



Concordia Student Union – Council of Representatives

**CSU Regular Council Meeting – Agenda
Wednesday, October 26th, 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. Campaigns Coordinator – Introduction**
 - b. Attendance Update and Information**
- 6. Unfinished Business**
 - a. Judicial Board - Appointment**
 - b. Bylaw Reforms – Section 7**
 - c. By-Election Update**
- 7. Appointments – Students At Large to Standing Committees**
- 8. New Business**
 - a. CUTV Fee Levy Presentation**
 - b. Presentation from the Provost – Academic Plan **See Below****
 - c. Update on Hiring and Appointments Process from Last Year (Closed Session)**
- 9. Executive Update – Consent Agenda**
- 10. Update from University Bodies – Consent Agenda**
- 11. Update from Committees – Consent Agenda**
- 12. Question Period & Business Arising**
- 13. Announcements**
- 14. Adjournment**



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Meeting is called to order at 6:42 pm.

2. Roll Call

EXECUTIVES:

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

COUNCILORS:

Eva Loan Ponton-Pham
Irmak Bahar
Melanie Hotchkiss
Renee Tousignant
Nadine Atallah
Simon-Pierre Lauzon
Bruno Joyal
Amero Muiny
Ali Moenck
Tally Shaaked
Lina Saigol
Anthony D'Urbano
Ariel Dabora
Kyle Mcloughlin
Annie Thompson
Cameron Monagle
Anaii-Lee Ender
April Underwood
Iain Meyer-Macaulay

3. Approval of agenda

Items to be changed:

Appointment of interim chair.

Moving “CUTV Presentation.”

Moving “Appointments to Standing Committees” to after “CUTV Presentation.”

Before consent agenda, motion regarding controversial student group.

Moving point 5(a) to right after appointment to standing committees.

Addition of “Discussion Regarding Controversial Speaker.”

Vote:



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All in favour of approving the agenda: unanimous.

4. Appointment of Interim Chairperson

Lex Gill: Doesn't want to be chairperson, as she wants to speak to certain issues.

Morgan Pudwell: Motion to appoint Chad Walcott as interim chairperson.

Chad Walcott: Accepts.

Vote: All in favour of appointing Chad Walcott as interim Chairperson: unanimous.

5. CUTV Presentation

Laura Neil: The reason for this presentation is to petition strongly to be supported by members to bring a fee levy question to next by-election. Produced package to explain why we should accept the fee levy. CUTV has grown more than quadrupled in size and is the biggest campus group in country. Recognized as one of the most promising stations. Needs more funds and support from Concordia students in order to increase services such as number of workshops, and to get more and more students involved. They also want to make their services better (better quality, sound, etc). CUTV gives a voice to people who are often ignored (different from public/private sector media), and those who are under or misrepresented in mainstream media. Space, training, access for technology are all things which CUTV wants to achieve.

Amero Muiny: Motion to accept question.

Simon Pierre Lauzon: Seconds.

Vote: All in favour of approving the CUTV referendum question: unanimous.

6. Appointments of Student at Large to Standing Committees

Yasin: An applicant for Appointments Committee. He chose Concordia because it has good academic services. He is sure that everyone here has an important role in making the school a better place and would like to be part of the team.

Morgan Pudwell: How would you handle a situation where your best friend applied for a position?

Yasin: His skills would play a big role, but since he's my best friend he would understand if I couldn't hire him.

Lex Gill: Moves to appoint Yasin.

Lina Saigol: Seconds.

Vote: All in favour of appointing Yasin: unanimous.

Stephanie (events committee): Has been increasingly interested in the CSU, and is looking for a way to get involved. She is outgoing, and has a lot of event-planning experience.

Simon Pierre Lauzon: What are some examples of your experience, and have you worked with



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students?

Stephanie: She is involved with her sorority, has helped organize charity events, and a lot of events about anorexia. She was good at encouraging students to come.

Laura Glover: Would you be willing to help develop policies between universities?

Stephanie: Yes.

Kyle McLoughlin: Motion to appoint Stephanie.

Iain Meyer-Macaulay: Seconds.

Vote: All in favour of appointing Stephanie: unanimous.

7. Campaign Coordinator Introduction

Taz Voutou: Excited to be working with executive. Her job is to push the school to the forefront of the student movement. Needs support and recommendations. She will be focusing mainly on the tuition increase.

Lex Gill: Reiterates how excited how she is about having a campaigns coordinator.

8. Approval of Minutes and Business Arising

Anthony D'Urbano: Moves to approve the minutes.

Melanie Hotchkiss: Seconds.

All in favour of approving the minutes: unanimous.

3 abstentions.

Chairperson's report: A note on attendance

Lex Gill: When you miss a third meeting without a valid excuse, you no longer can vote on Council. There are currently 4 councillors at the 2 mark. Coming to Council is important. Send regrets if you can't come. Failure to be here is not representing the people who elected you.

9. Unfinished business

a) Judicial Board Appointments

Lori Boyadjian: We need a JB, it's important to have a body that is unbiased to deal with issues. Has been in Scouting. This will be valuable in terms of working on the JB. Wants to become a judge eventually, this is a good place to start.

April Underwood: Do you have a comfortable knowledge of the CSU bylaws?

Lori Boyadjian: I've gone through the JB bylaws.

Cameron Monagle: Are you affiliated with the CFS?

Lori Boyadjian: Doesn't know what it is.



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Melanie Hotchkiss: How did you hear about the position?

Lori Boyadjian: A friend who is on the JB for Concordia Political Science department.

Kyle Mcloughlin: What occasionally happens are violations which aren't malicious intent, how would you determine if it's an honest mistake?

Lori Boyadjian: Listen to students carefully and then draw conclusions.

Bruno Joyal: How do you identify a conflict of interests?

Lori Boyadjian: If I knew the parties involved, or had any knowledge which could make my decision biased.

Tally Shaaked: Moves to appoint.

Anaii-Lee Ender: Seconds.

Vote: All in favour of appointing Lori Boyadjian unanimously.

Cassie Smith: Expecting that a lot more applications will come through.

Nadim Kobessi: Is completing a double major in Philosophy and Political Science with a concentration in Computer Sciences. Believes he has the capacity for objective decision making. Interested in functions of the JB, would like to be a contributor to such a process.

Cameron Monagle: Under what circumstances would you feel there was a conflict of interests?

Nadim Kobessi: Might be difficult to judge, can be very nuanced. See where your emotions are coming into play, character, prior or current relationships, judging on these things rather than their actions.

Iain Meyer-Macaulay: Moves to appoint.

Kyle Mchloughlin: Seconds.

Vote: All in favour of appointing Nadim Kobessi: unanimous.
Bruno Joyal abstains.

9.b) Bylaw Reforms, Section 7

Morgan Pudwell: Is there any discussion for section 7? Moves to approve the reforms.

Cameron Monagle: Seconds.

Vote: All in favour of approving all bylaws: unanimous.

Lex Gill: Moves to refer all changes in bylaws to referendum in November.



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Lina Saigol: Seconds

Vote: All in favour of referring the changes to the bylaws to referendum in November: unanimous.

9. c) Byelection Updates

Morgan Pudwell: It's happening on the dates we agreed on last meeting; the posters are up.

Lex Gill: Motion for 10 minute recess.

Iain Meyer-Macaulay: Seconds.

Vote: All in favour of taking a 10 minute recess: unanimous.

Melanie Hotchkiss and Anthony D'Urbano abstain.

Meeting is reconvened at 7:26 pm.

Morgan Pudwell: Returns to point on the byelections. There are 3 JMSB and 2 independent Councillor positions and referendum questions.

Morgan Pudwell: Moves to suspend the rules and move to questions 9, 10, 11 (on the original agenda).

Kyle Mchloughlin: Seconds

Vote: All in favour of suspending the rules: unanimous.

10. Executive Updates and Consent Agenda

Lex Gill: To be clear, in October, November, and December there are 2 meetings per month. It's a little redundant to write more reports, so we will do them orally. The CFS lawsuit is ongoing. I am currently pulling together documents for court while also dedicating time to November 10th, bylaw reform, and the Academic Plan.

Simon Pierre Lauzon: Any updates on labour disputes?

Lex Gill: Negotiations are ongoing and stable.

Gonzo Nieto: Club approvals, registration procedure, clubs and space meeting coming up soon (survey club offices, which are being used and which are not being used), first Club Council Committee meeting will take place shortly, Swap Shop is close to operational.

Lex Gill: Please bring your stuff for the Swap Shop.

Gonzo Nieto: Something reasonably useful, clean, and easy to carry around.

Melissa Fuller: Has been working on Swap Shop and 101's. She and Gonzo Nieto have been working really hard on the former, and registration for 101's happening soon. Everything is working smoothly.

Laura Glover: Took a week off last week. While at home she did a lot of work, and right now is in the process of planning the Halloween party (working with ASFA and ECA). She is also planning a party series with ASFA. Taking a different approach than last year. The sustainability campaign is in the



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works; she is meeting with representatives from Sustainable Concordia and looking at what's already being done and what can be done in addition.

Jordan Lindsay: A large part of his time has been spent processing financial documents. The financial feed is not up yet. He also has sponsorship details for orientation.

Morgan Pudwell: Has been working on CUSA, and writing for management positions. She has also been helping with Halloween and November 10th, help facilitate mob squad meetings. She made packages with information which are available at CSU offices.

Gene Morrow: Can we get more red squares in those packages?

Morgan Pudwell: She is getting more tomorrow.

Gonzo Nieto: Red seems to be the only colour the dollar stores doesn't have.

Hasan Cheikhzen: Has been working on bursaries and updating the website, as well as producing pamphlets and attending meetings.

Chad Walcott: Brought a bus full of students to Quebec City. He encourages people to come to more demonstrations (such as on October 31st). He is getting back into campaigning: producing pamphlets and materials for Mobsquad (6000 more on the way).

April Underwood: Heard they did an awesome job in Quebec City and gave good interviews.

11. New Business.

a) Presentation from the Provost

The Provost gave a presentation motivating Council to support the Academic Plan.

Kyle Mchloughlin: Motion to reinstate the rules.

Ali Moenk: Seconds.

Vote: All in favour of reinstating the rules: unanimous.

Lex Gill: Update on hiring and appointments will be moved to later in the meeting.

Discussion period on the Academic Plan Presentation:

Andy Filipowich: Distributes documents prepared by the Academic Council on the Academic Plan. The Plan has been proposed without student input; this was only asked for later on in the process. The Plan is riddled with vagueness; you have to read it over a few times before understanding it. The implementation phase is lacking. There is no indication where the money is coming from. They think they'll get it from tuition hikes.

The growth, maintenance, and phasing out of programs is another concern. Classics and linguistics



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have very little to do with each other, but are in the same department. The Plan aims to reduce budgets and perhaps do the same thing to sociology and anthropology. Humanities and fine arts are likely to be smashed together, and the academic plan struggled to find indicators of their success.

The President will have power to veto the entire document or parts of it. All this work can be done away with by one person. There is too much power vested in one person.

He recommends that Council not support the Academic Plan.

Hasan Cheikhzen: Moves to approve recommendations.

Amero Muiny: Seconds.

Kyle Mchloughlin: This Plan is not what the Provost described it as being: an actual plan. It's going to end up on a shelf. There is no clear way of moving forward. The money is dependent on tuition fees going up. He wouldn't consider voting for it in its current state- it's not a plan, it's an idea.

Kyle Mchloughlin: Consultation process- students were not in positions of power. Ideas of students aren't too weighty on decision making process.

Lex Gill: In response to Adam Kovac's tweet: the CSU appoints 12 students to senate out of 52-53. Every student could vote against the Plan and it could still pass. However, if every student Senator voted against it, it would not be strategic for the Plan to be pursued.

Andy Filipowich: Students voting it down is strong message.

Vote: All in favour of adopting the recommendations put forward in Andy's presentation: unanimous.

Eva Loan Pontom-Pham: Moves to recess for 10 minutes.

April Underwood: Seconds.

Vote: All in favour of taking a 10 minute recess: 19.
1 opposed.

Meeting is reconvened at 9:45 pm.

b) Update on Hiring and Appointments Process From Last Year

Bram Goldstein: Presents himself as the CEO. He was told that this meeting pertained to his position.

April Underwood: It is hard for Councillors to make this decision, as there are no documents.

Morgan Pudwell: Proposes that Council go into closed session in order to discuss and the situation, and then decide what is best.

Bram Goldstein: Thinks it's reasonable for him to be there in closed session, since it's about his job.



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Annie Thompson: We should go into closed session, I don't even know what's going on. We'll call Bram in if we need to talk to him.

Iain Meyer-Macaulay: As employers we need to come to a unified, comprehensive decision.

Irmak Bahar: Motion to go into closed session.

Nadine Atallah: Seconds.

Vote: All in favour of going into closed session: unanimous.

Vote on motion passed in closed session:

WHEREAS the legitimacy of the procedure regarding the CEO appointment that was made has been called into question,

WHEREAS council has been in general agreement that we should not make a unilateral decision on this matter,

WHEREAS the upcoming election requires that we ensure a legitimate CEO appointed with the greatest expediency,

BIRT that council bring the complaint regarding the legitimacy of the CEO appointment, concerning:

- a) the status of Oliver as a student at the time of Bram's appointment
- b) whether or not there is evidence that procedure of Bram's appointment followed due diligence with regards to contacting all applicants and holding appointments committee meeting,

BIFRT council simultaneously opens up a tentative hiring process (involving CVs only), in case JB's decision means that we are left without a CEO,

BIFRT council/exec send out notice to constituents, in the spirit of transparency, making them aware of the process, without challenging the integrity of Bram as current CEO,

All in favour: 10

Opposed: 4 Kyle Mchloughlin Cameron Monagle, Sabrina DAmbra, Nadine Atallah.

Morgan Pudwell: Moves to move the by-elections to November 29th, 30th, and December 1st.

Renee Tousignant: Seconds.

Cameron Monagle: Moves to table this motion.

Nadine Atallah: Second.

Vote: All in favour of tabling the motion: unanimous.

Bram Goldstein: Doesn't know what's going on, was called into a meeting at 5 PM telling him that the legitimacy of his office has been questioned. Has been waiting for 4 hours, and wants to speak. He has been working on elections for the past month. I spoke to Oliver this evening to find out what the Hell I should do now. He resigned at the General Meeting before I was elected, he sent a letter to the



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chair, I don't understand what's going on I've been sandbagged 2 days before the polls. I have no political interests, I am doing this job for the money and I can do a phenomenal job. If you want to put together a shoddy election in 3 weeks, then go for it.

Iain Meyer-Macaulay: What we're trying to do is make sure that this election is legitimate.

April Underwood: As author of motion, she is appreciative of the fact that he waited for 4 hours and for his work so far. We're bringing this to JB, you will only lose your position if the JB rules that you're no CEO. This will not implicate you being paid, this is not about you as a person, it is procedural. This is not personal.

Lex Gill: To reiterate what we said in the motion, the sole issue is not regarding Oliver's resignation. It is also about other issues: candidates who applied and there was no record of why some people were granted an interview and some were not. It is likely the fault of the Appointments Committee and not you. Trying to find the most fair, balanced solution. Only other option was to unilaterally act, won't do it because of respect for JB. Fairest process that people could come up with. Nothing about this is an attack.

Morgan Pudwell: Can we have the portion read out that says what we will be bringing to JB? This will answer his question.

April Underwood: Reads motion.

Morgan Pudwell: Asks that everyone remain calm. There are some feelings of aggression, and they are making her uncomfortable.

Iain Meyer-Macaulay: If we don't send this to JB, or make a unilateral decision, then the elections that you've been working on could be thrown out. We don't want to waste the student's money.

Cameron Monagle: Should it be found that you're not the the CEO, you would be welcome to apply for the position again.

Bram Goldstein: Concerned with moving elections, will obviously have to change his arrangements.

Morgan Pudwell: When you come into work tomorrow, there is a motion that has been tabled, move election back a week, If it's passed then you have to reschedule. If we can get back to that motion, then you'll know within the next 5 minutes. We appreciate the work that has been done, but there are processes that have to be followed.

Nadim Kobessi: Addresses Bram as member of JB: if you feel and have evidence that Oliver Cohen had resigned at the appropriate time, I urge you to bring it forward.

Simon Pierre Lauzon: There is too much aggression in the room.

Bruno Joyal: Calls for the orders of the day.



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Vote: All in favour of adopting Morgan Pudwell's motion regarding moving the dates of the elections: 18.

Opposed: Cameron Monagle, Sabrina D'Ambr.

Bram Goldstein: Apologizes if he was aggressive.

12. Discussion regarding controversial speaker

Bruno Joyal: During the month of October, the MSA organized a conference that they wanted to host at Concordia. Some representatives of a certain organization allegedly made controversial comments about homosexual individuals and women.

Lex Gill: These individuals do not represent the MSA.

Bruno Joyal: We have to be careful in avoiding these kinds of controversies. Imagine if this kind of thing actually did happen. I'll bring up a motion someday.

Kyle Mchloughlin: Caution anyone on Policy Committee to be scared of controversy.

Iain Meyer-Macaulay: Motion to end discussion.

Kyle Mchloughlin: Seconds.

Vote: All in favour of ending discussion: unanimous.

Nadine Atallah: Moves to adjourn.

Amero Muiny: Seconds.