of the Hive café, please contact Goforth or Antonio the graphics designer.

Seminara: On Jan 25th, ASFA event on the importance of career planning. On Jan 27th there will be an academic panel for sciences students.

A. Gordon: Sociology and anthropology and philosophy associations are having a party at Le Bull.

Severyns: Guest Speaker Adrienne Clarkson tomorrow evening.

Khoriarty: Many tastes of Concordia this Tuesday.

17. Adjournment

Abdullahi/Puerta: Motion to adjourn. Motion passed.

Meeting adjourned at 10:42pm.