



Concordia Student Union – Council of Representatives

**CSU Special Council Meeting – Agenda**

**Thursday, March 28<sup>th</sup>, 2013**

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

- 1. Call to Order**
- 2. Roll Call**
- 3. SPVM Repression Tactics Against Students**
- 4. IT Update**
- 5. Requisition**
- 6. Standing Committees**
- 7. JB Appointments**
- 8. Appointments to Standing Committees**
- 9. VP Vacancy**
- 10. Red Carpet Party**

**Meeting called by Hardial Rosner, Paul Jerajian, Benjamin Prunty**

## **1. Call to Order**

**Meeting called to order at 6:33pm.**

## **2. Roll Call**

## **3. SPVM Repression Tactics Against Students**

### **Benjamin Prunty:**

Whereas union solidarity is essential to student gains.

Whereas the Service de la Police de Montreal have become increasingly repressive since the beginning of the student movement, and notably more since the March 15<sup>th</sup> demonstration against police brutality.

Whereas the increased repression that took place at the non-student organized police brutality demonstration has become common place at student demonstrations.

Whereas increasing repression is being justified by the application of municipal by-law P-6, and enforced by the process of mass arrests as facilitated by the tactic of “kettling.”

Whereas municipal by-law P-6 was passed by a municipal council under intense suspicions of widespread corruption.

Whereas the application Montreal’s municipal by-law P-6 is resulting in collective censorship, and in this way is politicizing the police force.

Whereas the Quebec Bar Association has condemned municipal by-law P-6.

Whereas “kettling” has been deemed unlawful by England’s High Court after an independent inquiry.

Whereas the the Toronto Police Service has publicly committed to never using it again after an independent inquiry, commissioned in response to the G20 police actions, found it to be unlawful.

Whereas the Royal Canadian Mounted Police have a policy against kettling, which is to say that kettling is not in their policy book and so they do not do it.

Whereas by-law P-6 and the tactic of “kettling” threaten social peace by forcing discontents underground.

Whereas by-law P-6 impedes on the right to expression and peaceful assembly as guaranteed by the Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms.

Whereas fines of \$500 - \$3000 applied to students protesting against education-related debt amount to cruel and unusual punishments, and therefore further impede on individual rights guaranteed by the Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms.

Whereas the tactic of “kettling” is in direct opposition with the right against arbitrary detention as guaranteed by the Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms

BIRT The Concordia Student Union wholeheartedly condemns municipal by-law P-6, and the tactic of “kettling.”

BIRT The Concordia Student Union calls for an immediate independent public inquiry into instances of police brutality that took place during the Student Movement, up to and including, but not limited to, the demonstrations that took place on March 15<sup>th</sup>, 19<sup>th</sup>, and the 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2013.

BIRT The Concordia Student Union joins the call for the creation of a permanent independent office specifically dedicated to investigations into police brutality and general police oversight.

BIFRT any of the The Concordia Student Union members may participate in peaceful demonstrations, organized in opposition to municipal by-law P-6, or police repression, or solidarity with victims, with a CSU banner condemning P-6, police repression, and collective censorship.

BIFRT The Concordia Student Union executive(s) send the open-letter which was submitted to council on March 28<sup>th</sup>, 2013, to major media outlets, online, and elsewhere, to be published and distributed widely. Moreover, that the Concordia Student Union’s communication’s coordinator prioritizes translating the aforementioned open-letter, as well as this motion, into French to be used for further dissemination.

BIFRT The Concordia Student Union calls for the FEUQ to facilitate legal action, in consultation with legal teams, up to and including, but not limited to, a class-action lawsuit or a charter challenge. If there is already a suitable legal challenge being carried out, the Concordia Student Union calls for the FEUQ to engage in solidarity work in the form of collaborative fundraising, media campaigns, research aid, and any other actions deemed helpful by the membership.

Seconded by **Chad Walcott**

**Chad Walcott:** Speaks in favour of this motion especially when it comes to kettling. It's something detrimental to democracy; to be able to participate in a peaceful protest. Especially when they start kettling people right after the protest has been started. By passers, protesters and journalists are all kettled.

**Nikos Pidiktakis:** What exactly is kettling?

**Benjamin Prunty:** It's a practice where they encircle students. They also did it in very cold weather, and can leave you there for a couple of hours and then give you 600\$ fines.

**Patrick Lefebvre:** In favour of the motion, the major reason why you don't see me at those protests is not because I don't want to be part of it, but because I can't since anyone in my position could be placed in a dangerous situation because of kettling.

**Andrew Roberts:** We want to go forward with this, we're ready to speak to the media.

**Benjamin Prunty:** Dangerous to be suppressing people in that way.

**James Vaccaro:** Dissemination of public info through the media; we have the money, but what is the time frame?

**Benjamin Prunty:** GSA is going to send another one now.

**Andrew Roberts:** Letter is really good, but as I suggested it's very hardline; We may respond well to it, but I don't know if the whole thing speaks to the people we are trying to reach. Overall I support the letter totally, and if council decide to go forward with it I support it.

**Jordan Lindsay:** Agrees with Nadine, COMS person should make it more communication friendly and have it be more accessible to the people we are trying to reach instead of the people who are already on our side.

Amends to have Ben work with coms director to change the voice of it, to be more accessible, and be the CSU's voice as well.

**Ben Prunty:** It's not about re-convincing people, we are against this huge PR machine. We are not trying to sway people; we are not allowing groups to be silenced rather than trying to convince people that think police are in their right.

**Chad Walcott:** There isn't a hard way to stand against this kind of injustice and make it pass as soft. It's our role as leaders to take a hard stance and go through with it instead of taking a soft stance. Whether or not we achieve an end goal is the result of other factors. We should take the hard stance in favor of justice, and students use of any means i.e peaceful protesting.

**Jordan Lindsay:** Not saying we should soften the wording. If we're communicating an idea as the CSU and this coms director has skills in communicating things better, would like Ben to also be included in this process, but to choose the wording that might speak to the people that are right on the line and sway them towards arguments that are made within the letter.

**Andrew Roberts:** There is a super fine line between choosing the right wording and blunting the message. I don't have the perfect solution, there's a way to communicate the same message but to a broader audience.

**Ben Prunty:** Does not feel openly good about bringing it back to council. If we bring it to the coms director, do we need to bring it back to council? I'm not in favour of bringing it back to council; it's stalling the issue whereas some groups are already taking action and that's why I called the special council meeting.

**Jordan Lindsay:** Is comfortable with the letter, it could be looked over once by the coms director and then should be good to go.

**Andrew Roberts:** I don't know if Tuesday is reasonable time to get the coms director to start working with Ben. Maybe an exec or another councillor can look over it with Ben and it would be much quicker.

**Stefan Faina:** Coms director won't be able to take part of the process as of yet. Tuesday is not going to be feasible.

**Chad Walcott** calls the question for the amendment  
Seconded by **Paul Jerajian**

#### **VOTE**

All in favour of calling the question: 8

Oppositions: 0

Abstentions: 2

**Motion passes**

#### **VOTE**

All in favour of Jordan's amendment : 0

Oppositions: 8

Abstentions: 2

**Motion passes**

**Andrew Roberts** amends to review the letter with Ben tomorrow with himself, Simon-Pierre and any councilor who would like to speak on this issue.

Seconded by **Jordan Lindsay**

#### **VOTE**

All in favour of Andrew's amendment: 8  
Oppositions: 0  
Abstentions: 2

**Amendment passes**

**Ben Prunty** calls the question  
Seconded by **Paul Jerajian**

**VOTE**

All in favour of calling the question: 6  
Oppositions: 0  
Abstentions: 3

**Motion passes**

**VOTE**

All in favour of Ben's motion: unanimous

**Motion passes**

**4. IT updates**

**Andrew Roberts:** Two tenders need to go out. Meeting with Finance Committee on Monday night at 8 to take care of this stuff. Compiling everything that was left on the table and trying to understand the best ways to push it forward. Wordpress is up with a bunch of documents in there.

**James Vaccaro:** What are the 2 tenders for?

**Andrew Roberts:** Info management and archiving on the website.

**Chris Webster:** Is it likely going to have progress moving forward?

**Andrew Roberts:** Likely because it's going to happen about a week after. That's the whole weekend that we planned for.

**Chris Webster:** Is there a situation where the councillors who don't have email addresses can have them?

**Andrew Roberts:** Would have to talk to the IT coordinator. It's a good idea, but the list would have to change every year.

**Paul Jerajian:** Standing Regulation 72 states that councillors get emails.

**James Vaccaro** calls for the orders of the day

**5. Requisition**

**Paul Jerajian** moves to table points 5, 6 and 7 to the next regular council meeting and that the chair contact all JB Applicants to be present at the next council meeting  
Seconded by **Patrick Lefebvre**

**James Vaccaro** amends to remove point 5 from the motion  
Seconded by **Jordan Lindsay**

#### **VOTE**

All in favour of James' amendment: 6

Oppositions: 2

Abstentions: 1

**Amendment passes**

**Paul Jerajian** amends to have Andrew Roberts contact JB applicants

#### **VOTE**

All in favour of Paul's motion: unanimous

**Motion passes**

**Nadine Atallah:** Last semester some requisitions.... That took some months to go through. It was my fault and I've apologized already. The one he was talking about was about the MSA; the requisition was lost and we had to look for it and fetch it and as soon as we could find it we processed it. We have been talking to Murtaza and he has not been angry or anything; he was actually quite satisfied with the amount of effort put into it.

**Ben Prunty:** What about NDP?

**Nadine Atallah:** Won't speak too publicly about NDP. MSA is different because it was our fault, and we apologized. For NDP we are doing our job.

### **6. Appointments to Standing Committees**

**Stefan Faina:** moves to suspend Robert's Rules to move point 10 up to discuss it before he has to leave

**Stefan Faina:** If anyone has any questions, please contact me. I have been updating everything on the exec reports. It's been going well so far and I've just met with Jason so we know exactly how much is being put in by the parties involved. It's an event that I am holding next month. Its a social event, semi-formal. Open-bar, featuring 2 DJs. The idea is to show off a space at Loyola that most people don't know about; that is the RF conference room. We are working with ASFA and the Omicron frat that has a strong presence at Loyola.

**Paul Jerajian** calls for the order of the day

**Paul Jerajian:** Financial, Events, and Clubs and Space vacancies.

**Paul Jerajian** nominates James for Clubs and Space

**James Vaccaro** accepts

**Paul Jerajian** nominates Patrick for Finance Committee

**Patrick Lefebvre** accepts

**VOTE**

All in favour of appointing Patrick to Finance Committee: unanimous

**Patrick is appointed**

**VOTE**

All in favour of appointing James to Clubs and Space Committee: unanimous

**James is appointed**

**James Vaccaro** nominates himself for Events Committee

**VOTE**

All in favour of appointing James: 6

Oppositions: 1

Abstentions: 1

**Motion passes**

**Paul Jerajian** nominates Chad to Sustainability Committee

**Chad Walcott** accepts

**VOTE**

All in favour of appointing Chad: 5

Against: 2

Abstain: 1

**Motion passes**

**Paul Jerajian** nominates Chad to Loyola committee

**Chad Walcott** declines

**Chad Walcott** nominates Paul

**Paul Jerajian** declines

**Jordan Lindsay** nominates himself

## **VOTE**

All in favour of appointing Jordan: 7

Abstentions: 1

**Motion passes**

**Andrew Roberts:** We have to appoint someone now since the committee has to be called before next council meeting.

**Paul Jerajian:** Can we appoint Nikos Pidiktakis a a student at large member of the appointments committee?

**Chris Webster** nominates Anja

**Anja** accepts

**Ben Prunty** moves to appoint the two above mentioned people to the committee, tentatively for Nikos

## **VOTE**

All in favour: 6

Abstentions:1

**Motion passes**

**James Vaccaro** moves to have the chair send an email to the VPs informing them of their new committee members

Seconded by **Chad Walcott**

## **VOTE**

All in favour: 5

Abstentions: 2

**Motion passes**

## **7. VP Vacancy**

**Andrew Roberts:** Tentatively there may be someone coming in. Giving a heads up, have to work out time factors and how much work, etc.

**Paul Jerajian:** Can the incoming VP start April 1<sup>st</sup> instead of May 1<sup>st</sup>?

**Nadine Atallah:** To clarify, our bylaws say that incoming execs start in June 1<sup>st</sup> and are paid poverty line. They have to start May 1<sup>st</sup> their training. We can't change the bylaws but potentially we can appoint an individual for the position to be part of this years exec.

## **8. Red Carpet Party**

Tabled indefinitely

## **9. Adjournment**

**Nadine Atallah** moves to adjourn

Seconded by **Paul Jerajian**

### **VOTE**

All in favour: unanimous

**Motion passes**

**Meeting adjourned at 7:56 pm.**