



## Concordia Student Union – Council of Representatives

**CSU Special Council Meeting – Agenda  
Wednesday, November 30<sup>th</sup>, 2011  
Room TBD, Time 6:30 PM, S.G.W Campus**

**Meeting Called as per By-Law 6.6.3**

**Councilors Meeting Called By:**

- 1. Nadine Attalah**
- 2. Simon-Pierre Lauzon**
- 3. Sabrina D'Ambra**

### **Agenda**

1. Call to Order
2. Roll Call
3. Motion to overturn the Judicial Board's decision regarding the appointment of Bram Goldstein as CEO as per the request of the defendant, Tomer Shavit.
4. Discussion regarding the allegations against the current CEO, Ismail Holoubi.
  - a) Motion regarding the allegations against the CEO, Ismail Holoubi.
5. Adjournment



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1. The meeting is called to order at 6:41 pm.

2. Roll Call

**Executives**

Morgan Pudwell

Chad Walcott

Laura Glover

Melissa Fuller

Hasan Cheikhzen

Jordan Lindsay

**Councillors**

Cameron Monagle

Renee Tousissant

Iain Meyer-Macaulay

April Underwood

Anaï Lee-Ender

Melanie Hotchkiss

Simon-Pierre Lauzon

Bruno Joyal

Nadine Atallah

Ali Moenck

Kyle Mcloughlin

Fares Jandali Rifai

Amero Muiny

Tally Shaaked

Anthony D'Urbano

Ariel Dabora

Sabrina D'Ambra

3. **Morgan Pudwell:** Whereas Tomer Shavit filed an official request with the chair of Council on Nov 24, 2011, to overturn the decision of the Judicial board that was rendered on November 1, 2011 and sent in writing on Nov 6, 2011.

Whereas “the Council of Representatives may at the request of a party to proceedings annul a decision of the Judicial Board by a four-fifths majority vote at a meeting duly convened for such purpose, should it conclude that the Judicial Board decision was manifestly unreasonable or was motivated by racism, sexism, collusion, bribery, homophobia or conflict of interest.”(CSU By-laws 9.3f)

BIRT the CSU Council overturns the Judicial board decision that was rendered on November 1, 2011 and sent in writing on Nov 6, 2011

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**Chad Walcott:** Seconds.



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**Tomer Shavit:** Thanks the 3 CSU councillors who called the meeting. References Michaela Manson's actions at a previous meeting- proposing a motion after having made motivating statements in the same turn- as a cheap trick.

Why should Council overturn the JB decision? There are a multitude of reasons, including that the unilateral option presented to Council was illegal- only the JB can fire the CEO.

**Chad Walcott:** We are supposed to be discussing whether or not this motion is reasonable.

**Tomer Shavit:** Ceejay sent an email to Council. According to bylaws, the only reason for JB to send issue to Council is to overturn a decision, not for an opinion. Also, my appeal was not dealt with within 5 days (which it must be according to the Bylaws).

**Kyle McLoughlin:** It wasn't a motion to fire the CEO. Council sent an appeal to the JB to look into this. I have faith in the JB. I will be voting against this motion because I don't see reason to disregard the decision.

**Chad Walcott:** A complaint was sent to JB to review whether the appointments process was followed. There is not enough evidence to support that proper procedure was followed.

**Melanie Hotchkiss:** Calls question.

**Simon-Pierre Lauzon:** Seconds.

**Vote:** All in favour: 13. Nadine Atallah opposed. Renee Tousignant abstains.

### **Vote on motion:**

All in favour of the motion as presented by Morgan Pudwell: 0. 13 opposed. Bruno Joyal and Renee Tousignant abstain.

Motion fails.

### 4. Discussion Regarding Allegations Against Current CEO

**Chad Walcott:** Ismail was not one of our candidates in the elections. The allegations against him are untrue.

**Cameron Monagle:** This is an important thing to address. There is concern that the CEO didn't mention his participation in the last election during his interview.

**Tomer Shavit:** It doesn't matter if he is not on the Your Concordia website. This does not mean that he wasn't a candidate. The CEO report is very clear: the unaffiliated candidates were clearly defined. His expenses were paid for by a slate, and it wasn't Action. All the official documentation available suggests that he ran on a slate. Even if he didn't run with Your Concordia, his integrity is in question. This is the person guarding the ballot boxes- if he wasn't genuine in his interview, can you trust him to run the election? If you choose to terminate or to keep him, the elections are open to contestation. A lot of people are watching this and what you will do- take this seriously.



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**Jordan Lindsay:** Worries that this has turned into a hearsay issue. In terms of the CEO being on the Your Concordia team: he was not. On the disqualification document, he wasn't there. There were also no reimbursements for him.

**Morgan Pudwell:** Looks at a link sent to her by Tomer Shavit. The only time the current CEO comes up is under Independent candidates- nowhere in the document does it say that he ran with Your Concordia.

**Iaian Meyer-Macaulay:** If he didn't incur any expenses, then he wouldn't be on the expense report. Just because he's not there under Independent, does not necessitate that he ran with Your Concordia.

**Nadine Atallah:** There is no conclusive proof that he ran with Your Concordia. She is, however, concerned that he didn't mention his involvement in the elections last year during his interview. Maybe it was due to stress.

**Chad Walcott:** One issue that is of greater concern is the responsibility of Councillors to respect closed session. Tomer Shavit has made reference to specific things which were discussed in closed session. This is problematic. We are legally held to keep these things secret.

**Cameron Monagle:** Reiterating hearsay is inappropriate. If we weren't at that meeting we shouldn't be talking about what was said .

**Ariel Dabora:** In the March 22, 2011 issue of the Link there was an interview with the 3 independent councillors, and Ismail isn't one of them.

**Ismail Holoubi:** Asks if everyone has read his email and the CEO report of last year. He was mentioned only once and he ran independently. He was not affiliated with either slate.

**Tomer Shavit:** What Chad Walcott said makes him sad. If something happens in closed session that is wrong, you should come out and say it. A whistle blower implies that there is something wrong happening. Furthermore, trying to confuse Council and play the hearsay card is disingenuous. Ismail did not indicate his involvement in last year's election. Last year's CEO report states that he ran in Your Concordia (this is a deduction). Don't try to cover this up with hearsay or closed session issues. Vote with what your heart tells you is right.

**Fares Jandali Rifai:** We have heard all the sides of this story. The CEO is being questioned. Conversations are now going back and forth. Let's put an end to this.

**Bruno Joyal:** Points out that political affiliation in and of itself is not sufficient reason to dismiss someone. It's not something that should ever be considered when discussing something like this.



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**Melanie Hotchkiss:** Moves that Council reaffirm confidence in their CEO.

**Simon-Pierre Lauzon:** Seconds.

**Nadine Atallah:** I was there at the meeting when we interviewed Ismail and to my recollection he didn't mention that he ran last year, would he be able to clear that up?

**Ismail Holoubi:** He said during his interview that the only thing he was involved in was being a clerk in several elections.

**Nadine Atallah:** I believe we had asked him if he was involved in last year's elections.

**Ismail Holoubi:** Wanted to be involved to serve and make the students' voices heard. He ran independently because I didn't want to be on either side.

**Tomer Shavit:** First of all, there is precedence to terminate a CEO based on involvement in poster night. The fact that he didn't mention that he ran says negative things about his character.

**Simon-Pierre Lauzon:** Asks Ismail to reiterate you applied to run as a Councillor and never ran, you just filled out the documents and never campaigned?

**Ismail Holoubi:** Yes.

**Simon-Pierre Lauzon:** Sees no issue with this.

**Iain Meyer-Macaulay:** The poster night precedence implies allegiance to one slate. Ismail ran independently so it's different. He didn't poster for either slate- not even for himself. Doesn't see this as a conflict of interest.

**Melanie Hotchkiss:** Important that we pass this motion. Council looked at all candidates who applied last year as well as this year, and made a decision that Ismail was the best candidate. It would be irresponsible to question him. She urges Councillors to vote in favour of this motion.

**Kyle Mcloughlin:** Couldn't find one single documented instance of Ismail making a public statement about political affiliations. He is rightfully appointed, and it would be irresponsible to refer this to JB.

**Morgan Pudwell:** Ariel Dabora mentioned a Link article. This article doesn't speak about another unaffiliated Councillor either.

**Laura Glover:** Calls the question.

**Kyle Mcloughlin:** Seconds.

**Vote:**

All in favour: 11, Ariel Dabora opposed. Cameron Monagle abstains.



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Vote:

All in favour of adopting the motion as it is currently worded: 13 in favour, Tally Shaaked and Ariel Dabora abstain.

5. **Renee Tousignant:** Moves to adjourn.

**Chad Walcott:** Seconds.

**Vote:**

All in favour of adjourning: unanimous. Bruno Joyal abstains.

Meeting is adjourned at 7:21 pm.