



Concordia Student Union – Council of Representatives

CSU Regular Council Meeting – Agenda

Wednesday, April 10th, 2013

Room H-767, 6:30 PM, S.G.W Campus

1. Call to Order

Consent Agenda

2. Approval of the Agenda

3. Approval of Minutes

4. Chairperson's Report

5. Executive Reports

6. Report from University bodies

Regular Agenda

7. Unfinished Business

a. Judicial Board Appointments

8. New Business

a. Open North

b. MHPM Presentation

c. Library Services Fund Committee Presentation

d. Ratification of Presidential Decree - vacant VP Sustainability position

e. Annual General Meeting (Tuesday, April 30th)

f. Office closure



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- g. Innovation Committee (ad-hoc)**
 - h. Board of Director's Insurance**
 - i. Acquire (VP Finance)**
 - ii. Maintain & Guarantee (Policy Committee)**
 - i. ASFA Talks**
 - j. Maclean's Magazine - Steubenville**
- 9. Question Period**
- 10. Announcements**
- 11. Adjournment**

1. Call to Order

Meeting called to order at 6:41pm.

Roll Call

Executives

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

Councillors

Jordan Lindsay
Fahd Ali Nasser
Chris Webster
Hardial Rosner
Patrick Lefebvre
Paul Jerajian
Gonzalo Nieto
Hannah Hackney
Melissa Kate Wheeler
Chad Walcott
Anja Rajaonarivelo
Ben Prunty
Caroline Bourbonniere
James Vaccaro
Pierre Tardivo Martin

Consent Agenda

2. Approval of the Agenda

Melissa Kate Wheeler: Move point 8I up to 8D.

Hannah Hackney: Move 8J up to 8E.

Andrew Roberts: Move ratification up to point A.

Fahd Ali Nasser: Add points 'elections,' 'FASA,' and 'requisitions.'

Hannah Hackney moves to approve the agenda
Seconded by **Gonzo Nieto**

VOTE

All in favour of approving the agenda: 9

Oppositions: 0
Abstentions: 2
Motion passes

3. Approval of Minutes

Chad Walcott moves to approve the minutes
Seconded by **Hannah Hackney**

VOTE

All in favour of March 1, 13, and 28 minutes: 3

Oppositions: 0

Abstentions: **Ben Prunty, Hardial Rosner, Melissa Kate Wheeler, Fahd Ali Nasser**

Motion passes

4. Chairperson's Report

Chairperson: Nadine sends her regrets, death in the family.

Melissa Kate Wheeler moves to excuse Nadine's absence
Seconded by **Chris Webster**

VOTE

All in favour of excusing Nadine's absence: unanimous

Motion passes

5. Executive Reports

Chad Walcott: Move Student Life report out.
Seconded by **Hannah Hackney**

6. Report from University Bodies

Regular Agenda

7. Unfinished Business

A) Judicial Board Appointments

Nick Cuillerier: 5 applications that were sent to appointments committee. Supposed to be 4 today, now only 2. Carla is here now.

Andrew Roberts moves to go into closed session
Seconded by **Chad Walcott**

VOTE

All in favour of going into closed session: 9

Abstentions: 2

Motion passes

Meeting goes into closed sessions at 6:55 pm.

Meeting resumes opened session at 7:16 pm.

Gonzo Nieto moves to suspend the rules

VOTE

All in favour of suspending the rules: 8

Oppositions: 0

Abstentions: 5

Motion passes

Gonzo Nieto moves to move 'Library Services Fund' up to 8B

Seconded by **James Vaccaro**

VOTE

All in favour: 10

Oppositions: 0

Abstentions: 2

Motion passes

Chairperson: Congratulates Carla Stewart on her appointment.

Gonzo Nieto moves to reinstate Robert's rules

Seconded by **Chad Walcott**

VOTE

All in favour: 13

Oppositions: 0

Abstentions: 2

Motion passes

8. New Business

A) Open North

Chris Webster: Invited the communications manager for Open North. She's going to give a quick presentation.

Ellie Marshall: Explains about the Citizen Budget tool. Open North is a non-profit based in Montreal. Mostly do work with governments to increase access to participation. In 2011, started the citizen budget tool. Allows residents and citizens access to the budget. demo.citizenbudget.com. Idea here is that you're giving students ownership to their student union budget. A way to visually get through to the budget. Making CSU as transparent as possible.

Paul Jerajian: So there isn't an external popularity value?

Ellie Marshall: Can break it down by all the demographics you choose. Encourages students to take power themselves.

Andrew Roberts: Something that you host externally?

Ellie Marshall: Can make the URL whatever you want and can host it. For CSU it would be \$4000 to do a consultation; includes open north's consulting.

Scott Carr: Can students enter their ID numbers?

Ellie Marshall: Up to you.

Fahd Ali Nasser: Is there a yearly fee?

Ellie Marshall: Open to negotiating plans. After a first consultation, talk about a different pricing structure for a couple consultations throughout the year. Can discuss different things.

Andrew Roberts: The consultation is the entire process?

Ellie Marshall: The \$4000 covers from set up to delivering results to you.

James Vaccaro: Who makes up open north?

Ellie Marshall: 3 people plus a board of five.

Keny Toto: Possible to know who your current customers are?

Ellie Marshall: Plateau, Sud Ovest, running an exercise in the city of Toronto, Langley, BC, a town in Minnesota, Newmarket, Ontario.

Scott Carr: Do any of the data crunching?

Ellie Marshall: In depth report is a flat rate of \$1000.

Paul Jerajian: Possibility of us being connected to the database?

Ellie Marshall: You are part of the admin panel the whole time; can see in real time who's using it.

Chad Walcott: Are any other student unions currently using this program?

Ellie Marshall: No, you would be the first. Working with environmental organization in BC. Very interested in student unions and school boards.

Chris Webster moves for the CSU to hire open north for consultation purposes
Seconded by **Paul Jerajian**

Chris Webster: Details can be looked into regardless of the decision. Believes that the students we represent could have a greater part in the process. Something that should be looked into.

Hardial Rosner: Thinks its a really awesome project. Easy to use. Biggest worry is on the part of the CSU and getting the word out to students. If we were to take on something like this, would really have to take seriously the amount of dedication needed to get the world out and getting people to fill it out.

Ben Prunty: Great we now know about the process. Not the best way to go about this hiring.

Simon Pierre Lauzon: Thinks this consultation process should be a long term campaign of sorts. Feels a motion on our part may not be the best way to go about it.

Melissa Kate Wheeler: Thinks it sounds like a really great service, we should definitely keep it in mind. Don't think its a good idea to hire them right now because we don't have something that we are consulting students about. Would feel comfortable doing a bit more research before hiring.

VOTE

All in favour of Chris' motion: 2

Oppositions: 10

Abstentions: 3

Motion fails

Hardial Rosner moves to include documentation and info on this company and project in documents being passed on to next year's exec
Seconded by **Patrick Lefebvre**

Hardial Rosner: Really don't want it to disappear.

James Vaccaro amends to create an ad hoc committee (consultation committee) chaired by VP Sustainability and consisting of 4 councillors and 3 students at large
Seconded by **Fahd Ali Nasser**

Melissa Kate Wheeler: Not sure that its necessary. Only two months left in the mandate.

Chad Walcott moves to lay the amendment on the table indefinitely
Seconded by **Paul Jerajian**

Chad Walcott: A lot of next year's execs are here. Committee would be very short lived. In terms of student consultation, feels like it is not the most productive time.

VOTE

All in favour of Chad's motion: 7

Against: 1

Abstentions: 6

Motion passes

Caroline Bourbonniere calls the question

Seconded by **Chris Webster**

VOTE

All in favour of calling the question: 11

Oppositions: 0

Abstentions: 3

Motion passes

VOTE

All in favour of Hardial's motion: 11

Oppositions:

Abstentions: 3

Motion passes

Paul Jerajian: We could be the people who start leading this software to start being used in a university facility. The disconnect with students is so large that trying this innovation is a very big help to us. This is a very useful tool. May be a hit or miss. This is something innovative that no other student union has ever done before.

Melissa Kate Wheeler calls for the orders of the day

B) Library Services Fund Committee Presentation

Chris Webster: Library services fund committee is four of us and five other university members. Wanted to let you guys know what was going on.

Gerald Beasley: Fund established by CSU referendum in 2009. Here to make sure that we're still on track with the original vision. Committee meets four times a year; membership tends to change every year. What we do is important because it is actually a significant commitment to CSU members; \$1 per credit. Want to make sure that we are in the right zone. Things originally asked for were 24 hour access, expansion of the laptop loan service; services that would not be possible without you. Have a responsibility about transparency. Have annual reports. Looking for ideas on how to better transparency. Electrical outlets was another big project. Textbooks and course reserves room. Furniture, plants, etc. Occasionally will provide small amounts of money to library events. Can't have too much feedback when looking at using this money wisely.

Melissa Kate Wheeler: Wondering what the different methods you use to collect feedback were?

Gerald Beasley: Hopeful that the councillors have a good sense. Have a suggestions box on the website. Referendum in 2009 was based on a questionnaire from the CSU. Undergraduates are mostly concerned with the lack of space. Occasionally have focus groups. Don't think we're using social media enough. Would love to have help developing a social media presence.

Melissa Kate Wheeler: One concern I've heard from students is the lack of silence in blue zones. Think there is a role for the fund committee to play in that?

Gerald Beasley: Shouldn't be an additional service. We should be paying for that. Have looked at various things. Looked recently at a limited amount of security agents touring.

Paul Jerajian: Are the second and third floors of the Vanier Library wheelchair accessible?

Gerald Beasley: Yes. Have elevators.

Patrick Lefebvre: What is the library doing with students mistreating library computers?

Gerald Beasley: Extremely difficult to identify the legitimate subjects. Get complaints who feel students are being distracted. Is a public space and it is very important that people's privacy and confidentiality is preserved. Issue of respect for students that we don't set up ourselves as policing. Mediation role.

Andrew Roberts: Wondering if the annual report for 2012 will be up?

Gerald Beasley: Has asked for it to be put up, should be put up soon. At the beginning of the project, it was very clear that we needed campaigns and such. Comes a point where you need to think in a bigger term. Some things that you can't do other than putting them aside with matching funds of the university. Last year and this year, the committee agreed to portion about 25% of its funds that will be seen when the larger renovation project takes place. Have to be aware that that money is there. Don't want any of the money to be spent on something that isn't visible to students. Idea that committee has endorsed is that there is enough money there to set some aside for this matching project.

Scott Carr: All JMSB databases are extremely important to us. Problem is that students do not know how to use the tools. How do you intend that students know how to use these tools better?

Gerald Beasley: A huge problem. Other faculties having the same problems. Have been piloting the concept of video educational instructions. Not as far along as I would like to be. A lot of our focus has been in teaching; would like to have input on how better to do that. Not sure that the fund could address that issue.

Scott Carr: Any way to get access to online magazines?

Gerald Beasley: Should be getting online access to a lot. Will see if I can make that clearer. Do acquire a lot through the databases.

Hardial Rosner: Question about proper use of equipment and space. Notice that a lot of times during exam times reserve seats for themselves.

Gene Morrow: Any role that the fund can play in expanding the electronic database?

Gerald Beasley: Need to make sure it is something additional. Have already acquired textbooks and coursepacks. Library has never been able to afford that without the fund. Could do something with eBooks. Need to figure out a way that makes it transparent.

Chad Walcott calls for the order of the day

C) Ratification of Presidential Decree - vacant VP Sustainability position

Andrew Roberts: Presidential decree to appoint Ben Prunty to the vacant VP Sustainability position.

Gonzo Nieto moves to ratify the presidential decree
Seconded by **Chad Walcott**

VOTE

All in favour: 8

Oppositions: 0

Abstentions: 5

Motion passes

D) MHPM Presentation

Gonzo Nieto calls for the orders of the day

E) ASFA Talks

James Vaccaro moves for a 10 minute recess
Seconded by **Patrick Lefebvre**

VOTE

All in favour: 7

Oppositions: 4

Motion passes

Chad Walcott:

Whereas an amount of \$10, 900 was allocated by CSU Council for Speaker Series in the 2012-2013 CSU Annual Operating Budget;

Whereas it is the responsibility of the VP Finance to “ensure that the budget adopted by Council is respected”, as per By-law 7.8;

Whereas S.R. 80 states that “all financial transactions of the Student Union must be carried out in accordance with the Annual Operating Budget, or by a resolution of Council adopted by the Council of Representatives”;

Whereas \$30 000 was spent for the ASFA Talks Speaker Series (\$19 100 more than approved in the Annual Operating Budget) without either consulting Finance Committee nor presenting the contract to Council, in violation of S.R. 81(b) which requires that all contracts between \$10 000 and \$49 999 must first be approved by the Finance Committee and then presented to Council as part of the following Finance Committee report;

Whereas VP External & Mobilization and VP Finance Keny Toto chose to unilaterally reallocate money from the Campaigns budget line (see *VP External Executive Report, Feb. 9th*) to offset the ASFA Talks Speaker Series expense, and did so without consulting either Finance Committee or Council, in violation of By-law 7.8 and S.R. 80;

Whereas insufficient effort on the part of the CSU Executive to advertise for the event resulted in very low attendance, with only 47 students attending (amounting to an event cost for the CSU of almost \$640 per student in attendance);

Be it resolved that CSU Council request the immediate resignation of the VP External and VP Finance of the CSU effective immediately for dereliction of duties and violation of CSU By-laws and Standing Regulations

Seconded by **Paul Jerajian**

Chad Walcott: The amount of \$30,000 was effectively thrown away on assumptions of surplus resulting in two broken budget lines. Thinks that this is a very serious manner, is a very alarming example of simply by passing the rules. With an attendance of 47, thinks that it is something that needs to be discussed. Only option is impeachment, so giving a chance for these VPs to step down. Feels that this is a discussion we must have at council.

Paul Jerajian moves to separate the question by individual VP

Seconded by **Hardial Rosner**

VOTE

All in favour: 13

Motion passes

Andrew Roberts: Urges councillors to ask questions so we can answer them. The Whereas clause stating the attendance, there were more people there. Have spent heaps of money in the past with low attendance. Overall a very well put together event.

Would like to amend to remove the part stating the insufficient amount of attendees at the event.

Seconded by **James Vaccaro**

Chad Walcott: Consulted with ASFA, number of tickets sold was 47. Tickets were sold at various prices. Eventually, entrance was made free when they were faced with a low attendance.

Caroline Bourbonniere: Had about 100 people attending at the beginning with about 50-60 people present after the cocktail hour.

Chad Walcott: More about the actual tickets sold than people attending. When and if the CSU is paying upwards of \$10,000 for an event, one would expect a certain amount of promotions to be done. In terms of advertising done by the CSU, think that this event was poorly advertised. Came off that this event was put together last minute. Because of this, believe it adds a level of seriousness to this motion. In terms of the revenues for the tickets sold, the CSU is not seeing a penny of it.

Ben Prunty: Feels the poor attendance is a bit secondary to the rest of the motion.

VOTE

All in favour of Andrew's amendment: 8

Oppositions: 2

Abstentions: 4

Motion passes

Melissa Kate Wheeler: A \$20,000 donation from the CSU's VP External was considered confirmed in the February 8 submission of the ASFA Talks CCSL application which was submitted the day before our VP External's report. Would we be able access to the initial CCSL application? In ASFA's revised version of the budget, there was a confirmed contribution of \$20,000 from the VP External of the CSU. Was this confirmed before or after this was run past council in any way?

Hannah Hackney: That is the revised version. In the original application, it is not confirmed.

Simon Pierre Lauzon: Explained to ASFA it would be up to \$20,000. I could sign any speaker I could so choose. Did not sign on any kind of deal. Doesn't believe it is relevant that the amount contributed was more than an exec's salary. Made my budget with the thought of using both my budget lines. Council should be aware that we made funds for a video to be made. Participated in every aspect of ASFA Talks. In terms of advertising, did mass email, tabled, postered, etc. On CCSL, I don't have access to the numbers being proposed to CCSL and what they approve/don't approve.

Fahd Ali Nasser: When was the contract signed?

Simon Pierre Lauzon: January 17.

Gonzo Nieto: Wondering why the CSU chose to go for a speaker that was almost three times as much as what was allocated for the speaker series budget?

Simon Pierre Lauzon: Saw the speaker series as part of a larger politicizing event. Running a surplus at the end of the year is not what we want to do.

Keny Toto: When you talk about taking different budget lines into one expense, it has been done in the past. It is in our laws to promote sustainability, so it goes in that context.

Simon Pierre Lauzon: Took money from several budget lines. This event was not just a speaker, but part of a campaign.

Andrew Roberts: Don't have any kind of gray scale in this area; either black or white. By Laws and Standing Regulations were broken. Have a hard time lumping this with another circumstance that had a malicious intent. No ill intent behind these breaches. Taking money from campaigns to use for speaker series; they are very much intertwined. Did not go through all the checks, but thinks that this is a very severe punishment.

Chris Webster: Not entirely clear that everything was communicated properly.

Gene Morrow: In your exec report, you outlined the \$30,000 fee. Hinted at other expenses that may have come up. Are there additional expenses that the CSU incurred?

Simon Pierre Lauzon: Contributed \$500 to advertising from the Campaigns budget line, but nothing for the production of the video.

Jordan Lindsay: Said contract was signed January 17, but exec report says Jeff Rubin was signed by January 9.

Hardial Rosner: Not concerned with malicious intent or not, concerned with precedent. Seems to have been a large mistake, but by passed a lot of steps. Unfortunate that impeachment is our only recourse, but it is really important for us to not excuse a mistake. Important to take the hard line on it. Comes down to the fact that these things cannot happen.

Chad Walcott: Facing a couple of violations. Should be discussing the fact that CSU allocated over \$19,000 more than they had for the speaker budget. Unilaterally combined two budget lines which is something that can happen if the provisions and steps were followed, but they were not. Oversight bodies that are supposed to look over budgets and expenses were bypassed. Yet to be presented with an actually budget pertaining to ASFA Talks. Upon inquiry, Simon Pierre has given quite a lot of information and has provided us with a pretty lengthy explanation. Quite alarmingly, the individual responsible for making sure that these expenses go through the proper oversight has provided us no explanation as to why this was allowed to happened. No contracts or

budgets were reported to Finance Committee. Furthermore, this process began at the very earliest on December 18th, 2012. Council was never publicly notified until now; no concrete announcements. Thinks that special attention should be paid to the part of the VP Finance.

Melissa Kate Wheeler: Clear that some pretty major violations took place. Simon Pierre mentioned that campaigns and speaker series play off each other, I don't necessarily agree with that. Think that that illustrates the importance of following procedure. These steps are there for a reason. The fact that they weren't respected speaks to the severity of this. Would like to point out that our VP Finance had a lot to play in this.

Gene Morrow: At what point did you feel that the process should be brought up to council? Or did you find it unproblematic?

Simon Pierre Lauzon: Constantly updated on my budgets by Keny. Under 50k, I don't need to go to council. At the time, was totally ignorant of the fact that an expense of over 10k would need to be brought to Finance Committee. This was never brought up to me by either the President or VP Finance.

Keny Toto: Intent was to bring this to Finance Committee. Tried to have a Finance Committee meeting in January, wasn't possible. Short timeframe because Simon Pierre needed to move forward with his event. Talked to Schubert, gave his OK.

Chris Webster: By consulting with the President and VP Finance, feel like that was your due diligence or do you take responsibility for your actions?

Simon Pierre Lauzon: Responsible to know the entirety of the by laws and standing regs, responsible for that.

Chris Webster: Came up a couple meetings ago that we are the board of directors and that there is an aspect of liability.

Fahd Ali Nasser: Confirmed date of the contract?

Simon Pierre Lauzon: January 15 is when I got the final version of the contract.

Fahd Ali Nasser: Told this was a matter of time. Had a regular council meeting on the 9th, weren't told anything, special council meeting on the 16th, regular council meeting on the 23rd, still told nothing. Only heard in the February council meeting. To have three council meetings in January and for council not to know anything about the amount.

Simon Pierre Lauzon: Circumstances did not mean that I didn't have time to come to council. Needed a speaker early. Was in a hurry to find a speaker. As far as I was concerned, thought that getting the ok from President and VP Finance was enough. Talked about the event as soon as I knew. Was not aware that I had to bring anything to council.

Keny Toto: No clear procedure on using two different budget lines; depends on certain financial situation.

Gonzo Nieto: If there was no Finance Committee meeting, not an excuse to just approve it. Had many other choices than holding a Finance Committee meeting; no excuses. There was no emergency approval.

Chad Walcott: Does a formal budget exist outlining the CSU's expenses?

Simon Pierre Lauzon: All requisitions exist. Since there was no contract between ourselves and ASFA, no specific outlined budget.

Chad Walcott: When did the actual planning of the CSU's role in ASFA Talks begin?

Simon Pierre Lauzon: Had started talking in October, but only became official in January.

Chad Walcott: Further demonstrates the poor planning and execution of this event.

Melissa Kate Wheeler: In Keny's case, seems that rules were broken intentionally. Aware that they are breaking a rule. If council does nothing about that, horrible precedence.

Keny Toto: SR 82 allows for this, did not intentionally break rules.

Melissa Kate Wheeler: SR 82 does not apply in this situation. President did not make that call and only he can make that call. Not a valid excuse for this.

Simon Pierre Lauzon: Started to meet in October; specifically referring to the decision to have a \$30,000 speaker.

Paul Jerajian: Did two signing officers sign this cheque?

Gene Morrow: Yui Hui and Hannah Hackney are stated as signing the cheque in Keny's report.

James Vaccaro: Seems that we may have even been without a President at the time of the contract signing.

Hannah Hackney: Would like to bring forward that Simon Pierre signed on the President line for at least one cheque while the CSU was without a President.

Chad Walcott: Were you the only signatory to the contract and are you a signing officer?

Simon Pierre Lauzon: Yes and no.

Fahd Ali Nasser: Did you know that Keny did not take it to Finance Committee?

Simon Pierre Lauzon: Ignorant that it had to be taken to Finance Committee. Both Keny and Schubert gave me the OK.

Keny Toto: Cheque was signed on February 26th by Hannah and Yui Hui.

Jordan Lindsay: In terms of this cheque, I don't think Hannah signing off on it really matters because if we signed this contract before we signed the cheque, we are still technically legally liable for that \$30,000 because the contract was signed.

Gonzo Nieto calls the question on Council's request of Keny's resignation
Seconded by **Chad Walcott**

VOTE

All in favour of calling the question: 6

Oppositions: 6

Abstentions: 1

Motion fails

Gonzo Nieto calls the question on Council's request of Simon Pierre's resignation
Seconded by **Chad Walcott**

VOTE

All in favour of the calling the question: 5

Oppositions: 7

Abstentions: 1

Motion fails

Anja Rajaonarivelo: Is the best solution to remove an exec? Still other possibilities to consider. Too extreme. Maybe financial charges.

Chris Webster: Any alternative solutions?

Andrew Roberts: Financial penalties, no precedent for this. A pretty severe penalty.

Ben Prunty: Not clear to me that Simon Pierre broke the rules because he got permission from his authorities. Need to act in the interest of our union.

Pierre Tardivo Martin: Enjoyed the talk, was a good initiative. Would not want this to prevent someone else to be afraid to try this. If two execs were to leave right now, that would worsen the situation for all students. All in all, I think removing them would be a bit extreme.

Hannah Hackney: President (via Twitter) said the he was never asked by Simon Pierre. Keny is not Simon Pierre's superior, they're equals. No excuse for Simon Pierre to not

check the By Laws and Standing Regulations. Have already elected people for next year's executive. Just a thought that we could put the incoming execs of these positions in office perhaps.

Gene Morrow: Dereliction of duties does not mean doing your job badly; it is a pretty serious offense. Means intentionally and knowingly circumventing the rules so as to cause harm through your position. Not convinced that Simon Pierre and Keny knowingly and intentionally broke the rules. Do not legitimately think that these constitute grounds for impeachment. Do think that it would be best to work out some kind of penalty for this kind of failure that doesn't necessarily go all the way to removal of office.

Fahd Ali Nasser: Did you say yes to Simon Pierre because you couldn't schedule a meeting or did you just say yes because?

Keny Toto: Said the contract is fine and that it's good for the money, but Schubert is the one who gave him the go ahead to sign the contract.

Laura Glover: Not sure that the board of the directors of the CSU has the authority to impose financial sanctions on members of the board. The only way to do that would be to pursue Keny and Simon Pierre legally. Really hope that that's not on the table. Would be much worse than what's been discussed today because that would get into lawyer fees and criminal charges and such. Before that's discussed any further, someone should look at the ability to pursue financial sanctions.

Paul Jerajian: When were the contracts presented to both Schubert and Keny?

Simon Pierre Lauzon: Before I signed the contract, I had to make sure we had a venue and such. Wondering if I got the approval and then made some changes or not. Around January 7th, a bit more than a week to revise the contract.

Paul Jerajian: Describe the conversation with Schubert and Keny.

Simon Pierre Lauzon: Approached both the President and VP Finance if I could go ahead and sign the contract.

Hannah Hackney: Worse to have someone do the job and not get paid for it than not doing the job at all.

Anja Rajaonarivelo: Ignorance is not an excuse. Keny is directly liable for this. Think they are both jointly liable for this. Thinks that a \$300 financial penalty is fair.

Jordan Lindsay: Not sure if it's legal. They have a contracted salary; unless something is directly written, don't know that we can deduct charges without a government regulation.

Laura Glover: The only way to impose financial repercussions is that if legal action is imposed.

Simon Pierre Lauzon: Council could motion for the President to dock our pay.

Chad Walcott: Have to make our decisions based on facts. Our emotions regarding it should not weigh on the decision making. The facts are that Simon Pierre is not a signing officer and still signed the contract that bound us to this \$30,000 expense. All the oversight provided for was by passed. Impeachment can arise of the measures breaking the By Laws and Standing Regulations, which both occurred in these instances. Fact of the matter is that he signed the contract without ever being a signing officer this year. Keny Toto is responsible for upholding the annual budget that we voted on. Being called to make a decision on whether or not they should keep their jobs. Facts presented in front of us, no one is denying these facts and that the rules were broken.

Melissa Kate Wheeler: Would like to remind Council of what terrible precedent it would sets if we are presented with clear breaking of the rules and choose not to do anything about it.

Stefan Faina: Would like to stress that there is a lot of rationality to not having these execs resign.

Chris Webster: Is an option of being creative and doing something different, but I think that it is our responsibility to follow through with following the clear path. It shifts responsibility to us if we make the wrong choice.

Paul Jerajian calls the question for Simon Pierre Lauzon
Seconded by Stefan Faina

VOTE

All in favour of calling the question: 9

Oppositions: 0

Abstentions 4

Motion passes

VOTE

All in favour of requesting the resignation of Simon Pierre effective immediately: 7

Against: 6

Abstentions: 0

Motion passes

Chad Walcott calls the question for Keny Toto
Seconded by Paul Jerajian

VOTE

All in favour of calling the question:10

Oppositions: 0

Abstention: 3

Motion passes

VOTE

All in favour of Keny's resignation: 10

Oppositions: 1

Abstention: 2

Motion passes

Paul calls for the orders of the day

F) Maclean's Magazine - Steubenville

Paul Jerajian moves to take a 10 minute recess

Seconded by **James Vaccaro**

VOTE

All in favour: 4

Oppositions: 2

Abstentions: 2

Motion passes

Hannah Hackney: Maclean's is read by 2.4 million people. Barbara Amiel wrote an article called "Landmines in our Sexual Landscape." Created a petition asking Maclean's to issue a public apology. We at Concordia and Montreal have a history of upholding rights and have a large LGBTQ population. Would like to circulate the petition around.

Gonzo Nieto recommends that an exec include the petition and article in the next CSU newsletter

James Vaccaro calls for the order of the day

G) Annual General Meeting (Tuesday, April 30th)

Andrew Roberts: AGM April 30th at 1 o'clock in the CSU Lounge

Chad Walcott moves to ratify the CSU's AGM on April 30th

Seconded by **James Vaccaro**

VOTE

All in favour: 9

Abstentions: 2

Motion passes

H) Office Closure

Andrew Roberts: Anything CSU online-related, servers will be down Friday 8 am until hopefully Monday 8 am. IT infrastructure going on.

I) Innovation Committee (Ad-Hoc)

Gonzo Nieto calls for the orders of the days

J) Board of Director's Insurance

A) Acquire (VP Finance)

Chris Webster moves to have the VP Finance purchase Board of Director's Insurance, or to provide documentation of the Board Insurance Policy currently in effect (in consultation with the CSU Financial Committee, and the CSU's Business Manager or equivalent)

Andrew Roberts: Already have Board of Director's insurance.

VOTE

All in favour: 10

Oppositions: 0

Abstentions: 2

Motion passes

B) Maintain & Guarantee (Policy Committee)

Chris Webster moves for Policy Committee to create a policy, mandating a Board Insurance policy is always active in the future.

Chad Walcott moves to postpone this motion indefinitely

Seconded by **Chris Webster**

VOTE

All in favour: 7

Oppositions: 1

Abstentions: 4

Motion passes

K) Elections

Fahd Ali Nasser: One of the first times we had uncontested elections. Finds that the student involvement is at an all time low. Thinks the next exec should try to get the students more involved.

Gene Morrow: Hear you loud and clear. Pretty disturbed and disappointed that we were running unopposed. Council will still be getting a full report from the CEO. Deeply share your concerns.

Paul Jerajian: Debates were poorly advertised. Loyola one was not broadcasted. Could see why people would want to stay home and watch the debates.

Chuck Wilson: Most people run out of spite. People will run to change things. Only way to do effective marketing is giant posters.

Scott Carr: There is no one with any marketing knowledge working on the advertising.

Andrew Roberts calls for the orders of the day

L) Fine Arts

Fahd Ali Nasser: A bit surprised that no one from Fine Arts ran for next year's council.

Erika Couto: We're also surprised. A lot are too busy to run. Definitely is interest, care about FASA and the CSU link. Have one candidate for sure that is going to run in the By Elections.

Katrina Caruso: Thinks it is an issue of representation and getting the CSU back in the classroom. Fine Arts students are typically not the ones to go out and party, type to have vernissages and film screenings and conferences. Why student at large didn't run. Most people I know are graduating. Will be working with Fine Arts students to get them to run.

James Vaccaro calls for the orders of the day

M) Requisitions

Fahd Ali Nasser: Requisitions are supposed to take 10 business days. Mentioned there was one from October. Same club gave one in January and they still haven't gotten their requisition. Why are they taking so long?

Andrew Roberts: Isn't a trend that occurs. This is a specific situation. Not something that happens regularly.

James Vaccaro: Requisitions for the elections?

Andrew Roberts: Don't know.

9. Question Period

Chad Walcott: Student Life budget line is broken. Orientation budget line is 34% over. New York Trip with banquet coming up. Wondering why we're holding events after the school year is over?

Stefan Faina: Budget may not be fully updated.

James Vaccaro: Doesn't think the New York trip is happening.

Paul Jerajian: Do you know what you will do with the two vacant exec positions?

Andrew Roberts: Thinks the banquet is in conjunction with the clubs. Don't know what we're going to do. Don't know if it was fully realized how much those people were depended on. Don't know how much they are going to want to stay and train people. People who have been elected for next year, but they may not have training. Have been working with SP with a bunch of projects.

10. Announcements

Laura Glover: CVAP is having our AGM on Friday at 4 at EV on the 6th floor.

Melissa Kate Wheeler: Council elect meeting is happening May 15th at 6:30pm in H769.

Stefan Faina: Red Carpet Night this Friday. Urge everyone to attend.

Andrew Roberts: Phase 2 of January's tar sands panel. April 15th. Greenpeace. Monday at 630 on 7th floor. Panel discussion.

Nick Cuillerier: Decided to open up a 3 month review process of our code of procedures. Definitely want to have a consultative process. Hopefully will have something in June or September.

11. Adjournment

Chad Walcott moves to adjourn
Seconded by **Jordan Lindsay**

VOTE

All in favour of adjourning: unanimous

Meeting adjourned at 12:10 am.