



Concordia Student Union – Council of Representatives

**CSU Special Council Meeting – Agenda
Wednesday, November 2nd, 2011
Room H-760, Time 6:30 PM, S.G.W Campus**

- 1. Call to Order**
- 2. Roll Call**
- 3. Adoption of Final Bylaws for November By-Election**
- 4. Adoption of Final Changes to Special By-Laws for November By-Election**
- 5. Additional Referendum Questions**
- 6. Remuneration Scale for Elections Officers**
- 7. Appointment of Chief Electoral Officer**
- 8. Adjournment**



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1. Call to Order

Meeting is called to order at 6:37 pm.

Kyle McLaughlin: Moves to appoint Chad Walcott as interim chair.

Simon-Pier Lauzon: Seconds.

Vote:

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

2. Approval of the Agenda

Points 3 and 4 of the agenda will be done in reverse order.

3. Adoption of Final Bylaws for November By-Election

Lex Gill: Extending the election by 1 week means we can tie up all the loose ends. Anything we would have put on the March election has now been consolidated. We amalgamated special Bylaws B, D, F, and G into special Bylaw I: a collection of all our fees.

Student centre fee (student union fund) is decreased by 50 cents. Because there is an ongoing student space survey in research process, we didn't think it would be fair to decrease it more than this. There is no sense of urgency. We changed the name of the fee to Student Space, Access to Education, and Legal Contingency fee. We can still use the money to purchase the student centre. Students don't necessarily want one building; we are saving the next CSU another referendum to change the wording.

She is optimistic about the current lawsuit, but on the advice of her lawyer, the new Bylaws include a clause that stipulates that if we lose that lawsuit, there is be a way to access that fund. This fund could be used to settle any lawsuit.

She is proud of special Bylaw I. It is neater, more organized, and more effective. It solidifies a lot of things they have been working on.

She urges someone to propose a mention to amend the referendum question to takeout the sunset clause to expire in 2013.

Cameron Monagle: Presents a motion for all of the proposed amendments.

Melanie Hotchkiss: Seconds.

Vote:

All in favour of adopting the amendments: unanimous.

Cameron Monagle: The fund will be acting as, in some ways, a general operating fund.

Melanie Hotchkiss: Motivates accepting the Bylaws.

Vote:

All in favour of adopting the bylaws for the November by-election: unanimous.



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4. Adoption of Final Changes to Special By-Laws for November By-Election

Lex Gill: Only change to regular Bylaws was to 9.6 clarifying the process of petition to call a referendum.

Vote:

All in favour of adopting the final changes to bylaws: unanimous.

5. Additional Referendum Questions

5.A. Reaffirmation of CSU position on tuition fee increases

Bruno Joyal: Moves to adopt them omnibus.

Iain Meyer-Macaulay: Seconds.

All in favour of adopting additional referendum questions omnibus: unanimous.

6. Adoption of Remuneration Scale for Elections Officers (as per Standing Regulation 153)

Lex Gill: Sorry for speaking a lot. Jordan Lindsay went through the elections budget from last year. The proposal would be for any referendum, bi-election, and March election. The CEO would make a \$1500 honorarium for a by-election, and \$3000 for the March election. Polling clerks would make 10\$/hr. The DEO honorarium would be between \$800 and \$1600 for a by-election, and \$800- \$2400 for a March election.

Costs of elections have gone up. The elections budget line might go to FINCOM.

Melanie Hotchkiss: Moves to adopt the above.

Ali Moenk: Seconds.

AJ West: Do we know how much it cost for previous elections?

Morgan Pudwell: Last year there were \$10 000 worth of CEO and DEO bonuses.

Lex Gill: Is fairly certain that in 2005, the CEO made 500\$.

Vote:

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

7. Unfinished Business

7.A. Chief Electoral Officer

Morgan Pudwell: exact wording.

Tomer Shavit: Will be defending during the Judicial Board hearing. We will appeal. There is evidence of nonverbal communication.

Was this approved by Appointments Committee?

Melissa Fuller: Appointments Committee met yesterday, but not for discussing the CEO. We are awaiting Judicial Board's decision. Therefore, we invited every applicant.



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Council goes into Closed Session.

Open session resumes at 10:02 pm

Candidates for CEO:

Applicants from last April: Nadim Kobeissi (present), Bram Goldstein (absent), William Tessier (absent), Mariam Kalifa (did not respond to attempts at contact from Melissa Fuller, absent), Scott Honeywell (withdrew candidacy, absent), Erika Coutu (withdrew candidacy, absent), Solomon Elbaz (withdrew candidacy, absent).

New Applicants: Shahd Abdelrahman (present), Christian Lavasseur (present), Ismail Holoubi (present).

Tomer Shavit: Only yesterday we had a CEO terminated because the appointment process was not followed. Now you're putting the new CEO in the same position.

Morgan Pudwell: The motion from Council last meeting meant that we would be opening the position and contacting the candidates if Judicial Board ruled that the position was available. All candidates were reviewed. Appointments Committee would only have had to meet if all candidates were not invited for an interview, which was the case.

Tomer Shavit: This doesn't change the fact that the process was not followed. He understands why it was done this way, but they could have delayed the election to ensure that the process was protected.

Morgan Pudwell: The by-election was moved back as far as possible according to the Bylaws and Standing Regulations.

Cameron Monagle: Is critical of the whole process. What has been done today is unquestionably legitimate.

8. Adjournment.

Melanie Hotchkiss: Moves to adjourn.

Ali Moenk: Seconds.

Vote: All in favour of adjourning: unanimous.