



Concordia Student Union's Special council Minutes March 5th 2018  
Minutes taken by Devon Ellis-Durity

Meeting commenced at 19:25

Present:

- Alexis Searcy
- Sophie Hough-Martin
- Aouatif Zebiri
- Jarrad Haas
- Peter Zhuang
- Kamden B
- Devon Ellis-Durity
- Julia Sutera Sardo
- Asma Mushtaq
- Patrick Magallanes
- Alienor Lougerstram
- Ali Sherra
- Rowan Gaudet
- Eamon Toohey
- Omar Riaz
- Veronika Rydzewski

Execs Absent:

- Leyla Sutherland (retroactive excusal at next council, they had a meeting with their landlord that they)
- Gaby Polanco (Retroactive excusal, they had class)
- Ahmed Badr

**Omar Riaz** →

- 1.) I would like to call this meeting to order at 19:25.
- 2.) Thank you all for attending. The sign in sheet is going around.
- 3.) So the third thing on the agenda is the CEO report, they could not make it tonight, and neither could Caitlin, if you want to forward anything let him know.

4.) **Omar Riaz** → Food systems → Are we motioning to table this, and if so how long?

**Rowan Gaudet** → I motion that we table this indefinitely

**Omar Riaz** → Any seconders? **Ali** seconds. All those in favour? All against? Any abstentions?  
The motion passes unanimously.

**Omar Riaz** → Okay moving on to the next point, Annex Renovation.

5.) Do you support the CSU expanding and improving student spaces for clubs on campus? →

**Julia** seconds.

**Veronika Rydzewski** → the current club spaces are lacking, and this would be mandating the CSU to start exploring new options and solutions for their clubs.

**Omar Riaz** → All in favour of the motion presented? All against? Any abstentions? The motion passes unanimously.

**Omar Riaz** → The next point is the Library Service Fund.

6.) Library service funds → policy committee was sent a question to approve for the library

**Omar Riaz** → I'll read the document:

### **Library Services Fund 2019-2029**

In 2009, undergraduate students voted to contribute \$1 per credit in support of the "Library Project" for a period of 10 years. Beginning in January 2010, the "Library Services Fund" was created, and a committee established to manage the fund. The Library Services Fund provides students with carefully conceived collections, resources and services to inspire academic success. These offerings are over and above standard university libraries' services, and many are unique in the province's university network.

A renewal of this funding will enable students to benefit from these offerings every academic term:

#### Maintenance of existing services

- 24/7 access to library spaces
  - Textbooks and course packs for all undergraduate courses available
  - Laptop and tablet loan service
  - Improvements to study spaces and library services for undergraduate students at Grey Nuns, Webster and Vanier Libraries

#### New services to be added

- Book scanners for all libraries
- Free eTextbook publishing program
- Technology Sandbox equipment and supplies
- Series of short educational videos on library services
- Program to support student health and wellbeing (active seating and services)
- Technology program at the Vanier Library

Additional services to be specified

Each year priorities are reviewed by the Library Services Fund Committee, permitting emerging needs of students to be identified and associated services to be offered.

I will now read the question as it is written: *Do you agree to contribute \$1 per credit through the CSU for the Library Services Fund for the next ten years (2019-2029) in order to maintain and increase existing services funded through the Library Services Fund?*

*The contribution would be collected in accordance with the university's tuition and refund policy.*

**Julia** seconds

**Omar Riaz** → not a motion it was a question

**ASMA** → Omar, this question is going to be put forward to the student body.

**Aouatif Zebiri** → What is this for?

**Rowan Gaudet** → to put at the polling booth,

**Aouatif Zebiri** → is this to be added at the top of the question?

**Veronika Ryzewski** → from my understanding it can be added, our role is to present the question so that it passes .

**Omar Riaz** → The next point is Ali's,

7.)Two round electoral system

**Ali Sherra** → "Whereas no electoral system is mandated on council choosing a candidate to fill a vacant executive seat.

Whereas a vacant executive seat might have more than two competing candidates.

Whereas a First-Past-The-Post (FTPT) electoral system can vote in candidates with simple majorities. A Simple majority is a majority in which the highest number of votes cast for any one candidate exceeds the second-highest number, while not constituting an absolute majority of (50%+ 1).

Whereas an absolute majority of more than 50% is required to vote in a new executive.

Whereas a two-round system eliminates all candidates but the two with the highest number of votes for a second round.

Whereas a two-round system ensures that the candidate chosen has an absolute majority of the votes.

Whereas CSU council of the 2017-2018 fiscal year has adopted the following motion:

Be It Resolved That council use a two-round system when voting on vacant executive positions.

Be It Resolved That the following motion be put on the ballot in the 2018 CSU general election:

Do you as a CSU member agree with adding by-law 7.3.2 such that the Concordia Student Union Council establish an internal Two-Round Electoral System when voting on vacant executive seats?

**Omar Riaz** → All those in favour? All those against? Any abstentions? 3 abstained.

**Omar Riaz** → moving to the next point the

8.)Coop bookstore

The Concordia Community Solidarity Co-op Bookstore (CCSCB) is a viable alternative

to corporate and university bookstores, built on a not-for-profit model that has served the needs of the Concordia community for over fifteen years. The CCSCB offers textbooks and other literature at a reduced price; organizes events around Montreal's vibrant English-language literary scene throughout the year; and supports the creation of an alternative economy at Concordia by working collaboratively with members of the community. As demand for our used textbook consignment, artisan consignment, and textbook ordering services grow, a fee levy increase would allow the CCSCB to widen our selection, encouraging the dissemination of marginalized literary voices from both within and outside the university, and create living wage work and learning opportunities for its student workers.

Do you agree to increase the fee levy of the Concordia Community Solidarity Co-op Bookstore by \$0.05 per credit to a total of \$0.14 per credit, effective Fall 2018?

**Aouatif Zebiri** → seconds, they want to modify there fee levy and increase it

**Peter Zhuang** → do they want to send this as a separate thing, or with the election, like how is this referendum?

**Asma Mushtaq** → that's what it is for?

**Omar Riaz** → are we ready to vote? All of those for? All of those against? Any abstentions? 1 against. 2 abstained, Eamon wanted theirs noted.

9.) **Omar Riaz** → we will break robert's rules of chairing cause he was meant to not bring this up. Motion to table refugee sponsorship programme. All those in favour? All those against? Any abstentions? Passes.

**Omar Riaz** → The next point is

10.) Space concordia

Space Concordia [SC] is a multidisciplinary student society working on all facets of space: design projects, educational activities, and public engagement. They serve as a platform for students from all faculties to explore their passion for space and expand their horizons. Students focus on projects such as: the development of satellites, rockets, and other physical experiments; creating space-focused educational content for youth, the general public, and fellow members of academia; public engagement campaigns and events such as conferences and workshops; knowledge bases and resources for space policy and space entrepreneurship. SC has established themselves as a nationally recognized student society both through their award-winning projects and through their extensive outreach program. However, their scope is quickly outgrowing their budget: the costs of expanding SC's projects prevent them from reaching their goals such as of developing their multidisciplinary opportunities and launching their satellite into orbit. A fee levy would help SC transform Concordia University into a spacefaring community. SC would be able to provide Concordia students with enough resources to bring their space projects to fruition and to acquaint the Concordia community with space on all levels. The world is getting ready to take space further than ever before; Space Concordia believes Concordia should be there with the best of them.

Do you agree to a fee levy for Space Concordia of \$0.16 per credit total, effective Summer 2018?

**Alienor Lougerstay** seconds

**Mark (space concordia)**→ formed this society under the eca, originally we only participated in engineering competitions, and we are starting to include more students from Arts and Sciences, as well as the Canadian space agency, research grants, and other initiatives. And beyond just our engineering competitions. We were not allowed to include students outside of encls, and we need students from multiple faculties, other students across concordia.

(I didn't catch who asked this or the answer, sorry → Devon) And why it is expanding beyond encls?

**Aouatif Zebiri**→ please could you reread the question

**Eamon Toohey** → what's your position with Space concordia,

**Mark**→ we exist within the Encls

**Eamon Toohey**→ I meant your capacity with the association

**Mark**→ I am the president

**Eamon Toohey**→ I am concerned with the conflict policy, policy committee read it, as well as the complaints policy, but I would like for the room to know as well please.

**Mark** → the first version of our constitution was sent back and we need to expand it, and have to become more accountable, we are compiling a complaint committee, with a csu at large members, student members, this committee has the authority to resolve complaints, the Vp internal, they try to deal with it, but this committee will remove members if need be. We have adjusted our policies more thoroughly, what are the complaints, any legal liability will have a paper trail, it will be just internal, but it in the documents they send us.

**Veronika Rydzewski** → 2 questions → traditionally fee levies are meant to be a service providing it for all students, however this is an eca club; how could other Students benefit from this? If it passes, will space concordia continue to get funding?

**Mark**→ I will answer 2 first, no we would not continue receiving the funding, 1 we thought about this, reached out to other fee levies, and the way that we understand it is that we basically provide a sense of, would allow for students to be featured and connected with the space society of canada, and the space industry, and law, as it is an emerging sector, and we have sections that we answer to, and we would be connecting research at concordia to the space sector that I just spoke about.

**Veronika Rydzewski**→ follow up, how could I as a philosophy use this?

**Mark**→ as a philosophy student, right now canada is dealing with space law, initial thing that I can think of in the emerging area. Aside from that, would offer all students, a place within..  
Reformulating answer

**Alienor Lougerstay** → biased conflict of interest, if you want to get involved then you can

**Mark** → discuss the ramifications of the projects you can have connections

**Aouatif Zebiri** → go back to the complaints policy→ wasn't this added to policy?

**Asma Mushtaq** → (missed their response)

**Aouatif Zebiri** → Permanent committee, chaired by an exec of space, consists of temporary member from space concordia, a councillor, and to students at large. A big problem if it's the

chair, how can they unbiasedly do this, an appointment committee member is chosen by the exec, and the... (missed what they said)

**Mark** → this committee is called when there is a complaint, and according to the full nature of the complaint, what we could do, is have the committee chaired by the CSU? We could try and get them appointed at the beginning of the year

**Aouatif Zebiri**→ so the CSU picks them?

**Mark**→ yeah

**Aouatif Zebiri**→ How do they chair the committee and not share with the exec?

**Mark**→ privacy is guaranteed in the committee, the complaints name would not be there, you could name the people but it would not be shared.

**Peter Zhuang** → the fee levy group, is for the Concordia student, could do more stuff, more you do competitions outside of school? could you do more in school? How as students are we able to contribute?

**Mark** → one example would be with some professors at concordia we would fly and launch a satellite, not just constrained to the engineering, it would be one of the projects we have now like space law, as for mentioned earlier, we would try and be the link to the canadian space industry and community.

**Rowan Gaudet**→ Several things → there is a lot of the complaint policy that is bouncing back, like going back to the CSU, they are not under the CSU, it is not normal for us to appoint people to boards for the CSU, it is not what we do.

**Alienor Lougerstay**→ complaints were handed it internally I was apart of writing the constitution, how to make the complaints work, we tried to find the best solutions to make people happy, and trying not make it as internal as before, trying to make it more unbiased.

**Sophie Hough-Martin**→ uncomfortable with the complaints name coming up, also noticed that there is no Consent training, would be great to add, and its important that the complaint well rounded would you be interested in doing this?

**Mark**→ yes we would, absolutely, the names being included, this was us trying to come up for a solution, for no conflict of interest to being here, trying this out. If we were to go back and modify the complaints committee, and the privacy in front of be in time for the elections

**Omar** → no, it doesn't work within the operations.

**Alienor Lougerstay** →

**Aouatif Zebiri**→ all of the complaints go straight to the people who sit on the committee, when the complaint is received it goes to the the vp internal then the rest of the exec, if we vote that space concordia

**Alienor Lougerstay** → is it possible to submit, and then update policies

**Omar Riaz** → has to go to JB → sorry so I Can't really answer it

**Asma Mushtaq**→ the concerns were raised → Ali and I spent two hours, the issue that was mentioned, was filling the seats might be hard, so having seats from different groups, there was a lot of difficulty, previously internal policies , The external process was interpreted, conversation monday tuesday having an external process, where the ye ewas a lot of discussion about stuff, what it could and be and not be

**Veronika Rydzewski**→ send it back to policy committee to be reviewed.

**Omar Riaz** → all for calling the question, 1 against, the question has been called → do you agree for fee levy, 2 abstentions

**Veronika Rydzewski** → refer this pbac

**Omar Riaz** → jared seconds

**Julia Sutura Sardo** → wanted to make sure that it was representative enough

**Rowan Gaudet** → resends

**Ailoner Lougerstay** → we submitted this in December, and then found out 3 days before.

**Asma Mushtaq** → very concretely combed through, it was a little harder to met up. Had to do it over the internet.

It was last minute but with what they had it was the best they could do

Vote to send to policy committee → all for 1 abstention

**Jarred** moves to adjourn

**Ali** seconds

Meeting is adjourned at 20:12