



CSU POSITIONS BOOK

CONCORDIA STUDENT UNION

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The CSU Positions Book

The CSU positions book was implemented by the CSU Council in the 2013-14 academic year. A common document in many representative organizations, each of the positions outlined below have been adopted by student representatives at the CSU Council, or by students-at-large directly through referendum.

Here are a few excerpts from Book II of the CSU's Standing Regulations which outline the purpose and function of the CSU Positions Book:

- Positions serve as the basis for the political representation engaged in by the officers of the Union and establish the Union's political discourse and long-term goals. A position should not be confused with a resolution mandating the execution of a specific task or action in a time-limited fashion; they provide the Union with a position on a topic in a general way that establishes the political culture, goals, and stances of the Union on social, political, and academic issues.
- Each position listed in the positions book shall include a reference to the minutes of the meeting, report to Council, or electoral report by which the resolution was adopted. In addition, the positions book shall clearly differentiate between resolutions adopted by Council or by the Members.
- Every officer of the Union is expected to be familiar with the contents of the positions book, and to conform the political representation they engage in, on behalf of the Union, to its contents.
- Members and officers of the Union have the clear right to question and challenge any or all positions adopted, and to seek their amendment or removal through formal channels. However, while a position remains in force, officers must conform to them in the political representation that they engage in on behalf of the Union.
- In the case of a conflict or contradiction between a resolution adopted by the members and a position previously adopted through a resolution of the members, the more recent resolution shall take precedence. It shall be the task of the Judicial Board to harmonize the previous position with the most recently passed resolution.

Framework

The Concordia Student Union operates within a very specific framework. Where the CSU's activities vary greatly in subject, length, or objectives, the CSU grounds its operations in core values such as anti-colonialism, intersectional feminism, anti-racist practices, and in ways that encourage a broad inclusivity for people of all origins, capacities, and financial situations

The CSU Positions Book is structured by an intersectional view of systemic oppression. The CSU recognizes that intersectional identities create different marginalized experiences and that different people experience different barriers based upon class, ability, race, gender expression, religion, ethnicity, etc. As such, the CSU has adopted a broad range of positions that address a variety of issues facing our members and the community at large. The positions within are in no way exhaustive and members should feel empowered to bring forward new positions. As a union, it is important to fight for justice for all members of the student body and be active in struggles outside of campus.

The positions contained have wide-ranging implications for the daily operations of the union (ensuring that events are accessible, respecting the pronouns of all members, etc.) as well as the union's long-term goals (free education, Indigenous sovereignty, etc.). The CSU's central focus is the global struggle for accessible education and student rights. The CSU has a mandate to advocate for accessible education by opposing tuition hikes and increases in obligatory institutional fees for all student (Quebec, Out-of-Province, and International) as well as, to fight for quality education and programs that provide a diverse range of knowledge and experience. As a union, it is important to work towards justice in struggles outside of campus. Unions, both labour and student, have played a significant historical role in fighting for social justice, partnering with grassroots organizers, and standing in solidarity with marginalized communities at home and abroad. This is not in a spirit of charity, but in solidarity, as we know that other struggles are intimately linked to our own and share the same goals even though we may fight on different terrains.

Finally, the CSU recognizes that its offices are located on stolen territory, as is the rest of the province and country. In order to remind the student body of the reality of colonialism, the CSU begins every meeting of council, executive and the Annual General Meeting with a statement of formal recognition that Concordia University is located on Kanien'kehá:ka (Mohawk) land.

1 EDUCATION

1.1 Research

Adopted by the Council of Representatives

- 1.1.1 That the CSU calls on the Quebec government to support the creation and diffusion in French of the results of Quebec research. [*Adopted August 3, 2016 by the Council of Representatives*]

1.2 Tuition

Adopted by the Council of Representatives

- 1.2.1 That the CSU's members reaffirm its position for accessible education and oppose the proposed tuition fee hike of \$1,625. [*Adopted during the November/December by-election, 2011*]
- 1.2.2 That the CSU oppose the privatization of the academic sector and the public sector in general. [*Adopted during the March General Election, 2015 by the Council of Representatives*]
- 1.2.3 The CSU oppose the expansion of deregulated programs, and call for the Quebec government to abrogate the deregulation of the concerned six programs of study. [*Adopted August 3, 2016*]
- 1.2.4 The CSU demands from Concordia University that it does not increase tuition government to abrogate the deregulation of the concerned six programs of study. [*Adopted August 3, 2016*]

Adopted by the Members

- 1.2.5 The CSU opposes any increase in tuition fees and obligatory institutional fees (FIOs) for all student, whether Quebec resident, out of province, or International. [*Adopted during the Fall By-election, 2015*]
- 1.2.6 The CSU calls for the elimination of all financial barriers to a high quality postsecondary education, and advocate for a progressive reduction and elimination of all tuition fees and obligatory institutional fees (FIOs) for all students, whether Quebec resident, out of province, or International. [*Adopted during the Fall By-election, 2015*]
- 1.2.7 The CSU opposes the budgetary cuts made in the 2013-2014 academic year imposed by the Government of Quebec to the education sector. [*Adopted during the Concordia Student Congress – winter 2014. Ratified April 9, 2014*]

1.3 Public Funding

Adopted by the Council of Representatives

- 1.3.1 The CSU believes that the money needed to finance a tuition freeze not come from: a reduction in other social services, taxes on low-income users, user fees, or an indexation of postsecondary income. [*Adopted April 17, 2012*]
- 1.3.2 The CSU believes that the funding of universities should come from progressive taxation and the revision of university management. [*Adopted April 17, 2012*]
- 1.3.3 The CSU demands that the Quebec government preserves and expands the public mission of higher education, and its accessibility, by reinvesting in the postsecondary sector throughout the province, and in the regions in particular. [*Adopted August 3, 2016*]

Adopted by the Members

- 1.3.4 The CSU calls for a public reinvestment in post-secondary education from all levels of government. [*Adopted during the Fall By-election, 2015*]
- 1.3.5 The CSU opposes budget cuts to the education sector and public sector in general. [*Adopted during the Fall by-election, 2014*]
- 1.3.6

1.4 Quality

Adopted by the Council of Representatives

- 1.4.1 The CSU strongly believes that the University should formally commit to offering high quality education to all students at Concordia. [*Adopted March 9, 2016*]
- 1.4.2 The CSU presses the University to give formal academic recognition to extra-curricular hands-on community engaged learning. [*Adopted March 9, 2016*]

Adopted by the Members

- 1.4.3 The CSU supports high quality, universally accessible postsecondary education as a human right. [*Adopted during the Fall By-election, 2015*]

1.5 Internships

Adopted by the Council of Representatives

- 1.5.1 That CSU inform and mobilize Concordia Undergraduate students on accessible high-quality education specifically relative to unpaid internship requirements.
- 1.5.2 The CSU demands that educational institutes take responsibility for securing positions for mandatory internships for students
- 1.5.3 The CSU works in collaboration with groups across Quebec that are working towards the same goals as a part of a broader movement for free education

1.6 Student Parents (Child Care and Day Care)

Adopted by the Council of Representatives

- 1.6.1 The CSU continues prioritization and active support of the establishment of a Daycare Centre as an initiative to improve student space on campus through the student space, accessible education and legal contingency fund. [*Adopted January 14th, 2015*]
- 1.6.2 The CSU calls on Concordia University to recognize and address the challenges student-parents face at the university in regards to their academics, financial security, and community involvement. [*Adopted September 19th, 2018*]
- 1.6.3 The CSU calls on Concordia University to consult student-parents to ensure that pertinent demographic information regarding student-parents is maintained and assessed on a regular basis to determine where additional support is needed. [*Adopted September 19th, 2018*]
- 1.6.4 The CSU advocates for and assists groups at Concordia that support student-parents, especially in regards to funding, location and resources. [*Adopted September 19th, 2018*]
- 1.6.5 The CSU strives to implement policy that recognizes and supports the unique needs of student parents who are single, Indigenous, queer, trans, disabled, racialized, of a lower socioeconomic status, and international student parents, due to additional barriers faced by these groups both institutionally and societally. [*Adopted September 19th, 2018*]
- 1.6.6 the CSU calls on the federal and provincial government to improve access to education for student-parents through assistance services and accommodations, such as but not limited to: [*Adopted September 19th, 2018*]

- a. Recognizing student-parents studying part-time as full-time [Adopted September 19th, 2018]
- b. Providing specific student-parent bursaries [Adopted September 19th, 2018]
- c. Creating an easily accessible parental leave plan [Adopted September 19th, 2018]
- d. Provide funding for the development of childcare services and family residences on campuses [Adopted September 19th, 2018]
- e. Mandating universities to institute policies that provide academic accommodations for students regarding missing an academic obligation due to pregnancy or childcare, for both planned and unplanned reasons. [Adopted September 19th, 2018]

1.7 Academic Freedom

Adopted by the Council of Representatives

- 1.7.1 The CSU supports unionization of university faculty and staff in order to secure and defend academic freedom as a legally-protected working condition in their collective agreements. [Adopted March 13th, 2019]
- 1.7.2 The CSU opposes government austerity and creeping casualization of the academic workforce due to its effects of limiting academic expression via job insecurity. [Adopted March 13th, 2019]
- 1.7.3 The CSU stands in solidarity with unionized and non-unionized scientists and researchers outside the academy, such as in the federal public service, in advocating for their rights to pursue and speak publicly about their research. [Adopted March 13th, 2019]
- 1.7.4 The CSU opposes corporate donations and research contracts in which the donor is given decision-making power over what faculty may research and/or teach; and how research may be published. [Adopted March 13th, 2019]
- 1.7.5 The CSU seeks to elevate the voices of marginalized communities to ensure that the right to freedom of expression is equally held by all in society. [Adopted March 13th, 2019]
- 1.7.6 The CSU calls on Concordia to hire more faculty who are Black, Indigenous, Persons of Colour, LGBTQ, disabled, women, and/or

members of other demographic groups which have been historically (and currently) under-represented in academia, in order to ensure that the right to academic expression is equally held by all. [*Adopted March 13th, 2019*]

- 1.7.7 The CSU supports the right to free assembly and the right to protest, and opposes measures which restricts these rights. [*Adopted March 13th, 2019*]
- 1.7.8 The CSU affirms that questioning, contesting, and protesting the content of academic, social, and political speech on campus is a vital part of free expression and upholding academic integrity. [*Adopted March 13th, 2019*]
- 1.7.9 The CSU shall reasonably seek to represent a wide variety of student perspectives while affirming that as a democratic, independent organization the union is not required to endorse or provide resources to individuals, causes, or organizations which do not align with the CSU's positions. [*Adopted March 13th, 2019*]
- 1.7.10 The CSU shall oppose attacks on the right to organize for student, faculty and staff unions, and oppose attacks on student media. [*Adopted March 13th, 2019*]

2 International Student Issues

2.1 Tuition

Adopted by the Council of Representatives

- 2.1.1 The CSU opposes any modulation of International Student Fees that does not increase the accessibility of high quality education for all International Students at Concordia. [*Adopted January 13, 2016*]
- 2.1.2 The CSU demands from Concordia University that it does not increase tuition fees for international students beyond the corresponding regulated rates. [*Adopted August 3, 2016*]

Adopted by the Members

- 2.1.3 The CSU opposes any increase in International Student tuition fees to offset budgetary cuts to the academic sector. [*Adopted during the Spring General Elections, 2016*]
- 2.1.4 The CSU opposes the financial segregation of International Students through the expansion of deregulated academic programs. [*Adopted during the Spring General Elections, 2016*]

- 2.1.5 The CSU works collaboratively towards increasing the accessibility of and defending the right to quality education for international students. *[Adopted during the Spring General Elections, 2016]*

2.2 Health Plan

Adopted by the Members

- 2.2.1 The CSU endorses the provision of full provincial health coverage to all international students upon arrival in Quebec, and will advocate it to the Government of Quebec. *[during the Spring General Elections, 2019]*
- 2.2.2 The CSU believes that until the Government of Quebec extends full public health coverage to international students, international student health insurance shall be delivered on the principles of democratic student control, choice of provider, transparency and accountability, consultation with international students, affordability, quality, and not-for-profit delivery. *[Adopted during the Spring General Elections, 2019]*
- 2.2.3 The Concordia Student Union and Graduate Student Association shall work together to provide an international student health insurance plan for Concordia students, rather than the Concordia administration. *[Adopted during the Spring General Elections, 2019]*

3 University Governance

Adopted by the Members

- 3.1 The CSU demands that Concordia University divests the entirety of its investments from fossil fuel industries. *[Adopted June 8, 2016]*
- 3.2 The CSU will take whatever measures appropriate to ensure adequate student representation on all University bodies. *[Adopted during the Fall by-election, 2011]*
- 3.3 The CSU believes every department at the University should have at least one (1) Student Association representative sitting on its departmental council; student representatives should have full speaking, voting and moving privileges as full members of council. *[Adopted during the Concordia Student Congress – winter 2014. Ratified April 9, 2014]*
- 3.4 The CSU condemns the decrease of representation of undergraduate students on the University's Board of Governors. *[Adopted during the Fall by-election, 2011]*
- 3.5 The CSU presses the University to annul its decision to decrease representation at the Board of Governors. *[Adopted during the November-December by-election, 2011]*

- 3.6 The CSU opposes the use of injunctions as a means to forcefully end strikes in the place of local internal democratic mechanisms. *[Adopted during the Spring General Elections, 2015]*
- 3.7 The CSU presses the University to form a committee composed of an equal representation of students, faculty, and staff to oversee and control the operations of the Concordia Department of Security. *[Adopted during the Fall by-election, 2003]*
- 3.8 The CSU opposes the use internal university judicial means against students to solve questions of a political nature. *[Adopted during the Spring General Elections, 2015]*

4 Intersectional Feminism

Adopted by the Council of Representatives

- 4.1 The CSU recognizes that intersectional identities create different marginalized experiences and that different women and gender non-conforming people experience different barriers based upon class, ability, race, gender expression, religion, ethnicity, etc. *[Adopted November 23, 2016]*
- 4.2 The CSU respects the perspectives and value the representation of women and gender non-conforming folks who are Black, Indigenous, and People of Colour; *[Adopted November 23, 2016]*
- 4.3 The CSU operates in ways that add power and visibility to the voices of women and gender non-conforming folks who are Black, Indigenous, and People of Colour; *[Adopted November 23, 2016]*
- 4.4 The CSU encourages an intersectional feminist approach towards all future endeavours; *[Adopted November 23, 2016]*
- 4.5 The CSU recognises the importance of listening and recognising all identities and the different barriers that each face. *[Adopted November 23, 2016]*
- 4.6 The CSU supports that priority be given to someone who has lived experience at the intersection of different systems of oppression in roles that demand in. *[Adopted December 14, 2016]*

Adopted by the Members

- 4.7 The CSU supports the inclusion of the Centre for Gender Advocacy in any University committee, working group, task force, or other deliberative body that reviews or engages with topics of sexual assault, sexual harassment, gender based harassment or violence. *[Adopted during the Spring General Elections, 2015]*

5 Indigenous Rights

Adopted by the Council of Representatives

- 5.1 The Concordia Student Union stands in solidarity with Idle No More, its legitimate treaty-based concerns, and its efforts to create change through the facilitation of much needed nation-wide popular education regarding the plight of Indigenous peoples in Canada. *[Adopted January 23, 2013]*
- 5.2 The CSU, at all future meetings of Council and executive, begin with a statement of formal recognition that Concordia University is located on Kanien'kehá:ka (Mohawk) land. *[Adopted June 11, 2014]*
- 5.3 The CSU encourages other campus groups to equally adopt these [3.7 to 3.8] proposals and commit to working in collaboration with leaders of these initiatives to achieve institutional change. *[Adopted May 11th 2016]*

Adopted by the Members

- 5.4 The CSU work with the Concordia University Administration towards integrating sustainability and Indigenous studies courses in all undergraduate programs. *[Adopted during the Spring General Elections, 2017]*

6 Anti-Racism***Adopted by the Council of Representatives***

- 6.1 The CSU calls for respect and kindness towards all religious minorities in our community. *[Adopted November 25, 2015]*
- 6.2 The Concordia Student Union opposes the adoption of the proposed Charter of Values, as proposed in the fall of 2013. *[Adopted September 18, 2013]*

Adopted by the Members

- 6.3 The CSU opposes racism in all forms and rejects all values, structures and behaviors that perpetuate systemic racism. *[Adopted during the Fall by-election, 2017]*
- 6.4 The CSU actively works to dismantle racist systems, policies, and practices, locally and globally, including within the Union. *[Adopted during the Fall by-election, 2017]*
- 6.5 The CSU support anti-racist work on campus and in the broader community by actively identifying and challenging racism, and changing systems, organizational structures, policies, practices and attitudes with the goal of establishing greater equity. *[Adopted during the Fall by-election, 2017]*
- 6.6 The CSU recognizes that systemic racism differs from individual acts of racism by the presence of systemic policies, practices and economic and political structures which place minority racial and ethnic groups at a relative disadvantage. *[Adopted during the Fall by-election, 2017]*

7 Migrant Justice

Adopted by the Council of Representatives

- 7.1 The CSU calls on Concordia University to formally adopt a “Sanctuary Campus” status by not collaborating with the Canadian Border Service Agency (CBSA), including but not limited to the sharing of any information on its current and past staff, faculty, and students, or allowing CBSA on its premises, in order to protect undocumented community members from threat of deportation. [*Adopted March 31, 2017*]

Adopted by the Members

- 7.2 The CSU opposes the presence of the Canadian Border Service Agency (CBSA) on the Concordia premises. [*Adopted during the Fall by-election, 2016*]
- 7.3 The CSU calls on Concordia University not to collaborate with the CBSA, including but not limited to the sharing of any information on its current and past staff members and students. [*Adopted during the Fall by-election, 2016*]
- 7.4 The CSU calls on Concordia University to formally adopt a “sanctuary campus” status, in order to signal protection to undocumented students and staff members from threat of deportation. [*Adopted during the Fall by-election, 2016*]
- 7.5 The CSU calls on the Concordia university community to foster a safer and more inclusive space for people of all cultures and religions as an act of solidarity internationally. [*Adopted during the Fall by-election, 2015*]
- 7.6 The CSU believes that a full, comprehensive and ongoing regularization program be created for all people living in Canada who do not have full status - A status for all - (i.e. permanent residence or citizenship); [*Adopted during the Fall by-election, 2016*]
- 7.7 The CSU believes that the Canadian agencies put an end to the detention and deportation of non-status people, and put an end to the practice of double-punishment; [*Adopted during the Fall by-election, 2016*]
- 7.8 The CSU believes that everyone living here should have access, regardless of their immigration status, to free health care in clinics, CLSCs and hospitals, without having to provide information on their immigration status; [*Adopted during the Fall by-election, 2016*]
- 7.9 The CSU believes that everyone living here should be able to attend school free of charge, regardless of their, or their parents’, immigration status; [*Adopted during the Fall by-election, 2016*]
- 7.10 The CSU believes that the CBSA should not have the right to access or arrest in hospitals, shelters, schools, or any spaces providing essential services; [*Adopted during the Fall by-election, 2016*]

- 7.11 The CSU believes that any everyone living here should have access to social housing, food banks, unemployment benefits, and any other social welfare, regardless of their immigration status. [*Adopted during the Fall by-election, 2016*]
- 7.12 The CSU supports the efforts to institutionally address the issue of refugees and the adoption of policies at the provincial and federal level that would increase the openness of our borders in times of crisis. [*Adopted during the Fall by-election, 2015*]
- 7.13 The CSU call on the international community to work collaboratively to accommodate refugees from all parts of the world seeking asylum. [*Adopted during the Fall by-election, 2015*]
- 7.14 The CSU extend its condolences to the victims' families, applaud the courage of the diverse peoples of Syria and express solidarity with their struggle for freedom, dignity and democracy. [*Adopted during the Fall by-election, 2015*]
- 7.15 The CSU support the right of people to move freely, unrestricted by borders. [*Adopted during the Fall by-election, 2016*]
- 7.16 The CSU endorse and support the demands of Solidarity Across Borders. [*Adopted during the Fall by-election, 2016*] (See Annexes for full motion)

8 Labour

Adopted by the Council of Representatives

- 8.1 The CSU supports abolishing tax exemptions on individual capital gains both provincially and federally. [*Adopted June 10, 2015*]
- 8.2 The CSU supports the reduction of tax credits on dividends which are share of the profits made by a company that are paid out to share-holders. [*Adopted June 10, 2015*]
- 8.3 The CSU supports the introduction of modulating taxes to consumption in relation to goods purchased, specifically, to increase taxes on luxury goods, polluting products, and financial services. [*Adopted June 10, 2015*]
- 8.4 That the CSU support increasing fiscal contributions of financial institutions, notably by reinstating a capital tax to collect revenues from capital assets, capital stock, long-term debts, and their reserves and surplus. [*Adopted June 10, 2015*]
- 8.5 That the CSU support an increase to the provincial tax rate on corporations to minimum 15% from its current rate of 11.90%. [*Adopted June 10, 2015*]
- 8.6 That the CSU supports the adoption by the Quebec national assembly of at least a 15\$ hourly minimum wage across all provincial sectors of labour. [*Adopted June 8, 2016*]

Adopted by the Members

8.7 The CSU favors the implementation of a progressive income taxation system which increases the number of brackets to raise government revenues while reducing the amount of income tax paid by the majority. *[Adopted during the Fall by-elections, 2015]*

9 International Affairs

9.1 Palestinian Solidarity

Adopted by the Council of Representatives

9.1.1 The CSU is against the disproportionate use of force, the use of chemical weapons, the illegal settlements in Palestine and the blockade on Gaza all caused by the state of Israel. *[Adopted July 23, 2014]*

Adopted by the Members

9.1.2 The CSU endorses the Boycott, Divestment and Sanctions (BDS) movement against Israel's occupation of Palestine until Israel complies with International Law and Universal Principles of Human Rights. *[Adopted during the Fall by-election, 2014]*

9.2 Privatization of war

Adopted by the Members

9.2.1 The CSU oppose the privatization of war and the military industrial complex. *[Adopted during the Spring General Elections, 2018]*

10 Climate Justice

Adopted by the Council of Representatives

10.1 The CSU believes that our society will transition towards being fossil fuels free by 2050. *[Adopted October 8, 2014]*

10.2 The CSU encourages that our university system be transformed to help in the transition towards a post-fossil fuel economy. *[Adopted October 8, 2014]*

10.3 The CSU encourages that the pipeline projects in Quebec be blocked, with the intention to stopping tar sands exportation. *[Adopted October 8, 2014]*

10.4 The CSU encourages that fossil fuel exploration and extraction projects on the territory of Quebec stop. *[Adopted October 8, 2014]*

10.5 The CSU encourages that the emission of dangerous levels of greenhouse gases into the atmosphere be recognized as a crime against our environment, and against humanity. *[Adopted October 8, 2014]*

- 10.6 The CSU favors the removal of Federal and Provincial subsidies to the fossil fuel industry and resource exploitation activity in Quebec's Plan Nord. [*Adopted April 8, 2015*]
- 10.7 The CSU favors the removal of Federal and Provincial government subsidies from the fossil fuel industry as a fiscal measure to increase revenues. [*Adopted April 8, 2015*]
- 10.8 The CSU support increasing royalties on corporations for the right of exploitation on natural resources in Quebec. [*Adopted June 10, 2015*]
- 10.9 The CSU supports the IPCC (Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change) Special Report on Global Warming of 1.5C's recommendation that "rapid, far-reaching and unprecedented changes in all aspects of society" be pursued to limit global warming to 1.5 degrees Celsius. [*Adopted April 29th, 2019*]
- 10.10 The CSU support a Green New Deal type climate plan for Canada that would see Canada reach carbon neutrality by 2030 through a large scale mobilization of the entire economy at emergency speed. [*Adopted April 29th, 2019*]

Adopted by the Members

- 10.11 The CSU opposes the sale of bottled water on campus. [*Adopted during the Spring General Elections, 2011*]
- 10.12 The CSU oppose the Energy East and Line 9 pipelines as well as any form of tar sands development. [*Adopted during the Spring General Elections, 2016*]

11 Food Justice

Adopted by the Members

- 11.1 The CSU actively supports affordable, sustainable, and student-run food service initiatives on campus. [*Adopted during the Spring General Election, 2013*]
- 11.2 The CSU commit to supporting student led initiatives attempting to increase student control of the food system through the upcoming RFP, including but not limited to the following ways: Printing, design, outreach and campaign resources. [*Adopted during the Spring General Elections, 2018*]
- 11.3 The CSU supports (through research, financial aid, and campaigns) the Food Autonomy Campaign in their pursuit of the following demands: [*Adopted during the Spring General Elections, 2019*]
 - 11.3.1 The emancipation of a space (within the food service provider's contract) from the Food Services Contract with the goal of creating a student run and student owned food distributor. [*Adopted during the Spring General Elections, 2019*]

- 11.3.2 Increasing the flex dollars given to students in residence from \$200 to \$500 dollars (without increasing the cost of the meal plan), and expand the list of food distributors that accept flex dollars to include Reggies, The Hive Cafe, Le Frigo Vert, and any future student owned and student run food distributors on campus. *[Adopted during the Spring General Elections, 2019]*
- 11.3.3 Shorten the food services contract from 5 years with a 2 year extension to 5 years with no extension. *[Adopted during the Spring General Elections, 2019]*

12 Police Brutality

Adopted by the Council of Representatives

- 12.1 The CSU condemns the police brutality that occurred during the student strike of 2011-12. *[Adopted May 9, 2012]*
- 12.2 The CSU presses the government of Quebec to open an independent inquiry into the police's violent suppression of dissent throughout the course of the student strike of during the student strike of 2011-2012. *[Adopted May 9, 2012]*

13 Housing

Adopted by the Council of Representatives

- 13.1 The CSU is against and denounces gentrification. *[Adopted April 11th, 2019]*
- 13.2 The CSU actively support initiatives working against gentrification and promote community organizations working on these issues. *[Adopted April 11th, 2019]*
- 13.3 The CSU helps promote anti-gentrification campaigns around Montreal*. *[Adopted April 11th, 2019]*

Adopted by the Members

- 13.4 The CSU continues prioritization of efforts being made to address student housing conditions and actively support student cooperative housing as a student space initiative. *[Adopted during the Fall by-election, 2014]*

14 Right to die

Adopted by the Members

- 14.1 The CSU is pro-choice in the question of the Right to Die. *[Adopted during the Spring General Elections, 2017]*
- 14.2 The CSU is mandated to support lobbying efforts that pressure the federal government to review and amend Bill C-14, which limits the scope of assisted dying in Canada *[Adopted during the Spring General Elections, 2017]*

15 External Associations

Adopted by the Members

- 15.1 The CSU has officially disaffiliated from and is no longer a member of the Canadian Federation of Students. [*Adopted during the Spring General Election, 2010*]
- 15.2 The CSU officially affiliate with the Association for the Voice of Education in Quebec (AVEQ). [*Adopted during the Fall By-Election, 2015*]

16 ANNEXES

1.1 Solidarity Across Borders, list of demands as adopted by the Members on November 23rd 2016.

Be it further resolved that the CSU endorse and support the demands of Solidarity Across Borders:

- A status for all - that a full, comprehensive and ongoing regularization program be created for all people living in Canada who do not have full status (i.e. permanent residence or citizenship);
- That the Canadian agencies put an end to the detention and deportation of non-status people, and put an end to the practice of double-punishment;
- That everyone living here may have access, regardless of their immigration status, to free health care in clinics, CLSCs and hospitals, without having to provide information on their immigration status;
- That everyone living here may be able to attend school free of charge, regardless of their, or their parents', immigration status;
- That the CBSA not have the right to access or arrest in hospitals, shelters, schools, or any spaces providing essential services;
- That any everyone living here may have access to social housing, food banks, unemployment benefits, and any other social welfare, regardless of their immigration status.

1.2 Bill 62 Referendum question PASSED – November 2017

Bill 62, which requires people in Quebec who wear the niqab, burka or other face-covering to uncover their faces when they give or receive any public service, including public education, health-care and public transit, was adopted into law on October 19, 2017. This legislation also allows public institutions to refuse religious accommodation, such as taking a day off school to celebrate a religious holiday. Are you, as a Concordia undergraduate student, in favour of Concordia University refusing to enforce this law and to support students, staff and faculty who choose to practice their right to religious freedom?