



## CSU Special Council Meeting

Thursday April 6, 2011

Room: H769

6:00pm

Chair: Heather Lucas

### Agenda

1. Roll call
2. Youth Action Montreal Conference Funding
3. Adjournment

[The meeting was called for by the following five CSU Councilors: Aaron Green, Michaela Manson, Melanie Hotchkiss, Lex Gill and Alex Gordon.]

Meeting called to order at 6:18pm.

### 1. Roll call

#### Councilors:

Alex Gordon  
Asma Omar  
Lex Gill

Michaela Manson  
Menachem Freedman  
Johnnie Vu  
Alexandra Baptista

Fernando Barbosa  
Aaron Green  
Melanie Hotchkiss

#### Executives:

Rami Khoriarty

Heather Lucas

### 2. Youth Action Montreal Conference Funding

Chair: Who wrote the motion?

Green: I did but I would like to add something within the motion.

Green/A. Gordon: would like to add to the motion “within 5 business days” to the line “BIRT the CSU purchase ASFA’s remaining Youth in Action Montreal tickets in full”, to make it “BIRT the CSU purchase ASFA’s remaining Youth in Action Montreal tickets in full within 5 business days”

Baptista: What is going to happen to the tickets already sold at \$20, regarding refunds?

Khoriarty: 35 tickets were sold at CSU. ASFA sold tickets as well. We can reimburse if council chooses to. But in the case of the New York trip, we did not refund for the price reductions that took place.

Manson: There should be an amendment. In the line “BIFRT the CSU use all its resources to promote the Youth in Action Montreal Conference and ensure all remaining tickets are distributed to Concordia Students” take away the word “all”, to make it “BIFRT the CSU use its resources to promote the Youth in Action Montreal Conference and ensure all remaining tickets are distributed to Concordia Students”

Khoriarty: As of two weeks ago at the executive meeting, 35 tickets were sold through CSU, of 1000 tickets. So, we considered how much we can expect to sell and have left, at the price of \$20. The outcome of the discussion was that even if we reduce the price to \$5, people were not expecting to sell more than 50 tickets. The executives’ solution was

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to provide tickets to students for free, rather than keeping them. Unfortunately, and we take responsibility for this, we did not consult with ASFA. However, considering ASFA students also fall under CSU, why is there this competition; it should all be the same.

Three solutions were proposed:

- 1) Give all our available resources to ASFA to sell its tickets.
- 2) To give out only 500 for free, and when these ran out, have 500 to sell.
- 3) Main solution and possibly most appropriate: To give ASFA two weeks to sell 300 tickets. If it sells in time, we continue to sell tickets. If do not sell in time, give away the tickets for free. If ASFA is convinced that it can sell the tickets, we should give them the opportunity.

However, all the propositions were denied and a special meeting was called.

Omar: It was a premature decision to give out tickets for free, because most events sell tickets last minute, in personal experience. Deciding that no one will buy the tickets a month in advance seems like a premature decision. What was this decision based on?

Khoriarty: The main problem was exams. We already promoted substantially: via email, posters, 4 days of tabling. We still only sold 35. How would we continue these promotions when students are in exam season and no longer in school? We cannot sell tickets we cannot promote. This was the main reason why we made this decision, considering we've done all the promotion we can. On another note, even after we made this event free, we only gave out 25 tickets. As you can see, it is not popular.

Green: On Tuesday Mar 29, CSU informs ASFA that they will be giving tickets for free. At ASFA, we consulted our councilors and spent part of the funding to provide this event with the aim of breaking even. CSU failed to consult ASFA. We were confident that we could promote this event throughout April. It was never a competition, we wanted to collaborate and work together on this event. We share a campus and students. I disagree with the decision that was made and would like to see this resolved.

Khoriarty: Your main point is that ASFA would sell all its tickets in April. Than why didn't ASFA accept the proposition to sell the tickets in the first two weeks of April?

Green: I don't want to confuse the students further. First, we said \$20, than free, now \$20.

Khoriarty: All this can be reversed. We can start selling it again to students, until the deadline. Than after that, if they haven't been sold, than we can start giving them away for free again.

Manson: By making something free, it will undermine the market value. No logical student is going to want to buy it after it had been offered for free, projecting that it will be available for free again.

Gill/Green: Call to question. Passed.

Voting on the motion (as amended): Passed.

### 3. Adjournment

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Meeting adjourned at 6:34 pm.

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