



Concordia Student Union – Council of Representatives

CSU Special Council Meeting – Agenda
Wednesday, November 21st, 2018
CSU Conference Room, 18h30, S.G.W. Campus

- 1. Call to Order**
- 2. Roll Call**
- 3. Chief Electoral Officer**
- 4. Adjournment**

Meeting officially called by CSU Councillors Sophie Beauchamp-Lizotte, Samantha Candido, Rowan Gaudet and Zoe Zeitouni as per By- Law 6.6.3



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1. CALL TO ORDER

Meeting is called to order at 18h52.

We would like to begin by acknowledging that Concordia University is located on unceded Indigenous lands. The Kanien'kehá:ka (Ga-niyen-gé-haa-ga) Nation is recognized as the custodians of the lands and waters on which we gather today. Tiohtiá:ke (jo-jya-gé)/Montreal is historically known as a gathering place for many First Nations. Today, it is home to a diverse population of Indigenous and other peoples. We respect the continued connections with the past, present, and future in our ongoing relationships with Indigenous and other peoples within the Montreal community.

2. ROLL CALL

Council Chairperson: *Caitlin Robinson*

Council Minute Keeper (Interim): *Caitlin Robinson*

Executives present for the meeting were *Sophie Hough-Martin* (General Coordinator), *Mikaela Clark-Gardner* (Internal & Clubs Coordinator), *John Hutton* (Finance Coordinator), *Michele Sandiford* (Student Life Coordinator) and *Alexis Searcy* (Loyola Coordinator).

Executive absent for the meeting were: *Akira De Carlos* (Sustainability Coordinator), *Princess Somefun* (Internal & Clubs Coordinator) and *Camille Thompson-Marchand* (External & Mobilization Coordinator)

Councillors present for the meeting were *Sophie Beauchamp-Lizotte* (Arts & Science), *Margot Berner* (Arts & Science), *Samantha Cadido* (Arts & Science), *Rowan Gaudet* (Arts & Science), *Jarrad Haas* (Fine Arts), *Sami Al-Hanbali* (Arts & Science), and *Peter Zhuang* (Fine Arts).

Councillors absent for the duration of the meeting were *Jad Faraj Abi Semaan* (Arts & Science), *Rory Blaisdell* (JMSB), *David Ferrara* (ENCS), *James Hanna* (ENCS), *Marlène Iradakunda* (Arts & Science), *Christopher Kalafitidis* (Arts & Science), *Paige Keleher* (Arts & Science), *Caleb Owusu-Acheaw* (Arts & Science), *Patrick Quinn* (Arts & Science) *Sally Younis* (ENCS) and *Zoe Zeitouni* (Arts & Science).

3. CHIEF ELECTORAL OFFICER

Samantha Candido: This meeting was called to address things going on with Chief Electoral Officer's performance. The job is not necessarily in a state of jeopardy, just a request that that the people delegated with the task keep members accountable by launching a protocol for the next steps. The CEO is currently running many different elections (LSSA, SASU, PSSA, possibly SHAC) and the CSU by-elections. There is also a lag in posts from the Communications team with respect to call-outs and a use of Spotted Concordia to post about elections.



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Margot Berner: I know people running for councillor positions and they did not receive notice that their applications were accepted when they were supposed to be campaigning which puts them at a serious disadvantage. I do not think the CEO does not have sound judgment but they have a lot on their plate doing multiple elections and I want to put on table that perhaps having them do big elections is not the greatest idea. There were also problems with them putting up unprofessional posters that were hand-written. We need to expect more.

Peter Zhuang: The CEO was appointed really late which caused everything to be delayed. As for conflict of interest, there is no rule specifically saying in bylaws that they cannot do other things.

Sophie Beauchamp-Lizotte: The use of Spotted Concordia is a big deal as it is not a platform accessible to all and the people in charge of it can choose what they want to post. Acknowledges that the CEO was hired late so this was extenuating circumstances but when running five (5) elections at once they cannot do a proper job while being student.

Michele Sandiford moves to enter closed session.
Seconded by **Sophie Hough-Martin**.

VOTE

For: 6

Opposed: 1

Absentions: 0

Motion carries.

Meeting enters closed session at 19h00.

Margot Berner moves to bring the possibility of dismissing the Chief Electoral Officer to the Judicial Board based on poor performance.
Seconded by **Sophie Hough-Martin**.

Motion carries.

Michele Sandiford moves that:

- they speak with the Chief Electoral Officer personally to clarify the limits and boundaries of the Communications and Design team's role;
- that they request that the Chief Electoral Officer submit a clear communications plan request in advance;
- that they speak with the Communications and Design team to clarify a limit on the number of hours that the Chief Electoral Officer can come to them with requests.

Seconded by **Margot Berner**.

Motion carries.



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Margot Berner moves to enter open session.
Seconded by **Samantha Candido**.

Motion carries.

Meeting enters open session at 19h32.

Margot moves to ratify the minutes of closed session.
Seconded by **Jarrad Haas**.

VOTE

For: 7

Opposed: 0

Absentions: 0

Motion carries.

4. ADJOURNMENT

Margot Berner moves to adjourn.
Seconded by **Jarrad Haas**.

Carries unanimously.

Meeting is adjourned at 19h34.