



Concordia Student Union – Council of Representatives

**CSU Regular Council Meeting – Agenda
Wednesday, November 23rd 2011
Room H-763, 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. Motion Regarding the Events at McGill on Nov 10**
- 6. Chairperson's Report**
 - a. Update on Attendance Records**
 - b. Motion regarding Gonzo Nieto;**
 - c. Motion regarding the use of French**
- 7. Unfinished Business**
- 8. New Business**
 - a. Judicial Board Process – Update**
 - b. Policy Committee Report**
 - c. Discussion Concerning Cultural Nights**
- 9. Executive Reports – Updates**
- 10. Report from University Bodies – Board of Governors**
- 11. Reports from Committees – Updates**
 - a. Equity Committee Report**
- 12. Question Period & Business Arising**
- 13. Announcements**
- 14. Adjournment**



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

2. Roll Call

Executives:

Morgan Pudwell

Lex Gill

Chad Walcott

Laura Glover

Melissa Fuller

Hasan Cheikhzen

Jordan Lindsay

Councillors:

Cameron Monagle

Annie Thompson

Renee Tousignant

Iain Meyer-Macaulay

April Underwood

Anaii Lee-Ender

Melanie Hotchkiss

Simon-Pierre Lauzon

Bruno Joyal

Emran Ghasemi

Nadine Atallah

Ali Moenck

Kyle Mcloughlin

Eva-Loan Ponton-Pham

Irmak Bahar

Fares Jandali Rifai

Michaela Manson

Amero Muiny

Lina Saigol

Fares Jandali Rifai

3. Approval of the Agenda

Morgan Pudwell: Add after Chairperson's Report- motion regarding Gonzo Nieto's absence (5b).



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Bruno Joyal: Seconds.

Anaïi-Lee Ender: Under New Business, add a discussion regarding Cultural Nights.

Irmak Bahar: Seconds.

Irmak Bahar: Move Point about November 10th up to point 4.

Nadine Atallah: Seconds.

Bruno Joyal: Wishes to add a discussion on the use of French on Council as 5C.

Lex Gil: moves to approve the agenda.

Simon-Pierre Lauzon: Seconds.

Vote:

All in favour: unanimous.

4. Motion Regarding the Events at McGill on Nov 10

Irmak Bahar: The exact wording of this motion as voted on by Council will be included in the final version of the minutes.

Cameron Monagle: Seconds.

Irmak Bahar: She was present at the demonstration on November 10th on the McGill campus. Some of this is based on her personal experience. Occupying and peaceful sit-ins are legitimate protest tactics. They have been used since the 1960's, and maybe even before then. There is no legitimacy for how the police reacted to the demonstration. Wants to focus on the police brutality and not engage in victim blaming.

Micheala Manson: Proposes a friendly amendment. Wants it to be seen as a motion in solidarity with campuses that have experienced extreme police brutality, including UC Davis and UC Berkeley.

Irmak Bahar: Considers the amendment friendly.

Lex Gil: Working on developing policy on police brutality. It's clear that the CSU's position on accessible education and police brutality are reflected in this motion. Recommends that the Equity Committee look at it.

Holly Nazar: Is speaking to Council firstly as an alumni of Concordia University, secondly as a student who was there, who entered the James building at McGill to find out about the safety about the students, who was assaulted herself by McGill security (body-checked), and thirdly as a GSA executive (at least 7 graduate students were present at McGill). There are several problematic things about the police response, including that McGill has a policy to remove the students which was not followed (students were allegedly kicked, dragged). This is not just an issue of solidarity but of the safety of our students.



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Chad Walcott: Calls the question.

Kyle Mcloughlin: Seconds.

Vote:

All in favour of calling the question: 15. Irmak Bahar opposed. 1 abstention.

Vote:

All in favour of adopting the motion as it is currently worded: unanimous. 1 abstention.

Motion is carried.

5. Approval of Minutes

Vote:

All in favour of approving minutes for October 26th: unanimous. 1 abstention.

6. Chairperson's Report

Chairperson: New room- possible to have 55-60 students present at meetings.

Two councillors have reached 3rd strike- Maxime Morin sent a letter of resignation. Mahmoud has not responded to attempts at contacting him. He can continue to attend meetings, but he has lost his voting privileges. The by-election will fill some of these seats.

Lex Gil: Noticed a few Councillors showing up late and leaving early just to get their names on the attendance sheet. Urges Councillors to call each other out, as this is deeply inappropriate.

b. Motion Regarding Gonzo Nieto's Absence

Morgan Pudwell: Moves the Gonzo Nieto be officially excused of his absence at this meeting.

Kyle Mcloughlin: Seconds.

Cameron Monagle: What are the implications of being officially excused?

Morgan Pudwell: Executives are expected to be at all Regular Council Meetings and \$100 can be taken away from them if they are not.

Vote:

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

C. Discussion on the use of French at Council Meetings.

Bruno Joyal: (Said in French) Reminds Council that there is a considerable Francophone population at Concordia, and encourages those comfortable speaking French to do so during meetings. In order for us to understand each other, encourages the Chairperson to translate. Feels that this is feasible. It's never really been done, but is an important thing to do.

Anaii Lee-Ender: Maybe there's an alternative way to cater to the Francophone population, perhaps someone could translate afterwards.



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Cameron Monagle: This practice is pretty standard amongst English universities in QC. It's regrettable that we don't have it here.

Lex Gil: Bruno isn't proposing a policy change, this is already in the Standing Regulations.

7. Unfinished Business

Tomer Shavit: Would like to briefly address what happened at last Council meeting: poor leadership and censorship. Was not permitted to remain in closed session even though what was being discussed was directly related to him personally.

Morgan Pudwell: Speak to Ceejay's request- it was actually suggestions as to how to proceed. Policy Committee Report addressed some of these concerns.

Michaela Manson: Objects to him being censored.

Moves to suspend the rules as per Morgan Pudwell's procedural requirement.

Anaii Lee-Ender: Seconds.

Vote: All in favour of suspending the rules: 1 opposed, no abstentions.

Kyle Mchloughlin: Motion to move Policy Committee Report to 7c.

Melanie Hotchkiss: Seconds.

Vote:

All in favour: unanimous.

Motion carries.

Kyle Mcloughlin: Moves to lay on the table the Judicial Board update.

Melanie Hotchkiss: Seconds.

Vote: All in favour: unanimous. Anaii Lee- Ender abstains.

Motion is carried.

Nadine Atallah: Moves to reinstate Robert's Rules.

Simon-Pierre Lauzon: Seconds.

Vote:

All in favour: unanimous.

Motion is carried. Roberts Rules are reinstated.

Tomer Shavit: He was silenced 3 different times. He would have preferred his emails and other correspondences being read in open session rather than closed session. Corruption does not come from Council but rather from the president and like-minded executives.

Chris (Policy Committee): The exact wording of this motion as voted on by Council will be included



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in the final version of the minutes.

Chad Walcott: Seconds.

Nadine Atallah: Reads Ceejay's email aloud to Council.

Cameron Monagle: Are we discussing whether that email means we have to deal with this now?

Lex Gil: Doesn't believe that this is a direct request.

Tomer Shavit: The only reason to send an appeal to Council is to overturn it, according to the Bylaws.

Morgan Pudwell: At the time that this was written there was no formal request.

Cameron Monagle: If there were allegations of collusion and conflict of interest wouldn't that make the JB a party in this?

Morgan Pudwell: The JB is not being considered a party.

Nadine Atallah: Moves to table.

Cameron Monagle: Seconds.

Vote:

In favour: 11, 2 opposed, 7 abstentions.

Tomer Shavit: There has been no official request for an overturn, so it wasn't considered- can he make one?

Morgan Pudwell: Yes.

She confirmed with the CEO that the ballots and questions will be available in French.

Lex Gil: The bylaws are not available in both languages because they are avoiding differences in nuance between languages. She doesn't think that it's appropriate.

Nadine Atallah: Isn't in agreement with what Lex said. It might not be possible to get them translated in a week, but it's an important thing to do nonetheless in order to have documents be accessible to the French-speaking students and the greater population.

Morgan Pudwell: We could perhaps have a document outlining the major changes in both languages for next week.

Cameron Monagle: We should have a policy which ensures equal communication in both languages in order to welcome French students. He is against the ideas of having the Bylaws in French, but feels that Council should be communicating with Francophone students in French.



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Bruno Joyal: Correction to what Lex said: Quebec has one official language and it's French. The CSU operates under Quebec's civil code.

Irmak Bahar: Moves to have the major changes of the bylaws available in both languages, have the Policy Committee look into how the CSU can be communicating with the Francophone population, and have a French copy of the bylaws available but retain the English version as the official one.

Melanie Hotchkiss: In that motion it would be better to specify what changes exactly should be included, otherwise it is too vague. We should focus on communication rather than immediate translation. Documents change every year.

Irmak Bahar: Accepts communicating with the Francophone students with the intention of implementing policy.

Kyle Mcloughlin: Does this have to be a motion?

Chairperson: Motion can be appropriate.

Kyle Mcloughlin: Calls the question.

Ali Moenck: Seconds.

Vote:

All in favour: unanimous.

The question is called.

Lex Gil: Translating these documents would cost tens of thousands of dollars.

Cameron: Moves to take the motion off the table.

Ali Moenck: Seconds.

Vote:

All in favour of the motion as it is currently worded: Michaela Manson and Melanie Hotchkiss oppose. Fares Jandali Rifai abstains. Otherwise unanimous.

Lex Gil: Recommends that Policy Committee do an assessment of the cost associated with this.

Irmak Bahar: The official wording of this motion as voted on by Council will be included in the final version of the minutes.

Vote:

All in favour of the motion as it is currently worded: 10 . Melanie Hotchkiss, Anaii Lee-Ender, Sabrina D'Ambra, and Simon-Pierre Lauzon. 4 abstain.



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Motion carries.

8. New Business

a. JB process- Update

Cameron Monagle: Moves to table this until Special Meeting.

Bruno Joyal: Seconds.

Emran Ghasemi: People are getting cut off when they're talking. The meetings he has been present for he has experienced that. Council should understand that. No one should be cut off while speaking.

Vote:

All in favour of tabling the agenda item: 13. Emran Ghasemi and Nadine Atallah oppose. Bruno Joyal and Renee Tousignant abstain.

b. Discussion Regarding Cultural Nights

Anaï Lee-Ender: She has never personally been to a Cultural Night, but feels the results of them. They end at 11- contentious issue for residence. She would like to open up discussion to think of a way of reforming these nights. People in residence deal with people coming home drunk. People come home earlier and more drunk than they would be normally at that time. She proposes that they run later and that they are more sensitive to culture and change open bar concept.

Laura Glover: Glad that Anaï brought this up. One of the major issues is limiting number of drinks per student so as not to promote unhealthy drinking. The executive is in favour of making these nights safer. Balancing what students are requesting and being more responsible is a difficult thing to do. This year we made an effort to incorporate the club a lot more (entertainment and food). They want students to walk away feeling they learned something new about the culture. They also had First Aid available for the first time. Making the events safer is a priority of the CSU.

Lina Saigol: This is an issue being addressed by the Events Committee.

April Underwood: Understands the concerns. Compliments the Events Committee and organization of the event.

Iain Meyer-Macaulay: Steps have been taken to make the nights more representative, including getting student organizations involved.

Emran Ghasemi: Is president of a Student association himself. Knows that when having an event, no matter how well you plan it, you will always have a few attendees who drink too much.

Cameron Monagle: Calls for the orders of the day.

Irmak Bahar: Events Committee could consult Residence in planning these events.



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Nadine Atallah: There are many student associations representing different cultures. If any of them ever feel that their cultures are not being properly represented they can and should come to their union. She also has issue with trying to control students too much in terms of consumption of alcohol.

Kyle Mcloughlin: Cultural Night speaks to a larger problem of the culture of drinking. He witnessed behaviour that was harassment. The protection and safety and respect of workers should be of the utmost importance and should be a priority.

Morgan Pudwell: This issue came up at an Equity Committee meeting. They are trying to develop a really clear policy in terms of harassment at CSU events and Reggies.

Laura Glover: If anyone wants to work with CSU Events Committee send her an email.

Iain Meyer-Macaulay: Response to what Nadine said (in regards to the consumption of alcohol). It's important that we don't over serve. In terms of handholding- a lot of first years are coming directly out of high school.

Lina Saigol: Requests that if there's more that people want to say that they send it directly to EC.

Anaï Lee-Ender: Requests that when the EC meets they forward the time to all RAs. Close proximity to residence- safety issue for other residents.

9. Executive Reports- Updates.

Andy Filipowich: The Advocacy Report is available online. Real case files (names changes) of people who have been sanctioned for unusual things

Chad Walcott: Briefly discusses some of the immediate consequences of November 10th. The following day, the government came out with a website with their tuition information, spent 50K on buying student association names on Google.

10. Report for University Bodies:

Lex Gil: Filed a notice to amend the university's bylaws to have another student seat. The Executive Committee of the Board decided they were not going to consider this motion at the meeting. When they arrived at the meeting we tried unsuccessfully to put the motion on the agenda.

AJ West: We were surprised when it wasn't put on the agenda. We followed proper protocol.

Lex Gil: Mr. Barnes is now on the CSU wall of shame because of his saying that Nobody's voting for our motions because we're ticking people off.

a. Equity committee report:

Morgan Pudwell: The report has been handed out. It was sent to Nick on Friday but it wasn't sent out.



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Michaela Manson: One of the things that came up is that there is a group working on a Trans-Identity project wherein trans-identified or gender non-conforming people have preferred gender status and preferred name.

Morgan Pudwell: This is something that we're going to be working with the Advocacy Centre. Important for students who want to just change their name or have a preferred name. Other things: gender neutral bathrooms: clearance from security.

Andy Filipowich: Preferred name: Andy is not his real name. He has a culturally different name, and doesn't want to have difficulty with people pronouncing his name.

Business Arising

Tomer Shavit: He felt that today's Council meeting was very accommodating and that his concerns were being respected.

Chad Walcott: The occupy movement in Montreal is being evicted. There will be a march this weekend to support them (Saturday at noon).

Lex Gil: Friday is buy nothing day

Bruno Joyal: Extend thanks to Council for the use of French at this meeting.

Melanie Hotchkiss: Shouts out to Gonzo in Argentina.

Sabrina D'Ambra: Food options at Council Meetings.

Morgan Pudwell: This is something we should be providing. Email executives if this is a problem.

Kyle Mchloughlin: Motion to adjourn.

Renee Tousignant: Seconds.

Vote:

All in favour of adjourning: unanimous.

Meeting is adjourned at 9:12 pm.