



AGENDA

CSU Regular Council Meeting
Wednesday February 9, 2011
H-760 Time 6:30PM, S.G.W. Campus

1. Call to order
2. Roll call
3. Approval of the agenda
4. Approval of the minutes and business arising
5. Chairperson's Report & Business Arising
6. Executive Reports
 - 6.1 President
 - 6.2 VP Loyola and Advocacy
 - 6.3 VP Sustainability & Promotions
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7. Standing Committees' Reports
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 - 7.7 External & Campaigns committee
 - 7.8 Finance committee
8. Report from University bodies
 - 8.1 Senate
 - 8.2 Board of Governors
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 - 8.4 Women's Caucus
9. Unfinished business
10. New Business
 - 10.1 Sustainable Concordia Fee Levy Increase
 - 10.2 Presentation from Queer Concordia regarding potential Fee Levy Question
 - 10.3 Student Center and Student Space Ad Hoc Committee
11. Question period & Business Arising
12. Announcements
13. Adjournment

1. Call to order

The meeting was called to order at 6:56pm.

Abdullahi: Motion to elect temporary to chair.

Cannot because according to the standing regulations, only the president or a representative (councillor) may take place of chair.

Gill: motion to elect Severyns to chair the meeting tonight. Passed.

Cox: would like it noted that he is unsure if this is legal.

The meeting called to order by Severyns at 7:02pm.

2. Roll call

Councillors:

Abdullah Husen	Ethan Cox	Jean-Francois
Stephen Brown	Johnnie Vu	Baillargeon
Rasim Hafiz	Tomer Shavit	David Feldman
Lex Gill	Melanie Hotchkiss	Heba Abdel-Hamid
Alison Revine	Aaron Green	(Asma Omar)*
Tamara Gordon	Teresa Seminara	(Alex Gordon)*
Michaela Manson	Menachem Freedman	
Joel Suss	Carlos Puerta	

*: on leave of absense due to participation in elections

Executives:

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

3. Approval of the agenda

Lucas: to add 9.1, appointment to senate, as item 6 on the agenda. Further, 6.1 as report from Sustainable Concordia.

Cox: 10.2 to become 6.2, on the basis that representatives are here and they shouldn't be kept waiting.

Pudwell: to add ad hoc reports to after executive reports. Further, to add, into unfinished business, IGM motion ratification.

Manson: to move IGM motion ratification to 6, after chairperson's report and business arising.

Pudwell: after queer Concordia, the WHALE presentation. This will now be 6.3.

Lucas: to add composition of council for 2011-2012, into new business.

Cox: 10.3 to 6.4.

Cox/Husen: move to approve all above amendments. Motion passed.

4. Approval of the minutes and business arising

Green/Puerta: motion to approve January minutes. Passed.

5. Chairperson's Report & Business Arising

Chair: Tarondo could not be here due to work.

6. IGM Motion

Pudwell: 6 motions passed at IGM. There were about 250 students present.

Cox/Manson: to pass all 6 motions omnibus. Not passed.

Manson: disappointed it was not passed by omnibus, as it was brought to council by more than 100 students who consented to it.

Cox: we have an obligation to pass this. If not, will resign from council.

Freedman: we are responsible for hearing each motion, as we are seeing them for the first time.

Hafiz: attended IGM. The motions should be passed, but the councillors should also get to know each motion and take it one step at a time.

Shavit: each motion is different and should be considered separately.

Pudwell: Lucas had made a presidential decree for an SGM, which was petitioned for by over 100 students. Please attend the SGM on Monday, February 14th if you can.

Recess at 7:25pm due to power out of secretary's computer.

Back in session at 7:33pm

Student #1: These motions were passed by the students.

Manson/Husen: to call the second motion to question. Passed.

Chair: reads second motion.

Hotchkiss/Abdullahi: move to call to question. Passed.

Chair: reads third motion.

Cox/Puerta: move to amend in motion phrasing "This motion calls us" to "The CSU calls on". Passed.

Shavit: in favour, supports the international students. Would like to call to question.

Chair: call to question not passed.

Gill: motion to take out the "privatization of ... programs", as Concordia has yet to do so.

Student #2 (Simon): it shouldn't be put in the motion that tuition will never be raised.

Pudwell: whether feasible or not, its something we should aspire to.

Cox/Manson: call to question.

Freedman: the list of senators must be updated.

Cox: withdraws motion.

Manson/Freedman: motion to amend the list of senators and student representatives.

Green/Revine: to call to question. Passed.

Chair: reads fourth motion.

Abdullahi/Suss: to amend "this assembly calls on the CSU..." to "The CSU...". Motion passed.

Suss/T. Gordon: call to question. Passed.

Chair: reads fifth motion.

Cox/T. Gordon: to call to question. Passed.

Gill: reads sixth motion.

Shavit: isn't this in the jurisdiction of a particular committee?

Pudwell: no, this would fall under projects.

Cox/Manson: to call to question. Passed.

Cox: would like to move a related motion to the third motion. Any board or senate member that does not comply with the wishes expressed in this motion will be asked to resign by the CSU.

Chair: should have been done earlier in the meeting.

Cox/Gill: motion to challenge the chair. Passed.

Chair: now re-discussing Cox's motion.

Abdullahi: would like to state that Cox is not the only individual speaking for students. We are all elected representatives of students. This motion is backwards.

Student (Alex): it may be a good idea to give this motion "a little bit of teeth".

Shavit: the motion was already passed. It is unnecessary to pass this additionally.

Green: opposes this motion. The senators and BOG try their best to represent their students.

Student (Chad): Who is to measure and say whether these members fulfil or don't fulfill their responsibilities?

Abduallahi: it is the job of the CSU president and the councillors to make sure the senators and BOG do their jobs.

Manson: adding this can't do harm.

Pudwell: if someone is asked to resign, what happens to that person's position?

Gill: councillors can ask those members they elected to the board to resign. Further, students can ask the members to resign as well.

Cox: this addition to the motion is symbolic.

Suss: I am a senator, and if I am not doing my job, I should be asked to resign. That's accountability.

Student (Jamie): this motion seems like it should have been discussed earlier when the particular motion was being discussed.

Student (Simon): there should be some objective threshold regarding resignation.

Student (Andy): agree with the motion in essence but may stifle students to bring ideas to the table in fear that they may be asked to resign. Perhaps a committee should look at it first and bring it back to council.

Student (Alex): this is a good motion, though the cons that have been brought up are all reasonable. At the same time, as a student and member of the CSU, has been very confused about the student representation on these committees. I think for this specific motion, having "teeth" is important.

Hassan/Abdel-Hamid: this motion was supposed to be symbolic in nature. Would like to call to question. Passed.

Cox/Abdel-Hamid: motion to add amendment. Not passed.

Lucas/Hafiz: motion to go into closed session, as CVs will be passed around.

Cox/Manson: motion to suspend the rules in order to move Report of Sustainable Concordia and Queer Concordia up so that people don't have to wait until after closed session.

6.1 Report from Sustainable Concordia

Cameron: Sustainable Concordia will be withdrawing the fee-levy increase request. Sustainable Concordia is going through a process of re-visioning and doesn't feel ready at this time to request a fee-levy increase.

6.2 Report from Queer Concordia

Would like to request a 2 cent increase per credit in fee levy, for a total of approximately \$11,000 to fund for accessible facilities. This increase will place Queer Concordia's budget and capabilities along its equivalents in other Canadian universities. We hope the CSU will help fine-tune this motion to be voted on in March.

Freedman: Does Queer Concordia already have a budget?

Queer Concordia: this increase in funds will go towards hiring a staff member to work on projects.

Freedman: is there more information on this accessible centre?

Queer Concordia: services regarding gender and sexuality, as a first stop place where anyone can come to with questions or for out-reach. It will serve as an important access point for people. Further, Concordia's safer sex project will be further promoted and enhanced. The coordinator will preferably have experience in counselling and work with other current resources.

Cox: it's a great start. Its fundamentally important to have such a centre. Queer Concordia is more than a club. Regarding the fee-levy question, it is our role to work on the wording.

Cox/Hotchkiss: to call to question. Not passed.

T. Gordon: what services will be offered?

Queer Concordia: More hours, expanding resource centre (books, materials), and counselling. Also, the model of running on 100% volunteer work isn't sustainable. To continue our presence on campus, we need a staff member.

Gill: to make an amendment so that the referendum question should be accepted, pending that they meet all requirements by the vote. Passed.

Abdullahi: how would this be different than the Twenty One Ten centre?

Queer Concordia: there is a line, though grey, that separates those that access Twenty One Ten and those that access Queer Concordia. We would not be doubling up.

Shavit: confirming that Queer Concordia will be giving up status as a club under CSU, through which the club accepts funding. Are you willing to give up this status and funding for the chance to pass this question?

Khoriarty: if the question doesn't pass, they remain a club and will continue to receive club funding.

Gill: call to question. Passed. Passed.

6.3 Appointment to Senate

Chair: motion to go into closed session. Closed session at 8:34pm.

Return to open session at 8:47pm.

Bilal Hamideh appointed to senate.

6.4 WHALE presentation

Pudwell: many people have been working hard to make WHALE possible.

Roddy Doucet: WHALE needs more people! So far there are about 500 people. We need 800. The CSU can fill a void. Increasing tuition \$15,000 over 3 years needs to be fought. Though the students have changed, the same people have been leading the same fight for years. Please be there on February 14th, even if you don't agree with everything. We are there to discuss the matters and discussion is healthy. This is a

remarkable opportunity. We have faculty support as well. We have people involved from all levels within the university.

Matt: disappointed at the lack of involvement by CSU, as this is a CSU event.

Chad (ASFA executive): responsible for the security of students when they get out there. Email external@asfa.ca if you are interested in helping out.

Shavit: this is a very important event, perhaps the most important, and the council should come together to approach this.

Abdullahi: as a part of the momentum shift project, the creation of the mobilization committee was for the purpose of empowering students to take action. There are many issues facing students. This is one of many important issues. To say that the CSU executives have not been supportive is not right.

Student (Alex): an important point is that you don't have to agree with the tuition fight to attend. You can bring your own perspectives. Its rather the method of student democracy and voice that are important. Regarding the executives, yes, a committee has been formed, but they could do more.

Lucas: called an SGM in good faith. We support the WHALE. This was part of the platforms of many people here. Of course we should all be there to support. But please acknowledge that though we may not be on the front line, we are working very hard, along with all out other commitments. For everyone, if you believe in fighting rising tuition, please be there. And recognize that the executives have a lot on our plates, but we always try to be there.

Pudwell: the people involved have been doing a great job.

Gill: there are many things you can do to help. Join the facebook group, hand out flyers, spread the word, and be there! Bring your friends!

Gill/T. Gordon: motion for CSU to put forward \$1900, to match the GSA, for expenses relating to the GSM on February 14th. What is left will be placed back.

Freedman: where would this money come from?

Khoriarty: possibly from the campaigns budget. Not sure that \$1900 is possible.

Severyns: March 12th will take up much resources.

Hafiz: what is the budget allocated for the mobilization committee?

Gill: none.

Khoriarty: the money can be found.

Lopez: what in specific would the money be spent on?

Gill: heaters, food, and events.

Manson/suss: call to question. Passed.

Khoriarty: the CSU is all in. Much support happens behind the place.

Student (Jamie): we just need a bit more and we'll be at 800 people!

Roddy: would like to see a motion passed by council specific to WHALE.

Chair: we already had a motion at the beginning of the meeting that supported this.

Abdullahi: would like to remind everybody that this tuition battle will be one of the biggest battles we will face. We need to come together and present one face united, rather than pointing fingers at one another.

T. Gordon: I am offended that I was not contacted for help. I would have helped if I had known.

Student (Andy): didn't mean to offend anyone by not including them. Would like to invite everybody and encourage everyone to support the cause on the day. There will also be fun activities at the event related to our cause!

Matt: it is duty of the union to fight tuition. On an individual basis, there has been support, but we need the support of the entire union. 4pm tomorrow, February 10th on the 7th floor of the Hall building, there will be a meeting. Please attend.

6.5 Student Center and Student Space Ad Hoc Committee

Gill: would like to motivate for this motion. The students want us to do it. Perhaps we should postpone nominations for the next meeting to give students the time.

Manson/Suss: call to question. Passed.

7. Executive Reports

7.1 President

General/Communications:

Proud to announce that we completed our campaign promise of expanding the Loyola luncheon. We currently serve about double the students of what we have served in the past and look forward to the continued growth of the luncheon

Hosted the IGM in which over 100 students attended

Called for an SGM on Feb 14 at 11:30am on the Reggie's terrace

Working with the services and communications coordinator George, on statements about tuition to be put of the website very soon

Black History Month:

Kicked off the month on Feb 1 with a lecture hosted by AcSion

Other events in collaboration with ASAC, NSBE, REHC, and CCSU such as a fashion show and various panel discussions

MLK III will be speaking in H-110 on Thursday at 6pm; all councilors will have a guaranteed seat

Flyers for the for the rest of the events are at the CSU should you want any

Hojo:

· Working on a campaign to raise awareness against international students that are discriminated against

· We will have success stories posted on the website of how students were able to get out of these types of situations

Custodial and Services committee:

· Hasn't met this week, but a proposal for Sustainable Concordia to raise its fee levy was submitted

7.2 VP Loyola and Advocacy

Loyola

- ☐☐ 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,
- ☐☐ Co-operating with the Dean of Students office on the “Loyola on Ice” project

CSU Bursaries Awards

- ☐☐ Prepared the online system for the bursary registration.
- ☐☐ Met with the academic committee and discussed the procedure for giving out the awards.
- ☐☐ Poster has been made for the bursaries and will go up on Monday .

7.3 VP Sustainability & Promotions

Sustainability

- Participated in VP Service’s (Roger Cote) Open Forums on Water on Campus – disappointed that the administration left these forums with no specific plans or goals, though encouraged that they finally invited to students to participate in the process
- Met with Uberculture, TapThirst and group from SCPA to discuss the upcoming campaign against bottled water – you will start seeing these posters around campus before the break
- Coordinating with the Loyola Rooftop Project – to move plans forward for next year
- Coordinating with the Concordia Farm School for a major conference and urban agricultural school, this will also lead to internship opportunities for students in the summer
- trying to organize a fundraising bingo night for the FSWG (Food Systems Working Group) at the Hive, being stalled by the university’s anti-gambling policy, updates to come soon
- still waiting to hear from FinComm about our contributions to the Sustainable Champions Gala

Promotions

- Working closely with the designers for SGM/WHALE, anti-bottled water campaign, black history month and tuition fee increases
- Developing a social media communications plan for the CSU, including CSU’s services. Currently each service takes care of much of their own social media, but is often uncoordinated with other services or the CSU
- Menu for Loyola Luncheon will soon be available online and on CSU screens daily
- Trying to organize graphics/files/photos for easier access and use

Other

- Concordia Safer Sex Project, still waiting to hear from CSU FinComm about funding before we can move forward (in Dec. Council asked FinComm to allocate funding to the project)
- Have found several models of distributors that we will be looking in to once we receive funding
- Applied for funding at CCSL, ASFA, FASA, CUPSGP
- Secured funding from HIV/AIDS Concordia and Queer Concordia
- Registered with REZO to get best deal on condoms possible (works out to about 7cents per condom as opposed to Health Services current 25cents per condom)
- Aiming to launch early April
- Gender Neutral Bathroom Signage

- Have developed several suggested signs and will be submitting to the D of S for discussion and further development
- Queer Community Celebration / Fair / It Gets Better / We Value our LGBTQ community.
- Working with residence, DofS, Queer Concordia, MultiFaith Chaplaincy, etc they are interested in a day to celebrate and recognize our queer community, plans are still very unclear and the CSU will only commit to an action that is respectful, informative and empowering, at this point it is unclear whether or not we will be involved and how
- Credit Cards Off Campus – working with Jamiey Kelly and other members of Credit Cards Off Campus to develop CSU policy on credit card vendors on campus - while there was some progress at the IGM as far as the CSU calling for the Alumni Association to stop promoting credit cards on campus this will now go to the Policy Reform committee for further development

Policy Reform Committee

- as of February 3, the committee has not been able to meet (a meeting had to be cancelled last minute as 3 / 5 councillors could not attend)
- the committee encourages councillors to support all motions passed at the IGM

Mobilization Committee

- The committee submits all motions passed at the IGM to the Council, and ask that council ratify the decisions already made by over 150 of the students they represent – those students that participated in the meeting expect a response from council with regard to each motion
- Committee met to begin planning mobilization and campaigning for March 12 protest in Montreal against tuition fee increases
- if you are interested in being involved or learning more email mobilize@csu.qc.ca

Women's Caucus

- Working with various student / university groups on developing a broad based network of Women's Week activities and partners
- may incorporate the aforementioned "Queer Community Celebration / Fair / It Gets Better / We Value our LGBTQ community" as the Women's and Queer Movement tend to go hand in hand / support each other

7.4 VP External and Projects

- - Assisted Andres with Winter Orientation
- Very successful Speaker Series event with Adrienne Clarkson
- Campaigns Coordinator training sessions
- FEUQ congress coming up on Feb 11-13 at Concordia
- - Coordinated all logistical matters with the FEUQ Secretary General
- - Met with FEUQ President and VP Executive to discuss the action plan for March 12, 2011
- - Working with Aurelie (Campaigns Coordinator) on the documents that will be presented
- Mobilization committee: 1st meeting held
- - Discussion revolved around the IGM and the upcoming campaign on tuition fees
- Started working on the campaign build up for the March 12 demonstration
- Worked on the Martin Luther King Jr. III event happening on the 10th at 6pm in H-110
- Attended Senate and the Senate Academic Planning and Priorities Committee (APPC)
- - Academic Plan for Concordia University was widely discussed.

7.5 VP Student Life

This past month I worked on Winter Orientation. All the activities went out as planned, turnout for the concert was around 100 people, much less than what we were expecting however people who attended had a great time.

Quebec city trip: Trip that took place last weekend Feb 4 to Feb 5, I worked in this trip in collaboration with the John Molson International Business Association. We sold out 2 buses and it was a great success.

NY Trip: I have been planning this trip in collaboration with ASFA. It will take place Feb 18 to Feb 21. The prices are \$175 for Concordia students and \$200 non-Concordia. The trip includes bus ride and hotel.

Cultural night: Next cultural night will take place March 2 at the hive. The theme for that cultural night will be Caribbean night.

7.6 VP Clubs & Outreach

Financial reports for execs:

An up to date financial report was done and given to each exec. A financial report to council is being prepared and will be up online next week and will be presented at the council meeting in March.

Day to day tasks:

- requisition processing
- deposits
- invoices
- managing all the selling of tickets for the New York trip from creating the receipts and waiver forms to keeping track of the cash

Reggies:

I've been processing Reggies sales and accounting the cash revenues. Up until December we were braking even.

Meetings with CUSAcop to discuss all the small issues that Reggies is facing.

Clubs awards:

I created a questionnaire and sent it to clubs their answers will help us determine nomination for the 10 different awards.

Clubs:

attended 5 clubs executive meetings part of my campaign promise this adds to the 23 meetings that I attended in the fall semester

Coffee and snacks:

I started the organization of the exam coffee and snacks spoke to CUAA and made the reservation of the lb atrium.

8. Standing Committees' Reports

8.1 Clubs and Space committee

Khoriarty: out of 6 submitted, 5 clubs were accepted. Further, Citizens in Action was accepted. Citizens in Action's mandate is to let people know what is going on in the world.

Puerta: why was the other club not accepted?

Khoriarty: Though called the electronic music club, its mandate was to collaborate with other parties to raise funds to throw events.

Green/Hafiz: call to question. Passed.

8.2 Events committee

Nothing to report.

8.3 Custodial and Services committee

Nothing to report.

8.4 Appointments committee

Nothing to report.

8.5 Sustainability committee

Nothing to report.

8.6 Academic committee

Met to discuss the bursaries and current changes. Further, agreed on the type/time/process of the bursaries being given out. Also, a deadline was set for applications.

Hafiz: will there be additional bursaries given out to make up for the shortage last semester?

Abdullahi: all 30 bursaries will be given out this semester.

Suss: how can students apply?

Abdullahi: through the website and online.

8.7 External & Campaigns committee

Severyns: met before the January meeting and report was made than.

8.8 Finance committee

Khoriarty: processed 28 applications for special project funding. 22 were funded, between \$100-\$1000, and 6 were denied.

9. Report from University bodies

9.1 Senate

Abduallahi: much time was spent regarding the BOG actions. 3 motions were passed. The first was for peter kruyt to resign. The second was for an oversight committee to look over the hiring and firing process. The third was to look out for any contracts that may be signed in the future. These motions were passed almost unanimously.

9.2 Board of Governors

Next meeting will be February 17th. Please ask any questions.

9.3 CCSL

Lucas: we were granted funding for a joint venture for GSA and CSU to increase services for the LIC.

9.4 Women's Caucus

Pudwell: an email will be sent out tonight to set up a meeting. At this meeting we will plan for women's week. There has been talk of involving the queer celebration day in women's week.

10. Unfinished business

None.

11. New Business

Lucas: the composition of council/BOG/Senate

12. Question period & Business Arising

Feldman: who is in charge of the posters for the projects?

Abdullahi: depends on who is in charge of the project.

Student (Sarah): how will the joint project between GSA and CSU for the LIC work?

Lucas: it is a collaborative effort that will benefit both graduate students and undergraduates students. The grads will be able to access it and there will be increased access to undergrads.

13. Announcements

Seminara: thank you to everyone that came to support humanitarian affairs. Almost \$2000 was raised. Also, if you want to continue your support, there will be a valentines day party with UNICEF Concordia this Saturday.

T. Gordon: support Black History Month. Come out to Martin Luther King III tomorrow. There will also be a closing party for black history month. Please support.

Green: invitation to the chocolate wrestling event on Friday. Also, ASFA and CSU are selling tickets to Youth in Action in Montreal. They can be purchased on either offices.

Pudwell: tomorrow at 4pm will be WHALE planning. There will also be a meeting on Friday. Please join us!

14. Adjournment

T. Gordon/Gill: motion for adjournment. Meeting adjourned at 10:12pm.