



## Concordia Student Union – Council of Representatives

### **CSU Special Council Meeting – Agenda**

**Friday, March 1<sup>st</sup>, 2013**

**Room TBD, 6:00 PM, S.G.W Campus**

#### **1. 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.” Appointment of Executive

#### **2. 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.”

#### **3. Appointment of Councillors to Standing Committees**

#### **4. Appointment to SAF**

#### **5. Fine Arts Budget Cuts**



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- 6. Questions on Orientation**
- 7. Unfulfilled Mandates**
- 8. Student Center Presentation**
- 9. Sustainable Concordia By-Law Referendum Question**
- 10. Question Period**
- 11. Announcements**
- 12. Adjournment**

## 1. Call to Order

Meeting called to order at 6:34 pm.

**Simon Pierre Lauzon** moves to appoint himself as chair

### VOTE

All in favour: unanimous

**Motion passes**

## 2. Appointment of CSU President

**Gonzo Nieto:** Are any other executives willing to be appointed to President at this point?

**Andrew Roberts:** Would like to see what happens at JB before going ahead.

**Ben Prunty** moves to suspend Robert's rules to move Sustainable Concordia Referendum Question

Seconded by **Nadine Atallah**

### VOTE

All in favour: 7

Abstentions: 1

**Motion passes**

**Ben Prunty** moves to move Sustainable Concordia Referendum Question to the top of agenda

### VOTE

All in favour: 7

Abstentions 1

**Motion passes**

**Gonzo Nieto** moves to reinstate Robert's Rules

Seconded by **Hardial Rosner**

### VOTE

All in favour: 7

Abstentions: 1

**Motion passes**

## 3. Sustainable Concordia By Law Referendum Questions

### A) Sustainable Concordia

**Gonzo Nieto:** Should specify when it goes into effect.

**Nadine Atallah:** Do you agree to increase SC's fee levy to 15 cents per credit effective Fall 2013?

**Hannah McCormick:** Fee Levy is not a word that everyone knows.

**Paul Jerajian** moves to approve question with wording as it is including "effective Fall 2013" at the end

Seconded by **Gonzo Nieto**

**Hardial Rosner** moves to amend to "SC is a student run organization that has operated for a decade on a contribution of 5 cents per credit"

Seconded by **Gonzo Nieto**

**Andrew Roberts:** That information can still get out there, doesn't necessarily have to be on the question

**Ben Prunty** calls the question

Seconded by **Nadine Atallah**

#### **VOTE**

All in favour of Hardial's amendment: 3

Oppositions: 2

Abstentions: 3

**Motion passes**

**Gonzo Nieto** amends to remove "(below average student contribution)"

**Ben Prunty** amends to replace "increase in fee levy" to "increase in undergraduate support"

**Chad Walcott:** Would be more comfortable using fee levy. Moving away from the legal term to what it does; definitely shift people's voting.

**Andre Marcel:** "To improve Sustainable Concordia" should be more straightforward.

**Gonzo Nieto** amends last sentence to "Do you agree to increase SC's fee levy by 10 cent per credit, to a total of 15 cents per credit, effective fall 2013?"

Seen as friendly

**Gonzo Nieto** calls the question

Seconded by **Ben Prunty**

#### **VOTE**

All in favour of calling the question: unanimous

**Motion passes**

## **VOTE**

All in favour of the final wording of the question: unanimous

**Motion passes**

### Final Wording:

SC is a student run organization that offers environmental, social and economic services and projects such as: composting recycling, bike parking, sustainability assessments, internship opportunities, and events, and has operated for a decade on a contribution of 5 cents per credit.

Do you agree to increase Sustainable Concordia's fee levy by 10 cents per credit, to a total of 15 cents per credit, effective Fall 2013?

## **B) Concordia Greenhouse**

**Jackie:** Been in touch with Nadine since November. Trying to find out the process. Could not get into contact with Policy Committee. CEO had resigned, could not get into contact with him. Been acting as fast as we have been regarding; Have all the proper documentation. Went to Policy Committee meeting last night, did not take place.

**Chad Walcott:** Would be in direct violation of our By Laws to approve this. Information was never conveyed to Council. Doesn't see how we can legally go forward with this.

**Chris Webster:** Have done all they can do to prepare. Issue is that we are here to benefit students. Unprecedented that there is no CEO or President. Policy Committee chair changed. Thinks we should move forward with putting them through the process.

**Andre Marcel:** According to the Rules and Regulations, Policy Committee was technically only formed two weeks ago when passing Special By Laws I and J. No one could have done it properly three months in advance.

**Hajar El Jahidi:** Reiterates the fact that we are here for the best interests of the students. Is within our power to excuse them.

**Nadine Atallah:** Notwithstanding Standing Regulation 133, BIR that Council approve the following question: "The Concordia Greenhouse Project is an initiative that uses the Henry F. Hall building roof-top greenhouse as well as other garden sites on campus as all-organic spaces geared towards education, experiential learning and community building. Do you agree to the collection of a fee levy of 12 cents per credit effective as of Fall 2013?"

Seconded by **Chris Webster**

**Nadine Atallah:** Have everything they need. Only notwithstanding the deadlines. Particularly appropriate. Were having a hard time figuring out the incorporation. If only

thing we are worried about is breaking our standing regs, think it is a proper use of notwithstanding. Can be a little bit understanding.

**Benjamin Prunty:** Suggests sending the matter to JB if they would like to review it before voting. If it is in fact illegal, then it can be removed from the ballot.

**Chad Walcott:** Execs have know since November and have not mentioned anything. Nadine was policy committee chair at the time. Not the coordinators' fault, was the executives'.

**Nadine Atallah:** Nothing for me to submit to Policy Committee, they were just inquiring about the procedure.

**Andrew Roberts:** Greenhouse really needs this fee levy.

**Chris webster:** Has been a communication issue, was not from the Greenhouse's side.

**Erika Couto** amends the wording to "The Concordia Greenhouse project is an initiative that uses several garden sites on campus, including the Henry F Hall building roof top, as all organic spaces geared towards education, experiential learning, and community building. Do you agree to the collection of a *new* fee levy of \$0.12 per credit t maintain the operations of the Concordia Greenhouse Project effective as of Fall 2013?"

#### **VOTE**

All in favour of Nadine's motion with Erika's amendment: 6

Oppositions: 2

Abstentions: 2

**Motion passes**

#### *Final Wording:*

The Concordia Greenhouse project is an initiative that uses several garden sites on campus, including the Henry F Hall building roof top, as all organic spaces geared towards education, experiential learning, and community building. Do you agree to the collection of a *new* fee levy of \$0.12 per credit t maintain the operations of the Concordia Greenhouse Project effective as of Fall 2013?

**Chad Walcott** calls for the order of the day

#### **C) Concordia Food Coalition**

**Gonzo Nieto** moves to approve this referendum question

Seconded by **Hardial Rosner**

#### **VOTE**

All in favour of Gonzo's motion: unanimous

**Motion passes**

*Final Wording:*

Would you like to see the CSU actively support the new affordable, sustainable, student-run food service initiatives on campus?

#### **4. Appointment of Councillors to Standing Committees**

**Gonzo Nieto** nominates Pierre to Finance Committee

**Pierre Tardivo Martin** accepts

**Chris Webster** nominates Melissa for Finance Committee

**Melissa Kate Wheeler** accepts

**Kenya Toto** nominates Anja

**Anja Rajaonarivelo** accepts

**Pierre Tardivo Martin:** As a JMSB councillor, interested in numbers and finances. Have been interested since day one to join. Dedicated and determined.

**Chris Webster:** Makeup of Finance Committee right now consists of only one non JMSB member. Appreciate that expertise, but will benefit if we have different people who think differently. Thinks Melissa would be a good addition to Finance Committee. Can come together and make decisions; Melissa has been extremely dedicated

**Melissa Kate Wheeler** rescinds nomination and motivates for Pierre

**Anja Rajaonarivelo:** In finance at JMSB, been part of the student club where he occupies the post of treasurer. Budget about \$10,000. Good at administrative tasks.

**Paul Jerajian:** How available are both of you?

**Pierre Tardivo Martin:** Taking 5 courses. Lives 3 minutes away from campus. Can be at school very quick.

**Anja Rajaonarivelo:** Very limited in terms of scheduling. Works from 8-5. Could make meetings after 6.

**Gonzo Nieto** calls the question in roll call form  
Seconded by **Stefan Nieto**

#### **VOTE**

All in favour of calling the question: 9

Abstentions 1

**Motion passes**

**Chairperson:** Congratulates Pierre on his appointment.

**Fahd Ali Nasser** moves for a 5 minute recess  
Seconded by **Hardial Rosner**

**VOTE**

All in favour: 8

Oppositions: 1

Abstentions: 1

**Motion passes**

**5. Appointment to SAF**

**Andrew Roberts** nominates Stefan

**Stefan Faina** accepts

**VOTE**

All in favour of appointing Stefan: 6

Oppositions: 1

Abstentions: 1

**Motion passes**

**6. Fine Arts Budget Cuts**

**Erika Couto:** Because of the changes to the government, have been cuts made at Concordia to budgets. 15-20% of Fine Arts' budget will be slashed. Looking to cut things that are really essential. Looking to cut the most classes in theatre and dance because they don't bring in as much money. Warning that your faculties may be receiving cuts up to 15-20%. Quality of student education will suffer. Does not just affect fine arts students, affects other students as well.

**Chad Walcott** moves that the CSU officially opposes cutting one fifth of Faculty of Fine Arts budget and some of the most essential classes in the department

Seconded by **Gonzo Nieto**

**Melissa Kate Wheeler** amends to replace "one fifth" with "15-20%"

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**Kenya Toto:** Do we have a written explanation as to why the budget was cut?

**Erika Couto:** Our dean issued a statement saying that they were going to cut this money. Hinted that it could have been cut at more upper university levels. Have some of the smallest numbers in terms of faculty; expensive to run versus the number of students. If the classes start getting cut, the reputation will go down.

**Paul Jerajian:** What are the alternatives to not cutting classes?

**Erika Couto:** Could potentially save on their capital expenditures. University administrators are taking a cut in their pay. Are still being indexed more than cut. One position that is supposed to be the coordinator of student life; she is out of touch and only on campus 2 days a week. She could easily be cut. A few other such positions. Could cut on the upper levels.

#### **VOTE**

All in favour of Chad's motion: 7

Oppositions: 1

**Motion passes**

### **7. Questions on Orientation**

**Chad Walcott** rescinds this point

### **8. Unfulfilled Mandates**

**Melissa Kate Wheeler:** Motion asking for Executive to produce any and all reports pertaining to the Legal Contingency Fund. That report was never produced.

**Keny Toto:** Forgot.

**Melissa Kate Wheeler** moves that this report be produced by next council meeting. If this report is not produced, Keny Toto will be fined \$100.

**Gonzo Nieto** amends to include for Keny to send the proper documents with the notice of council email.

Seen as friendly

#### **VOTE**

All in favour: unanimous

**Motion passes**

### **9. Student Center Presentation**

**Gonzo Nieto** calls for the orders of the day

### **10. Question Period**

**Chad Walcott:** Why is there a transaction of over \$16,000 to Rami Khoriaty?

**Keny Toto:** Transactions were made on Rami's card. Can bring the requisitions to next council meeting.

## 11. Announcements

**Simon Pierre Lauzon:** Invited FEUQ to speak about the summit.

**Cameron Monagle:** Summit on higher education was a response to last spring. Was a campaign promise by the PQ. Prior to the summit itself, part of the process was a series of consultations; researching the contribution to society; accessibility to education; quality of education; governance and administration. All the actors were brought around the table to discuss these specific topics. 200 people. All groups from the civil society as well as private interest groups, political parties, etc were all brought around the table to discuss and address issues regarding higher education. Raising tuition in spite of the largest strike in Quebec history. Indexation, relative freeze; 3% and \$70 a year. Because it is indexation, the percentage will vary according to the year. Based on the average household median income. Could fluctuate depending on how the economy goes. Increase is going to be perpetually more; compounded. Regarding the next steps on how we want to respond to this. At the bare minimum, we will be talking about forcing that this discussion continue to take place. Going to depend exclusively on what student associations will decide. Not asking people to go on an unlimited general strike again, not the best way to go forward; other means of pressure that we can apply. Building up and informing students of what is going on. Everything except for tuition went really well. Had over 60 demands that we put forth to the government; majority of them went through.

**Chad Walcott:** Wanted to thank the FEUQ in representing Concordia students and their diligent work. Your presence got us results.

**Fahd Ali Nasser:** For IT, what happened to implementation? Did you send out the tender?

**Keny Toto:** Open tender wasn't sent because I don't have the correct tender. No one seems to have it. Contacted Jordan; he doesn't have it. Might be in Schubert's email. Have to go back to the lawyer to get the tender.

**Fahd Ali Nasser:** Super disappointed on this IT thing. Has been a whole year with no working website. Have very little school left, and is very frustrating that we don't even have a website running and a complete implementation.

**Paul Jerajian:** Why can't we use another website for things?

**Simon Pierre Lauzon:** Everything is needed. Can't make a small website.

**Gonzo Nieto:** Could make a Wordpress with very simple information.

**Stefan Faina:** Proposes that he create such a Wordpress.

**Keny Toto:** Jordan could clarify better as to why it is not possible to create a Wordpress on the side.

**Chris Webster:** Has information available for the best ways to select firms and such. Can forward it to somebody.

**Melissa Kate Wheeler:** Has Love Doesn't Hurt T Shirts. Free!

**Paul Jerajian:** Recently made aware of a new fee that has been implemented for the rental of the Hive. My student association has never had to pay for an event coordinator. Forced to pay for both security and an event coordinator.

**Keny Toto:** A lot of the groups that rent the hive don't always leave it the way they found it. Event coordinator makes sure that everything is in order. Can answer questions and such.

**Fahd Ali Nasser:** Don't have a president. Is someone checking and responding to the president's emails?

**Simon Pierre Lauzon:** Nadine is checking his emails for now.

**Keny Toto:** Often check the emails as well.

## **12. Adjournment**

**Gonzo Nieto** moves to adjourn  
Seconded by **Chad Walcott**

### **VOTE**

All in favour: unanimous

**Motion passes**

**Meeting adjourned at 9:13pm.**