



Concordia Student Union – Council of Representatives

CSU Regular Council Meeting – Agenda

Wednesday, February 13th, 2013

Room H-762, 6:30 PM, S.G.W Campus

- 1. Call to Order**
- 2. Roll Call**

Consent Agenda

- 3. Approval of the Minutes and Business Arising**
- 4. Executive and Committee Reports**
- 5. University Bodies' Reports**
- 6. Chairperson's Report**
- 7. Approval of the Agenda**

Regular Agenda

- 8. Ratification of FASA Ex-officio Seats**
- 9. Appointment of CSU President**

By-law 7.4:

“Should there be a vacancy in the Presidency, the Council of Representatives shall appoint a President from among the remaining Vice-Presidents for the remainder of the term of office. Should no Vice-President remain in office or be willing to be appointed, the Council shall appoint a President from among its members by two-thirds majority vote, at a meeting duly called for such purpose, who shall thereupon be deemed to have resigned from the Council of Representatives.”



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10. Appointment of Executive

By-law 7.3:

“The President may fill a vacancy in a Vice-Presidency from among the members, subject to ratification by a majority of the Council of Representatives.”

11. Appointment of CEO

12. Appointment of JB Members

13. Policy Committee

- a. Amendment to Book I – Council of Representatives – Chapter VI – Resignation and Deemed Resignation –SR47
- b. Amendments to Book VI - Elections and Referendum Regulations Chapter II- Section 4- Fee levies
- c. Amendment to Book VI- Elections and Referendum Regulations Chapter IV – Section 6 – Poster Policy –SR 191
- d. Amendments and additions to Book VI - Elections and Referendum Regulations Chapters V, VIII, IX, X, XI
- e. Amendment Book XII –Final Provisions – Chapter 1 – SR 297
- f. Amendment and Additions - Book VII – Executive SRs 262-263 & 269-272

14. General Elections

Be it resolved that the Concordia Student Union calls its Annual General Election 2013 such that the polling period begins on Tuesday March 26th and ends on Thursday March 28th in accordance with S.R. 124

Be it further resolved that the composition of council be, in accordance with by-laws 6.21 & 6.2.2, as follows:

- 14 Arts and Science seats
- 6 John Molson School of Business seats



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- 4 Independent Students seats
- 3 Fine Arts seats
- 3 Engineering and Computer Science seats

15. Concern over Judicial Board Member

16. Appointment of CSU Signing Officers

17. Appointments of Councilors to Standing Committees

18. Appointment to SAF

19. Discussion on Acquiring a Mood Watcher for CSU Council

20. Council Retreat

21. Questions on Orientation

22. Question Period

23. Announcements

24. Adjournment

1. Call to Order

Meeting called to order at 6:45pm.

2. Roll Call

Executives:

Nadine Atallah
Simon-Pierre Lauzon
Stefan Faina
Alexis Suzuki
Keny Toto
Andrew Roberts
Hajar El Jahidi

Councilors:

Chad Walcott
Gonzo Nieto
Hannah Hackney
Chris Webster
Fahd Ali Nasser
Ali Talhouni
Patrick Lefebvre
Melissa Kate Wheeler
Carlotta Longo
Caroline Bourbonniere
Pierre Tardivo
James Vaccaro
Hardial Rosner
Jordan Lindsay
Paul Jerajian
Anja Rajaonarivelo

Consent Agenda

Chad Walcott moves to appoint Nick Spooner as chair
Seconded by **Hardial Rosner**

VOTE

All in favour: unanimous

Motion passes

3. Approval of the Agenda

James Vaccaro: Split Executive and Committee Reports. Add CUSACorp after.
Remove VP Academic, Clubs and Internal, and Student Life from Consent Agenda.
Committee Reports as new Point 8.

Chad Walcott: Fine Arts Faculty Budget Cuts to point 11.

Nadine Atallah: Would like to table points 17, 18, 20, and 21.

Pierre Tardivo Martin: Would like to keep appointments of councilors to standing committees.

Nadine Atallah: Had tabled Special By Laws I and J. Add following Consent Agenda items.

Chad Walcott: Move appointment to CEO to first point of regular agenda.

Hannah Hackney: Move orientation questions up.

Andrew Roberts: Move ex officio rights to the beginning of agenda.

Gonzo Nieto moves to approve the agenda
Seconded by **Pierre Tardivo Martin**

VOTE

All in favour: 13

Abstentions: **Chris Webster**

Motion passes

3. Approval of the Minutes and Business Arising

4. University Bodies' Reports

5. Chairperson's Report

Regular Agenda

7. Executive Reports

A) Academic Report

Academic Project

James Vaccaro: Enrollment rates and funding costs of project?

Hajar El Jahidi: Can be provided next council meeting.

Student tribunal

James Vaccaro: Student tribunal pool, what was the selection process?

Hajar El Jahidi: Two positions still unfilled. Went through the previous applications and re-advertised for the position. Two students that were chosen were Melissa Lemieux and Phillip Fry. Process is ongoing.

B) Clubs and Internal Rebranding Project

James Vaccaro: Problem with this is that we are rebranding a project still in the consultation stage. Creating a new image for something that has not materialized yet. Believes that this seems way too early and is only garnering interest on how much money the launch party is costing and rebranding campaign costs. Questioned the fact that council was not approached on this issue whatsoever. Could have brought different perspectives. Should have been informed and involved at an earlier point. Would like financial details about the launch party at the council meeting following the event.

Nadine Atallah: When talking to the newspapers, didn't express well what it was. Brought it up very briefly at the council retreat. Not completely out of left field. Has become so much bigger than it originally was. Way to raise awareness about the surveys going around. The Habitat is supposed to be about space, not a center. Giving a face to space. Has become a bigger deal but is just supposed to be something fun that will peak people's interest.

Chad Walcott: Regarding the ad hoc space committee, how much involvement have they had on the planning process and habitat project?

Nadine Atallah: MHPM project and the Habitat project are two very different things. Showed it to a couple people. Doesn't have to do with the center, just about space. Not much involvement. Has gotten bigger than expected.

James Vaccaro: People are not aware of the survey. Would be a good idea to ask for more involvement through the survey.

Nadine Atallah: Facebook event coming this week. Just trying to figure out what these flyers and posters would look like before hand.

Rami Khoriaty: Thinks rebranding is a very good idea. Has had a bad connotation in the past. Calling it another name can give it a new image. Has nothing to do with the old, corrupted contract. The campaign turning into something bigger than expected is a good thing. Shows that people are involved and interested.

Caroline Bourbonniere: Thinks it is a great idea to rebrand the project. Shows that there is a tangible project coming along and shows students a vision of what is to come.

Pierre Tardivo Martin: Heard about these posters through the media, portrayed in a negative light. Posters to incentivize students to vote in favour of the student center.

Nadine Atallah: Not the way we meant it at all. People have already voted for a student center, there is no more vote.

C) External

Education Summit Website

James Vaccaro: Wanted to thank Simon Pierre for all his work on this campaign. Did a great job working on a lot of different things. A lot of people really enjoyed the website and were happy for getting their voice heard. Regarding the website, felt that it could be used ongoingly as a reference point. Could be used by the English community in Montreal.

Simon Pierre Lauzon: Will bring it up to my committee. Will need to modify the website. Is a word press, wont take much time to modify.

Pierre Tardivo Martin: The website as it was was great. Saw the quote, "JMSB showed absolutely no interesting, citing too many parties to organize." Wanted to say that at the moment, there is a turnover of executives in CASA. Might want to get into contact with the new executives to reduce the riff between the CSU and CASA.

Simon Pierre Lauzon: Was frustrated with JMSB's response. Think that the CSU and CASA have had some sort of history. Not that surprised when they didn't jump on the opportunity to work with us. It is not us telling them how it should be, it is the students' choice.

Communications Coordinator

James Vaccaro: Mentioned that you had received a good amount of applicants. Wanted to know how the hiring process will work?

Simon Pierre Lauzon: Will be forming a committee with 3 execs, the campaigns coordinator, and a designer. A lot of candidates, may have to do phone interviews. Starting tomorrow, will start working on that.

D) Student Life Cultural Night

James Vaccaro: Mentioned that cultural night had improved, glad it went smoother. Any recommendations on how to improve them? How have they been looking budget wise?

Alexis Suzuki: Adjusted the coat check; coat check was very problematic last time. In terms of budget, generally always very successful. Most times end up making a bigger profit. Always been a push to make them more cultural.

Winter Orientation

Chad Walcott: Came to my attention from a few students that many events started late.

Alexis Suzuki: In terms of the events outside, they are much more tricky to execute. Had to decide whether to have it inside or outside.

Andrew Roberts: First event we held on the terrace, tents were blowing everywhere. Had to make sure it was a good idea to hold it outside. Food was ready on time. At Loyola event, food came out about 45 minutes later than expected. Many people were in attendance.

James Vaccaro: When will we be receiving a report?

Alexis Suzuki: Plan on involving it in the How To Guide.

Chad Walcott: Allocated a \$62,000 budget. Can we get an estimate on how much it cost?

Alexis Suzuki: Doesn't have the numbers.

Nadine Atallah: Keny will be here soon.

Chad Walcott: Had mentioned the How To Guide, is there a date in which we can expect at least an outline?

Alexis Suzuki: Can provide it by next council meeting.

Melissa Kate Wheeler moves that the VP Student Life produce a post mortem report on orientation by next council meeting
Seconded by **Chad Walcott**

Melissa Kate Wheeler: Thinks it would be a good opportunity to see the ins and outs of winter orientation before the how to guide is produced. Would be responsible for us to take a look at it before the end of our mandate.

Alexis Suzuki: Thinks it is a big waste of time. A lot of effort going into the How To Guide. The way that I'm trying to set it up is that you can search for anything. The way the post mortem would go, the info would be organized differently. Want to produce something that would be very helpful. Huge learning curve. So much that you have to learn on your own, really like to help someone else out. The way that I see it being organized is very different from that of the post mortem report.

Fahd Ali Nasser: Read the exec report, similar to a post mortem report. What specifically more would you want from the post mortem report?

Melissa Kate Wheeler: Have not felt comfortable this whole year with this How To Guide coming out on June 1st. If it is contributing to institutional memory, we should either look at a post mortem or move the deadline by at least a month. Feels council should take a look at it if it is to be institutionalized.

Hardial Rosner: Thinks it is pretty clear that the post mortem report will be to see if we want what you've learned to be in the How To Guide. Worried that the How To Guide

itself will not be satisfactory. If a report is produced earlier, we can take a look at it and discuss what should be included from it in the How To.

Chad Walcott: Rewriting a better post mortem for this orientation would help in writing the How To Guide. Working on it throughout the year would assume that a large chunk of it would be a review of the events. Doesn't see how writing a post mortem for this orientation would be a waste of time as opposed to a helping process for the How To Guide. What's missing is a critical assessment of the events. Orientation was not flawless, there needs to be a review of the flaws so that future VPs won't make the same mistakes.

Alexis Suzuki: Thinks that previous reports don't serve the purpose that they should. Been a notion that information will be lacking in the How To Guide, this won't be the case. Will be very detailed and thorough. Making it more objective. Would like time to work on it; would suggest coming in to the month prior to June 1st to review it and see how it's going. Can see what other changes could be made. Would rather focus my time on something that is going to be useful to someone.

Caro Bourbonniere: Suggests finding a middle ground. Perhaps Alexis could submit what she's written so far at the next council meeting. Just so those who are concerned can get some sort of information.

Gonzo Nieto: Doesn't think that anyone disagrees with the idea of the How To Guide. Would like it to be written by somebody who has been very forthcoming about their mistakes. Doesn't feel we've seen that. Problematic that the actual report is stated to come out a day after you're responsible for the portfolio; thinks there is a problem with the timeline.

Hannah Hackney: Post mortem does not exist solely for people succeeding to the job. Exists for all of us as councillors and students; information we deserve. Completely eliminates the possibility of a public dialogue. Like the suggestion of seeing the report earlier or pushing up the deadline up a month.

Simon Pierre Lauzon: It seems that councillors have reservations about certain details about the events themselves. Feeling that these concerns are going to be addressed and next year's VP student life will have the information. Suggests that maybe these concerns can be communicated to Alexis. Way of including these in the report.

James Vaccaro: Doesn't believe it is about better preparing someone for next year; this is about accountability. Way overdue.

Hardial Rosner calls the question
Seconded by **Ali Talhouni**

VOTE

All in favour of calling the question: 10

Oppositions: 2
Motion passes

VOTE

All in favour of Melissa's motion: 10
Oppositions: 1
Abstentions: 2
Motion passes

Chad Walcott moves that the How To Guide be submitted May 1st
Seconded by **Patrick Lefebvre**

Chad Walcott: Thinks that having this How To Guide after the end of this Executive's mandate is entirely unacceptable. This is an acceptable compromise.

Melissa Kate Wheeler: In favour of this. Doesn't feel comfortable with such an important document being institutionalized with the union without council going through it first. Great initiative, thinks it is important that council look at it properly. Having some sort of finalized, formal draft presented to council is appropriate.

Alexis Suzuki: Expresses her disappointment in council. From the difficulties that I and the people before me have had to go through. Very disheartening. Something I really wanted to do to help people out. Unfortunate that I won't be able to devote as much time as I wanted to. Is not something in my mandate. Something that I wanted to do to really benefit the CSU in the future. A document about what has been done and providing as much information as possible. If this is the case, won't be able to devote the time this month to that document. Would expect that council is going to be understanding that I won't be able to get a lot of what I had intended to do in the How To Guide. Not information off the top of my head, requires a lot of research. Would have expected council to be understanding of that. Not going to end up being as useful as intended.

Patrick Lefebvre: How do you explain the How To Guide ready on the day you're going to be out of office?

Alexis Suzuki: Just a date to allow enough time to compile enough information.

Patrick Lefebvre: You will be out of office, makes sense to be done a month earlier.

Hannah Hackney calls the question
Seconded by **Chad Walcott**

VOTE

All in favour of calling the question: 11
Oppositions: 1
Abstentions: 3
Motion passes

VOTE

All in favour of Chad's motion: 13

Abstentions: 2

Motion passes

James Vaccaro moves to include both the successes and failures in the post mortem report

Seconded by **Hardial Rosner**

James Vaccaro: Was no mention of failures in previous report. Wants to make sure it doesn't happen again. By putting more detail in it, orientation report should logically be going in to your How To Guide for future execs.

Alexis Suzuki: Anyone who is interested is welcome to come to a meeting to work on this with me. Feel there is a lot of back and forth and confusion. Will set up a meeting time within the next month, so we can make sure we are providing the information that you're seeking.

VOTE

All in favour of James' motion: unanimous

Motion passes

Igloofest

James Vaccaro: Wanted to commend execs on an incredibly popular idea.

Recommends buying more tickets. Many students were angry about the time of sale and limited amount of tickets.

Andrew Roberts: Got Picnik tickets at orientation during fall, trickled in slowly. These went like wildfire, did not anticipate the popularity of these tickets.

Alexis Suzuki: When you submit an order, there needs to be enough time for them to process the order and print the tickets. There wasn't enough time to order another batch.

8. Committee Reports

A) Clubs and Space Committee

Student Center

James Vaccaro: How were committees involved?

Nadine Atallah: There are two different committees, two different projects.

Chris Webster: Trying to differentiate between the Habitat, the ad hoc committee, and regular clubs and space committee. Update on when the next committee meetings are?

Nadine Atallah: Can send out an email with updates.

B) Appointments Committee ***Standing Committee Vacancies***

James Vaccaro: Wondering if appointments committee had met and if they had documents recommending candidates to council?

Nadine Atallah: Don't have a committee chair at the moment.

Melissa Kate Wheeler: No committee meeting called. Offered to chair the meeting myself; never heard back. None of the applicants were vetted by the appointments committee.

Nadine Atallah: The CEO and JB candidates were not vetted by appointments committee. Thought the best thing was to send them to council without having to wait for appointments to meet.

C) Finance Committee ***Bursaries***

James Vaccaro: Wanted to know if the committee had met to agree on the bursaries and the fund allocation?

Hajar El Jahidi: Committee has not met. Should be meeting by the end of this week. Only had to reallocate \$5,000 from Lucia's salary to bursaries.

Nadine Atallah: \$4000 that come from the concert for accessible education. Raised funds for bursaries.

Hajar El Jahidi: Talked with Keny about providing bursary funds from Lucia's salary. On Monday, was contacted by a newspaper about the financial ongoings about the bursaries. Did not have time to provide any information to the media. Result was something unclear that was provided in the newspaper. Has been some misunderstandings. Mistakes made on my behalf in regards to the bursary information. Have to start advertising very soon due to time constraints. Believes that Finance Committee has the students' best interest at heart.

Disabled Students Attendant Fund

Patrick Lefebvre: Know that a motion was passed to send this to Finance Committee two months ago. Two meetings have been called with very late notice. Need three days notice of meeting times, has not been the case. Failed to let me know with enough time. The last meeting I suggested they Skype me in. Keny called me, called him back twice with no response. Informed me that they would pay for me to stay later tonight. Informed them that he appreciates the offer, but cannot stay past 11 o'clock tonight.

James Vaccaro moves to mandate the VP Finance to hold a Finance Committee meeting to discuss disabled students attendant fund with 72 hours notice
Seconded by **Hardial Rosner**

James Vaccaro: 72 hours is a perfectly acceptable amount of time. Patrick is an integral part of the discussion

Gonzo Nieto calls the question
Seconded by **Patrick Lefebvre**

VOTE

All in favour of calling the question: 14

Abstentions: 1

Motion passes

VOTE

All in favour of James' motion: 14

Abstentions: **Paul Jerajian**

Motion passes

9. Ex Officio Rights

A) Ratification of Fine Arts Ex-officio Seats

Nadine Atallah: At the last council meeting, council voted to give three ex officio seats to fine arts students. At their last council meeting, had discussed appointing at least one while waiting for students at large. Three people here. Just have to ratify them.

Erika Couto: Appreciates the CSU for dealing with this issue.

Fahd Ali Nasser: Wanted to know what the process was to choose the three candidates?

Erika Couto: Brought it before our council, no students at large applied. Three people that were interested at our council, chose them. Made every effort possible to let students at large know what was happening if they so chose.

Chad Walcott moves to ratify all three fine arts representatives omnibus
Seconded by **Carlotta Longo**

VOTE

All in favour of Chad's motion: unanimous

Motion passes

B) Possibility of Granting Ex-Officio Rights to Rami Khoriaty

Rami Khoriaty: Some councillors appreciate the input I bring to council but are not comfortable with disrespecting the Standing Regulations. Would like to be granted ex officio in order to still have input.

Chad Walcott: Have to consider other members of council who resigned. None of these people gained ex officio rights.

Pierre Tardivo Martin: The people who were considered resigned were the ones who did not attend council meetings. Rami shows his dedication.

Hardial Rosner: Worries that granting ex officio rights so quickly is an awkward side stepping of the rules. Not sure I particular agree.

Chad Walcott calls for the order of the day

10. CUSACorp

James Vaccaro moves for a 10 minute recess

Seconded by **Gonzo Nieto**

VOTE

All in favour of a recess: unanimous

Motion passes

Rami Khoriaty: Presents on CUSACorp. Composition includes the management of Reggies and manage the rent of JavaU and Hive Cafe. CUSACorp is for profit and CSU is not. Used to be very corrupted. Security audit done. Two illegal problems last year. Deficit of \$1.4 million to CSU. Ran into many problems this year, hopes that by the end of this semester everything will be stabilized. Fired 9 staff members including 2 general managers. Hired a general manager in October, had four formal complaints about him and had to let him go recently. Position is now open. Liquor control system was implemented, renovations were done, and procedures were implemented. Signed contracts with certain drinks.

Keny Toto: Budget for Reggies is pretty straightforward. December 31st, \$209,000 in sales. Quite optimistic with budgeting for 2013. Rental income from Java U. Miscellaneous sales. Discusses revenues and expenses.

Pierre Tardivo Martin: Rental income budget of \$72,000. Up until December 31st, have spent \$70,500.

Keny Toto: Accounting software based it on the fact that we already had the cheques until December 31st.

Pierre Tardivo: Went a bit over for Other Purchases. Elaborate?

Keny Toto: Shot glasses, juices, cups. Because sales increase, had to use more of those items.

Anja Rajaonarivelo: When does the Sleeman contract end?

Rami Khoriaty: December 2013.

Anja Rajaonarivelo: Planning on renegotiation the contract or looking somewhere else?

Rami Khoriaty: Don't have right of first refusal with Sleeman, going to be much easier to switch contracts.

Paul Jerajian: In terms of cutting down bartenders, what was the process in selecting that number?

Rami Khoriaty: During previous years, general managers were very friendly with the bartenders. Would put more hours in than needed. Used to schedule two bartenders on a slow night. Now at 7 bartenders.

Paul Jerajian: In terms of profitability, have you guys looked at any other numbers or sensitivity to price changes?

Rami Khoriaty: Price analysis. Once this is done, will know exactly where we are losing and gaining money. Was supposed to be done by December, but with the general managers and the legal issue we had to deal with, have been behind. Price analysis is not our priority for now, more focused on hiring a general manager. Close to breaking even, would rather focus on things that are remaining constant.

Simon Pierre Lauzon: Could you reiterate the numbers concerning renovation? News on \$1.4 million owed?

Rami Khoriaty: Reflect numbers not in yet. Part of the renovation that was put into another budget line, new computer. Have not talked about yet with the Board of Directors. In case of a profit by the end of the year, will see about starting to reimburse the CSU.

Keny Toto: Auditors don't call it a debt, call it a long term loan. No interest. Come up with a plan to repay it or wait a few more years.

Pierre Tardivo Martin: Believes it is important to begin making those financing terms.

Gonzo Nieto: Realistically, Reggies is yet to have a stable pattern of turning profit. With the reality of how up and down it's been.

Rami Khoriaty: In good standing with security. Hockey season, sales are increasing.

Melanie Hotchkiss: Noticed in the past few weeks that Reggies has been opened over the weekends. Thinks it's a great initiative. Wondering whether or not you guys are planning on getting the exposure out there?

Rami Khoriaty: Have asked two of our bartenders to work on the marketing. Paid for extra hours to work on marketing of Reggies. A lot of the student life goes into account with the operations of the bar. Experiencing a bit of difficulty, working hard on marketing.

Patrick Lefebvre: Thinks it was a good idea for the Super Bowl. Have been advertising on Facebook well.

Chuck Wilson: How do you see handling relations with different student groups?

Rami Khoriaty: When the student associations make a booking there is a book we look at and try not to hold student events during the games. In some cases, had to put one student group in the Java U when we were playing the game in the main area. Really encourages students to hold events at Reggies.

11. Appointment of CEO

Chairperson: Recommends to modify the agenda to put appointments one after each other.

Chad Walcott moves to suspend Robert's Rules to modify the agenda
Seconded by **Pierre Tardivo Martin**

VOTE

All in favour of suspending Robert's Rules: 7

Abstentions: 3

Motion passes

Nadine Atallah moves to move Appointment of JB Member right after CEO
Seconded by **Hardial Rosner**

VOTE

All in favour: 10

Abstentions: 1

Motion passes

Chad Walcott moves to move the policy point right after appointment of JB Members
Seconded by **Chris Webster**

VOTE

All in favour: 9

Oppositions: 1

Abstentions: 3

Motion passes

Gonzo Nieto moves to take the minutes out of Consent Agenda
Seconded by **James Vaccaro**

VOTE

All in favour: 9

Abstentions: 1

Motion passes

Gonzo Nieto moves to reinstate Robert's Rules

Seconded by **Fahd Ali Nasser**

VOTE

All in favour: 12

Abstentions: 1

Motion passes

Pierre Tardivo Martin moves to go into closed session

Seconded by **Simon Pierre Lauzon**

VOTE

All in favour of going into closed session: unanimous

Motion passes

Meeting goes into closed session at 9:32 pm.

Meeting resumes into opened session at 11:39 pm.

Chairperson: Thanks all the applicants for coming and waiting a very long time to be interviewed. Applicants have to go on camera with one particular question and the other one just for procedural purposes.

Chairperson: Do you know anyone in the CSU prior to this interview? Are you familiar with or affiliated with the CFS in any way?

Amr: Familiar with Ali Talhouni. Don't know them very much.

Ismat: Acquaintances with Rami. Not affiliated in any way, vaguely know about them.

Andre-Marcel: Friend that works with Advocacy. Am familiar with them but not affiliated with them in any way.

Roman: No. Just a little familiar and not affiliated.

Saghar: No. No.

Chairperson: Close decision. Quality of applicants was really good, very intensive deliberation. Council would like to congratulate Andre-Marcel as the next CEO of the CSU.

12. Appointment of JB Members

Gonzo Nieto moves to go into closed session
Seconded by **Pierre Tardivo Martin**

VOTE

All in favour: unanimous

Motion passes

Chairperson: Lost a few JB applicants due to the length of the meeting.

Meeting goes into closed session at 11:47 pm.

Meeting resumes into opened session at 12:26 am.

Chairperson: Thanks candidates for their patience. Prior to this interview, did you know anyone from the CSU? For legal reasons, are you familiar with the CFS and if so are you affiliated with them in anyway.

Matt: No. No.

Max: Nick Sweet. Not familiar with them and not affiliated.

Chairperson: Both candidates have been appointed to JB.

13. Policy Committee

Melanie Hotchkiss: Changes were sent out in advance. Bulk involves changes to elections. Last May, Chuck and I presented ammendments to council to the elections sections of the Standing Regulations. A lot of them passed, but the sections on sanctions and disqualifications were tabled by Policy Committee at the time.

A) Amendment to Book I - Council of Representatives - Chapter VI - Resignation and Deemed Resignation - SR 47

***Melanie Hotchkiss:** Dealt with in the elections section, but now in a new section. Because of the way that sanctions and disqualifications was overhauled, that is where it was placed.

Fahd Ali Nasser: JB recommended that term "employee" was ambiguous. Wondering why same term is used again

James Vaccaro: Dealing with the definition of "employee" at next Policy Committee meeting.

VOTE

All in favour of adopting this Standing Regulation: unanimous

Motion passes

B) Amendments to Book VI - Elections and Referendum Regulations Chapter II - Section 4 - Fee Levies

***Melanie Hotchkiss**: Two reasons this was discussed. Noticed that in the fee levy section, it referred to the Custodial and Services Committee, which no longer exists. Clarified some of the regulations. For a fee levy group that wanted to submit an application for review and approval, they have to bring it to Policy Committee. Specified the time by which it had to be done. Two months prior to fall by elections and three months prior to the March general elections. Same thing for referenda to increase an existing fee levy.

Paul Jerajian: What was the prior ambiguous timeline?

Melanie Hotchkiss: Three months before it can be considered by Council, not before a certain date.

Chad Walcott calls the question

Seconded by **Paul Jerajian**

VOTE

All in favour of calling the question: 4

Oppositions: 1

Abstentions: 3

Motion passes

VOTE

All in favour of adopting these Standing Regulations: 11

Oppositions 1

Motion passes

C) Amendment to Book VI - Elections and Referendum Regulations Chapter IV - Section 6 - Poster Policy - SR 191

Melanie Hotchkiss: Very straightforward. Only change was to add VA building to where people could poster.

VOTE

All in favour of adopting this Standing Regulation: unanimous

Motion passes

D) Amendments and additions to Book VI - Elections and Referendum Regulations Chapters V, VIII, IX, X, XI

Melanie Hotchkiss: A lot of stuff rewritten from last year. Things that were very unclear in the Disqualifications and Sanctions section. One of the bigger changes that came up was creating an automatic disqualification and making it different from getting disqualified for doing something wrong. If you are an actual candidate campaigning, could not complain during the campaigning period. Could only contest afterwards. Nothing to make sure said person would comply, depended on the CEO and whether or not they were willing to consider the complaint.

Chuck Wilson: Added a complaint section to Contestations and Complaints (Chapter V). Formal structure in place for CEO to deal with things happening during campaigning period. Changed a couple things in the report of the Electoral Officer. Now separate sections for sanctions. Automatic disqualification which has to do with ineligibility and such. Outlines the specific provisions if there is a disqualification or sanction. New chapter called Forfeiture of Rights. Re-haul of Chapter 10, Appeals.

Nadine Atallah: For Standing Regulation 257, what is meant by inappropriate?

Chuck Wilson: Say there is a very corrupt CEO and he decides to disqualify you for some wildly inappropriate reason, you can make an appeal. Sanction would be inappropriate for the circumstance.

Nadine Atallah amends to replace “inappropriate” with “manifestly unreasonable”
Seconded by **Hardial Rosner**

Seen as friendly

VOTE

All in favour of adopting these Standing Regulations: unanimous

Motion passes

E) Amendment to Book XII - Final Provisions - Chapter 1 - SR 297

Melanie Hotchkiss: Mentioned Custodial and Services Committee instead of Policy Committee.

VOTE

All in favour of adopting these Standing Regulations: unanimous

Motion passes

F) Amendment and Additions - Book VII - Executive - SR 262, 263, 269-272

***Melanie Hotchkiss:** One had “paycheck” written differently than the other. Making sure they are all spelled correctly. Would be adding four new Standing Regs. Guideline to the execs. Written annual work plan, outlining what they want to do during their mandate. Will help the exec and see if they’ve reach their mandate objectives. Have a time of

year for when post mortem reports need to be submitted by; joint written mid mandate report date; no policy that said they actually had to be completed and when; to have the end of mandate report. Could be a deduction of an executive's paycheck if not submitted on time. Would be an option for Council to waive this deduction if there are exceptional circumstances.

Paul Jerajian moves like to amend the deduction from 100 to 500 dollars
Seconded by **Chris Webster**

Paul Jerajian: Thinks these reports are one of the more important reports. Regular monthly exec reports have a deduction \$100. These take months to write.

Gonzo Nieto amends the deduction to 350

Gonzo Nieto: Recall my paychecks being around \$710 for two weeks. So one week is around \$350.

Chad Walcott: Being a member of Policy Committee, the intention was to create an objective standard by which to evaluate the executives. If the executives are not fulfilling their mandates, you are technically in violation of duties. You can be impeached. If the executive is not producing at the level that they should, then there would be a stronger case to impeach them. Should keep in mind that there would be a stronger case for impeachment because the standing regs are much less ambiguous.

Hardial Rosner: Initially thought a larger amount was a good idea. Potential of execs not taking their jobs seriously enough. If there is a really huge fine, could encourage some sloppy, last minute reports.

James Vaccaro: Doesn't think the amount should be the same for all 4 reports. The annual work plan is incredibly important. \$350 seems more reasonable. Is about getting them to do their job.

Melanie Hotchkiss: In terms of the 4 standing regs, orientation reports were presented as \$300. People felt that the amount of student money put into orientation was pretty massive. Stuck with \$100 with the others because that was in line with the other standing regs.

Gonzo Nieto calls the question
Seconded by **James Vaccaro**

VOTE

All in favour of calling the question: 12

Motion passes

VOTE

All in favour of Gonzo's amendment: 9

Chad Walcott and Paul Jerajian oppose

Abstentions: 1

Motion passes

Gonzo Nieto calls the question

Seconded by **Paul Jerajian**

VOTE

All in favour of calling the question: unanimous

Motion passes

VOTE

All in favour of Paul's amendment with Gonzo's amendment: 10

Against: 2

Motion passes

Chad Walcott calls the question

Seconded by **Fahd Ali Nasser**

VOTE

All in favour of calling the question: 10

Oppositions: 1

Motion passes

VOTE

All in favour of adopting these Standing Regulations: unanimous

Motion passes

James Vaccaro moves to take a 10 minute recess

Seconded by **Gonzo Nieto**

VOTE

All in favour: unanimous

Motion passes

14. Appointment of CSU President

Chad Walcott: Knows the executive had proposed Nadine as a candidate for the position, had some questions for her. Had attempted to nominate you to Senate and BoG at the beginning of the year. Why did you refuse these nominations? Do you have any intention in running for an executive position in the upcoming election?

Nadine Atallah: Not in a standing to sit on BoG and Senate; doesn't feel it is relevant. No, does not plan on running.

Andrew Roberts: Came across as blind sighting everyone, was not the intent at all. Spent a lot of time deliberating this, was not an easy time. Deliberated between Simon Pierre and Nadine. Nadine has an internal aspect of the team, fulfills this inner leadership. Seemed very natural. Proved herself fully competent. Knowledge of by laws and standing regs is great. Felt very confident as a team. In terms of how everyone found out, there was a lot of miscommunication. Sent an email out to the whole list, got calls coming back to us asking about the mail out, and then found out that the information had not gotten out to everybody. Had to make a quick decision, as an executive we felt that this was the best option.

Melissa Kate Wheeler: What is the reason that you are not going to leave the MHPM project in its proper portfolio?

Nadine Atallah: Have not determined if we are going to hire somebody to help with the project. Took this on as an extra to my mandate, does not belong to the Clubs and Internal Affairs portfolio.

Melissa Kate Wheeler: Think you'll have time to work on this huge project while acting as president?

Nadine Atallah: A point that we plan on addressing, urges anyone to meet and discuss.

Simon Pierre Lauzon moves to appoint Nadine Atallah as President of the CSU
Seconded by **Stefan Faina**

Simon Pierre Lauzon: Best decision for multiple aspects of the job. She has a good ability to manage the team, good work ethic, good relationship with admin, personality, ability to communicate. Portfolios that will be reshuffled if she were to take on the role.

Paul Jerajian: Does not think Nadine is the most qualified candidate for this position. President is the face of the CSU; At times, has seen Nadine not be that face. Has seen Nadine act out and not put professionalism first. She is a great asset to the team, one of the executives that has worked the hardest. Think she's doing a great job on what she's doing; losing that is a bigger risk than having her take on a different position. Does not think she has the qualities to step up to that position.

Melissa Kate Wheeler: Only opportunity thus far for Council to be part of the decision. Concerned with the appearance of a lack of transparency. Does not think that is something good for someone who is to be president of a union. Reluctance of the executive to discuss things in open session or at council meetings at all. Idea that there are certain issues that are important and relevant to students that are best discussed behind closed doors in the CSU office. Feels as though Nadine especially has been an advocate for discussing things in the office as opposed to during council meetings.

Wendy: Nadine will have the right to sign contracts; not comfortable with her having that power. Supports Simon Pierre as President.

Jordan Lindsay: Curious what your top three priorities are going to be if you were to be appointed?

Nadine Atallah: General Manager, IT restructuring, relationship with faculty associations, and perhaps the MHPM project.

Jordan Lindsay: Wondering what you've done regarding Rami's lack of diligence?

Nadine Atallah: Jordan had brought up how sometimes we acted biased towards Rami. He has not been able to produce according to his contract. Addressed these issues at our meeting, tightened his deadlines. For signing a contract about the student center, there are things that have been put into place that do not allow me to sign anything. Ultimately Council's decision. Try to advocate for closed when it is

Simon Pierre Lauzon: Am being considered even though I was never approached. Very passionate about my portfolio. Believes him becoming president would be a blow to the CSU and disadvantage us.

Hajar El Jahidi: Now have one exec willing to take this position. In the case that there is no willing VP, Council can appoint a councillor as President. However, there is a willing candidate, so the By Law kind of speaks for itself. Has worked on a lot of the files of Schubert's. Best person for a smooth transition. Have a team of executives who have worked with each other for a certain amount of time. Know what works best for us, and coming up with a proposition for you. This discussion has a great deal to do with us.

Stefan Faina: Does not see this as a lack of transparency, wants to create a better conversation. Things she wants council to be on the same page about. Has shown a commitment to listening to the concerns of council. As an executive, our mind has been made up.

Carlotta Longo: Does not think that council is trying to exclude the exec from the conversation. Wanted to discuss in private and then discuss with them.

Hardial Rosner: Reasonable to assume that quite a few people who did see that that was an ongoing problem. Does not think that we should be disregarding this point as if it were something that came out of the blue. Feels as if this is being presented with absolutely no choice. Getting the feeling that we are being told that this is the only option. Have an entire right discuss it.

Chad Walcott: Thinks what's best for the union is for a president to sit on BoG. The only exec who sits on BoG is Andrew. Internally, whatever position you hold is just a title. Don't have to be president to lead the team. Does not think Nadine is the right person to be president. Believes the president in terms of council needs to be someone who unites council.

Nadine Atallah: Four months left, not an issue for the BoG. Already has relationships with the administration. Schubert was not on it anyways. Bursaries were in Hajar's exec report for the past three months. Habitat was in my exec report. Agree with the post-mortem issue. Trying to protect each other.

Gonzo Nieto: If Nadine is not voted as President, which other exec would be willing to be appointed?

Stefan Faina: Would not be willing.

Alexis Suzuki: No.

Simon Pierre Lauzon: The reason why I do not want to take this position is that it will be a huge issue for the CSU. Need to talk about why I am not a good candidate for this position.

Hajar El Jahidi: No.

Keny Toto: No.

Andrew Roberts: Talked about this at length. Was between Nadine, Simon Pierre, and myself. Drilling it because we really think Nadine is the best choice. Would not want to do it.

James Vaccaro: Simon Pierre, willing to elaborate on why you wouldn't be a good candidate?

Simon Pierre Lauzon: Entire agenda totally gets thrown in the garbage. To embark on this process of finding a new VP External. Things I am trying to do are super important for the CSU. We are a small player in the FEUQ with big votes and huge money. Helping out as much as I can with 5-6 other campaigns. Commitments to these people. Worked so much on the FEUQ Congress; Now is the time to finally focus on the things I want to focus on. Impossible that I would do a good job. Idea of becoming president is just not realistic for me.

Melissa Kate Wheeler: To address the transparency issue, specific instances where Nadine has tried to shut down discussion in open session because she deemed them inappropriate include Alexis' unsatisfactory performance as VP Student Life, any concern over any of the performances of the executives. Has been specifically Nadine that has said no to these conversations in open session. This is a decision that council makes, not the exec. Council represents the students. Decision is about the entire student body, not about the internal dynamics. About the student as a whole. This person does not have the confidence of the board. Very serious decision, feels as though our concerns are not being heard.

Paul Jerajian: Nadine could back down, hence making her unwilling.

Nadine Atallah: This was not only my decision. Unwilling to back down.

Exec removes themselves on a voluntary basis, meeting remains in opened session

Chris Webster moves to go into closed session
Seconded by **Carlotta Longo**

VOTE

All in favour: 3

Oppositions: 5

Abstentions 2

Motion fails

Nick Sweet: Is a choice and not a requirement. In very untrained legal opinion, a choice and not something forced upon council.

Chris Webster: idea that council doesn't have an opinion is troubling. Mentioned that BoG isn't an issue because there are only 4 months left. That is one third of the mandate.

Carlotta Longo: Very uncomfortable with the way this is being framed. Not okay for the exec to impose a decision on council and force it upon us. Should not be the only option. Should strongly consider going to a vote. If the motion fails, ; seems like council almost unanimously does not agree with the way this is going.

Chad Walcott calls the question
Seconded by **Melissa Kate Wheeler**

VOTE

All in favor of calling the question: 6

Oppositions: 4

Abstentions: 3

Motion fails

VOTE

All in favour of appointing Nadine as President of the CSU: 0

Oppositions: 7

Abstentions: 5

Motion fails

Hajar El Jahidi: Had initially come up with a team decision; most of us were very adamant on keeping the same mind frame; keeping Nadine as our first and only option; extremely disappointed in council. Genuinely no one else wants the position. The only person who was apt and wanted it was Nadine. The only option that we had. Came

back to the same conclusion. Want to remind everyone about the By Law. By not appointing her, council is hereby breaching the by laws. Puts you in a legal situation.

Hardial Rosner: Exactly why this motion failed. Keeps getting repeated to us that you are the team. Whereas we are supposed to be the team. Supposed to be working together for the best interests of the students. The fact that the exec is getting so closed off and hostile is really shocking to me. By Law needs to be edited if we only have one choice.

Erika Couto: Has been very clear that not a single council member would like you in this position. Kindly asking to please recant your candidacy.

Nadine Atallah: Is not just my decision. Took this decision as a team. Respectfully decline.

Chad Walcott moves to appoint Andrew Roberts to the position of President

Andrew Roberts declines

Nick Sweet: Question about the term “appointment.” Feels that it would be possible for councillors to refuse to use their own right. Takes issue with the legal advice given to the executives.

Jordan Lindsay: Hates being threatened. Very empty threat. Are you going to sue us with the CSU money or your own money? Could go after the corporation, the corporation would go after you with their money. Threatening is never a good tactic.

Simon Pierre Lauzon: Selected by entire student body. As an exec, my decisions have to be in the best interest of all the students we represent. Believe a By Law is not being respected by council. Want to go through the measures of making sure that By Law is respected.

James Vaccaro moves to send this to JB and strongly recommend the JB appoint their legal advisor within 5 business days

Seconded by **Gonzo Nieto**

James Vaccaro: Need a second legal advisor for this. JB is the body much more properly set up in making this decision. Would prefer not to be the plaintiff in this.

Nadine Atallah amends for the JB to seek legal advice from a lawyer

Seen as friendly

Chad Walcott calls the question

VOTE

All in favour of calling the question: 10
Oppositions: 0
Abstentions 2

Motion passes

VOTE

All in favour of James' motion: unanimous

Motion passes

15. Appointment of Executive

James Vaccaro moves to table Questions on Orientation and Fine Arts Budget Cuts to the next regularly scheduled council meeting

Seconded by **Pierre Tardivo Martin**

VOTE

All in favour: 10

Oppositions: 1

Motion passes

16. Special By Law I and J

Nadine Atallah: Ad hoc student space committee has met; have not had time to discuss these issues in particular. Idea would be to approve these so that we have an insurance. If we do have the time to go over them and call a special council meeting then any changes to be made can be.

Gonzo Nieto: Includes the formation of a committee that will oversee the spending of the funds of the student space account. The composition is 1 councilor, 1 lawyer, the president and 2 community members.

VOTE

All in favour: 9

Abstentions 2

Motion passes

17. General Elections

Nadine Atallah:

BIR that the Concordia Student Union calls its Annual General Elections 2013 such that the polling period begins on Tuesday March 26th and ends on Thursday March 28th in accordance with S.R.124

BIFR that the composition of council be, in accordance with by-laws 6.21 & 6.22, as follows:

- 14 Arts and Science seats
- 6 John Molson School of Business sets

- 4 Independent Students seats
 - 3 Fine Arts seats
 - 3 Engineering and Computer Science seats
- Seconded by **Chad Walcott**

Paul Jerajian amends for the composition to state that the CEO figure out the proper ratio before nominations

Seen as friendly

VOTE

All in favour: 9

Abstentions: 2

Motion passes

Melissa Kate Wheeler moves to table all the remaining agenda items to a special council meeting on February 27th, 2013
Seconded by **Hardial Rosner**

Nadine Atallah amends to remove Appointment of CSU signing officers and concern over JB member

Seen as friendly

Paul Jerajian amends that James' tabling motion be included in the special council meeting

Seen as friendly

VOTE

All in favour: unanimous

Motion passes

18. Concern over JB Member

Nick Sweet: One JB member who has not attended any JB meetings. Gross negligence. Strong recommendation that council remove him from JB.

Gonzo Nieto moves to remove Pablo as a member of JB
Seconded by **Pierre Tardivo Martin**

VOTE

All in favour: 10

Abstentions 1

Motion passes

19. Appointment of CSU signing officers

Hajar El Jahidi nominates herself

James Vaccaro nominates Paul

Paul Jerajian accepts

Andrew Roberts nominates himself

Hajar El Jahidi: Andrew and I are always on school grounds

Melissa Kate Wheeler moves to appoint Andrew Roberts as signing officer
Seconded by **James Vaccaro**

VOTE

All in favour: 9

Paul Jerajian abstains

Motion passes

Melissa Kate Wheeler moves to appoint Paul Jerajian as signing officer
Seconded by **Hardial Rosner**

VOTE

All in favour: 6

Paul Jerajian, Fahd Ali Nasser, Pierre Tardivo abstain

Melissa Kate Wheeler moves to adjourn
Seconded by **Hajar El Jahidi**

VOTE

All in favour: unanimous

Motion passes

Meeting adjourned at 4:21 am.