



**CSU Regular Council Meeting –Minutes  
June 8<sup>th</sup>, 2011 – 6:30 PM, Room H-762  
Minutes taken by: Andy Filipowich – Interim Secretary**

**Agenda**

- 1. Call to Order**
- 2. Roll Call**
- 3. Approval of the Agenda**
- 4. Appointment of an Interim Secretary**
- 5. Approval of the Minutes and Business Arising**
- 6. Appointment of a Council Secretary**
- 7. Chairperson’s Report and Business Arising**
- 8. Unfinished Business**
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  - b. Appointment of Council Secretary**
- 9. Executive Reports**
  - a. President**
  - b. VP Finance**
  - c. VP Clubs and Student Space**
  - d. VP Advocacy and Outreach**
  - e. VP Loyola and Services**
  - f. VP External**
  - g. VP Academic**
  - h. VP Student Life and Sustainability**
- 10. Report from University Bodies**
  - a. University Senate**
  - b. Board of Governors**
  - c. Concordia Council on Student Life**
  - d. Women’s Caucus**
- 11. New Business**
  - a. Budget Presentation**



**b. Appointment of Councillors to CUSA Corp. Board of Directors**

**c. Appointment of Councillors to University Senate (2)**

**12. Establishment of Ad Hoc Committees and Council Appointments**

**a. Ad-Hoc Equity Committee**

**b. Ad-Hoc Student Space**

**c. Ad-Hoc Mobilization Committee**

**13. Reform to CSU Standing Committees Chapter 4**

**14. Appointment of Councillors to CSU Standing Committees**

**a. Academic Committee**

**b. Finance Committee**

**c. Clubs and Space Committee**

**d. Appointments Committee**

**e. Custodial and Services Committee**

**f. Events Committee**

**g. External and Campaigns Committee**

**h. Sustainability Committee**

**i. Loyola Committee**

**j. Women's Caucus**

**15. Motion regarding a letter of support for Jaggi Singh**

**16. Question Period and Business Arising**

**17. Announcements**

**17. Adjournment**

**Special Note: To be eligible to sit on Senate, its standing committees and the Student Tribunal Pool, students must be registered in an undergraduate program, be registered in a course or other for-credit activity and be in good standing. Students in failed standing, conditional standing or on academic probation or sanctioned under the Academic Code of Conduct or the Code of Rights and Responsibilities within the 3 previous years are not eligible**



### **1. Call to Order.**

Chairperson Nicolas Cuillerier calls the meeting to order at 6:30pm

### **2. Roll Call**

#### **In Attendance**

Voting Members: Mahmoud Abdelrahman, Nadine Atallah, Irmak Bahar, Sabrina D'Ambra, Anthony D'Urbano, Ariel Dabora, Emran Ghasemi, Melanie Hotchkiss, Bruno Joyal, Fares Jandali Rifai, Simon-Pierre Lauzon, Maxime Letourneau Morin, Michaela Manson, Kyle McLoughlin, Cameron Monagle, Amero Muiny, Eva-Loan Ponton-Pham, Lina Saigol, Gregory D. Synanidis, Annie Thompson, Renee Tousignant, April Underwood, Erick Ung

Non-Voting Members: Hasan Cheikhzen, Melissa Fuller, Lex Gill, Laura Glover, Jordan Lindsay, Gonzo Nieto, Morgan Pudwell, Chad Walcott

#### Absent

Voting Members: Anaii Lee-Ender, Stephanie Laurin, Iain Meyer-Macaulay, Ali Moenck, Tally Shaaked,

### **3. Approval of the Agenda**

**Kyle McLoughlin:** Motion to add an agenda point regarding letter of support for Jaggi Singh

Seconded by Nieto

**The Motion passes Unanimously**

**Chad Walcott:** Motion to add agenda point 5, appointing a temporary secretary.  
Seconded by Bahar

**Lex Gill:** Motion to approve interim secretary as Point 4. Walcott considers this is friendly

**Gonzalo Nieto:** Motion to split topic 10b in 10b Ad-Hoc Student Space Committee and 10c Ad-Hoc Mobilization Committee



**Lex Gill:** Motion to add Point 11, reform to CSU standing committees chapter 4.  
Seconded by Hotchkiss.

**Michaela Manson:** Motion to approve omnibus. Seconded by Tousignant

**Motion passes unanimously**

**Agenda approved unanimously**

#### **4. Appointment of an Interim Secretary**

**Gonzalo Nieto:** Nominates Andy Filipowich. Filipowich accepts

**Lex Gill:** He has done this before and he is already taking minutes, it would make sense to appoint him.

**Motion passes unanimously**

#### **5. Approval of minutes**

**Chair:** Has the second half of the May 11<sup>th</sup> Council meeting, but does not have the first half and does not know who the secretary was. He made an effort to find them with no luck. The minutes do not affect the decisions made

**Nadine Attalah:** Wants to amend the council-elect meeting. While questioning for Board of Governors she mentioned that she is VP External of LSA, not the USA

**Lex Gill:** Recommend we do not approve the council minutes from the May 18<sup>th</sup> meeting, as we can table it to the next meeting. We can just table the minutes and nothing will happen in the meeting.

**Cameron Monagle:** Motion to approve the minutes of the council-elect meeting.  
Seconded by D'Ambra.

**Motion passes unanimously with one abstention**

**Cameron Monagle:** Motion to postpone the May 11<sup>th</sup> council minutes indefinitely.  
Seconded by Saigol

**Cameron Monagle:** Call to question. Seconded by Thompson. Call to question passes unanimously. **Motion passes unanimously**



## **6. Appointment of The Council Secretary.**

**Lex Gill:** Motion to go into closed session. Seconded by Lauzon. **Motion Passes Unanimously**

**Chair:** Council considered everyone. After a vote, Melissa Wheeler has been appointed as council secretary.

**Amer Muiny: Recess for 5 minutes.** Seconded by McLoughlin. **Motion passes unanimously**

Council recesses at 8:15pm

Council back at 8:30pm

## **6. Chairperson's Report**

**Chair:** This year will be interesting and rewarding. He is trying to get procedure right, and has a copy of Robert's Rules. However, he is not immune to mistakes and if there are issues please make a point of order and he will try to correct the situation.

To make things efficient, please do not speak at same time. Do your best to follow Robert's Rules. Please do not speak unless addressed by the Chair. This will help the process at council.

When there is a serious issue, people will want to speak. Please keep placards in the air so he can make a note that you are on the Speakers List. It is hard to dictate who is for and against an issue. He will do his best for gender parity, and everyone has to speak once before someone speaks twice.

You cannot move up the speaker's list by magical powers. If there are pressing matters use a point of information to ask a question.

**CUTV:** Can we have a speakers list in Google docs?

**Chair:** We will consider this if there is a way.

## **7. Unfinished Business**

### **a. Ratification of May 18th, 2011 Meeting**

**Lex Gill:** Motion to ratify the May 18<sup>th</sup> meeting.



McLoughlin seconds.

**Kyle McLoughlin calls to question.** Seconded by Bahar.

**Call to question passes unanimously with two abstentions.**

## **8. Executive's Report**

### **a. President**

**Lex Gill:** At the last meeting, we talked about executive reports and how reading them out is frustrating. The Standing Regulations and Bylaws have not approved changes to approve by consent.

**Motion to permit consent agenda for all Executive Reports.**

Seconded by Saigol.

**Michaela Manson calls to question.** All approve with one opposed. **Motion passes unanimously.**

**Sabrina D'Ambra:** Point of Order: Did we vote on the consent agenda?

**Secretary:** A vote did not take place, only a vote to call to question.

**Sabrina D'Ambra:** Motion to reconsider the ratification of the May 18<sup>th</sup> Council Meeting.

Seconded by Saigol.

**Motion passes unanimously. Vote for ratification passes with one abstention**

**Lex Gill:** There was a motion at the executive level to sign a letter of support for the postal workers. Canada Post has posted a profit for the last 16 years and is attempting to cut salaries. There are new working conditions that are dangerous and since negotiations have failed, the postal workers are disrupting service one city a day to keep the postal service running and to send a message to the government. They signed a letter of support with student unions and departmental groups including Graduate Students Association and Student's Society at McGill University. The executive would like council to add their support.

**Cameron Monagle:** **Motion to extend CSU council's support for the striking postal workers, echoing the letter signed by the executive.**



Seconded by Atallah.

**Michaela Manson calls to question.**

Seconded by Saigol. **The call to question passes with one abstention**

**Lex Gill:** We will send an email to the people who administer the letter and we will add the council's name.

**The Motion passes unanimously**

**Nadine Attalah:** Can Chad Walcott give quick summary of the report of the conference?

**Chad Walcott:** Accidentally sent a draft, there are some spelling mistakes, and there is an oversight with the history between the associations. He will be resending another version at a later council meeting.

**Bruno Joyal:** Can we have more details about the Canadian Federation of Students?

**Lex Gill:** In March the CSU council approved filing a motion in court against the CFS to call on them to recognise the results of the referendum in March 2010. Students voted 72% in favour of leaving the CFS. The CFS did not recognise the process, even though a petition was delivered with 17% of the student body, 7% more than required in their bylaws at that time, and every possible attempt was made to construct a referendum oversight committee, but they refused to appoint members. The vote took place with the same rules that were approved at University of Victoria Graduate Students Association, as they were the only referendum that has not been contested in court. Students voted no to continue membership. The CSU collected another year's worth of fees, as required under CFS bylaws which is held in trust with the CSU lawyer Philip Andre Tessier. We are collecting interest off that money.

Tessier is tasked by the CSU to sue the CFS to recognise the referendum. Over the summer there are going to be dates in court.

If you know Ayoub Muntasar, the VP External of 2009-2010, please let Gill know. He would be a witness to this case as well as Amine Dabchy. CFS lawsuit is a multi-year ordeal. Their strength is in their persistence and the money they can use for lawyers. If there is anything else to disclose she will let them know

**Irmak Bahar:** Can we have a report on CUSACORP?



**Jordan Lindsay:** He pre-emptively wrote about CUSACORP in his executive report, as he is not a board member of the board yet. He will give a report to the board if he is appointed as a member.

**Cameron Monagle:** The executive said they went to the bank, does everything match up?

**Lex Gill:** Too soon to tell. The bank statements were from this past April, and there is more money in our account now. We are going to meet with the bank and go over account soon and we changed signing officers, and they will give a more updated report later.

**Cameron Monagle:** The executives said they were looking into short term investments. Would that have to go through Council?

**Lex Gill:** This was a recommendation from bank. They cannot do this until we see the account. They would not do a thirty day investment, but perhaps the operating budget. It is the functioning and management of the account. The student centre money is in a GSC, and cannot be touched without sending orders to the bank. If we move student centre money council would get notice.

**Simon Pierre Lauzon:** Cheikhzan said the budget was presented to Senate. Anything drastic happen?

**Hasan Cheikhzan:** The discussion was about expenses, and expected income for the upcoming three years, and the amount of students the university expected during that period. He can provide more information later.

**Senator Filipowich:** You can see the report in the Board of Governors' agenda documents.

**April Underwood:** What is the state of the Student Civil Rights Liberation Project?

**Hasan Cheikhzan:** There was scheduled meeting with the Centre of Research Action of Race Relations, along with Advocacy, but the meeting was postponed. The project addresses cases that students might face, like apartment rental problems and cases where landlords are taking advantage of students. The other concern is to protect student academic information. When you want to apply for a job, interviewers should not have to know where you are from and base decision on ethnicity and race.

**Lina Saigol:** Can I get more information about the NGO?



**Hasan Cheikhzan:** This is a new project with the Advocacy Centre. This project aims to strengthen relationships with different organisations. The projects are related to each other, but this one is making the process faster and building trust at Concordia.

**Irmak Bahar:** Considering there are many student associations that have a pro-strike stance, what concrete plans do other organisations have for strikes and does the CSU have any plans for the upcoming tuition battle?

**Chad Walcott:** The different organisations did a role call of where they were in their strike mandate. Regarding national association, there is much overturn because of elections. We have to meet to decide what we are going to do. In FEUQ, Concordia and Université de Montréal control six votes, or maximum amount of votes, in their assembly. One of Walcott's strategies is to meet with all faculty associations and see how they want to move forward and how they are feeling.

CÉGEP St-Hyacinthe had a strike supported by the administration and he wants to know what they did and how they got the administration on board. He wants to speak to different faculty associations and see what strategies to adapt. There is nothing concrete for FEUQ and cannot speak for other members.

**Michaela Manson:** How much money was set aside for the Student Centre? We also know there were also blue prints for The Faubourg, created by a drafts person. Is the CSU responsible for their creation or was it created by the administration?

**Lex Gill:** The administration would spend any amount of money to get us to pay for The Faubourg. She doubts they would force us to pay for blue prints. It was probably drawn up by the head architect for the university, and this will be in Nieto's report in September. Lex thinks we have 7 600 000 in the account, and in August 2012 there will be over 9 million dollars.

**Simon Pierre Lauzon:** When will we review our position on tuition hikes?

**Lex Gill:** At committees and the committees bring it to council.

**Irmak Bahar:** The CSU position on tuition fees is a) CSU is opposed to any tuition or ancillary fee increases and b) CSU is in favour to a return to a freeze on tuition fees

**Motion:** Whereas the CSU has an existing policy to support accessible high quality education system that is properly funded by a progressive taxation system as well as to support the elimination of financial barriers to education and student debt



**Whereas the CSU recognises that this can only be achieved by the establishment of a higher education system that is both free and emancipatory**

**BIRT that the CSU official adopt a stance in favour of free and emancipatory education, in particular with communicating with the national student assemblies and the FEUQ**

**Lex Gill:** This is a big question and motions like this should be presented when council documents come out and you cannot have a motion that is not a topic on the agenda.

**Chair:** Motion is not related to anything on the agenda. This can be added to business arising.

**Governor West:** You met with Roger Coté, what did he say about the student centre?

**Gonzalo Nieto:** The meeting was preliminary to get information, and the meeting was with Coté, Peter Bolla, who is in facilities management, and Martin who is the head architect of Concordia. Meeting did not go into the details, but it was mentioned that previous executives toured other student centres. Our student centre contract was based out of University of Alberta and McMaster. There was an offer for the executives to tour student centres themselves and to tour the Faubourg and discuss financial options.

Before the November referendum there was a \$4.50 plan drawn up including blueprints. After that failed the university drew up a blueprint for a \$2.00 per credit option. We could purchase The Faubourg for the fee that we are collecting now. In the \$4.50 plan CSU controlled all commercial space. Under the \$2.00 plan a lot of the commercial space was reallocated to the university, changing the composition to 51% controlled by the CSU, 49% administration. We are still retaining all the same student space, but have less commercial space, which is what generates revenue.

**Michaela Manson:** Any suggestions of alternatives to The Faubourg?

**Lex Gill:** We can decide not to buy The Faubourg, and the university would buy it. We have to do a research report and the CSU has to give notice to the administration if we decide to take it. There is an alternative plan for the university would use it as an academic building.

There is also an option to buy the empty parking lot for the student centre

**Gonzalo Nieto:** Between Tim Hortons and the club annexes. Another change between the \$4.50 and \$2 plans is there were fewer renovations in the \$2. The Parking Lot is 25 million dollars more expensive to build a new building.



**Lex Gill:** Or we can maintain the status quo and generate money.

## **10. Report from University Bodies**

### **a. University Senate**

Nothing to report

### **b. Board of Governors**

**Governor West:** There is a board meeting tomorrow. We are having breakfast at the GSA at 2030 Mackay at 7:00. Tim Hortons coffee will be paid for and BOG meeting starts at 8.

**Morgan Pudwell:** The GSA is doing a teach-in outside the meeting on university governance.

**Cameron Monagle:** We have taken a strategy of student involvement. A large crowd is important. Last time the governors on their way out the governors chatted with students.

### **c. CCSL**

**Lex Gill:** Appointments will be made in September

### **d. Woman's Caucus**

**Lex Gill:** Does not exist.

## **11. New Business**

### **a. Budget presentation**

**Jordan Lindsay:** CSU has a growing cash flow problem, where the same amount of money is coming in but the costs are going up. We are cutting back on some spending.

**Lex Gill:** There were issues with poor prioritizing of expenses and over spending.

Revenue is money we bring in from members. Health Plan fees do not have anything for budget fiscal 2011 as approved by council last year. Cumba is the budgeting accounting software. 2011 is what was agreed upon by council last year. IEC, Clubs and Advocacy are fees collected on a per credit basis.



Health and Dental fees are paid on a premium. It is not in 2011 as it was accounted for differently. The total revenue is three million dollars less because the Health and Dental Plan fees are accounted as revenue even though it goes into our bank account and then straight back out.

For IEC, Clubs and Advocacy fees, a certain amount is collected and a certain amount is supposed to be budgeted. When Gill and Lindsay received the proposed budget, there was a misallocation of fees. In IEAC and others, we budgeted the full amount, but this is not the case for advocacy fees. Advocacy fees were approved in a referendum and later for the Legal Clinic. There was a \$75 000 discrepancy in what was voted for in the referendum and what was budgeted. This is a poor financial policy and it is not representing the will of the members so there was a correction in 2012 budget.

They shifted additional funds that are unaccounted for in salaries and employee benefits into expenses. \$3000 dollars were allocated for Services Research Initiative that will be a joint project with HOJO, Advocacy and Legal Information Clinic, something that was requested by the services.

This means thousands of dollars has been budgeted for Advocacy and Legal Information Clinic and less money for campaigns or expense accounts.

**Cameron Monagle:** Who made this budget?

**Lex Gill:** Michelle, our general manager. The preliminary draft budget was based on expenses on previous year.

**Jordan Lindsay:** We had to make judgement and changes based on this budget

Fees are hard to calculate because administration has not given an accurate number on how many credits they expect students to take. The CSU looked at last year for a guide. Some revenues are going up and some down, and this happens because the numbers are jumps in the fees from what we collected last year.

**Lex Gill:** We are sending a lawyer-sounding letter to ask how they calculate fees

**Jordan Lindsay:** It has historically been met with resistance. It is not as concrete as we would like. There are things we do not get revenue from.

**Ariel Dabora:** How did you base on opt out rate?

**Jordan Lindsay:** We used last year's rate



**Ariel Dabora:** Did you take into account that students will realise you can opt out?

**Lex Gill:** We did, but that does not affect the budget as it is collected directly to the Health Plan Company.

**Jordan Lindsay:** We felt that this should be represented so students know how much is going in and out

**Simon Pierre Lauzon:** Do you have a description of student fees?

**Lex Gill:** Michelle has been putting together budgets it for five years. She is a chartered accountant, and Gill trusts her judgement. This is a question of how the university calculates the money taken in, as the CSU calculates per credit while the university calculates Full Time Equivalents. The lawyer will ask this as this is pertinent to CFS case. The projections are as accurate as we can get.

**Jordan Lindsay:** The Work Study Program is compensation from the university through the Work Study Program.

**Lex Gill:** The rental income is through the Voyage Campus. It was grandfathered in. Travel Cuts was bought by Merit and the CFS used to own shares, but it no longer does.

**Jordan Lindsay:** The interest income is the projected interest income received from investments from the general bank account. Misc. is variable incomes that we do not know about.

**Lex Gill:** Co-op Bookstore owes eight thousand dollars.

**Sabrina D'Ambra:** There is an administration cost on the health plan fee. What does that mean?

**Lex Gill:** They are a unit within our contract with the health plan and it is costs we assume for administrating the health plan. It goes into things like paying employees at CSU who handle the health plan

**Jordan Lindsay:** The Executive salaries have gone up because it is based on the low income cut off. They cut expense accounts to deal with money shrinking.

**Lex Gill:** They moved \$1000 dollars into the council retreat instead of the executive retreat because it is required in the Standing Regulations. And there is a joint executive retreat with SSMU GSA and PGSS.



**Jordan Lindsay:** Bank Service Charges adjusted based on projection from last year. Audit and Accounting fees were a vague budget line so he decided to split it. Actual auditing fees were \$19 500 and since they assumed we would stay with the same auditors they budgeted the same amount. They have to keep extra audit and accounting fees for continuity.

**Gregory Synanidis:** Who is the auditor?

**Jordan Lindsay:** Deloit. This was decided at the AGM

**Lex Gill:** We wanted to do open tender process but it was not possible because of time constraints. The CSU executive are mandated to do an open tenure process for next year

**Jordan Lindsay:** We hope to decrease Legal Fees. They were advised by the general manager and lawyer that this will be a lower amount in law fees.

**Lex Gill:** We are in the middle of renegotiating the collective agreement and there are legal costs for doing it properly and expediently.

**Michaela Manson:** Why do we lease a photocopier?

**Morgan Pudwell:** It's a three or five year contract and someone comes in to fix it. Otherwise they would need staff members who would know how to fix it.

**Irmak Bahar:** Will there be a pay increase?

**Lex Gill:** They are not anticipating an increase.

**Irmak Bahar:** Thinks it inappropriate to budget when the employees have not agreed with it. What is the plan for the agreement?

**Lex Gill:** Even when there is a consensus, it takes a long time to draft in both languages and it takes effect later. Council will be informed when that happens. Budgeting right now will affect labour negotiations

The next contract would expire in 2014. The budget expired in 2009 and it took a year for negotiations and to get where we are now.

**Amer Muiny:** What are admin salaries for?



**Jordan Lindsay:** Pays for everyone at the office like the graphic designer, campaigns coordinator, and others.

**Amer Muiny:** Is there a reason for an increase of salaries?

**Jordan Lindsay:** There is a decrease under administration salaries. They took the pre-emptive step of what is the maximum we are spending so they do not go over budget.

Local travel is for the office staff when they make trips for the CSU. Not usually used but it is a good luxury.

Insurance is high and we went over budget last year and we are adjusting accordingly. The projection for elections and referendums is wrong. We are budgeting the same amount because they are anticipating that the new CEO will stay on budget.

Pay Equity and Severance is from the Quebec Government to reflect wages for gender equity.

**Amer Muiny:** When will we know how much income the CSU will have?

**Jordan Lindsay:** We won't know until end of the year because there is money coming in and coming out.

**Lex Gill:** We get fees in February and March. This is a living document.

**Simon Pierre Lauzon:** Has a discomfort to spend a huge amount of money and there is little information about the money.

**Lex Gill:** This is a budget. It is not a modifiable document. When you are in the middle of a lawsuit you cannot tell how much you will spend because we do not know what the other party in the dispute will do. Council approves a budget for a preliminary guideline for the finances of union. The Union can not operate without a budget. They have to expect what they will spend on the CFS and issues with fraud at CSU and still pursuing them, consulting with bylaws and standing regulations, and this will be available.

Every time we want talk to lawyer or they go to court it comes to council. If a budget line goes over, it goes to Financial Committee, and they monitor the budget.

**Jordan Lindsay:** General Manager pay is not under the union, and we have to increase amount every year as per her contract



CCST is a deduction by Quebec government. It is workers comp. Premiums is money coming out.

Telephone is high because they are running with the university.

**Lex Gill:** They are landlines in all the offices and club offices. Some of that budget is long distance fees and they should not be accumulated. Reduced from last year's budget.

Computer operations goes down a little bit. Training has not been used for several years but it is in the budget. Renovation was mostly the Hive and it will probably continue to be the Hive. Food and clothing bank is not a place; it is an emergency program for gift certificates and has access to food.

Concordia Woman's council should not exist. That money has never been spent. International Woman's day should be under communications or campaigns and so it was moved out.

Promotions and communications have been cut dramatically. Special projects is an average of what is spent and budgeted. Green initiatives in is an ambiguous budget line so it is reduced.

They removed the outreach line because it is hard to determine if an invoice is an outreach expense. When you get invoice you should know right away what budget line it should go to.

Campaigns have gone up considerably because of the tuition fee issue. \$35 000 was mostly wasted on the student centre; they want to spend it more efficiently and tuition is a priority.

Bursaries were increased by \$1000 to allocate two new bursaries.

**Jordan Lindsay:** We decided to give back the book exchange to co-op book store who wants it. We did not do awesome job with the interfaculty book exchange. It was poorly reviewed by students. They want to phase it out and give it back to students.

CSU 101 salaries increase because of wage increases. The Loy Lunchin expenses went up because it went to kitchen supplies to get it up.

For the subsidiary, CUSACORP is to provide CSU with money but they are not good at making money. They pull \$60 000 expense they should give to us and we need to account as an expense.



They expect an \$11 000 dollars surplus. This can go from a slight deficit or maybe a greater surplus.

**Lex Gill:** In the past, no one could ask question about budget. It is important for everyone to understand it. They want everyone to feel comfortable and understand the budget.

**Bruno Joyal:** How is live transaction feed coming?

**Jordan Lindsay:** Hopefully in place mid-September.

**Amer Muiny:** What happened to the hand book issue?

**Lex Gill:** They have not signed contract, and they are hiring someone to solicit advertising. There will be an update midsummer.

**Sabrina D'Ambra:** For Advocacy, fees that come in are \$220 000 and most goes to expenses, salaries and benefits. Does the other money go to campaigns?

**Lex Gill:** Advocacy Centre and Legal Aid grew out of it. What should total \$22 500 is Advocacy and LIC salaries, benefits, and other expenses and Joint Research Budget. It is a correction from previous years.

**Sabrina D'Ambra:** For the Lunchin, everything is accounted for?

**Lex Gill:** Yes

**Ariel Dabora:** Why do you want to cut student life initiative by 200% and orientation by 100%?

**Lex Gill:** Previous spending was irresponsible.

**Nadine Atallah:** What Student Life?

**Lex Gill:** Culture night and fall and winter orientation. This has historically been budget line for parties.

**Jordan Lindsay:** VP Finance would get a requisition for parties and it would go to student life initiatives.

**Amer Muiny:** Is the fees only for special projects?



**Lex Gill:** Nothing to do with special projects.

For Dabora's comment, those budget lines have not been respected. Probably \$10 000 invoices for bouncy castles. The mandate of CSU is first an advocacy to protect member's rights. We are not cancelling things; we are getting more money through grants and CCSL. Laura is putting together a proposal for Concordia Orientation Initiative. This is potentially 50 - 60 thousand dollars for orientation and they are seeking out additional sources of revenue.

**Jordan Lindsay:** We had to allocate money to Advocacy and there is new revenue with no new income.

**Kyle McLoughlin:** Will this budget be available online, and where can we find it?

**Lex Gill:** It will be sent to Amir, and it will be available in download section

**Cameron Monagle:** Wanted to ask about the \$50 000 turnover.

**Lex Gill:** It is not budgeted for, but it is in bank account.

**Nadine Atallah:** What do you do with the rollover?

**Lex Gill:** Last year we were in an about \$11 000 deficit. That is not rollover. That money exists in bank account, it is used to deal with cash flow issues and then go into bank account.

**Morgan Pudwell:** Student Life Initiatives in the past has been sporting events and movies nights, and Glover has a focus on bringing it back to this intention. Orientation can be just as fun without some of these big expenses, and Andres Lopez in his outgoing report said it was not needed.

**Lina Saigol:** Will the handbook advertising go to pay the handbook directly?

**Lex Gill:** If you see in revenue line, you do not see in expenses. Since the contract for the handbook comes out of our general operating money, the handbook comes into the same budget line.

**Nadine Atallah:** Where is the increase budget for clubs from?

**Jordan Lindsay:** There is a certain amount of money for clubs, and it is allocated where it is suppose to go, exactly like Advocacy. \$181 000 will be for clubs, and this money is



going to fluctuate based on how many credits are taken by students. The distribution of funds will be based on the rules outlined in the Standing Regulations.

**Anthony D’Urbano:** For orientation, there are many different ways to get money.

**Lex Gill:** We will be seeking corporate sponsorship

**Irmak Bahar:** Do we know when the final budget will be ready?

**Jordan Lindsay:** Less than a month and a half

**Gregory Synanidis:** Motion to approve the budget.

Seconded by Hotchkiss.

**Motion Passes unanimously.**

**Lex Gill: Motion for 10 minute recess.**

Seconded by Saigol.

Motion passes.

Meeting resumes at 10:15pm

### **11. b. Appointment of councillors to CUSA/CORP Board of Directors**

**Lex Gill:** Historically it was only executives sitting on the board. Traditionally, it has been two executive members, but Gill would like to appoint one councillor. There is a five person board, normally it was only three. Amine Dabchy and Zhuo Ling are no longer going to sit on the board and Ramy remains for now. Council has the power to remove directors. The President and VP Finance sit on the board.

**Gill nominates Lindsay, Gill, Pudwell and D’Urbano.**

**Ariel Dabora nominates himself. All nominators accept**

**Dabora withdraws his nomination**

**Kyle McLoughlin: Motion to lay on the table this particular issue.**

Seconded by D’Ambra. **Motion passes unanimously.**



**c. Appointment to Councillors to University Senate**

**Morgan Pudwell:** Reads out the Special Note included in the agenda.

**McLoughlin nominates himself,  
Joyal nominates Hotchkiss,  
Chad nominates Manson.  
Phantom-Phom nominates Bahar.**

**All accept their nomination.**

**Irmak Bahar:** Recognises that it is important for the student union to have good relationships with professors. They have been able to establish a good report with the resignation/firing of the president. She wants to maintain this, especially with the challenge ahead with tuition fee increases, like for WHALE. The professor unions asked professors not to punish students for attending WHALE. She has been to two meetings of Senate. She has reviewed the bylaws of Concordia, which is what Senate operates under. She also cleared her schedule for Fridays. This year student representatives did not come to meetings when it was important for them to speak up. She will come to meetings. She was also elected to the Biology Student Association as VP Academic Affairs.

**Kyle McLoughlin:** He doesn't have an exhaustive knowledge of the bylaws but he is well versed in university policy and understands the language they are written in. His schedule is clear, and has been to one meeting. Recognises the importance of students who speak up and wants to conduct working relations. Given the situation with the interim president, for the sake of a functioning senate, he would hopefully circumvent that animosity with the president and be a strong voice for students.

**Melanie Hotchkiss:** Sees a discussion happening around university governance and wants strong representation. She sat on the Dawson College Senate for two and a half years. She has had the experience to work with teachers and support staff to have a common voice. Senate is heart of university committee and with issues with the board of governors, teachers and support staff need to work together with students.

**Chad Walcott:** Manson is a strong person and strong voice. She is a stickler for regulation.

**Melanie Hotchkiss:** Manson wanted this position. She also a councillor on ASFA and CSU. She was involved with the academic committee at ASFA. It would be a good place for her because she is well versed in the academic issues.



**Bruno Joyal:** Supports Hotchkiss and Manson. He worked with them on ASFA. Both are dedicated people and people orientated, and would make a very good team.

**Ariel Dabora:** What ideas do you want to bring to senate?

**Melanie Hotchkiss:** There was an issue with Bilal Hamadid was looking at GPAs. Before if you failed a course and you had to take it again, the second mark was used. It has been changed that if a student retakes a course the mark is an average of the grades. This new system does not take into account the knowledge learned.

**Irmak Bahar:** She wants to work on the intent clause. Would also ask Senate for support against tuition fee increases. At the last meeting, there was talk about how the way GPA is calculated. If you are an out of province student, you are in an extended credit program. These credits are not calculated in the graduation GPA. They are proposing to change this and several other calculations so they are part of the calculation of the GPA. She thinks it is unfair for students to be told these marks would not count in their graduation GPA and than later change their minds. She wants to have this only apply to new students entering the program.

**Kyle McLoughlin:** The main issue he wants to bring is pursuing academic amnesty. This is serious issue for international students who cannot take time off in the event of a strike. Also wants a restructure of the way the GPA is calculated. Also wants an in depth discussion of the way transfer credits work. University does not recognise enough of the work at other universities because they do not think they have as high standards as Concordia. Lastly wants to incorporate the intent clause. Plagiarism is not the same in every country and some students might get charged with plagiarism if they forget one citation.

**Senator Filipowich:** What strategies would you use to promote your causes on Senate?

**Kyle McLoughlin:** The integrity of the university is used to not allow you to do something. He is well versed in this language to fight this. One thing is to show Concordia examples of other universities where they use these clauses and did not hurt their integrity.

**Irmak Bahar:** There is an animosity or difference of opinion for what is good for students and what is good for the univeisity, and there is no conflict. Everyone wants Concordia to have a good reputation

**Melanie Hotchkiss:** Would go case by case. How and who defines integrity? If you are talking about integrity, than what about the integrity of students and how it stops them



from excelling? It is important for university succeed and use language to see from your side of the table.

**Bruno Joyal: Motion that those involved leave the room.** Seconded by Dabora

**Irmak Bahar:** Ask if there is a way for one of the votes to count.

**Melanie Hotchkiss: Call for candidates to do it by secret ballots so they can vote for as many people as they wants.** Joyal considers the amendment friendly

**Anthony D'Urbano:** Top will be appointed, and then the second will be appointed.

**Governor West:** What's purpose of doing it secret ballot if they will vote for themselves and not leave the room?

**Nadine Atallah:** We should not assume who candidates will vote for, they should use their vote

**Sabrina D'Ambra: Motion to amend the motion to allow two votes.** Joyal considers this friendly

**Morgan Pudwell:** Wants there to be one round so people cannot vote for someone twice.

**Cameron Monagle: Motion that this voting procedure be used for all appointments for the rest of the night.** Joyal considers this friendly

**Cameron Monagle Calls to question.**

Seconded by Atallah.

**Call to question passes with one abstention. Motion passes with one against.**

**Lex Gill:** The Standing Regulations are being passed around. People wanted to make committee appointments in June but it would not make sense to make appointments to committees that would not exist. The previous council could not approve on the changes at their special council meeting. At this meeting we will

**Chair: Hotchkiss is appointed to the University Senate.** The second position is a tie between McLoughlin and Bahar. Procedure is to do an instant runoff, and to only vote for these two or abstain. Hotchkiss would also like it noted that she abstained from voting.



**Lex Gill:** A secret ballot vote for every committee means we will be here forever. She think both candidates should to leave room.

**Motion that candidates leave to the room to have a general role call vote.** Seconded by Saigol

**Nadine Atallah:** It should be up to the discretion of the candidates

**Lex Gill:** When people are appointed to positions they do not vote because they are in a conflict of interest.

**Ariel Dabora:** Wants to give the two nominees a minute and a half to advocate for their position

**Bruno Joyal calls to question.**

Seconded by Lauzon.

**Call to Question passes with one against and one abstention. The motion passes with 2 abstentions.**

**Anthony D'Urbano:** When we do a roll call vote, and he finds that while it goes down, people have more pressure to pick a side.

**Motion to have a general vote on this issue as well as for other committees in this meeting.**

**Simon Pierre Lauzon calls to question.**

Seconded by Ghasemi.

**Call to question passes with one opposed, one abstention. Motion passes with one opposed and two abstentions.**

**Amer Muiny:** Proposes an amendment that we figure out the voting procedures for committees at that time.

**Chair:** There is no motion on the table so this is out of order.

**Kyle McLoughlin is appointed to the University Senate with 11 votes and 8 for Bahar.**



**Chair:** Return to the appointment of CUSACORP. Lindsay and D'Urbano accept their nominations

**Walcott: Motion to appoint all nominators omnibus.**

Seconded by Muiny.

**Motion passes with all in favour**

## **12. Establishment of Ad Hoc Committees.**

### **a. Ad Hoc Equity Committee**

**Morgan Pudwell:** This has to do with the equity report. The equity committee would have the mandate to produce a document by the February council meeting outlining the current situation of racism, homophobia etc. etc considering the issues and future policies at the CSU and possibly the university. She recommends it is composed of 4 councillors and 2 student members at large to be appointed in September, with herself as chair.

**Lex Gill: Motion to establish the ad hoc equity committee.**

Seconded by Atallah. **Motion passes.**

**Hotchkiss nominates Manson,  
Ghasemi nominates Atallah  
Pudwell nominates Monagle,  
Gill nominates Thompson.**

All candidates accept their nominations.

Joyal nominates Lauzon but he refuses.

**Bruno Joyal: Motion to appoint all four nominees.**

Seconded by Hotchkiss.

**Motion passes with three abstentions.**

### **b. Ad Hoc Student Space Committee**

**Gonzalo Nieto:** The committee will be consulted regarding student space on campus and the student centre. It will be responsible for suggesting modifications to the student



building contract and seeking new student space projects. There will be one executive (Nieto) four councillors and one student-at-large appointed in September.

**Phantom-Pham:** There are two committees, one mobilization and one student space?

**Gonzalo Nieto:** Yes, two.

**Governor West:** Would this be extended to BoG?

**Lex Gill:** You can be a member at large

**Gonzalo Nieto:** If anyone feels an expansion is necessary than please say so

**Cameron Monagle: Motion to amend that there are three student members-at-large.**  
Nieto accepted as friendly

**Senator Shakibaian:** Wasn't this ad hoc committee created two months ago?

**Lex Gill:** They have to be recreated at the beginning of each council.

**Amer Muiny: Call to question. Call to question passes with one abstention. Motion passes.**

**Muiny nominates himself.**

**Lindsay nominates D'Urbano.**

**Thompson nominates D'Ambra.**

**Glover nominates Underwood.**

All accept.

Joyal Nominate Bahar. Bahar refuses.

**Nadine Atallah:** This is different from clubs and space?

**Gonzalo Nieto:** Yes

**Kyle McLoughlin: Motion to accept all nominees.**

Seconded by Ghasemi. **Motion passes with four abstentions.**



**c. Establishment of Ad Hoc Mobilization committee.**

**Lex Gill:** This committee had an unlimited amount of people and thinks this is a solid format. Proposes that there is an open membership for anyone who wants to be on the committee.

**Erick Ung:** What is the extent of commitment?

**Lex Gill:** This is for when people talk about student union on strike and others. It is a demanding role.

**Erick Ung:** What about other committees?

**Lex Gill:** This depends on the Chair

**Chad Walcott:** Mob Squad will meet regularly, probably more than once every two weeks during campaign time. This differs from the external committee because it is the ground unit to get students mobilized. They are making sure students getting mobilized all year long

**Cameron Monagle:** **Motions that you do not have to send CVs and they do not have to go through the appointments process.** Gill accepts this as friendly.

**Morgan Pudwell:** The Chair will contact you when something needs to be done. This has to meet once a month. Please realise that if you are doing a lot please do not go join many committees.

**Cameron Monagle:** **Motion to create the Ad Hoc Mobilization committee. Motion passes**

**The following candidates nominate themselves: Cameron Monagle, McLoughlin, Bahar, Eva, Saigol, Ariel Dabora.**

**13. Reform to CSU Standing Committees, Chapter 4**

**Lex Gill:** This is part of the mega reform process, but people want to be appointed to standing committees and some might be eliminated. She would like to change the document to bring back the events committee.

**Motion to approve these reforms with the exception of keeping the events committee.** Seconded by Bahar



The academic committee met once a year to hand out bursaries, and the executive is still dealing with that problem. The Academic committee will be a university bodies caucus, made up of Governors and Senators with defacto appointment.

Custodial is now policy.

The Woman's Caucus used to be in that section, but we took it out because the Ad Hoc Equity Committee was created which serves a similar function. Also the Woman's Caucus has never served a function, except one year it organised events for Woman's Week. This week should be coming out of the campaigns line of the budget and should be organised by the campaigns coordinator, and an equity committee can serve this function. There is an issue of sexist and exclusion especially the transgendered community. Two years ago, someone asked if a transgendered and it should not be discussed.

These changes allow anyone to chair a committee, historically it is usually an executive because they are in charge of office resources but this allows anyone to do it if the executive refuses.

**Nadine Atallah:** Wants to motivate to keep the Woman's Caucus. The equity committee is made to study issues at Concordia. The Woman's Caucus can probably function if there is a will from members. Women are more than 50% of the world's population and we are talking about woman all over the world. It needs to change everywhere and the place to start is Woman's Caucus.

Wanted to keep Woman's Caucus to be a platform for change around that world. This is not sexist and exclusive. There are clubs that represent people's interest. They motivate people for their interests. Do not want to exclude anyone and wants to create more groups.

At McGill they have V Day, to try to end gender based violence, and others. It would be a mistake to strike others

**Morgan Pudwell:** Talked with Gill and Patrice Blais about having this a standing committee. Without a clear mandate people come in not really knowing what to talk about, and then people discuss what should be included and not included in the caucus.

**Senator Filipowich:** There are men's points that are not supported. We should not create categories, we should support the equity committee as an inclusive committee. We should have the specific issues promoted at a clubs level.



**Amer Muiny:** He understands that the Woman's Caucus could be affective. If it did not work out in the past, than it is hard to believe that it could work out in the future. Wants to have one committee to focus on it.

**Emran Ghasemi:** The Equity Committee will have a lot of issues to deal with as a whole and we do not have enough time for everything.

**Simon Pierre Lauzon:** Asks Pudwell how much overlap is there in Woman's Caucus and Equity?

**Morgan Pudwell:** Her interpretation is this committee was not to promote the awareness of an issue of women. They were trying to deal with the under representation at the union of woman and make them feel equal. That is not the clear issue that needs to be addressed. There are many gender issues at the CSU and the Equity Committee is a clear place to start and will look at a gender mandate.

**Gonzalo Nieto:** The Equity Committee is Woman's Caucus with a greater mandate and supports the elimination.

**Nadine Atallah:** Wants to state that the subject of woman is so broad that it cannot be integrated into the Equity Committee efficiently without taking away from other issues.

**Morgan Pudwell:** Wants it noted in the minutes that woman do not face worse struggles than any other group.

**Nadine Atallah:** Men who live with huge issues. We should not talk about one issue being more important than another. The solution is not to abolish Woman's Caucus to make space for other issues. It was not well managed but we brought a Nobel Peace prize winner and we can have other great events. As for McGill, it is not a club, it is a law association.

**Melanie Hotchkiss:** Wants to bring up in the Standing Regulations, each committee has a clear mandate but the Woman's Caucus does not have a mandate. Suggests that we have this discussion tabled when we can focus on a mandate. We need to focus on adapting those changes, and those are more than Woman's Caucus.

**Cameron Monagle:** Can we table this discussion and bring this up at the meeting with all reforms?

**Lex Gill:** Yes



**April Underwood:** If we feel that the equity committee does not deal with the Woman's gender issues, can we create an Ad Hoc Committee?

**Lex Gill:** Yes you can bring it back and have a Zombie Woman's Caucus. It is better to get rid of it and recreate it later.

**D'Urbano: Motion to end discussion regarding inclusion of Woman's Caucus.**

Seconded by Joyal.

Call to question passes with three opposed.

**Motion to approve these reforms with the exception of keeping the events committee passes with one against, 4 abstentions.**

#### **14. Appointment of Councillors to CSU Standing Committees.**

##### **a. Academic Committee**

**Chair:** This has been renamed the Academic Caucus and has appointed members already.

**Simon Pierre Lauzon: Motion for 5 minute recess**

Seconded by Saigol.

**Motion ties.** Revote takes place and **motion passes with seven against.**

Order called at 12:03am.

**Erick Ung: Motion to move the Event Committee first.** The chair rules this out of order.

**Joyal: Motion to suspend the Robert's Rules.**

Seconded by Lauzon

**Lex Gill:** We are suspending the rules for the agenda.

**Motion passes, with one abstention.**



**Bruno Joyal: Motion to add the events committee to the agenda, and stick to the list for the rest, and then reinstate the rules.**

**Chair:** We will take this one at a time. **Vote to move events in front of list.**

Seconded by Muiny.

Motion passes with one abstention.

**Kyle McLoughlin: Motion to reinstate Robert's Rules.**

Seconded by Lauzon. **Motion passes.**

#### **a. Events Committee**

**Irmak Bahar:** The composition is one executive, four councillors and one student at large.

The Events Committee mandate from the Standing Regulations was read out by Bahar.

**D'Ambra nominates Ung.**

**Synanidis nominates D'Urbano.**

**Saigol nominates Meyer-Macaulay.**

**Glover nominates Saigol.**

**D'Urbano nominates Abdelrahman.**

All accept their nomination.

Glover nominates Shaaked but later rescinds it.

**Lex Gill: Motion to limit speeches to one minute.**

Seconded by Atallah.

**Lina Saigol: amends the motion to include all future appointments** and Gill accepts as friendly.

**Cameron Monagle: Amends the motion to include anyone motivating for a particular councillor.** Gill accepts this as friendly.

**Kyle McLoughlin:** Is this only for committees?



**Cameron Monagle:** Yes

**Motion passes with one opposed.**

**Anthony D'Urbano:** For the past three years he has been an events programmer and organiser. He has been involved in student life especially recreational side of things. Excited with CSU and changing things up. As VP Events for CASA it is difficult to be ethical. He was to support it to make sure the events are still fun

**Erick Ung:** When he came to Concordia he was lost in all the events and no one was integrating him in the community. He founded a club at Vanier College and the goal was to orient people with activities. He can feel the dynamic of crowds. He knows many activities in the downtown area. He has restricted time with his work and he wants to dedicate himself to one committee, and that is this one.

Lina Saigol will motivate for Meyer-Macaulay: He sent a speech that he wanted Lina to read. He would do a good job because he has experience putting up and taking down events, and he has Smart Serve and he volunteered at several Art Matters events.

**Lina Saigol:** She has done events since high school. She worked as a sports and music coordinator. Experience setting up events and meetings. She organised raffle dinners and getting sponsorship. She is an outgoing person and wants to make orientation more responsible.

**Mahmoud Abdelrahman:** He has been involved with JMSB in organising events. He wants more interfaculty events.

**Anthony D'Urbano:** He is working with Abdelrahman on a series of events. He is well grounded and works hard. He takes measures to make sure financials are sound and events are of a high quality.

**Appointed to Events Committee are Ung, D'Urbano, Meyer-Macaulay, and Saigol**

**Morgan Pudwell:** We do not have to appoint everyone tonight, we can always make appointments later.

### **b. Clubs and Space Committee**

**Gonzalo Nieto:** Reminds councillors that Standing Regulation 25 states that you cannot be appointed to the Clubs and Space Committee if you hold any office within a club and taking office within a club means you automatically resign from the committee.



**Sabrina D'Ambra:** What's the difference between the Ad Hoc Student Space Committee and the space in this committee?

**Gonzalo Nieto:** This committee just deals with club's space.

Hotchkiss requested that everyone who is the executive of a club raise their placard.

**Governor West:** Does it mean anyone involved in a club?

**Gonzalo Nieto:** No, it is just someone holding office.

**Lex Gill:** Some clubs do not have executives, they have other titles. It is anyone with one of these titles.

**Bruno Joyal:** Does ASFA count?

**Gonzalo Nieto:** No, it does not include faculty associations.

**Muiny nominates himself.**

Synanidis nominates Abdelrahman but he refuses.

**Nadine Atallah: motion to nominate Muiny. Motion passes.**

### **c. Appointments Committee**

The Chair reads out the committee description in the Standing Regulations.

**Ghasemi nominates himself.**

**Joyal nominates himself.**

**Saigol nominates Underwood.**

**Tousignant nominates herself.**

**All accept their nominations**

Gill nominates Phanton-Pham.

Lauzon nominates Hotchkiss.

Underwood nominates Morin.

Hotchkiss nominates McLaughlin.

**All refuse their nominations.**



**April Underwood:** Is there a time commitment estimate?

**Lex Gill:** Normally not more than once a month, because council only meets once a month. You go through CVs and Resumes

**Monagle: Motion to approve all nominees omnibus.**

Seconded by Thompson.

**Ghasemi, Joyal, Underwood and Tousignant are appointed to the Appointments Committee**

**d. Policy Reform Committee**

**D'Urbano nominates D'Ambra.**

**Saigol nominates Lauzon.**

**Pudwell nominates Joyal.**

**Nieto nominates Atallah.**

**All accept their nominations.**

**Chad Walcott: Motion to approve all nominees omnibus.**

Seconded by Ghasemi. **Motion passes with 4 abstentions.**

**e. Financial Committee**

**Senator Shakibaian nominates Synanidis, Morin and Dabora.**

**Joyal nominates Hotchkiss.**

**Lindsay nominates Bahar.**

**Monagle nominates himself.**

**All accept their nominations.**

Glover nominates Joyal.

Hotchkiss nominates Tousignant.

D'Urbano nominates Abdelrahman.

Lindsay nominates Lauzon.

All refuse their nominations

D'Urbano nominates Stephanie Laurin but does not know if she accepts.



**Morgan Pudwell:** Point of Personal privilege, you are just as capable even if you are not in accounting.

**Lex Gill:** It is important to have a balanced team.

**Ariel Dabora:** Loves numbers. He has been studying commerce and finance all his life. He has received scholarships in excellence in accounting and other awards and achievements. He is studying accounting, and served as VP finance. He has written term papers on and Accounting Operations and financial reform. He is motivated and enthusiastic.

**Cameron Monagle:** Not finance major, but has a concern for the long term financial concern for union. As he is looking at gaps on the operating budget, he believes in an active Financial Committee will be important. Financial Committee is where things about the budget are discussed and last year people brought financial concerns to council because the Financial Committee was not meeting. He wants to reconcile issues within the budget.

**Gregory Synanidis:** He is the incoming VP for CASA. He has been doing commerce all his life. Knows stupid spending and will do a righteous job.

**Irmak Bahar:** He is familiar and spreadsheets and her budget looks like that CSU budget. She has discussed the budget with Gill and Lindsay and knows budget. She is concerned with the financial situation of the union. Wants to make sure we act in a responsible and transparent manner. Wants to make sure there are updates at council meetings on the budget.

**Maxime Morin:** She is studying accounting. She is the incoming VP finance for the JMSB Accounting Society. Concerned with finance issues and wants the best for the CSU.

**Melanie Hotchkiss:** She is in Arts and Science, and does not have background of finance. When she was president at the Dawson Student Union she went from the money controlled by administration to money in the student's hand. She was there with the opening of the bank account. She is familiar with allocating budgets to clubs and making hard choices.

**Emran Ghasemi:** Supports Dabora. He has seen him in position of VP Finance. He has been available in events and everything was financially organised. He will make sure CSU is running in a sustainable way.



**Nadine Atallah:** Dabora is a friend of hers. He is an upfront, honest person. He has a lot of integrity, he is a good team player and anyone on club is lucky to have him. He is good with numbers.

**Kyle McLoughlin:** He worked with Bahar in Free Education Montreal. She does the finances for that club and the way she was able to turn debts into functional cheques was a feat of biblical proportions. She has ability to say no especially when people want to overspend.

**Jordan Lindsay:** before D'Urbano nominated the individuals he was going to nominate them. But he suggests representation of many faculties on Financial Committee.

**Eva-Loan Phanton-Pham:** Are there only Arts and Science and JMSB candidates nominated?

**Chair:** Yes

**Anthony D'Urbano:** Motivate for Morin. She was VP Events for the Competition Committee and dealt with a lot of money. She brings a different perspective and a strong care for how things are done. Also motivating for Synanidis, he makes sure there is no frivolous spending. He knows it is hard to be in charge of finances and Synanidis has been on top of the finances.

**Simon-Pierre Lauzon:** Can you explain purpose of balanced team

**Lex Gill:** Historically JMSB go for Financial Committee. It is important that many faculties are represented. And there are special projects and it is important that students from all parts of the university are considered.

**Laura Glover:** Hotchkiss was a councillor last year, and she has institutional memory with looking at budgets. She also worked with Monagle on Alternative Spring Break where he managed the budgets on four different trips.

**Shakibaian:** Support for Synanidis, he stepped into messy situations and managed to clean it up. He does not support frivolous spending and has experience at looking at issues to decide if they should be supported with student money.

**Hotchkiss: Motions to secure at least one spot for A&S.**

**Lex Gill:** There are only three JMSB so one will be there and you can not change composition of standing committees.



Hotchkiss rescinds her nomination.

**Cameron Monagle:** Mentions that it is good to be bilingual.

**Morgan Pudwell: Call to question.**

Seconded by Hotchkiss.

**Call to question passed with one opposed.**

**Synanidis, Maxime, Dabora and Bahar are appointed to Financial Committee**

**f. External and Campaigns.**

**Ghasemi nominates Atallah.**

**Saigol nominates Hotchkiss.**

**Nieto nominates McLoughlin.**

**Lauzon nominates himself.**

**Underwood nominates herself.**

**D'Urbano nominates Dabora.**

**All accept their nominations**

Hotchkiss nominates Phanton-Pham.

Hotchkiss nominates Joyal.

They refuse their nominations.

**April Underwood:** She would be good on the External Committee because she has interpersonal skills and is approachable. She has interest in the increasing tuition fee.

**Kyle McLoughlin:** Wants to work with people in the diverse Montreal committee. He already deals with people at Dawson and others in the student movement. He has good interpersonal skills and experience in forging quick connections.

**Melanie Hotchkiss:** She received an introduction to student movement while at Dawson and has ties with FEUQ, FEUC and ASEQ. The CSU needs to know what is happening outside of the school and she can share what she has learned in the past five years with the francophone community.



**Nadine Atallah:** Everyone cares about tuition and the image of Concordia. She has connections with students from McGill and UQAM through the LSA. She is hardworking and dedicated.

**Simon Pierre Lauzon:** He is concerned about the tuition fee increase. He went to Laval to meet with people and discuss plans. There is a lacking in conversations on how to get others involved. He has an easy way with socialising with people. French is his mother tongue and he can speak with francophone universities.

**Morgan Pudwell:** Thinks it is important to mention that if you do not speak French, than you are qualified and we need to pressure organisations to be more inclusive of English speakers. She supports Mclaughlin because of her role in QPIRG is important and to look for more ways to get involved

**Bruno Joyal:** Supports Hotchkiss after hearing about her time at Dawson. She has a lot of experience with the student movement. She has major experience with the student movement and she would be perfect and a major loss if she was not appointed.

**Senator Shakibaian:** He supports Hotchkiss as she was always punctual at External meetings last year. She asked great questions and she is involved in the student movement.

**Lex Gill:** Supports Underwood. Saw her work in uberculture. She was critical and engaged and wants her on all committees.

**Irmak Bahar:** Supports McLoughlin. She has worked with him on projects and has seen what he can do. She points out that he is on the mobilization and it is good to have some overlap.

**Morgan Pudwell: call to question.** Seconded by Phanton-Pham. **Passes with one abstain.**

**Hotchkiss, Lauzon, Underwood and McLoughlin are appointed to the External and Campaigns committee.**

#### **g. Sustainability Committee**

**Nieto nominates D'Ambra.**

**Saigol nominates Moenck.**

**Walcott nominates Meyer-Macauley.**

**Underwood nominates Thompson.**

**Atallah nominates Dabora.**



**Monagle nominates himself.**

**All candidates accept their nominations.**

Joyal nominates Atallah.

Abdelrahman nominates Morin.

Ghasemi nominate Raifi.

All candidates refuse their nominations.

**Irmak Bahar:** Which executives will be on which committee?

**Lex Gill:** Assumption that we would maintain the current set up. Anyone can chair a meeting. Lindsay is on Financial Committee, Pudwell on Policy Reform, Glover on Sustainability Committee and Events Committee, Fuller on Loyola, Cheikhzen and Gill will co-Chair the Academic Caucus.

**Laura Glover:** Sustainable Concordia has a number of working groups that need volunteers if you are interested in working on several initiatives.

**Governor West for Moenck:** She is a great woman who is interested in sustainable initiatives. You can see her on campus making new sweaters. She worked with Chartwells to make them more sustainable. She is effective at pointing out things that are not obvious but should be.

**Monagle rescinds his nomination**

**Annie Thompson:** has worked with sustainability groups at universities in the past. She worked with Memorial University's sustainability program. She organised over a hundred people to clean up the downtown city. Sustainability is life, not something you do. It is something she practices and believes it is common sense and wants to teach what she knows.

**Ariel Dabora:** When he was five his grandfather gave him a cup of dirt and was told to water this cup of dirt. After 15 days and he saw roots, and he told his grandfather to look at his cup, and he talked about beauty of life in the world, and you can find it everywhere. His grandfather said all you need is faithfulness, determination, and loyalty

**Chad motivates for Meyer-Macauley:** He has been trying to build a relationship in greenhouse in hall building. He will be an effective member pushing green initiatives and environment. He wants to create a Dalhousie-Concordia University think tank. He will be an effective member in bridging at sustainability and events.



**Sabrina D'Ambra:** She promised to promote environment at all events. In college she worked with environmental organisation. She knows student leaders across Canada. She came to Concordia because she cares about sustainability. She also cares about promoting cradle to cradle design. She wants to promote university environmental groups. Career is to work as consultant in engineering and policy.

**Simon Pierre Lauzon:** supports Moenck and Annie. Dabora will bring originality of ideas.

**Lex Gill: Call to question.**

Seconded by Saigol. **All in favour, one opposed, one abstention**

**Moenck, Thompson, Dabora and D'Ambra appointed to the Sustainability Committee.**

#### **h. Loyola Committee**

**Fuller nominates Tousignant.  
McLoughlin nominates Bahar.  
Hotchkiss nominates Lee Ender.  
Muiny nominates himself.**

**These candidates accept their nominations**

Underwood nominates Lauzon.  
Rifai nominates D'Urbano.

All candidates refuse their nominations.

**Anthony D'Urbano:** It would be good to nominate someone who is not at Loyola to create a balance.

**Chad Walcott: Motion to appoint nominees by omnibus.**

Seconded by Lauzon. Motion passes with one abstention.

#### **16. Question Period and Business Arising**



**Irmak Bahar: Motion to reconsider the motion about CSU stance on CSU fees.** The external executive reports refers to meeting with FEUQ and FECQ and it concerns the CSU stance at these meetings.

**Lex Gill:** Points of Order, you can not have a motion on a vote that did not happen. It was a ruling of the chair.

**Cameron Monagle:** She is trying to challenge the decline to accept it on the agenda.

**Irmak Bahar: motion to suspend the rules.**

Seconded by McLoughlin.

**Motion fails 7 votes for to 11 against**

**Chad: Motion to adjourn.** This is ruled out of order by the Chair

### **15. Motion regarding a letter of support for Jaggi Singh**

**Kyle McLoughlin:** He has a personal relationship with Singh at QPIRG Concordia

**McLoughlin introduces the following motion regarding a letter of support for Jaggi Singh:**

Whereas the G20 summit in its spirit represents an unsustainable and non-inclusive entity that does great harm to the world,

Whereas the mass arrests of residents, tourists, and protestor at G20 Toronto in June 2010 are an affront to the basic notions of free speech and human dignity,

Whereas we as Student Union and as university thrive upon the ability to voice dissenting opinions in the defence of marginalized groups and individuals,

Whereas the arrest of Jaggi Singh for his public condemnation of the G20 Security fence and his desire to stand with those that want to "take down these fences and walls" in itself is an assault on the very foundations of democracy,

Whereas the Graduate Student Association, the fee-levy group QPIRG Concordia and numerous other Montreal based and Canada-wide activist organizations have taken a strongly worded position in support of Jaggi Singh's words,



Be it Resolved, that the Concordia Student Union adopt a public stance to support the words of Jaggi in particular the notion that the G20 security fence should have been torn down,

Be it Further Resolved, that the Concordia Student Union send a letter openly supporting the words of Jaggi Singh to the Ontario Court of Justice in time for his June 21st sentencing.

Motion seconded by Underwood

**Kyle McLoughlin:** The purpose of his arrest was trying to silence dissent. It was an attack of civil liberties and rights. We need to join other organisations in support of Singh.

**Nadine Atallah:** What has he been arrested for?

**Lex Gill:** First it was conspiracy, and it was exchanged for a guilty plea in inciting damage of over \$5000 dollars.

Singh is an anarchist. This issue is not about Singh as a person, it is about gross violation of civil liberties. Arrests were done strategically to criminalise dissent. No one destroyed the fence. He is facing six months in prison for speaking. We live in a country where you are allowed to speak, even if it is controversial and wrong. We need people to speak truth and power even if we do not agree.

**April Underwood:** Wants to call to attention the time facing Singh

**Morgan Pudwell:** What happened to him is limiting to Concordia and QPIRG and we have a right to have him as part of our community. Last year the CSU did issue a public statement condemning the G20 situation, and it has been a president that we take a stand.

**Bruno Joyal:** he does not know the situation and or what happened at G20, thinks that it would be good to take a stance. It is not appreciate to incite a crowd to violence. It would be appropriate to find out if his speech was symbolic and to get a clarification.

**Kyle McLoughlin:** Comments are made to a press conference as part of a larger press conference. It is on Youtube and the fence was not destroyed.

**Lex Gill:** This statement was “this fence should be brought down” and it was in a comment about fences and walls dividing people.



**Irmak Bahar:** That security fence was illegal and many groups did not realise this. In criminal code you cannot prevent people from walking and Singh was informing people that the fence should not be there.

**Phanton-Pham: call to question.** Seconded by Dabora. **Motion passes unanimously.**

**McLoughlin's motion regarding Jaggi Singh passes with two abstentions.**

**Emran Ghasemi:** There is a demonstration for the oppressing event in Syria. He will send the details.

**Cameron Monagle:** Tomorrow is the Board of Governors meeting.

**Nadine Atallah: Motion to adjourn. Motion passes.**

Meeting ends at 1:40am.