



Concordia Student Union – Council of Representatives

**CSU Regular Council Meeting – Minutes
Wednesday, September 21st, 2011
Room H-760, Time 6:30 PM, S.G.W Campus**

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10. Report from University Bodies – Consent Agenda

- a. University Senate**
- b. Board of Governors**

11. Gamma Motion

12. Sexual Assault Center Campaign

13. Question Period & Business Arising

14. Announcements

15. Adjournment

1. Meeting is called to order at 6:46 pm.

2. Roll Call

Councillors present:

Michaela Manson
Simon-Pierre Lauzon
April Underwood
Tally Shakeed
Renee Tousignant
Ali Moenck
Anaii Lee-Ender
Nadine Atallah
Annie Thompson
Iain Meyer-Macaulay
Sabrina D'Ambra
Lina Saigol
Andy Filipowich
Kyle Mcloughlin
Amero Muiny
Fares Jandali Rifai
Irmak Bahar
Eva-Loan Ponton-Pham
Cameron Monagle

Executives:

Jordan Lindsay
Laura Glover
Melissa Fuller
Hasan Cheikhzen
Chad Walcott
Morgan Pudwell

3. Approval of the Agenda

Kyle Mcloughlin: Wishes to insert a motion called “The Gamma Motion.” It is now point 11 on the agenda.

Michaela Manson: Wishes to add a motion after approval of minutes and business arising regarding the location of Council meetings.

Lex Gill: Wishes to table points 6-7 until the October meeting. She feels including them in today's meeting was too ambitious, and she wants as many students to apply as possible. She also wishes to introduce a new point to point 6 having to do with appointments to FINCOM, External, Clubs and Space, change what was 8.f to 8.e so that it follows the Judicial Board Presentation, and add the CJLO presentation.

Irmak Bahar: Wishes to add a motion to point 12 of the agenda called the Sexual Assault Campaign motion.

Lex Gill: Moves to approve the agenda.

Sabrina D'Ambra: Seconds.

Motion to approve the agenda carries unanimously.

4.0 Approval of Minutes

Chairperson: Two sets of minutes were sent out: one from the meeting on June 8th, one for the meeting on June 23rd. The errors in the minutes were clerical, and have been remedied by the chair.

Melanie Hotchkiss: In the minutes for June 8th, there is no note of a certain vote taking place on page 6.

Sabrina D'Ambra: Moves to approve remedied minutes.

Chad Walcott: Seconds.

Motion to approve the remedied minutes carries unanimously.

Irmak Bahar abstains.

4.1. CJLO Presentation

Annual report of Concordia Student Broadcasting Corporation handed out to those present at the meeting.

Brian Joseph: Program director for CJLO. He introduces other members of CJLO present. The organization ran for fee levy increase last year for 9 cents, but it was denied in the vote. However, during the election process, certain items were never presented to the students to let them know what CJLO was and why they wanted the increase. Joseph therefore feels that students did not know what they were actually voting for. CJLO has not asked for an increase in 6 years, but meanwhile everything else has increased in terms of cost. They wish for students to consider them and for them to be well informed in doing so.

Cameron Monagle: Moves to approve the ballot question.

Lina Saigol: Seconds.

All in favour of approving CJLO's ballot question: unanimous.

Motion carries.

4.2 Motion Regarding the Location of Council Meeting

Michaela Manson: Introduces motion on behalf of Alex Matak, student at large.

Alex Matak: Wishes to change the location of Council meetings to a bigger room. She notes that "Your Concordia" ran on a platform of student inclusion in the union, but she has had to share one chair with three people at previous meetings. She says that this room does not provide an environment that encourages student participation.

Michaela Manson: Moves that next and all subsequent meetings be held in a bigger room.

Iain Meyer-Macaulay: Seconds.

Nadine Atallah: Encourages students to drop the "Your Concordia"/ "Action" division. They are working together as a whole despite which team each Councillor ran with.

Lex Gill: Spoke to the individual responsible for room bookings during the summer. The one thing blocking access to a larger room is that they can book the current room for free, while the other options are either difficult to book and cost money or are in an awkward space to hold a meeting. There is a

room in EV that could be a possibility. Furthermore, there is a 10 day deadline for cancelling bookings, so the location of the next meeting cannot be changed as it is next week.

Simon-Pierre Lauzon: What authority do we have as a Council to choose the location of the room?

Morgan Pudwell: Council can mandate the executive to look for a bigger room, but we can't force Hospitality Concordia to give us one.

Cameron Monagle: Does it have to be on the 7th floor? There is a large room on the 4th floor available on Wednesday nights with no booking fee.

Lex Gill: It's an electrical issue with the cameras for CUTV.

AJ West: Notes that the location of the meetings only have to be in the city of Montreal, according to CSU bylaws.

Andy Filipowich: Reminds Council that there are limits for how many people are allowed into small rooms due to fire hazard.

Nadine Atallah: Proposes a friendly amendment to the motion. Since it doesn't seem possible to find a room that meets all the requirements immediately, we could mandate the executive to urgently look for a new room, finding one as soon as possible.

Michaela Manson: Considers the amendment friendly.

CUTV Representative: Point of personal privilege: please consider the electrical capacity when choosing a room.

Alex Matak: Consider creating a budget line for a room big enough for member participation.

Morgan Pudwell: It would be reasonable for us to have a bigger room for the October meeting. However, it probably will not change for the Special Council Meeting next week.

Irmak Bahar: Proposes a friendly amendment to the motion: Advertise to students that CUTV is here during the meetings and that they can watch the meetings live.

Chairperson: This is a separate motion.

Michaela Manson: Proposes a friendly amendment to the motion. Instead of using the word "urgently," simply express that the next meeting is in a larger, more accommodating space.

CUTV Representative: Would like to be part of this process with the executive, as well as do tests ahead of time.

Amero Muiny: Calls the question.

Simon-Pierre Lauzon: Seconds.

All in favour of calling the question: unanimous.

Vote:

All in favour of mandating the executive with the task of finding a bigger, more accommodating room in which to hold Council meetings: unanimous.

Motion carried.

5.0 Chairperson's Report**5.1 Resignation of CSU Councillors**

Chairperson: An email was sent out earlier this week regarding resignations. The basic details surrounding these resignations are as follows: John Bellingham resigned on August 16th; he has decided to pursue an MA degree at McGill. Gregory Syanidis resigned due to academic conflict. He has made the JMSB Academic Team, whose meetings are also on Wednesday nights. Both gentlemen sent their resignations in accordance with CSU bylaws and standing regulations. IF there are any specific questions, their emails will be made available to Councillors.

Today there have been two additional resignations. Independent Eric is no longer a student at Concordia because he has found full-time work. Stephanie Laurin has taken on other responsibilities which would conflict with her commitments as Councillor. Should any additional information be required, their emails will be available through chair@csu.qc.ca.

5.2. Change in Special Council Meeting Date

Chairperson: The Special Council meeting will be held on Tuesday, September 27th instead of Wednesday, September 28th in order to respect Rosh Hashana. Resolution of this conflict took less than 18 hours: a reflection fo good and constant communication between all members.

Nadine Atallah: Point of Information: Can we keep the rest of the meetings on Wednesday to avoid class conflicts?

Chairperson: We will discuss this at a later time.

5.3. Mailing List Proposal:

Chairperson: When he sends out the agenda, it goes out to 2 lists: Council and the school media. There used to be a student mailing list where students could opt to be included and would receive executive reports and the minutes from meetings. He proposes the introduction of a system where students could send an email to the chair in order to put themselves on the mailing list. This would hopefully increase student participation.

Morgan Pudwell: There is also the potential to send it out to entire student body.

Amero Muiny: Does this have to be considered a motion?

Chairperson: You could make a motion for it or I could just start to do it.

Chad Walcott: Moves to give Nick the liberty to open up the mailing list.

Annie Thompson: Seconds.

Ali Moenck: For clarification, is this motion is about an opt-in mailing list?

Chairperson: Yes.

Lina Saigol: Can this be put onto the CSU website?

Chairperson: I will add every single student to the mailing list who wants to be on it.

Michaela Manson: Proposes a friendly amendment that the option to join the mailing list be included in the newsletter.

Chad Walcott: Considers the amendment friendly.

Nadine Atallah: Calls the question.

Ali Moenck: Seconds.

All in favour of calling the question: unanimous.

Vote on motion:

All in favour of implementing a mailing list which will first be made known through the CSU's newsletter: unanimous.

Motion carries.

Lex Gill: Clarifies why the Special Council Meeting of next week was called for Tuesday. Rosh Hashana begins at sundown on the 28th. Explains why Tuesday was the only day available.

Kyle Mchloughlin: Moves to take a 10 minute break and reconvene at 7:40

Sabrina D'Ambra: Seconds.

All in favour of taking a 10 minute break: unanimous.

Motion carries.

Meeting is reconvened at 7:44 pm.

6.0 Appointment of Councillors to Standing Committees

Chairperson: Proposes a 90 second time limit per speaker with a 15 second warning in order to get through appointments efficiently.

Chad Walcott: Moves to suspend Robert's Rules in order to add Events Committee to 6.D.

Annie Thompson: Seconds.

All in favour of suspending Robert's Rules to add Events Committee to 6.D: unanimous.

Motion carries.

Michaela Manson: Moves to reinstate Robert's Rules.

Annie Thompson: Seconds.

All in favour of reinstating Robert's Rules: unanimous.

Motion carries.

6.A Financial Committee (one position available)

Annie Thompson: Nominates Cameron Monagle.

Cameron Monagle: Accepts the nomination.

Andy Filipowich: Nominates Ali Moenck.

Ali Moenck: Accepts the nomination.

Interview process:

Cameron Monagle: Promises to be there for every meeting. FINCOM is one of the most important committees of the CSU, and he appreciates this. He has experience working with budgets on ASBP (Alternative Spring Break Program). He says that he would take the responsibility seriously.

Ali Moenck: Wants to help out on FINCOM, and would definitely be there for every meeting. She has worked with budgets before.

April Underwood: Being on a Committee is a big commitment, how would you manage the requirements amongst your other commitments? (Addressed to both candidates).

Cameron Monagle: Ideally, there would be a monthly meeting, which he would be available for. It's a question of willpower; if you want to make it work you will.

Ali Moenck: She is meticulously organized and would use this towards scheduling committee meetings amongst other commitments.

Vote:

All in favour of appointing Cameron Monagle to the Financial Committee: 12

All in favour of appointing Ali Moenck to the Financial Committee: 5

Cameron Monagle is appointed to the Financial Committee.

6.B External Committee (1 position available)

Gonzo Nieto: Wants those who are not yet on a committee to identify themselves, considering that according to the Standing Regulations they must be part of at least one. This should be considered in the appointment process.

Michaela Manson and Fares Jandali Rifai identify themselves. Eva-Loan Pontom Pham is a member of the Mobilization Committee.

Melanie Hotchkiss: Nominates Michaela Manson.

Michaela Manson: Respectfully declines.

Amero Muiny: Nominates Fares Jandali Rifai.

Fares Jandali Rifai: Accepts.

April Underwood: Nominates Eva-Loan Pontom-Pham.

Eva-Loan Pontom-Pham: Accepts.

Interview Process:

Fares Jandali Rifai: He is interested in the External Committee because he's been part of mobilization-related work outside of Concordia University. He believes that he could do a good job getting the CSU's voice out.

Eva-Loan Pontom-Pham: She has already had experience with the Mobilization Committee. She is fluent in French and would therefore serve well to go over French documents. She also has a good understanding

Chairperson: Point of Order. Points out that although meetings are conducted in English, anyone who wishes to use the French language is invited to do so.

Kyle Mchloughlin: Advocates for Eva-Loan Pontom-Pham. Has witnessed her work and she navigates the nuances of groups in Montreal and Quebec at large very well and would thus do a good job in this position.

Chad Walcott: Clarifies the differences between External Committee vs. Mobilization Committee. Whoever is appointed to External Committee will accompany him to various events which are conducted primarily in French, although there are translators present. Mobilization Committee is more focused on how to get students involved in the movement.

Sabrina D'Ambra: If Fares Jandali Rifai can't get onto this committee are there other ones he could be apart of?

Chairperson: There are 2 other Committees that he could potential be a member of.

Morgan Pudwell: There is also the Mobilization Committee, which has an unlimited number of spots available.

Vote:

All those in favour of appointing Fares Jandali Rifai to External: 8.

All those in favour of appointing Eva-Loan Pontom-Pham: 9.

Eva-Loan Pontom-Pham is appointed to External Committee.

6.C Clubs and Space (2 positions available, depending on Cameron Monagle)

Cameron Monagle: He is a member of this Committee, but is willing to relinquish his seat if there is interest expressed by someone else.

Lina Saigol: Nominates Michaela Manson.

Michaela Manson: Accepts.

Vote:

All in favour of appointing Michaela Manson to the Clubs and Space Committee: unanimous.

Michaela Manson is appointed to the Clubs and Space Committee.

6.D Events Committee

Chad Walcott: Nominates Fares Jandali Rifai.

Fares Jandali Rifai: Accepts.

Vote:

All in favour of appointing Fares Jandali Rifai to Events Committee: unanimous.
Fares Jandali Rifai appointed to Events Committee.

7.0 New Business

Cassy Smith, Chair of Judicial Board: Statement regarding some issues from the end of last year. There have been some issues with communication between Council and Judicial Board. Would like to fix this. She will try to attend every CSU meeting, and if she cannot attend someone else from the Judicial Board will. She wants the executive to appoint as many qualified Board members as possible, and to take a more aggressive stance on doing it. Right now they do not even have quorum. She is sure everyone is anxious to move passed the disqualification ruling from last Spring. The person who presented the position resigned in process after Council chose to overturn their decision. She understands that there has been the development of a lack of faith in the Judicial Board as a result, but that this could in turn result in a lack of checks and balances in the CSU. She wishes to remind everyone that the Board is composed of ordinary students who are out of practice, untrained, and pressed for time. Had more time been available, there could have been a better ruling last Spring. She proposes that a practising lawyer might train members of the board and that members be more active throughout the year.

Another issue is the question of precedence. The Board is not bound by this, but it could be helpful in terms of training mechanisms, etc. However, decisions are not properly documented therefore access to them is limited. When there is turnover on the Board they sometimes get lost.

Finally, the Board's Code of Procedures is out of date. Issue of accessibility. Members of the CSU should be comfortable coming to the Judicial Board as a method of recourse for their grievances. She wants to open up the document to the Policy Committee for any suggestions they might have, since only the Board can officially amend it.

Cameron Monagle: Would you be willing to put some of these ideas into writing as tangible actions that can be addressed by Policy Committee?

Cassy Smith: This can be a collaborative process.

Morgan Pudwell: Moves that Policy Reform Committee look at Judicial Board's Code of Procedures before October the meeting.

Kyle Mchloughlin: Seconds.

Irmak Bahar: Is this in the jurisdiction of the CSU?

Cassy Smith: Council will not make the decision, but rather their opinions and suggestions will be used as input in the decision making process.

Morgan Pudwell: Policy Committee can make recommendations and present them to Council.

Nadine Atallah: Moves to call the question.

Lina Saigol: Seconds.

All in favour of calling the question: unanimous

Vote:

All in favour of referring the Judicial Board's Code of Procedure to Policy Reform Committee for suggestions to be made before the October meetings: unanimous.

7.B Concordia Council on Student Life Appointments

Lex Gill: This is a university body dealing almost exclusively with funding. It is a parody committee of GSA and the CSU. The CSU has 7/12 of the seats, while the GSA has the remainder. It is the body responsible for recommending increases to the Recreation and Athletics fee, and the Student Services fee. Heather Lucas and Prince Rakph Osei made an incredibly poor decision in signing an agreement to this effect last year. The meetings are Fridays at 10 am once a month. They are long with a lot of reading. Students are only effective if everyone attends. People who sit on CCSL should be serious about it and committed to the cause. You are also expected to sit on a few of their committees.

Chairperson: The CSU appoints 7 undergraduate students, so it doesn't have to be a Councillor necessarily.

Lex Gill: It is sensible to have as many Councillors and executives as possible on this Committee, since the decisions it makes should fall under the CSU's Bylaws and Standing Regulations.

Kyle Mchloughlin: Nominates Sabrina D'Ambra.

Sabrina D'Ambra: She accepts.

Gonzo Nieto: Nominates Jordan Lindsay, Laura Glover, and Chad Walcott. They accept.

Simon-Pierre Lauzon: Nominates Cameron Monagle.

Cameron Monagle: Respectfully declines.

Morgan Pudwell: If you are part of an organization that will apply to the CCSL, you will not be able to vote on issues pertaining to that organization, nor speak to them.

Michaela Manson: Nominates Melanie Hotchkiss.

Melanie Hotchkiss: Accepts.

Cameron Monagle: Nominates Andy Filipowich as a student at large.

Andy Filipowich: Accepts.

Gonzo Nieto: Nominates Melissa Fuller.

Melissa Fuller: Accepts.

Vote via omnibus:

All in favour of appointing Melissa Fuller, Melanie Hotchkiss, Chad Walcott, Andy Filipowich, Jordan Lindsay, Laura Glover, and Sabrina D'Ambra to the CSSL: unanimous.
Melanie Hotchkiss abstains.

7.C Sustainability Action Fund- Appointment of Board of Directors

Chairperson: There are executive positions and two Councillor positions.

Gonzo Nieto: Nominates Laura Glover and Jordan Lindsay. They accept.

Chad Walcott: Nominates Iain Meyer-Macaulay.

Iain Meyer-Macaulay: Accepts.

Laura Glover: Nominates Ali Moenck.

Ali Moenk: Accepts.

Michaela Manson: Nominates April Underwood.

April Underwood: Respectfully declines due to a conflict of interest.

Cameron Monagle: Points out that according to the CSU Bylaws, it doesn't have to be a Councillor who is appointed to the Sustainability Action Fund. Also, the executive members can be chosen from within the itself; Council does not have to vote on it.

Nominates Aaron Green, student at large, who respectfully declines.

Vote:

All in favour of appointing Jordan Lindsay, Laura Glover, Iain Meyer-Macaulay, and Ali Moenck to the Sustainability Action Fund: unanimous.

They have each been appointed to the Sustainability Action Fund.

7.D University Senate Appointments

Hasan Cheikhen: There are 8 right now including 2 Councillors, but we need 1 more. We also need to appoint 3 students at large. There are 10 applications, 6 applicants are present.

Lex Gill: Senate meetings are at 2pm on Friday once a month. People should know that they need to be in good academic standing, they cannot have been charged in last 3 years under Academic Code of Conduct or the Code of Rights and Responsibilities.

Nominations of students at large:

Chuck Polson, Gene Morrow, Michael Dessen, Shawn Petter, Tuan Din, Jamie Kelly.

Chairperson: Procedure of 90 seconds discussed previously in meeting will now come into effect.

April Underwood: Moves to go into closed session due to presence of CV's.

All those in favour of going into closed session: 15

Opposed: 1 Michaela Manson.

Abstain: Nadine Atallah.

Absentee: Lina Saigol.

Consideration of candidates:

Chuck Wilson:

Gene Morrow: He is a Political Science student in his third out of four years at Concordia. His interests are towards organizations and governance, which is what brought him to apply to be a member of Senate. He was involved EGRC report over the summer. He attended the open meeting in June, and also attended the last Senate meeting when it was discussed. He feels that he has the skills to understand the documents that Senate deals with, and that he could act as an effective voice for

students within Senate.

Michael Dessen: He was involved with 2 CSU campaigns in his first year, and has watched CSU politics closely since then. Before he leaves, he wants to be a part of the process and make a difference for the better of the school.

Shawn Petter: He is passionate about politics. When he was at Marianopolis he was part of the Board of Investments Committee. He has always wanted to get involved in student life.

Tuan Din: He is a business student wishing to get involved in Senate in order to give JMSB more representation. He is highly involved in JMSB. He understands JMSB students and wishes to represent them on Senate.

Jamie Kelly: Is on the Board of Directors of the Peoples' Potato, headed a campaign to get rid of credit cards on Council, and is a central organizer for a project between Philosophy departments.

Lex Gill: Asks if they candidates have ever been to a Senate meeting.

Chuck Wilson: Teched the Senate meetings for 2 years. They are informative and interesting.

Gene Morrow: He attended the first Senate meeting this year, found experience enjoyable. He likes being a part of policy-making bodies.

Michael Dessen: He follows them through the news but has never actually attended any.

Shawn Petter: Has attended one to see if he was interested in it, and he has found that he is.

Tuan Din: Last year he did not know that the meetings were open to the general student body and has never attended a meeting, but he is aware of its proceedings and decisions.

Jamie Kelly: Says that he attended a few last year.

Morgan Pudwell: Question for Michael- What CSU campaigns were you involved in?

Michael Dessen: 2006-2007 in his first year, and less involved second year.

Andy Filipowich: Senate is the highest academic board at Concordia University. What academic questions would you like to have addressed by the Senate?

Chuck-

Gene-

Michael Dessen: Report, make a difference, consult the CSU on what the students' needs are.

Shawn Petter: Consult CSU and see what their problems with the Board of Governors are.

Tuan Din: Report, to have issues that have a student voice.

Jamie Kelly: Would talk to friends and acquaintances to gauge issues.

April Underwood: Question for Jamie- How has being on the Board for the Peoples' Potato might be an advantage to you as a candidate.

Jamie Kelly: Having everybody's voice counts, anti-oppression, problem solving.

Kyle Mcloughlin: Question for JMSB candidates- Do you have any ideas on how you could go about getting the most information pertinent to JMSB students? How would you best represent such a large faculty?

Shawn Petter: JMSB students are secluded from the rest of the school and the CSU. I would try and bridge gap between JMSB and the rest of Concordia University. A lot of students in JMSB do not have easy access to information from the CSU.

Tuan Din: Would ask students what they think of the curriculum, as a lot students want it to reflect the current business world.

Morgan Pudwell: Question for everyone- Asks if any of the candidates are familiar with the Canadian Affiliation of Students, if they have an affiliation with the CFS, and if they are aware of the circumstances between the CSU and CFS.

None of the candidates have an affiliation with the CFS and they all are aware of the circumstances.

Sabrina D'Ambra: Question regarding time commitments- directed toward all candidates. She asks whether they believe they will be able to handle the responsibilities associated with the position amongst their other commitments.

All candidates believe that they have enough time to dedicate to the Senate position.

Andy Filipowich- Being a part of Senate also means that you are a member of the Academic caucus, who is responsible for giving out bursaries. Are you willing to make yourself indirectly ineligible for these bursaries?

All candidates are willing to do so.

Cameron Monagle: Calls for orders of the day.

Kyle Mcloughlin: Seconds.

All those in favour of calling for the orders of the day: unanimous.

Annie Thompson abstains.

End of the interview process.

April Underwood: Moves to enter into closed section.

Melanie Hotkiss: Seconds.

Irmak Bahar: Suggests that they go into a direct vote without deliberation in open session.

Michaela Manson: The interview process should have given Councillors enough information to make a decision.

April Underwood: In case Council feels that deliberation is unnecessary, she offers a friendly amendment to go into closed session to take the vote.

Melanie Hotchkiss: Calls the question.

Iain Meyer-Macaulay: Seconds.

All in favour of calling the question: 17.

All those opposed: 1 (Nadine Atallah).

Abstention: 1.

Vote:

Motion to go into closed session fails.

Irmak Bahar: Moves to end deliberation and proceed to a vote for the candidates.

Simon-Pierre Lauzon: Seconds.

All in favour: 15.

Abstentions: Melanie Hotchkiss, Sabrina D'Ambra, April Underwood, Eva-Loan Pontom-Pham.

Motion carries.

Chairperson: There are 8 candidates and 3 positions, so each Councillor can vote 3 times.

In favour of appointing:

Chuck Wilson: 14

Gene Morrow: 11

Michael Dessen: 4

Shawn Petter: 2

Tuan Din: 5

Jamie Din: 12

Holly (not present): 1

Philippe (not present): 1

Majority decision: Chuck Wilson, Gene Morrow, and Jamie Kelly are appointed to Concordia University Senate.

Chairperson: A Councillor must also be appointed to the University Senate.

Melanie Hotchkiss: Nominates Michaela Manson.

Michaela Manson: Accepts.

Vote:

All those in favour of appointing Michaela Manson to Concordia University Senate: unanimous.

Michaela Manson is appointed to Concordia University Senate.

Fares Jandali Rifai: Moves for a 5 minute recess.

The motion is seconded.

Cameron Monagle: Proposes a friendly amendment to make the break 10 minutes.

Fares Jandali Rifai: Considers the amendment friendly.

Chad Walcott: Notes that he is against going on the break for time's sake.

Nadine Atallah: Calls question.

The motion is seconded.

All in favour of calling the question: unanimous.

One (1) abstention.

Vote:

All in favour of going into recess for 10 minutes: 10.

Opposed: 7.

Motion carries.

Meeting is called to order at 9:52 pm.

7.E. Library Fund Committee Appointments

Hasan Cheikhzen: We will be appointing 4 Councillors or executives.

April Underwood: Point of information: when are the meetings?

Hasan Cheikhzen: 4 times a year, but they don't have their schedule out yet.

Lex Gill: There is a 1\$ per credit fee to improve library services. Access to outlets, number of laptops available for rent etc.

Nadine Atallah: Also, it is the reason why the Vanier library is now open 24 hours, and why there are more laptops.

Lex Gill: Nominates herself.

Nadine Atallah: Nominates herself.

Irmak Bahar: Nominates herself.

April Underwood: Nominates herself.

AJ West: Nominates himself.

Lex Gill: On why she believes she is a good candidate for the position: she does research on the privatization of information, free access to information; things that the library should start working on. She would like to bring these issues to the Committee.

Nadine Atallah: Keeps informed on what the library does. She spends a lot of time studying there, and has some improvements she would like to bring forward. These include more places to sit and more laptops available to rent.

Irmak Bahar: Has read the agreement in regards to the library funds. She started a free textbook exchange program, and thinks that it could work well with the Library Fund. She has spoken with the librarians, and according to what she has understood, they don't know what more they can do with this money. She has some ideas as to where the funds could go.

April Underwood: Doesn't know that much about the Library Committee, but her interests lie in her field of study (English Literature) and the fact that she spends a lot of time in the library. She feels she could bring passion to the Committee.

AJ West: Is very tech oriented. Recently the library released their mobile app., which he was a part of. He is interested in seeing the money from the Library Fund being spent on things that students want to use, like iPads.

Renee Tousignant: Motivates Councillors to vote for Irmak Bahar, as she is a student at the Loyola campus.

Morgan Pudwell: The Library Fund is an interesting political issue. Sometimes it is used for the students to pay for things that the university should be paying for. She would like to see the appointees take an activist role on this issue.

Cameron Monagle: Has anyone aside from Irmak Bahar and Lex Gill read the agreement?

Nadine Atallah: Has read the report (the agreement is in the report).

AJ West: Has read the report.

Vote:

There are 4 positions, each Councillor has 4 votes.

All those in favour of appointing:

Lex Gill: 15

Nadine Atallah: 15

Irmak Bahar: 14

April Underwood: 7

AJ West: 15

Lex Gill, Nadine Atallah, Irmak Bahar, and AJ West have been appointed to the Library Committee.

7.F. Concordia Volunteer Abroad Program

Nadine Atallah: CVAP is a fee levy group. It funds projects based on sustainable development and education based in Uganda. It sends volunteer students. So far about 100 students have gone.

Chairperson: How many people are being appointed to this Committee?

Morgan Pudwell: 1 executive and 1 Councillor.

Melanie Hotchkiss: nominates Nadine Atallah.

Nadine Atallah: Accepts.

Cameron Monagle: Nominates Laura Glover as the executive appointee.

Laura Glover: Accepts.

Simon-Pierre Lauzon: Nominates himself.

Morgan Pudwell: Sat on the board last year. They meet once or twice a month, review applications for volunteers, and are also looking at big policy restructuring this year.

Vote:

All those in favour of appointing Laura Glover to CVAP: unanimous.

No abstentions.

Motion carries.

Nadine Atallah: Is already VP for Humanitarian Affairs for Concordia. Similar to CVAP in the sense that they go abroad to conferences. Some of experiences in humanitarian affairs could be useful on CVAP. Her values align with those of CVAP. As for policy reforms, she sits on the Policy Committee and does not view it as a burden.

Simon-Pierre Lauzon: Wants to start to volunteer abroad more. Following graduation he will go overseas to teach English. Working with CVAP goes along with his development as a person. He looks forward to working with the other members of CVAP for policy reform.

Laura Glover: Wants to know more about how Nadine Atallah's values aligning with those of CVAP.

Nadine Atallah: Thinks that all of those sitting on Council will have similar values to those of CVAP: being grateful for the education they are receiving at Concordia University and aware of how lucky they are. She invites Council members to approach her with further questions.

Cameron Monagle: Asks Simon-Pierre Lauzon if he is very familiar with CVAP.

Simon-Pierre Lauzon: No.

Nadine Atallah: Clarifies, to be fair to Simon-Pierre Lauzon, that her background is really in humanitarian affairs in general and not CVAP specifically.

Vote:

All those in favour of appointing Nadine Atallah to CVAP: 12

All those in favour of appointing Simon-Pierre Lauzon to CVAP: 4

Kyle McLoughlin abstains.

Nadine Atallah is appointed to CVAP.

8.G. Report from CUSACORP

Jordan Lindsay: Documents handed out to Councillors outline what the exec has been doing in regards to this over the summer. He wants Councillors to look at them for 5 minutes and then come forward with any questions.

Irmak Bahar: How often will we be receiving these reports?

Lex Gill: Every month.

Irmak Bahar: In that case can they be sent out ahead of time?

Morgan Pudwell: From now on they will be.

Michaela Manson: Have the new positions be filled and if so with who and how?

Jordan Lindsay: No, they haven't been filled.

Kyle Mchloughlin: Can you tell us who your supplier was?

Lex Gill: Unfortunately not. The details of the contract we will be signing shortly, however, we can talk about. It's with Molson. We've asked for a 1 semester long contract with 6/9 Molson products on tap with no right of first refusal cost. This means that if we were getting another beer contract it would limit our ability to get better options for students.

Jordan Lindsay: Their offer was the same as the competitors'.

Irmak Bahar: Are we supposed to have a meeting of CUSACORP directors separate from CSU meetings?

Morgan Pudwell: CSU is the sole shareholder of CUSACORP. When meetings are called, a decision of the directors represents a decision of the shareholder. There are meetings of the shareholders, and there will be one once the Bylaws have come back from the lawyer. This would be a meeting of the CSU at a CUSACORP meeting and not a CSU meeting.

Irmak Bahar: Are the Bylaws on the CSU website now? If not can we have access to them? Who approves them?

Morgan Pudwell: There were 3 different versions of the Bylaws at the time of appointments to CUSACORP, none of which had dates on them: one from the board of directors, one from the manager of Reggies, and one that was floating around the office. There is no clear indication of which version is being used. It was very vague, but essentially the President can do whatever they want. However, there is currently no President. She doesn't think that there is a version online because there are 3 different versions in existence.

Lex Gill: Wants CSU to have direct, consistent access to CUSACORP documents.

Irmak Bahar: One of my questions is how the Bylaws are approved.

Morgan Pudwell: There is no process to go to a larger group of people beyond the executives of CUSACORP.

Lex Gill: The shareholders of a corporation don't usually approve its bylaws anyway.

Cameron Monagle: Under "Moving Forward," it seems to say that the two accounting books are together (CUSACORP and the CSU).

Lex Gill: Essentially, the CSU accountant who works on the books of CUSACORP is paid separately by both organizations.

Irmak Bahar: Who generally approves changes in the Bylaws of a for-profit organization?

Morgan Pudwell: Generally it is the Board of Directors. However, we are working to implement some

kind of communication with the shareholder (the CSU).

Chad Walcott: Calls for the orders of the day.

Sabrina D'Ambra: How are you going to hire new people? Have you started an advertising campaign?

Jordan Lindsay: We have advertised the availability of the positions. However, we haven't find anyone for the position yet.

Morgan Pudwell: It's difficult to hire for that position. Need someone who can manage a bar, a cafe, and deal with the bureaucracy of the university. These are three very different skill sets.

Melanie Hotchkiss: Is encouraged by the report distributed and is impressed with the work done thus far.

Chairperson: We will move on with agenda.

8. Executive Reports- Consent Agenda

Chairperson: Suggests that Council proceed with questions, dealing with individual reports one at a time.

Kyle Mcloughlin: Moves that there be a 5 minute limit per executive report (consisting of only questions).

Ali Moenck: Seconds.

Vote:

All in favour of limiting the question period per executive report to 5 minutes: 18.

Opposed: 1.

Motion carried.

8.A Executive Report of the President

Lex Gill: Points out that there have been minor changes made to the reports which were distributed to Council. They are currently being assessed for fiscal years 2009-2010. There may an inconsistency that they are responsible for, but they won't know for sure until after the audit is completed. This has therefore been adjusted in the final version of her report.

Cameron Monagle: Calls to have a minimum of three people to pull something out of the reports before it can be questioned.

Morgan Pudwell: If Councillors ever have questions, feel free to contact the executives with them.

Irmak Bahar: Has a question about something under "Meetings and Briefs."

Melanie Hotchkiss and Cameron Monagle agree to table this section.

Irmak Bahar: Thanks Lex Gill for including notes about the meetings she goes to. Wishes to have more details about the substance of the meetings.

Melanie Hotchkiss: Wants to pull out section on the current proceedings with the CFS. (In report it is mentioned that there will be documents put out regarding the CFS.)

Simon-Pierre Lauzon and Cameron Monagle agree.

Lex Gill: In the last week of August two representatives were examined on behalf of the CSU. The transcripts are confidential. She has been presented with a long list of documents from the other side's lawyers that she has 2 weeks to locate.

Cameron Monagle: Calls for the Orders of the Day.

8.B VP Finance- Jordan Lindsay

Amero Muiny: Wants to know how the Financial feed is being introduced.

Cameron Monagle and Kyle Mcloughlin agree to pull this out for questioning.

Jordan Lindsay: Indicates that he was almost done right before Orientation second week hit, and now he is still finishing up. There is still a little PHP pull from the database, and then it will be finished. You can visit www.financefeed.mijex.com for further detail.

Cameron Monagle: Wants to pull out FINCOM subheading for questioning.

Simon-Pierre Lauzon and Melanie Hotchkiss agree to pull this item for questioning.

Cameron Monagle: Why wasn't quorum met?

Jordan Lindsay: Many Councillors didn't show up. Maxime made a statement that it wasn't clear enough that there was a meeting, and that that was why they didn't come. We are meeting again this Sunday to redo the first meeting. He also has the files which include everything that was requested in the Standing Regulations change.

8.C VP Clubs- Gonzo Nieto

Nadine Atallah: Has a question regarding office checks.

Sabrina D'Ambra and Tally Shakeed agree to pull this item for questioning.

Nadine Atallah: There is an office available at Loyola, are there any updates on this?

Gonzo Nieto: They are not currently available. This is a time-sensitive issue and there is a lot of work to be done. It would have been unfair to base his decision off of usage during the summer; he would like to get a fair assessment. This hasn't been done before.

8.D VP Advocacy and Outreach

Iain Meyer-Macaulay: Has a question regarding the letter that was sent to Lisa White. It caught his attention because upon reviewing the minutes of the June 8th and June 23rd meetings he noticed that there was no official standpoint of the CSU, whereas the letter sets a standpoint on its behalf. He doesn't disagree with what the letter says, but rather is concerned about setting this kind of precedent.

Lex Gill: This is a fair question. The letter is executive in nature. The CSU has an official policy against discriminatory hiring, which is what the letter deals with. The university transcript contains information such as your age, your gender, and the last place you studied. Firstly, often potential employers will request your transcript. So, even though it is illegal for them to ask for this information, they still were gaining access to it by gaining the transcripts from the university. In response to the letter, there was a letter sent to the CSU that said that the CSU was partly right; they have actually changed part of the structure of the transcript because of this letter. Thus, she understands the concern being voiced, but the letter was in accordance with the CSU's mandate.

Hasan Cheikhzen: Notes that this is included in his report.

Morgan Pudwell: This is by no means some sort of way of going over Council's head.

Cameron Monagle: Notes that the letter is signed by Lex Gill Gill and not the CSU.

Michaela Manson: Calls for the orders of the day.

Melanie Hotchkiss: Seconds.

All in favour: 17.

2 abstentions.

8.E VP Loyola and Services

Amero Muiny: Has a question regarding the shuttle bus services.

Melissa Fuller: Had a meeting with those responsible and went in with the plans she campaigned on. She was asked for a lot of proof, and didn't feel there was a real dialogue. They need proof that students are actually unhappy with the shuttle service. There hasn't been effective research done. When it comes down to it, it will be a good idea moving forward to have a thorough, proper survey done which can be presented to them as proof. The survey which was done was not extensive enough.

Amero Muiny: How will this survey happen? How long will it take?

Melissa Fuller: It will definitely take the entire semester. A report will be completed by December to be presented back to Transportation Services.

Ali Moenck: Is Concordia conducting the survey, or is it the CSU?

Melissa Fuller: There was already a third-party organization conducting a survey, and she has been offered some spots on the survey. It will be coming out soon and will be examined.

Anaii Lee-Ender: Is there a shuttle app.?

AJ West: It exists and has been downloaded by at least 100 students.

Melanie Hotchkiss: Has a question regarding the Loyola office. She heard that there is a degree of mis-communication regarding the office space at Loyola. She wants to know if this has been resolved.

Ali Moenck and Simon-Pierre Lauzon agree to pull this item for questioning.

Melissa Fuller: Is not aware of any problems. The CSU office is on the 1st floor of the FC building, and ASFA has the basement.

Lex Gill: It was a question of whether the CSU or the Dean of Students Office which had granted them this space. It was the CSU.

Chad Walcott: They are being moved by the administration. They are currently working out where the new office is going to be.

Cameron Monagle: Calls for the Orders of the Day.

8.E VP External

Amero Muiny: Question regarding a lack of information being given to the DSU.

Chad Walcott: Has offered his help to the DSU in terms of relaying information and helping with campaigns. It will be up to them whether this collaboration continues.

Melanie Hotchkiss: At the last meeting you said you'd be meeting with other associations in order to campaign against tuition increase, has this happened?

Chad Walcott: He is constant contact with other member associations, and also non member associations such as the Universite de Trois Rivieres.

8.G VP Academic

Amero Muiny: What is the purpose of the SPL committee?

Hasan Cheikzhen: There are several points which are on the SPL agenda, which are you referring to?

Amero Muiny: Its purpose.

Lex Gill: It's a curriculum committee, like the one for Arts and Science.

Irmak Bahar: What are complimentary credit certificates?

Hasan Cheikzhen: The School of extended learning offers two certificates. First is for independent students, calculates your GPA following acceptance into your program. The others are pass/fail, offering a non-credit certificate. They are not included in your GPA.

8.H VP Student Life

Anaii Lee-Ender: Asks for elaboration on the sustainability report and upcoming campaigns.

Laura Glover: Over the summer she spent time coordinating waste-planning. In terms of upcoming campaigns, it is important for the CSU to support what has already been planned before creating their own campaigns. A busload of students to Ottawa September 26th to participate in a protest. Just came up a couple of days ago- will be sending out emails.

Morgan Pudwell: Great job to Laura Glover and Orientation team.

9. Report from University Bodies- Consent Agenda

AJ West: We don't have a written report because he haven't sat yet. There is a meeting on September 28th that was supposed to coincide with the Student Centre.

Nadine Atallah: When did your mandate start?

AJ West: July 1st.

Lex Gill: Points out some redundancy that Policy Committee should look at. She moves to give this mandate to Policy Committee.

Vote:

All in favour of referring the issue of redundancy to Policy Committee: unanimous.

Abstentions: 2.

Motion carries.

11. Motion Regarding Steel Workers

Lex Gill: Be it resolved that the CSU formally support the Concordia Maintenance Workers Union in their struggle for a fair contract by whatever means necessary, including a strike.

The SGW Maintenance Workers Union is comprised of people who work in distribution, plumbing, etc. They are a small unit and it is difficult for them to negotiate a contract. They want parity with people who do similar jobs at other universities. They have been marching at lunch time and a one-day strike. CSU gave them free-drink tickets (35\$ worth). It is important that they feel student support. There isn't much we can do except for giving them our support.

Kyle Mcloughlin: Seconds.

Morgan Pudwell: Tuition fee increases are tied to larger social implications. This is important.

Kyle Mcloughlin: Several other student organizations have already given them support.

Cameron Monagle: Concordia has the record in QC for having the longest negotiation period out of any company.

Morgan Pudwell: Workers appreciate when students join them on their marches.

Chad Walcott: Moves to call the question.

Renee Tousignant: Seconds.

All in favour of calling the question: unanimous.

Vote:

All those in favour of approving the motion: unanimously.

Motion carries.

12. Gamma Motion

Kyle Mcloughlin: The Gamma Squad targets those affiliated with a specific political opinion. Be it resolved that CSU... official wording.

April Underwood: Seconds.

Kyle Mcloughlin: What they are doing is profiling, which violates nearly every rights document in Quebec and Canada. Due to ambiguity on the part of the SPDM, this could potentially be applied to students protesting tuition increases.

Morgan Pudwell: This has already happened against student protestors.

Nadine Atallah: Feels that she needs more information before making a decision regarding the motion.

Kyle Mcloughlin: The Gamma Squad's existence was made public after a May 1st protest. However, the SPDM has made statements that it has actually been in existence since January. Since then there haven't been any public acknowledgements of their use, but given that the SPDM was dishonest in the first place it is doubtful that they have not been used.

Vote:

All those in favour of supporting the Gamma motion: unanimous.

Abstentions: Nadine Atallah: she doesn't know enough about the Gamma Squad, and would like to make an informed decision; Tally Shakeed; Ali Moenck.

Motion carries.

13. Sexual Assault Centre

Irmak Bahar: Sexual assault is one of the most common violent crimes. In fact, one in four women and one in six men will experience sexual assault at some point in their lives, usually before the age of 35. Some research indicates that university populations are particularly vulnerable to sexual assault. Whereas there currently does not exist a clear and accessible policy regarding sexual assault at Concordia University;

Whereas services relating to sexual assault including survivor support and perpetrator accountability at Concordia University are extremely limited and inaccessible;

Whereas Concordia University as an institution of higher learning should be leading the way to creating a safer and more egalitarian society;

Be it resolved that the CSU fully support and endorse the initiative to establish a sexual assault centre at Concordia,

Be it further resolved that the CSU executive write a letter of support outlining the following demands;

- a permanent space on campus for a sexual assault centre
- permanent and sustainable funding for the operations of the sexual assault centre
- implementation of mandatory sensitivity training programs and counselling and development for staff as well as any other member of Concordia University who expresses interest
- clear and accessible policy relating to cases of sexual assault at Concordia University.

Chad Walcott: Seconds.

Andy Filipowich: Concordia doesn't have a sexual assault policy?

Irmak Bahar: There is sexual harassment policy, but not assault.

Morgan Pudwell: Has been involved in a lot of conversations around this, and is in support of the university having a policy/centre about this. There are resonating questions about how this should be structured. There is a clear message from the university that they are not willing to fund centres like this and give them the resources they need. Therefore, she is not convinced that the university will help

them with this.

Irmak Bahar: Centre 2110 is initiating the campaign for this centre but are very limited in their resources. They will not be able to provide resources to maintain a centre, which is why it is important for us to pressure the administration as much as possible to fund it. It's a liability- it shouldn't come out of student's pockets. Other universities have successful or not-so-successful assault centres which have been examined.

Michaela Manson: Wants to make it clear that it was the 2110 Centre who initiated the campaign and that it should be paid for by the university.

Laura Glover: Proposes that more documentation be presented to Council. Effective and meaningful conversation can take place once everyone knows what's going on.

Cameron Monagle: Move to table it until next Council meeting in order to get the motion in writing.

Melanie Hotchkiss: Seconds.

Nadine Atallah: Proposes a friendly amendment to the motion: there should also be more of the the research Irmak Bahar mentioned to be presented to Council.

Irmak Bahar: This issue is too time-sensitive. It relies heavily on whether or not funding will be secured. She encourages Council to take a few minutes to consider the motion before tabling it.

Lex Gill: Reminds Councillors that they are all able and have the right to put items on the agenda prior to its release.

Irmak Bahar: Forgot to add that the researcher's contract ends at the beginning of next month. It would be good to have something going which is more permanent before this happens.

Nadine Atallah: Moves to call the question.

Simon-Pierre Lauzon: Seconds.

All in favour of calling the question: 16.

Opposed: 2 (Kyle Mccloughlin and Michaela Manson).

Abstentions: Sabrina D'Ambra.

Vote:

All in favour of tabling the motion until the next regular Council Meeting in October: 8.

Opposed: 6

Abstentions: Anaii Lee-Ender and Tally Shakeed.

Motion carries.

14. News and Other Business

Chad Walcott: Announces the Mobilization Committee will be meeting tomorrow at 6pm in the CSU Conference Room. This is an open Committee. There will be mock workshops on how to engage students and the committee's plans for the year.

Morgan Pudwell: The Bafon Block Party is taking place this Friday. The CSU and several other groups will be there. It is important for members of the CSU to be there.

Chairperson: On campus there seems to be a lot of difficulty in finding Chief Electoral Officers. The position should be filled by someone who is competent, as there are large amounts of responsibility in a short time frame. If anyone knows of anyone who would be good for this position, please tell them to contact ASFA.

15. Adjournment

Chad Walcott: Moves to adjourn.

Jordan Lindsay: Seconds.

Motion carried unanimously.

Meeting is adjourned at 11:51 pm.