



Concordia Student Union – Council of Representatives

**CSU Regular Council Meeting – Agenda
Wednesday, October 12th, 2011
Room H-760, Time 6:30 PM, S.G.W Campus**

- 1. Call to Order**
- 2. Roll Call**
- 3. Approval of the Agenda**
- 4. Approval of the Minutes and Business Arising**
- 5. Chairperson's Report**
 - a. Update on Council Room Motion**
- 6. Unfinished Business**
 - a. Sexual Assault Center Presentation**
 - b. Presentation of Remainder of By-Law and Standing Regulation Reforms**
 - c. By-Election and Referendum Discussion**
- 7. Appointments – Students At Large to Standing Committees**
 - a. Academic Caucus**
 - b. Finance Committee**
 - c. Clubs and Space Committee**
 - d. Appointments Committee**
 - e. Policy Reform Committee**
 - f. Events Committee**
 - g. External and Campaigns Committee**
 - h. Sustainability Committee**
 - i. Loyola Committee**
- 8. Appointments – Student at Large to Ad-Hoc Committees**
 - a. Ad-Hoc Equity Committee**
 - b. Ad-Hoc Student Space Committee**
- 9. New Business**
 - a. Frigo Vert Fee Levy Increase Presentation**
 - b. Orientation Wrap-Up Presentation**
 - c. Sexual Assault Directory Motion**
 - d. Creation of the Ad-Hoc Charity Committee**
 - e. Judicial Board – Appointments**



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f. Labour Negotiations Update (Closed Session)

9. Executive Reports – Consent Agenda

10. Report from University Bodies – Consent Agenda

11. Reports from Committees – Consent Agenda

12. Question Period & Business Arising

13. Announcements

14. Adjournment

Attendance

Executives:

Lex Gill
Jordan Lindsay
Laura Glover
Hasan Cheikzan
Chad Walcott
Melissa Fuller
Gonzalo Nieto
Morgan Pudwell

Councillors:

Melanie Hotchkiss	Lina Saigol
Bruno Joyal	Anaii-Lee Ender
Simon-Pierre Lauzon	Annie Thompson
Ariel Dabora	Tally Shaaked
Iain-Meyer Macaulay	Eva-Loan Panton-Pham
Sabrina D'Ambra	
Irmak Bahar	
Cameron Monagle	
Nadine Atallah	
Kyle McLoughlin	
Renee Tousignant	
Michaela Manson	
Fares Jandali Rifai	
April Underwood	



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1. Meeting is called to order at 6:55 pm.

2. Roll Call

3. Approval of the agenda

Morgan Pudwell: Remove 8.A, they will not be coming to the meeting. Add 8.G: concerns regarding appointments, processes of last year to right before the point regarding labour negotiations.

Ariel Dabora: Moves 6.C to 6.A.

Simon-Pier Lauzon: Add a motion to New Business, which will be 8.G. Support for Occupy Wall Street.

Ariel Dabora: Moves to approve the agenda.

Iain: Seconds.

Vote:

All in favour of approving the agenda: unanimous.

4. Approval of the minutes

Ariel Dabora: Moves to approve minutes.

Iain: Seconds.

Bruno Joyal, Cameron Monagle, Simon-Pier Lauzon abstain.

5. Chairperson's Report

a. Update on Room Change Motion

Chairperson: Hospitality Concordia is not bound to give us a new room, despite that Council mandated the executive to find one. We have, however, found a new room. H-763 is capable of accommodating 40-50 more people. The rental fee is \$110 per meeting. This can fall under the Council budget. We might have to reconsider how we do food at the meetings. We have this room for 6 meetings, the rest of the meetings will be in the regular room. We would like to have every meeting in a new room, however due to constraints of booking this is not possible. October 26th and November 9th will be in this room.

Ariel Dabora: Were the conference rooms at JMSB considered?

Chairperson: It is something we could look at. The new room is not a finality.

Laura Glover: The 14th floor boardroom can be booked for students, there is no fee. We are going to



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look into its availability.

Sabrina D’Ambra: Have we decided on the new room in the H building or are we still looking?

Chairperson: It is possible to cancel a request for a room within 10 days’ notice.

b.

Chairperson: In regards to the CSU website, for first time in a long time, the agenda and details surrounding the meeting are on the front page.

c.

Chairperson: Petition by CUTV to have a referendum question in the upcoming by election. They have the required signatures, and it will be submitted to the Dean of Students to be verified.

Morgan Pudwell: Frigo Vert came to Policy Committee and was supposed to have a financially audited statement for today and they didn't. It's up to them how they wish to proceed.

6. Unfinished Business.

a.

Bram Goldstein: Needs the official list of positions that will be vacant. He will be getting everything ready to get the elections going.

Chairperson: The only thing Council must do is pass a motion to approve the days for the bi-elections.

Michaela Manson: Moves to hold a bi-election on the 22, 23, and 24 of November.

Iain: Seconds.

Cameron Monagle: Will the positions which were resigned from be filled?

Chairperson: Yes.

Vote:

All in favour of holding a bi-election on the 22, 23, and 24 of November: unanimous.

b. Sexual Assault Centre Presentation

Chairperson: This item was tabled at the last Regular Council meeting (September 21st).

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 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;



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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 for security and counselling and development staff as well as any other member of Concordia University who expresses interest

-clear and accessible policy relating specifically to cases of sexual assault at Concordia University

Cameron Monagle: Seconds.

Irmak Bahar: Apologizes for how the motion was presented to council last month, it was rushed. She presents 2 amendments to the motion:

1: The second demand is to be provided by the Concordia University administration, not the CSU.

2: Should just say that they endorse the establishment of the centre.

Laura: 2110 Centre is a fee levy organization and is spearheading this initiative. They also want policy reform, training for security officers, and health services officers. Concordia's existing policies are not acceptable. They are unclear, inaccessible, victim-blaming, and don't tell the student what will happen to them if they report sexual assault.

Sexual assault and sexual harassment are conflated, which makes it impossible to tell how many of each happen. They have studied a lot of great policies at other universities, and know that good ones can be enforced. They wish to push for clear, accessible, progressive, policy, which supports the existence of resources for victims on campus

There is no evidence of adequate sensitivity training. Services that are available are only open 9-5; outside these hours there is nowhere a student can go for support if there is an emergency. It would be a strong addition to the campus community, and would provide students with valuable volunteer opportunities, evidence from other universities shows that it helps with student recruitment and retention. Their campaign has been really active the last 6 months, urgent need for the centre is funding and space. This should fall to the university, they should not ask for a fee levy. It's a basic and vital resource. The university should make this a priority, if only to avoid lawsuits.

We have seen a major barrier to students accessing existing resources.

Morgan Pudwell: Thanks Irmak Bahar and Laura for putting together all the documents sent out.

Patrice Blais: Congratulations on this motion.

Nadine Atallah: Calls the question.

Lina Saigol: Seconds.

Vote:

All in favour of passing the motion as it is currently worded: unanimous.



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c. Presentation of Remainder of By-Law and Standing Regulations Reforms

Patrice Blais: This is a project that was started in April of last year. Council could not vote on it because they didn't have quorum. Most of the material was approved last June. A few items were sent to a committee, these were to be sent back to Council so that they can go to referendum.

1- General By-Laws of the CSU.

All the changes have been integrated into one document. 12.5 concerns what happens if a member of the executive were to be removed from office by a petition of the members. The recommendation of policy committee is that it should be able to impeach a member of council. The amount required should be in absolute numbers. The first step to remove someone is getting a petition together. Then, give the petition to the chairperson, who has 5 days to verify the names. If it's valid, a special general meeting must be called. There are quorum requirement for this meeting: petition would have 3 promoters dealing with the chairperson in order to avoid biases. If there is a disagreement between them, the petitioners can call a meeting themselves.

This is the only change in this document, except special bylaw G.

Need a motion to adopt the bylaws.

Nadine Atallah: Point of information. During the policy committee meeting we decided that the person against whom the petition is circulated about must be informed immediately.

Morgan Pudwell: She's right.

Kyle Mcloughlin: Moves to adopt the bylaws as they currently stand.

Nadine Atallah: Friendly amendment: add the missing part.

Kyle Mcloughlin: Considers it friendly.

Morgan Pudwell: If there are other things people wanted to change in this document what would be the process?

Patrice Blais: Recommends that policy committee meet and the document could be redrafted in accordance to these changes.

Andy Filipowich: Brings up the issue of Vice Presidents in the Bylaws. Currently there are only 5 titles. He is concerned that there is no VP Loyola or VP Sustainability. This seems to be a concern among students. He is confused as to why this position was taken out.

Lex Gill: There seemed to be a consensus that this was a bad idea. Everyone assumed that it had already been changed. We can still go to Policy Committee and it can be reformed.

Sabrina D'Ambra: Moves to lay on the table (approval of Bylaws).

April Underwood: Seconds.

Vote:

All in favour of laying on the table: unanimous.



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Morgan Pudwell: Moves that section on Vice Presidents (7.7-7.11) be sent to Policy Committee to consider rewriting. Policy Committee should have a proposal for the next Council Meeting.

Nadine Atallah: Seconds.

Cameron Monagle: Would that mean that the appointment of VP's by the president will be rewritten too?

Morgan Pudwell: Yes, everything in that section.

VOTE:

All in favour of referring this section to Policy Committee with a meeting open to all Councillors: unanimous.

Iain Meyer-Macaulay: Calls the question.

Vote:

All those in favour of approving the Bylaws as they are currently worded with the exception of the section above: Unanimous.

Abstentions: Cameron Monagle, Anaii, Michaela Manson.

Patrice Blais: Next thing is to approve a referendum question.

Nadine Atallah: Moves motion as he worded it

April Underwood: Seconds.

Irmak Bahar: How plausible is it to have explanations for all the changes? As a student it can be difficult to know exactly what you're voting for.

Patrice Blais: One thing that will be done is that the text will be available at all polling stations as well as online. At one point there will be a "YES Committee." As far as putting in something additional, it would have to be brought up with the CEO.

April Underwood: Campus media will probably be covering the changes fairly comprehensively, this will help students understand.

Nadine Atallah: It is feasible to make pamphlets with big changes made by the Yes Committee.

Michaela Manson: What's the status with the widespread email to students about the meetings, would it be possible to include the original document with the changes in red?

Morgan Pudwell: We are in a transitional phase with our designers, but should be able to do all these things by the end of the week. We can definitely include the document in the email.



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Iain Meyer-Macaulay: Calls the question.

Simon-Pier Lauzon: Seconds.

Vote:

All in favour of calling the question: unanimous.

Vote:

All in favour of adopting the referendum question: unanimous.

Patrice Blais: In the Standing Regulations, a few issues were addressed. The Policy Committee has decided not to pursue the items sent to it by Council. A lot of renumbering was done, therefore. There is nothing in this document that will be changed from what was adopted, except for in the definition section, where there is one for day as defined in the Bylaws, which was just copy pasted it from the Bylaws.

Nadine Atallah: Moves to approve the Standing Regulation.

Simon-Pier Lauzon: Seconds.

Michaela Manson: Calls the question.

Kyle Mcloughlin: Seconds

Vote:

All in favour of calling the question: unanimous.

Vote:

All in favour of adopting the Standing Regulations as they are currently worded: unanimous.
Anaii abstains.

Patrice Blais: Final words of advice: treat the new documents well. Make sure any changes are verified by legal counsel, even small changes.

7. Appointments- Students at large to standing committees

Chairperson: Generally 1 student at large is appointed to each standing committee.

7.A. Academic caucus

No nominees.

7.B. Finance committee

Melissa Fuller: There are 3 applicants. We have CV's, should we go into closed session?

Chairperson: It's at council's discretion.

Nadine Atallah: Didn't we vote on procedure for appointments as convention last meeting?

Chairperson: You did, but convention is not mandatory.

Chris: Is also interested in Policy Reform Committee. It's his first semester back at Concordia. He



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already has a degree from Bishops University. He works in financial services.

Michaela Manson: What makes you want to be on Finance Committee?

Chris: Sees it as a challenge and a learning process. He is interested in financial affairs and this type of process. Thinks he could make a big difference, likes dealing with people and solving problems.

April Underwood: What do you feel is the most important functions of FINCOM?

Chris: Isn't too familiar with its functions, but assumes it has to do with the proper financial functioning of the CSU.

Fares Jandali Rifai: How will you manage attending meetings of both committees and work?

Chris: Wants to do less at work and more at school, will be responsible in terms of attending meetings.

Michaela Manson: Moves to appoint Chris as a member of FINCOM.

Iain Meyer-Macaulay: Seconds.

All in favour of appointing Chris to FINCOM: unanimous.

7.C. Clubs and Space Committee

No nominees.

7. D. Appointments Committee

No nominees.

7.E. Policy Reform Committee

Chris: At Bishops we had a student patrol service, which is something that could be looked into for Concordia. He is also interested in the issues and looking at what could work.

Irmak Bahar: Moves to appoint Chris to Policy Reform Committee.

Renee Tousignant: Seconds.

Vote:

All in favour of appointing Chris: unanimous.

7.F. Events Committee

No nominees.

7.G. External and Campaigns Committee

Melanie Hotchkiss: Presents on behalf of a candidate who could not attend the meeting due to class. Gabrielle Brais Harvey is a 1st year student in the Faculty of Fine Arts. She has a wealth of experience within the Quebec student movement and would be an asset to the External and Campaigns committee. She spent the past 2 years on the National executive of the FECQ (Federation of Cegep students of



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Quebec), the sister organization to the CSU's lobby group the FEUQ. The positions that she held required her to work on communications plans, mobilization strategies, and liaise with student representatives from across the province. She also knows a lot of about the student movement itself, its divisions and how the various organizations which work on educational issues function. She has a great amount of knowledge about tuition increases in Quebec, the history of the recent increases and she is very experienced in mobilizing on campuses. Prior to her 2 years at the FECQ, she held an elected position on the executive of her student association at the Cegep of Abitibi-Temiscamingue.

Kyle Mcloughlin: Moves to appoint Gabrielle to External and Campaigns Committee.

Iain Meyer-Macaulay: Seconds.

Vote:

All in favour of appointing Gabrielle: unanimous.

Abstentions: Melanie Hotchkiss.

7.H. Sustainability Committee

Dylan: 4th year student. Recently went to Ottawa to protest Alberta pipeline, and wants to do more.

Vote:

All in favour of appointing Dylan: unanimous.

No abstentions.

7.I. Loyola Committee

No nominees.

8. Appointments- Students at Large to Ad-Hoc Committees

8.A. Ad-hoc Equity Committee

No nominees.

8.B. Student Space Committee

No nominees.

Michaela Manson: Can a Councillor fill an empty student position?

Chairperson: No.

9. New Business

9.A. Orientation wrap-up presentation/questions:

Laura Glover: This document contains a lot of data for the next executive. It is thorough and long, and she will open the floor to any discussion regarding it.

9.B. Sexual Assault Directory Motion

Nadine Atallah: We met with Irmak Bahar and Laura (2110 representative) during a Policy Reform Committee meeting last week and came to realize that there are resources available, but no directory to find them or figure out which one they need. This motion is an attempt to make it easier on them.

Irmak Bahar: Seconds.



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Sabrina D’Ambra: Friendly amendment: instead of on campus, in Montreal.

Nadine Atallah: Considers it friendly.

Irmak Bahar: Suggests that the responsibility of the directory be given to an executive and that it be updated twice a year.

Cameron Monagle: Friendly amendment that it be mandated to the VP Advocacy and be updated twice a year.

Nadine Atallah: Considers it friendly.

Irmak Bahar: Friendly amendment: Change wording so as not to imply that there are indeed many resources available on campus, because there aren't.

Michaela Manson: Also has issue with the way the motion is worded.

Nadine Atallah: The purpose of this motion is that there are resources but they aren't consolidated

Iain Meyer-Macaulay: Friendly amendment to remove the word multitude.

Nadine Atallah: Considers it friendly.

Sabrina D’Ambra: This is something that we can do right now with the understanding that we are soon going to set up a Sexual Assault Centre.

Michaela Manson: Recommendation: within the list of resources, include some that are for the GLBT community, as a lot of members of this community can be subjected to sexual assault.

Chairperson: Point of personal privilege. Suggests that the presenters of this motion come back with a refined motion at a later meeting.

April Underwood: Calls the question.

Ali Moenk: Seconds.

Vote:

All in favour of calling the question: unanimous.

Vote:

All in favour of passing the motion as it's currently worded with all amendments: unanimous.

9.C. Ad-Hoc Charity Committee

Chad Walcott: Wants to postpone indefinitely. The student who wanted to present this couldn't attend, and we have found that there are other ways to achieve the goal.



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Cameron Monagle: Seconds.

Vote:

All in favour of postponing indefinitely: unanimous.

9.D. Judicial Board Appointments

Melissa Fuller: Candidates who applied were not told to be here this evening. Moves to table.

Nadine Atallah: Seconds.

Vote:

All in favour of tabling: unanimous.

9.E. Labour Negotiations Update

Lex Gill: Moves to take a 10 minute recess.

Kyle Mcloughlin: Seconds.

Vote:

All in favour of taking a 10 minute recess: Motion carries 12-6.

Meeting is reconvened at 8:47 pm.

Irmak Bahar: Moves to go into closed Session

Simon-Pier Lauzon: Seconds.

Vote:

All in favour of going into closed session: unanimous.

9.F Support for Occupy Wallstreet

Simon-Pier Lauzon: Motions:

Whereas there is presently a protest going on in New York and spreading across various regions of the world known as Occupy Wall Street

Whereas the movement is actively protesting against discrimination practices in the workplace based on age, colour of one's skin, sex, gender identity, and sexual orientation

Whereas part of their mobilization is to support employees who want to mobilize and stand up for their rights.

Whereas they are assembling in favour of access to education as a human right and against the accumulation of student debt

Whereas they are protesting the companies who are blocking green technologies, or any technologies that might reduce our carbon footprint

Whereas they are mobilizing in favour of sustainable farming

Whereas all the aforementioned positions are supported and endorsed by the CSU as can be seen in the CSU's Policy Handbook found in the Standing Regulations document

Be it resolved that the CSU supports and endorses the Occupy wall street movement and encourages students to attend the October 15th mobilization at Square Victoria.

Chad Walcott: Seconds.



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Simon-Pierre Lauzon: Occupy Wallstreet is loose in terms of its objections, however the statements above are the official ones publicized by Keith Oberman. It can change. Just in case they change directions, we are only supporting these specific points.

Lex Gill: Supports this motion, but points to the fact that there's something missing: North America is already stolen land. This is important to recognize.

Nadine Atallah: Calls the question

Sabrina D'Ambra: Seconds.

All in favour of calling the question: passes, with Irmak Bahar opposed.

Vote:

All in favour of the motion as it's currently worded: unanimous.

Renee Tousignant, Irmak Bahar, Eva-Loan abstain.

10. Executive Reports (Consent Agenda)

Morgan Pudwell: Wants to say that the Frigo Vert didn't have their documentation so the motion she put in originally was irrelevant.

11. Report from University Bodies

AJ West: We failed after trying to split, table, vote down, and challenging the chair. We left the meeting in protest. On July 1st we get 1 undergraduate representative and an alternate governor who only has speaking rights.

Lex Gill: This is a reminder about something we've said for a long time. The university doesn't care about students, which is why we have to fight for our rights. If these guys had their way students would have no rights. Right now there is no clear game plan, but we're working on it. Culture of contempt is not gone, in fact is more prominent than ever. Read the school newspapers for more information.

Cameron Monagle: Lex Gill spoke about how we're still figuring out our strategy, we will keep you updated. The issue has also been addressed in the Gazette. We are still trying to gain attention to this, encourages people to write letters to the editor.

Morgan Pudwell: Even if the government allows the tuition increases to happen, the final decision comes to our Board.

Cameron Monagle: October 20 meeting has been cancelled for potential quorum issues.

Lex Gill: If it were all 5 students who couldn't make it, I doubt that the meeting would be cancelled. Encourages the reporters in the room to find out why it's been cancelled.

Laura Glover: In terms of Sustainability Committee, request from PRC that they start looking at the bylaws dealing with sustainability. We will start doing this. Outlined in orientation report, events



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committee, collaborative document with security to develop clear policy on how security decides how many agents are needed at events. Significant amount of monet spent, serious problem, not sustainable. Events committee moving forward with this.

Chad Walcott: Makes clear that at the last mobilization committee meeting they set our regular date and time for meetings, Fridays at 5.

12. Question period and business arising

13. Announcements

14. Adjournment

Melanie Hotchkiss: Motion to adjourn.

Iain Meyer-Macaulay: Seconds.

All in favour of adjourning: unanimous.

Motion is adjourned at 10:43 pm.