



Concordia Student Union – Council of Representatives

CSU Regular Council Meeting – Agenda
Wednesday, December 12th, 2018
MB-5.215, 18h30, S.G.W. Campus

1. Call to Order

2. Roll Call

3. Approval of the Agenda

4. Consent Agenda

- a) Approval of Previous Minutes
- b) Reports from Committees
- c) Executive Reports
- d) Chairperson's Report

5. Presentation and Guest Speakers

- a) JMAS Tax Clinic
- b) Student Nightline Fee Levy

6. Appointments

7. New Business – Substantive

- a) Provincial Student Representation
- b) Online Voting Research & Implementation
- c) Chief Electoral Officer
- d) Additional Mindful Project Coordinator

8. Returning Business

- a) Annex A Edits



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- b) CCSL
- c) Resolving Conflicts on CSU Clubs
- d) Accessibility for Student Parents
- e) Chairperson's Report (closed)
- f) Approval of the minutes
- g) Public Commemorations (informational)
- h) Budget Actuals to-Date (informational)

9. Question Period & Business Arising

10. Announcements

11. Adjournment



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1. CALL TO ORDER

Meeting is called to order at 19h34.

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. TiohEá: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 duration of the meeting were *John Hutton* (Finance Coordinator), *Alexis Searcy* (Loyola Coordinator), *Mikaela Clark-Gardner* (Academic & Advocacy Coordinator), *Camille Thompson-Marchand* (External & Mobilization Coordinator), *Michele Sandiford* (Student Life Coordinator)

Executive absent for the meeting were: *Akira De Carlos* (Sustainability Coordinator), *Sophie Hough-Martin* (General Coordinator), *Princess Somefun* (Internal & Clubs Coordinator).

Councillors present for the meeting were *Sophie Beauchamp-Lizotte* (Arts & Science), *Rowan Gaudet* (Arts & Science), *Sami Al-Hanbali* (Arts & Science), *James Hanna* (ENCS), *Marlène Iradakunda* (Arts & Science), *Christopher Kalafitidis* (Arts & Science), *Caleb Owusu-Acheaw* (Arts & Science), *Patrick Quinn* (Arts & Science) and *Peter Zhuang* (Fine Arts).

Councillors absent for the meeting were *Jad Faraj Abi Semaan* (Arts & Science), *Margot Berner* (Arts & Science), *Rory Blaisdell* (JMSB), *Samantha Candido* (Arts & Science), *David Ferrara* (ENCS), *Hilal Ghanem* (Arts & Science), *Jarrad Haas* (Fine Arts), *Paige Keleher* (Arts & Science), *Sally Younis* (ENCS) and *Zoe Zeitouni* (Arts & Science).

5. PRESENTATION & GUEST SPEAKERS

a) JMAS Tax Clinic

Tabled until January.



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b) Student Nightline Fee Levy

Jade Se gives a presentation about the Student Nightline fee levy.

Rowan Gaudet: How much are you asking for?

Jade Se: Five (5) cents per credit.

Mikaela Clark-Gardner: This is going to the Policy Committee. We will start looking at this week and will send the documents to Council.

Jade Se: Included in the budget is the operations fees but what is important is that this service is confidential and anonymous. Everything is run on a volunteer basis and volunteers do not let their peers know that they are involved in this organization so there is a strong sense of community.

Camille Thompson-Marchand: How long has this service been running?

Jade Se: as of January 2017 but we did not open the lines until September of 2018.

6. APPOINTMENTS

7. NEW BUSINESS – SUBSTANTIVE

a) Provincial Student Representation

Camille Thompson-Marchand:

WHEREAS the CSU joined l'Association des Voix Étudiantes au Québec (AVEQ) in November 2015;

WHEREAS MAGE-UQAC voted to disaffiliate from AVEQ about one month ago leaving AGE CAR and CSU as the only affiliated member organizations;

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WHEREAS other associations across Quebec remain interested in forming a new provincial student association to best represent their students' interests;

WHEREAS remaining in a provincial student association as the only member puts a burden on the CSU and the student it represents;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the CSU vote in support of the dissolution of AVEQ, in the case that AGE CAR proposes it;



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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the CSU will attempt to recuperate as much of the student fees collected for AVEQ as possible following its dissolution.

Seconded by **Rowan Gaudet**.

Camille Thompson-Marchand: AVEQ had difficulty getting members. They reached three (3) associations then MAGE decided to quit and AGE CAR is putting us in a corner. AGE CAR is quicker to be able to make votes because they are a smaller university with fewer students represented. If the CSU refuses to dissolve AVEQ, then they will just quit and the CSU will be responsible for dissolving the association itself. If this is proposed, I want to have an exit strategy.

Christopher Kalafatidis: I propose we divide the question – there is only one thing worthy of discussion.

Camille Thompson-Marchand moves to amend the motion to state that:

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the CSU *looks into* supporting the efforts of the different Quebec associations in creating a provincial student association in accordance to the CSU special by-law H.

Seconded by **Christopher Kalafatidis**.

Amendment is adopted via unanimous consent.

Caleb Owusu-Acheaw: Is the money we loaned to them covered under the last BIFR clause?

Camille Thompson-Marchand: No – Concordia delayed their payment and this was not done until October. This money was reimbursed in half last week and the second half will be coming this week.

VOTE

For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

Motion carries.

b) Online Voting Research & Implementation

Mikaela Clark-Gardner: We need three (3) quotes for anything we do and right now we only have one (1) quote. This has taken time and **Sophie** contacted six (6) different companies. We are waiting on them right now. It is important to hear what Camil has to say.

Camil Gagnon-Duguay: I am the IT Administrator at the CSU. From a project management standpoint, this is very short notice. All questions were not asked. Need to make sure that everything is secure and technologically speaking everything is up to date. I have prepared a letter for the council:



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Hi team,

We all agree this is a great initiative and long overdue for the CSU.

After consulting with Robert and our IT consultants, including Bryan Lack from SimplyVoting: We must communicate our concerns about the ability to execute this initiative in January with a 100% guarantee that this is going to function and go on without any issues. We believe that the amount of time to test and ensure a no flaw voting system is not sufficient.

The following are some of these reasons and concerns:

- As of this Friday December 14th there is only 7 days to deploy and test the system.*
- Our experience here is very limited.*
- Our biggest concern about this is security. Knowing that the CSU's network was already compromised in the past and still contaminated with malware as a result.*

Thus, there is no way to guarantee the integrity and confidentiality of the votes that will be made on the requested CSU laptops.

Moreover, virtual elections are much less secure, potentially, than paper ballots, since it makes it available on the Internet to anybody knowing what they do. The only way to make it as secure as paper ballots is to restrict its access to a local area network.

- Our present hardware available is old and out of date. A visual inspection and new Windows installation will be made on the requested laptops, but there is no way to guarantee that they will function correctly for the duration of the elections without doing the appropriate (and time consuming) tests and benchmarks.*
- Our IT Consultant also communicates their concern with the ability to deploy a system that is 100% guaranteed to work. In such a limited time and inadequate testing.*
- The plan B proposed is to have manual ballots available. What happens if, there has been some online voting that is not accessible if the system crashes or does not perform adequately? Do we make those who already voted again, on paper?*

Should the CSU not consider to deploy the online voting at the March election? Where the time and testing would more be appropriate and realistic.

Best regards,

Camil Gagnon-Duguay

Sophie Beauchamp-Lizotte: I thought we had said no polling stations.

John Hutton: We would still have voting stations.



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Patrick Quinn: With polling stations there is a risk but for anyone but with a laptop like mine, malware is not an issue. Servers will be hosted by whatever company we choose. I understand where Camil is coming from with respect to laptops. The NDP and SSMU used SimplyVoting and I have not heard of any issues.

Mikaela Clark-Gardner: We need an action plan and a plan B in case it does not go well. The whole point of a January election was no errors. Last meeting I asked if this is this realistic and I was told that it was. But according to the IT administrator, this does not seem like the case. If it is a week before and things are going wrong, we should go to paper ballots. Even that is not great because we would be spending money on both scenarios. We should focus win how to make this reasonable and realistic and what actions we need to take to have plan B.

John Hutton: It would be nice to have CSU laptops but the concerns still remain. Could you elaborate? The laptop could be addressed but other issues, no.

Camil Gagnon-Duguay: Testing is the main issue. We have to familiarize ourselves with it and do not have enough time. For IT projects we need to know the product. I feel like there are a lot of unknowns here.

Michele Sandiford: Polling stations are not necessary, and maybe they will not be, but the CSU has had problems with voter turnout. CASA and ASFA implemented online voting but both had stations. It is important to make an attempt.

Christopher Kalafatidis: Do you believe that if there were more laptops there would be more of a security risk?

Camil Gagnon-Duguay: No difference, just longer set-up time.

Sophie Beauchamp-Lizotte: Given the possibility that we will not get online voting ready in time, we need to prepare to have polling stations with polling clerks and we should prepare paper ballots. These elections need to happen the third week of January.

Mikaela Clark-Gardner: Without any laptops do you think it is realistic to do online voting in the time period allotted without any errors?

Camil Gagnon-Duguay: Having laptops will not keep us from having errors. Is kind of a good thing because there are less things to do though maybe not the best for the user experience.

Mikaela Clark-Gardner: I feel like the Executive is being put in an unfair situation. We are mandated to do something in a short time period which is majorly messed up. I do not feel comfortable for us to continue to do this regardless of politics or the referendum question. This is not the best way to implement online voting in a way to make students want to be a part of this. I encourage someone to come up with a motion to go back to paper ballots. There are also policies which have not been considered. After talking to SimplyVoting, people who do online voting have policies with respect to campaigning. We are not prepared for this and I do not feel comfortable doing this.



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John Hutton: If we decide on getting donated laptops, what do you think will happen?

Camil Gagnon-Duguay: Maybe a more difficult transition for the voters. Some may be confused as to how to vote. With their own laptops, I can explain how things work.

Camille Thompson-Marchand: it is very different to create something from scratch and we do not have policies in place.

Patrick Quinn:

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the CSU close proposals for online voting companies by Friday, December 14th, end of day.

Seconded by **Caleb Owusu-Acheaw**.

Patrick Quinn: We need to get moving on this. We have one proposal ready and this company SimplyVoting has gone above and beyond. If there are no more proposals we should move forward. I spoke with the company's owner, received the proposal in September and am impressed.

Michele Sandiford: We need three (3) proposals. We cannot close the proposal and go with what we have. It is in our standing regulations.

Mikaela Clark-Gardner: We should do this right.

Rowan Gaudet: We should go with what the IT professional in the room is saying.

Sophie Beauchamp-Lizotte: We should be careful with trying to accept first quote we can.

John Hutton: Based on what Camil said, polling workers with laptops should be safe. Taking this off table, what could go wrong?

Camil Gagnon-Duguay: IT-wise it is always about security. The representative from SimplyVoting sent literature on this. Besides issues with malware, anonymity could be compromised.

Christopher Kalafatidis: If we secure this by Friday, we are in a way better situation than trying to organize things with paper ballots, polling clerk and transitioning between CEOs.

Sophie Beauchamp-Lizotte calls the question.

Seconded by **Camille Thompson-Marchand**.

VOTE

For: 6

Against: 1

Abstain: 0



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Question is called.

Vote

For: 5

Against: 3

Abstain: 0

Motion carries.

Patrick Quinn: SimplyVoting did send security audits.

Rowan Gaudet:

WHEREAS the Executive team has not been given enough time to implement online voting due to the winter break, meaning that there would be one solid week to get everything prepared in order to start trouble shooting;

WHEREAS the IT Administrator is very concerned about the timeline of implementing online voting and has directly stated that in their experience this is not realistic to implement in this timeframe;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council notwithstanding the relevant motion from November 28th that the January by-election be held with paper ballots, instead of online voting.

Seconded by **Sophie Beauchamp-Lizotte**.

Rowan Gaudet: The referendum is going to speak to whether this is something we are going to do. I am happy to see this long-term but Council forcing this through is risking illegitimate elections. We are ignoring professional opinions, we have a fiduciary responsibility and we have not done due diligence.

Christopher Kalafatidis: I respect that but also disagree. Personally, I do not trust paper ballot elections. I will be voting against this.

Peter Zhuang: I am against this. If we go back, how will we do this in one month?

Mikaela Clark-Gardner: I am not understanding this logic. Even though last election did not go as planned, this is how we have been doing it for years. This is so much more secure and I am confused because we have zero policies and experience. We have no company and have to bypass processes. We are rushing things even more and we are saying that in our experience, we do not feel that Council is giving us enough time. We are worried that the elections will be cancelled or postponed and councillors not hearing our worry. Five (5) days in total is not enough time to get things started when the CSU has issues with our hardware. Our General Manager is also extremely concerned. We asked them to come here and they said no, Council will listen to the expert, Camil. Camil is for online voting but does not think the timeframe realistic.

Artem Mikhailitsin: Question to the Elections and Participation Comm – if online voting were implemented, what would be the relevant student information disclosed to the third party?



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Christopher Kalafatidis: The Elections and Participation Committee is not a typical committee that most unions have. It was created for the sole purpose of investigating online voting and other forms of increasing participation.

Patrick Quinn: We would be taking information from the student list the same way that the CSU has. From my understanding, it would be email address and name. I will be voting against this motion because I cannot trust paper voting. Personal information can be compromised using paper ballots too.

John Hutton: After taxes we are looking at \$9,000 for SimplyVoting. It is cheaper than paper ballots because there are no security guards. The cost of paper is the printing cost which is not too substantial. If the March election is held online as well, the \$9,000 ballpark figure would be spread across two (2) elections, but I encourage folks to think along more than just budgetary lines. Errors would cause a lot of damage to the CSU's credibility. All of this budget information will be posted publicly on the CSU's Facebook page.

Camille Thompson-Marchand: Why would we have better turnout with online voting and why would this be more secure?

Christopher Kalafatidis: I do not think it is more secure because there are always ways for information to leak out. My whole issue is about balancing the two. I think we need a consistent CEO.

Patrick Quinn: I do not think that risk management was assessed with the paper ballot election. I do think that when it comes to rating participation, online voting is easier to disseminate to the student population compared with paper ballot elections. People do not like to wait in line.

Michele Sandiford: I would like to clarify that this is not on the part of the Elections and Participation Committee. The committee has started doing research but some members have done external research.

Patrick Quinn: This is anecdotal, but student unions are not good at keeping archives. This is not on their radar. From the few I talked to, it did raise participation.

Michele Sandiford: We have been having these same conversations and this is the same one as last Council. What we are saying is this is not a feasible task from the information we have from our IT people. As Council's employees we are telling you that we cannot do this, but Council is saying do it anyway. If this goes poorly, it will fall on the Executive and I am going to be so disappointed if the elections are going to be postponed again. We have a maximum of five (5) days to put this through.

VOTE

For: 3

Against: 5

Abstain: 0

Motion fails.



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Sophie Beauchamp-Lizotte: I do not understand. We need to think about a plan B if we cannot make elections happen. We are not hearing our executive team. We are putting the CSU in jeopardy and setting them up for failure.

Patrick Quinn:

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council create a plan B before the next Special Council Meeting and also have temporary regulations for online voting sent to the Policy Committee.

Seconded by **John Hutton**.

Patrick Quinn: If we do not do the Special Council Meeting it is fine, but the intention is so that we get this going.

John Hutton: If Council mandates this, we have to try it. If things go wrong, we have stated our limitations. We have to come up with a plan B. This should be tasked to the CEO when we hire them. I will note to folks that if they are involved in the referendum question, they cannot be a candidate and elections officer at the same time. This includes me as a referendum question committee chair.

Camil Gagnon-Duguay: It would be useful to know if I have to prepare laptops.

John Hutton: For March, but for January it is not reasonable.

Marlène Iradakunda: Although I understand that students want online voting, it must be done in a correct fashion. The Executives are student like us with exams.

Chris Kalafatidis: We should maybe create an Online Voting Coordinator position and have the Appointments Committee appoint someone. We could take CVs from everyone on Council and the Appointments Comm could decide. It would help the Executive too.

Patrick Quinn: I did talk to **Sophie** on Tuesday and told them I would help in any capacity. If anyone wants me to help out, just ask me.

Mikaela Clark-Gardner: I do not know how we could appoint someone when the office is closing on the 19th and the Chairperson cannot chair a Special Council Meeting next week. We cannot hire someone else to do the call-out. To be honest, I think we have crossed a line. I am appalled by what has happened. No one listening to us. I have a hard enough time getting the Policy Committee to meet and we have three (3) fee levies to review and so much other work to do.

VOTE

For: 2

Against: 3

Abstain: 2 (**Caleb, James**)

Motion fails.



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Artem Mikhalitsin: As a Software Engineering student, I am disappointed with how frivolously Council is taking this matter. There have been no official recommendations from its own Elections Committee. It seems that there has been no security audit review. The online elections people do not know what student information will be disclosed. Council has the fiduciary responsibility to organize this and to treat it lightheartedly is disappointing.

James Hanna: I am more in favour of putting multiple plans of action to vote at the next Special Council Meeting. My last final is on Friday so I will be freer after that. Please someone do something quick. I am in favour of mandating for people to present multiple plans then vote at the next meeting.

Mikaela Clark-Gardner: We are not going to have a Special Council Meeting next week. The Chairperson is not there and if there is no Chair, we will not meet.

Sophie Beauchamp-Lizotte: it seems to me that we do not need to think that much about a plan B. It seems pretty straightforward to do elections as we have been doing for years. I am not sure why we are trying to create different proposals. We know what the plan B is and should get ready for it. It does not seem like online voting is feasible.

Peter Zhuang: My only concern with a plan B is that it just will not work. We have a CEO with a conflict of interest.

Camille Thompson-Marchand:

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the CSU have as a plan B the use of paper ballots if online voting fails to be implemented before the election.

Seconded by **Christopher Kalafatidis**.

Camille Thompson-Marchand: I think that we have discussed this at length.

Patrick Quinn: I think this is a great idea for contingency.

VOTE

For: 6

Against: 1

Abstain: 0

Motion carries.

c) Chief Electoral Officer

Mikaela Clark-Gardner: Previously, for the appointment of the Minute-Keeper, Council allowed the Appointments Committee to take that over. Notwithstanding the standing regulations, the Executive's recommendation is that we do this for the Chief Electoral Officer position..



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Alexis Searcy: The deadline to apply is Sunday night at midnight and the earliest to go through the CVs is Monday. We could appoint between Monday and Wednesday and have someone by Thursday. We would have to not withstand a Standing Regulation. If anyone who is not on the Appointments Committee is willing to show up, they are welcome.

Rowan Gaudet

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council grant the Appointments Committee the authority to appoint a Chief Electoral Officer, notwithstanding Standing Regulation 279.

Seconded by **Camille Thompson-Marchand**.

Rowan Gaudet: Discussions of online voting are great but we need a CEO for the elections.

VOTE

For: 6

Against: 1

Abstain: 0

Motion carries.

d) Additional Mindful Project Coordinator

Mikaela Clark-Gardner:

WHEREAS on August 22nd, 2018, the Council of Representatives approved \$5000 in funding for The Mindful Project to run one program in Fall 2018 and two programs in the Winter 2019 semester, with funding only granted for one coordinator to work 20 hours for the entire program;

WHEREAS the increased demand and overall success of The Mindful Project has increased the workload on the single project coordinator significantly;

WHEREAS work for the Winter programs needs to begin as soon as possible for The Mindful Project's success in the Winter semester;

WHEREAS Finance Committee was unable to meet quorum on 7 December 2018, so this was unable to pass through the Committee for approval;

BE IT RESOLVED that Council approve an additional \$620.00 in funding for the Mindful Project to be divided in the following way:

- \$310.00 additional to the honorarium of Léa Homer for the fall program to reflect their increased, and exemplary work as The Mindful Project coordinator.
- \$310.00 to hire a second coordinator to assist Léa in the Winter on the downtown campus.

Seconded by **Rowan Gaudet**.



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Mikaela Clark-Gardner: There was a huge participation in this program. They had a capacity of twenty (20) and all 20 stayed. This is urgent in the sense that they need to get started on working.

Caleb Owusu-Acheaw: How much did we give Léa as an honorarium?

Chairperson: The motion in the summer called for \$5000.

VOTE

For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain: 1

Motion carries.

8. RETURNING BUSINESS

a) Annex A Edits

Mikaela Clark-Gardner: I meant to pass these edits two (2) councils ago. The changes in policy are that the CSU is going from awarding 30 bursaries to 35 and the amount of each bursary changed from being \$500. The role for these used to be under the Academic & Advocacy portfolio but now it is the responsibility of the Sustainability Coordinator. The Sustainability Committee has not had as big a workload and they do not just deal with environmental sustainability but also social and economic. Other changes will have to be done such as the ENCS and female leadership bursaries to the student parent bursary. The Female Leadership award was a little outdated and our policy already mandates gender parity. A reference letter is now needed for the athletics bursary. All documentation must be given in order to be considered. Other inconsistencies were fixed. If there is one (1) application only and not a strong one it does not have to be considered.

Rowan Gaudet:

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council approve the Annex A edits.

Seconded by **Sophie Beauchamp-Lizotte.**

VOTE

For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

Motion carries.

b) CCSL

Michele Sandiford: I spoke with David of CCSL. The attendance of councillors is low to nothing. Two (2) of the councillors spoke to me and would like to stay on the committee. There was a miscommunication



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about dates. **David Ferraria** asked to step down so there is one open spot. CCSL is chaired by the Dean of Students and is a parity committee so it is half students and half administration where students have input and a real say. The approve Special Project Funding (SPF) up to \$20,000. Awards are given out and it is fun and meetings are once a month. This is a good thing to support student life.

Caleb Owusu-Acheaw: when are meetings?

Michele Sandiford: Once a month,

Rowan Gaudet: How many meetings are there until after by-elections?

Michele Sandiford: One (1) in January.

Rowan Gaudet: I would be happy to be appointed until the by-elections to help.

Caleb Owusu-Acheaw: would it be possible to get the date?

Michele Sandiford: January 25th.

c) Resolving Conflicts on CSU Clubs

Peter Zhuang:

WHEREAS interpersonal conflicts occur within CSU clubs, amongst club members and/or executives;

WHEREAS a current councillor has experienced such an interpersonal conflict with no resolution;

WHEREAS there is currently no mechanism for dispute resolution within CSU clubs;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Policy Committee be tasked with investigating this issue and proposing a solution to council.

Seconded by **Camille Thompson-Marchand**.

Peter Zhuang: This is what I have been talking about in the past Council meetings. This is not an interpersonal problem and the Executive is saying that. I would like Policy Committee to look deeper into this as I do not think that this should be happening.

VOTE

For: 6

Against: 0

Abstain: 2 (**Sophie, Marlène**)

Motion carries.



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Rowan Gaudet moves to excuse **Sophie Hough-Martin, Akira De Carlos** and **Somefun** from the meeting and waive the penalty.

Seconded by **Christopher Kalafatidis**.

Rowan Gaudet: We forgot to do it at the beginning.

Motion carries via unanimous consent.

James Hanna moves to table all remaining agenda points to the January meeting.

Seconded by **Camille Thompson-Marchand**.

VOTE

For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

Motion carries.

d) Accessibility for Student Parents

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e) Chairperson's Report (closed)

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No questions or business arising were brought forth.

10. Announcements



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No announcements were brought forth.

11. Adjournment

Sophie Beauchamp-Lizotte moves to adjourn.
Seconded by **Rowan Gaudet**.

Carries unanimously.

Meeting is adjourned at 20h32.



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Summary of Motions Carried

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– *Patrick Quinn (Caleb Owusu-Acheaw)*



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– *Rowan Gaudet (Camille Thompson-Marchand)*

d) Additional Mindful Project Coordinator

WHEREAS on August 22nd, 2018, the Council of Representatives approved \$5000 in funding for The Mindful Project to run one program in Fall 2018 and two programs in the Winter 2019 semester, with funding only granted for one coordinator to work 20 hours for the entire program;

WHEREAS the increased demand and overall success of The Mindful Project has increased the workload on the single project coordinator significantly;

WHEREAS work for the Winter programs needs to begin as soon as possible for The Mindful Project's success in the Winter semester;

WHEREAS Finance Committee was unable to meet quorum on 7 December 2018, so this was unable to pass through the Committee for approval;

BE IT RESOLVED that Council approve an additional \$620.00 in funding for the Mindful Project to be divided in the following way:

- \$310.00 additional to the honorarium of Léa Homer for the fall program to reflect their increased, and exemplary work as The Mindful Project coordinator.
- \$310.00 to hire a second coordinator to assist Léa in the Winter on the downtown campus.

– *Mikaela Clark-Gardner (Rowan Gaudet)*

8. RETURNING BUSINESS

a) Annex A Edits

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council approve the Annex A edits.

– *Rowan Gaudet (Sophie Beauchamp-Lizotte)*

c) Resolving Conflicts on CSU Clubs



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WHEREAS interpersonal conflicts occur within CSU clubs, amongst club members and/or executives;

WHEREAS a current councillor has experienced such an interpersonal conflict with no resolution;

WHEREAS there is currently no mechanism for dispute resolution within CSU clubs;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Policy Committee be tasked with investigating this issue and proposing a solution to Council.

– Peter Zhuang (*Camille Thompson-Marchand*)