



Concordia Student Union – Special Council Meeting

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Wednesday, August 15th, 2012

CSU Lounge, 6:30 PM, S.G.W Campus

- 1. Call to Order**
- 2. Roll Call**
- 3. Appointment of Interim Secretary**
- 4. Remaining Items from CSU 2012/2013 Budget**
- 5. Handbook Contract Update**
- 6. Adjournment**

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1. Meeting is called to order at 6:54 pm.

2. Roll Call

Executives:

- Schubert Laforest
- Simon Pierre Lauzon
- Keny Toto
- Stefan Faina
- Nadine Atallah
- Lucia Gallardo

Councillors:

- Veryan Goodship
- Carlotta Longo
- Fahd Ali Nasser
- Laura Glover
- Melissa Kate Wheeler
- Adriana Farias
- Chris Webster
- Ali Talhouni
- Paul Jerajian
- Helena Poronicenco



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3. Appointment of Interim Secretary

Simon Pierre Lauzon: Moves to appoint Lucia Gallardo (Secretary)

Nadine Atallah: Seconds.

VOTE: Unanimous.

4. Remaining items from CSU 2012/2013 Budget

Melissa: Can we get an update on how much the CSU has spent?

Chairperson: Leave that for discussion after presentation.

Keny: FinCom met and discussed Miscellaneous and Postage budget lines. Those lines remained untouched. Loyola Luncheon tends to overspend. Sat down with Ricardo to get a projection and that adding 4,000 was enough and that he would stay under. As requested by Council, I provided the actuals of previous years, and the over/under line. For 2008, the budget was unavailable due to software issues, for 2010 the budget was incomplete.

Schubert: I'd like to make a motion to the actual budget.

WHEREAS the projected revenue for the Advocacy (LIC) Fees is \$215,000

WHEREAS the budgeted expenses for Advocacy and LIC totals to 201,850

WHEREAS there is a discrepancy between the projected revenue and the budgeted expenses by \$13,150

BIR that \$6,575 be transferred from the budget line "(Gain) or Loss due to Subsidiary" to budget line "Advocacy Expenses"

BIFR that \$6,575 be transferred from the budget line "(Gain) or Loss due to Subsidiary" to "LIC Expenses"



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Seconded by Ali.

Schubert: In the past, budgets were done based on projection, however, last year was the first year they implemented a line that was reflected on the revenue and gave them the actual amount that had been allocated. We wanted to accommodate for that. This was a debate: does it make sense to allocate funds to a service that never reaches that amount? But there was in fact growth in the services when they received the full amount. This motion will make sure LIC and Advocact get their full amount and it will enable us to add pressure to CUSACorp to succeed as opposed to having such a big safety net we can fall back on. This will incentivize CUSACorp to have more financial transparency and responsibility.

VOTE: motion passes unanimously

Chair: Discussion is now open for this agenda point.

Melissa: Can we have an updated budget of what was spent? Both Email and printed copies.

Laura: Can we just print a copy of the transactions now?

Keny: Yes I can. Can I just send it by email?

Nadine: I don't see how it is necessary given that the budget is usually approved in June without having this. Also, if I'm not mistaken, it is mandatory to provide the updated accounts in Regular Council Meetings, not Special Council Meetings.

Laura: It is within my rights to ask for it.

Chair: Keny, is this something that can be done within the timeframe of this meeting.

Keny: Yes. I'll do it now.

Veryan: Motion to table the current agenda point until Keny comes back with the required



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Vote: Motion passes unanimously.

5. Handbook Contract Update

Chair: Must return all copies since it is within BOD's rights to see it but not public information.

Lucia: There are only 2 things that were changed: the first is that the per unit cost will not change even if we ask to print more. This way we will not be charged extra if we need more handbooks. The second thing is that any modifications to this contract must be subject to a written annex to the contract for the sake of transparency. In previous years, this was not done so and so even if designers knew that changes had been made and prices changed, it was never stipulated in writing and there is therefore no written record of it.

Fahd: Is this the same company that had the lowest rate at the previous meeting.

Lucia. Yes.

Laura: I don't know if it is the right time to bring this up but what is the update in regards to sponsorship?

Lucia: The total cost of the handbooks was \$58,395 and the amount raised was \$59,185.

Lucia: Motion to approve handbook contract.

Stefan seconds. Motion passes unanimously.

Laura: can we approve this contract without having approved the budget?

Chair: yes, because the budget was approved except for these 3 things.

Veryan: Motion to recess for a 5 minute recess.

Carlotta seconds

Motion passes.



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Remaining Items from CSU 2012/2013 Budget Continued

Chair: Meeting is called to order at 7:20. There has been a request to send it by email. Can we just make it official through a motion:

Melissa: Motion to email expenses made.

Veryan seconds.

Vote: Motion passes.

Schubert: We need to actually approve the budget. Move to approve the remaining items on the budget.

Stefan seconds.

Vote: Motion to approve remaining items on budget passes unanimously.

Laura: what about other accounts? Is there anything that has been spent from the Student Centre fund? Is there an intention to do so?

Nadine: Potentially. This must be discussed in closed session. You may come to my office to talk about this. All councillors are welcome to do so.

Melissa: Motion for closed session

Chair: This is a special council meeting and this topic is not included in the agenda, therefore cannot be elaborated upon. The motion is out of order.

Adjournment: Motion to adjourn the meeting, Motion passes.

The meeting is adjourned at 7:24 pm.