



# Concordia Student Union - Council of Representatives

CSU Special Council Meeting – Minutes  
Wednesday, 10 July 2019  
MB14.250, 18h30, John Molson Building

## Agenda

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## 1. Call to Order

Meeting is called to order at **1850h**.

**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.**

Isaiah Joyner gives an announcement about Council Room etiquette.

## 2. Roll Call

**Council Chairperson:** Caitlin Robinson

**Council Minute Keeper:** S Shivaane

**Executives present for the meeting were:** Patrick Quinn (Academic & Advocacy Coordinator), Isaiah Joyner (External & Mobilization Coordinator), Désirée Blizzard (Finance Coordinator), Christopher Kalafatidis (General Coordinator), Marin Algattus (Internal Affairs Coordinator), Melize Ferrus (Loyola Coordinator), Eduardo Malorni (Student Life Coordinator)

**Councilors present for the meeting were:** Hannah Jamet-Lange (Arts & Science), Amman Houara (Arts & Science), Leigh Kusaj (Arts & Science), Maha Siddiqui (Arts & Science), Jarrad Haas (Fine Arts), Arad Andrew Banis (John Molson School of Business), Victoria Pesce (John Molson School of Business), James Hanna (Gina Cody School of Engineering & Computer Science)

**Executives absent from the meeting were:** nil

**Councilors absent for the meeting were:** Nicholas Hamel (Arts & Science), Elizabeth Tasong (Arts & Science), Christiane Sakr (Arts & Science), Esther Morand (Arts & Science), Ahmadou Sakho (Arts & Science), Naomi Barney Purdie (Arts & Science), Lindsay Surerus (Arts & Science), Elias Huckel-Fidalgo (Arts & Science), Sarra Zargayoun (Arts & Science), Roy Singer-Shay (Arts & Science), Salman Fahim Syed (Gina Cody School of Engineering & Computer Science)

### 3. General Coordinator Update

**Chris Kalafatidis:** We've had meetings about the annual Campaign, agenda, Orientation. It was very organic, how all three came to have a shared vision — Sustainability. The Sustainable Agenda, The Annual Campaign centering on sustainability, and how Orientation will have a guest speaker panel talking about sustainability. As for the appointments committee, we looked at the descriptions of jobs. It seemed that the person writing the descriptions doesn't know what the job is. We spoke to Graham Carr and Anne Whitelaw to learn about what the positions are. Regarding the Concordia Senate, we wanted to find out how many members we have and how many members we need. There will be a call-out for the Board of Governors, examinations committee and judicial board. Patrick and I had meetings with Roger Cote and Alex Aragona about how we can integrate online voting with MyConcordia. In our meeting with Graham Carr and Anne Whitelaw, we spoke about fall reading week and bathrooms. They do seem to have long-term plans; they want to renovate all the bathrooms in Hall. It's a slower progress with fall reading week. Anne Whitelaw would be willing to give us free advertising in the tunnel. We are forging a relationship with CUPE. We have to make sure employees are respected. The Mindfulness Project wants to build a stronger relationship with CSU. We have had two meetings. If it goes anywhere, it'll come to the CSU next. We spent a lot of time on health plans. Regarding the international students' plan, we want to transfer international student's healthcare to the Concordia plan to better save them money. Besides that, I've been overseeing all the executives and their projects. Orientation is taking a lot of time.

**Maha Siddiqui:** The concern isn't about renovations of the bathroom — it's the maintenance. Have they said anything about that?

**Chris Kalafatidis:** We have been talking about both. They have plans with renovations that they will start in fall. We have been bringing up maintenance. One thing is putting up signs with a number to call about any maintenance issues. Another thing is if they want to up the number of maintenance workers. Alan Shepard suggested asking for more money in the budget. Anne Whitelaw and Graham Carr don't think it'll be that simple.

**Arad Andrew Banis:** About the advertising space. What are we going to do? They're giving it out because they want to influence. How are we going to make sure they don't have that influence?

**Chris Kalafatidis:** I agree that we have to be careful. However, it's not a very expensive space. We were going to pay for it anyway. It's not that much leverage over us.

### 4. Academic & Advocacy Update

**Patrick Quinn:** Firstly, regarding the U-Pass, Erin and I have been going after contracts. Our deadline will be somewhere mid-fall. It's hitting a roadblock. Right now, we're looking at reducing gym costs at Concordia. Secondly, the governance review. I had a hard time tracking the documents, but we're reviewing them right now. We're going to be informing people as time goes on. I'm happy to say we have a temporary solution.

**Maha Siddiqui:** The U-Pass — is it more than STM?

**Patrick Quinn:** We're talking about a plan more expansive than the STM. We would increase the fee-levy. It would send that money to ARTM. It would be looking into better transportation like the shuttle buses to Loyola.

**Chris Kalafatidis:** To add, we also have met the VP of STM. If research is put together, we can take it to that level.

**Arad Andrew Banis:** You said providing better services. What is that?

**Patrick Quinn:** When you're paying student fees, if you had U-Pass, you'd pay \$71. You would receive a transit pass that would cover that semester. You avoid the lines, and it also gets you huge discounts. We can get a better discount to provide transportation for our students. I say better services because usually, the U-Pass promises additional transportation like shuttle buses to Vendome, for example. However, I'm focusing on Loyola more than SGW.

**Maha Siddiqui:** For now, have we looked at more shuttle buses to Loyola?

**Patrick Quinn:** Yes.

## 5. Student Life Update

**Eduardo Malorni:** Orientation is the biggest event CSU will hold in the entire year. It's important to look good at Orientation. It's a Big Event, and we need catering for all events. After calculations, replacing the old barbecue pits is pricey, and it's better to have food catered. We are contacting caterers and ensuring that dietary needs are met. The other part is the street closure. We want to close the street off for two days. There are many things to consider. For merchandise, everything is going to be sustainable. Making Orientation a zero-waste event will be tricky but worth the pay-off. We are trying to get some musicians. We want one big name musician and will be doing call-outs to CASA. There are many, many small details. While sitting on the HIVE board, going into discussing HIVE matters for when it opens. FASA will collaborate on one of our events with us. We are going to have a panel on sustainability. This is the first time FASA will collaborate with us for Orientation in 4 years. There was possible talk of an ECA collaboration. CASA and ASFA are not able to make a deal. We are trying to make a big collaborative event, but ECA culled out of the deal. Logistically, it became very hard for CSU to stay, so we pulled out. For a big Orientation, that didn't work out.

**Victoria Pesce:** Are you going to try to make it work in the years to come?

**Eduardo Malorni:** It's always been an ECA, CASA, ASFA thing but not with the CSU. This year we wanted to be involved. When we walked in, there was already tension between ECA and CASA. ECA pulled out due to their own issues. Our budget would not have allowed us to replace ECA. It would have worked as a four-way but not a three-way.

**Victoria Pesce:** So, it's not feasible?

**Eduardo Malorni:** If ECA came up, we could do that.

**Leigh Kusaj:** For zero-waste: do you have any ideas on how to do that?

**Eduardo Malorni:** The most obvious zero-waste obstacle is the number of people. We have to make all of them zero-waste, as well. Instead of paper flyers and booklets, we made a deal with the library to give out 165 laptops to clubs so they can link Facebook pages instead. This way we can replace all flyers. For food, we are working with Waste Not, Want Not. Everything will be dealt with using composting and recycling. There is a new organization at school that takes all leftover food to redistribute them to the homeless. We'll use compostable materials. We have an idea to have pencils that grow into flowers when planted into the ground.

**Isaiah Joyner:** The CSU this year is in financial restraints. The collaboration event would have been at Beach Club. With the frictions that happened this year, the collaboration split and so the amount of money we would be able to give would be split. We wanted to use Orientation and kick off the year with 3/4 of faculties with the CSU. It didn't work out because of the directions they're going this year. They're all on separate ships, and we don't have the money they're asking for. If we split the ship, there will be more costs. Depending on the vision for next year, we can have the baton on deciding how the CSU could affect Frosh.

**Victoria Pesce:** What about visibility? You said that was the point of the collaboration. There's more value to offer other than cash. Why didn't you push to do more?

**Marin Algattus:** We are going to do that. We can still support them. Executives are going to represent the CSU and sponsor them in any way we can to make sure that relationship is there.

**Chris Kalafatidis:** I think it'll be a This Year thing. A lot of them have prior relationships together. I don't think we have to worry if we can collaborate. At some point it'll be all new relationships. We need to make sure they think as positively of that as a possibility. By January, they'll be thinking as positively as we can before the next year.

## **6. Internal and Clubs Update**

**Marin Algattus:** Clubs Orientation on its way. 12 and 13 September on the 9th floor of the JMSB building. I have approved clubs and their budgets. I've also loaned the co-op book store space for storage. There will be an extra club room to give away soon. The retreat is 28 September. I've managed to contact people to receive free condoms, tampons, pads, and diva cups. I met with Vanier College to discuss strategies for Bill 21, so we can start strong on 23 July. We are reaching out to Concordia LGBTQIA+ communities to organize an event for Pride. The council room is in process. I am also collecting all of the club's constitutions. We've finalized the content in the Agenda, and now we're working on the art.

**Amman Houara:** What's the meeting on 23 July?

**Marin Algattus:** We're co-hosting an event against Bill 21 to show we're building relations. It's just an event to have dinner — a huge meeting to collaborate as a Concordia community to fight Bill 21.

**Arad Andrew Banis:** That's very important. One of those groups was telling me about how they hated the CSU last year. It's good that we're trying to fix that.

**Marin Algattus:** I know whom you're talking about and I assure you it won't be like that from now.

## 7. External and Mobilization Update

**Isaiah Joyner:** I've been having meetings with various external organizations. I met some of Dawson's executives. Laval University had a meeting as well. With the annual campaign being sustainability, there's a lot of potentials for people to come together. I met with McGill. This year's plan is to stay simple as an organization. The goal is to keep the lines of communication open and discuss primary issues like Bill 21 and sustainability. I met with CUPFA and TRAC to see how we can support them. Within Concordia, many organizations push for more women leadership. I'm seeing how the CSU can support them in those areas. In August, I dealt with relations with JMSB. We had an executive brunch with all of CASA's major associations and teams. There is a certain limit to meeting people because of budget. I informed them of what we're doing and ensured they know we have their back. There's the Bill 21 event on July 23. We picked the Annual Campaign slogan, and it's going to be "If Not Now, When?". Now is when we have the most visibility. We need to give it that push at the beginning of the year. In terms of certain groups in my budget that can revive funding like Solidarity across Borders, they have that funding. I'm working with Waste Not, Want Not, and seeing what value I can bring to help them further their message. We're still waiting on some organizations to choose their representatives to get the body going. I've been to look at some of the organizations' financial literacy and creating a budgeting system on Excel to track each expense, so we don't give out money we don't have. We're going to start meeting for those executives. We're looking at the leasing agreements for Woodnote. Woodnote is for all Concordia students, and we don't want a clear faculty majority. BIPOC callouts were sent out a few weeks ago. Désirée and I will start choosing our committee. There was a plan for a National Student Representation, but it wasn't the most well-thought-out plan, so we have furniture that we've brought back and stored in CSU space. We'll see what we can do with it. The earliest fall reading week would be for Fall 2021. The administration is full of different people, and we would either have to start earlier or have a 12-week semester. They want to make sure everybody knows of the process and to get a consultation year. Hopefully, the committee will implement the best course of action.

**Chris Kalafatidis:** For CEGEPs, when you create a union for unions, you don't need to inject it with thousands of dollars for free. I don't think you should inject money into an organization until it proves itself.

**Maha Siddiqui:** On fall reading week, what if we have a week with two holidays and just gave the other three days off.

**Isaiah Joyner:** McGill has already done this preliminary research. For us, a big pushback is Engineering. Engineering has contact hours; Whatever we do has to fit that, so they get accreditation. Quebec gets a lot of Monday's off. They're waiting till July of the next year. The problem with fall is Labor day and the number of Monday's we get off, and it pushes things back, and there's also make-up days. There are many variations. The school ran different scenarios and won't budge without a consultation period. They want different people to air their concerns so the committee will decide in 2020. Their biggest fear is it's a disaster, and the school population blame it on the fact that we didn't ask.

**Maha Siddiqui:** Why not give them a deadline?

**Isaiah Joyner:** They made the academic calendar already. Our deadline would be the end of July, so there's not enough time. It wouldn't be representative of the consultation period, so they want to wait until fall. And then we'd decide in the winter and implement it next July. It's more so to appease everyone.

**Arad Andrew Banis:** Suggestion? Maybe we can do social media thing to get the word out there. It'll be a useful thing to have. You want enough pressure, so it's not easy to push it off again.

**Chris Kalafatidis:** It's not a direct answer. What you're saying is true. Patrick is creating a petition to have a referendum question. If that many said yes to online voting, more will say yes to reading week. It seems like they value what happens at referendum. If we can show them people voted at referendum, it'll be good.

## 8. Finance Coordinator Update

**Désirée Blizzard:** So far, I've been doing a lot of administrative work. I've been working on the finance policy. I haven't brought it to Finance Committee because it's still being done. I met with Studentcare ASEQ, and it's going to be more expensive this year. We're focusing on international student care. We want to take over that plan. With the SSAELC Fund, it's been a lot to learn. There is unidentified labor to account for. We're paying her for something we don't have papers on. We want to pay her, but we don't know what that money was given out for. AVEQ dissolved, and I took care of the moving furniture. We will figure out who wants what and then other organizations and faculties can see if they want anything.

**Arad Andrew Banis:** About insurance, are we thinking about raising the costs?

**Désirée Blizzard:** In the last two years, the cost has been lower than ever before. We want to increase it to \$195. Documents can be provided regardless. If we increase mental health costs by 8%, they will cover all visits to mental health professionals.

**Patrick Quinn:** It's \$600 now. But now it's a percentage-based model so it'll be 80%. So you're saving \$30 more per visit. It's going up by \$10-\$11.

**Isaiah Joyner:** We want percentage-based because of inflation. Switching it 80% makes it a better expense to you.

**Désirée Blizzard:** There's a cap that passed referendum at \$225 so as long as we're under that, we're chill.

## 9. Loyola Update

**Melize Ferrus:** We're going to have a cultural Orientation where we have different cultural organizations get one day to organize a bunch of events. Currently, we're contacting three speakers to speak on behalf of the departments, committees and journalists. For Black History Month, we're in contact with one of the 14 black astronauts, and we're contacting a bunch of sponsors. Spoke about different things like Wi-Fi on buses and increasing the number of buses. The bathrooms smell bad, and we're also discussing the icing issue. We're looking at the music boxes in the basement. The leading group has no schedule for summer. People also keep suggesting fixing the Loyola poster boards, and I think for sustainability, we should have one electronic poster board. I met with the Loyola committee. We are increasing the amount of recreation at Loyola. Having monthly GAs would be beneficial so people can improve contact. We are planning on having one campaign per month that includes subjects like indigenous issues, LGBTQIA+ issues, etc. There's the sustainability committee, and we're also currently working on a Loyola survey for the G lounge. We're working around the structure of the Loyola committee and coordinator position. Loyola Coordinator has one of the vaguest descriptions because the description might not support what I want to do. We're looking into seeing what I end up doing and fixing the Loyola committee description accordingly. Also, there's the idea of me not having that much autonomy and budget. The budget should be increased a little bit more, so we don't have to bet on external committees giving us more money.

**Chairperson:** We have to vote on approving committee minutes.

## 10. Sustainability Update

**Chris Kalafatidis:** Selena has resigned. We had issues deciding who appoints the next one. I filed a request for that decision to judicial board.

**Hannah Jamet-Lange:** Is there a timeline?

**Chris Kalafatidis:** They should be making a decision by the end of the week.

**Jarrad Haas** motions to approve all committee minutes and executives report.

Seconded by **Victoria Pesce**.

*Motion passes.*

## 11. Council Retreat Update

**Marin Algattus:** I'm passing around rules. There are vegan and veggie options. It's going to be a good weekend to learn about one other.

**Maha Siddiqui:** We're going to be camping? Is there electricity?

**Marin Algattus:** There is a meeting room, TV, dining tables.

**Maha Siddiqui:** What about transport?

**Marin Algattus:** We're trying to find a sustainable option.

**Isaiah Joyner:** ...Hot water?

**Marin Algattus:** Yes!

**Jarrad Haas:** Sometimes for retreats, they've carpooled, and we'd all drive there.

**Marin Algattus:** I'll ask around.

**Chairperson:** I'd say make a poll.

**Arad Andrew Banis:** I have a van with no aux cord. We're all going to suffer a little, but it'll be fun.

**Leigh Kusaj:** What will we be doing?

**Marin Algattus:** Day 1: Arrive 5pm, relax, bonfire and marshmallows. Day 2: Communication training, bonding, doing fun stuff. There are four showers per cabin, six stalls and two sinks.

**Arad Andrew Banis:** Are mixed co-ed rooms allowed?

**Marin Algattus:** If you want? But remember consent training.

**Isaiah Joyner:** You said to bring pillows and sheets?

**Marin Algattus:** We opted for the cheaper options. I'd suggest going by a Proviso to pick up snacks.

## 12. Donations from Last Year

**Marin Algattus** reads the following.

I move to rescind the motion moved by John Hutton and seconded by Margot Berner on May 2nd, 2019 to reallocate the executive hardware allowances, the conference budget line, executive discretionary funds, and the executive telephone allowances for the purpose of donating.

**WHEREAS** FinCom reversed a motion made within Council through approving the following motion “In the last week of the fiscal year, any unspent amounts in the budgets for executive discretionary spending, telephone allowances, hardware allowances, and conferences shall be polled together. Each executive may choose to donate one-eighth of that amount to a charity or community organization of their choice.”

**Marin Algattus:** In our budget line for executives, there are a few lines that are titled telephone or discretionary funds. Executives from last year didn’t spend this budget. I move to rescind that because...

**Marin Algattus** reads the following motivation and motion.

The following motion reallocates the purpose of the amounts motioned at Council in the original budget breakdown as well as comes from funds not budgeted originally and developed through a committee whereas Council has higher governing power than committees.

1: In addition, this motion violates the original intended purpose of the budget lines and is not executive money to allocate other than the purpose of supporting Concordia students.

2: The Operational Budget ended the 2018-2019 fiscal year with approximately \$40,000 deficit, therefore if this motion were to pass; the cash flow of the funds for this would be coming from cash flow of funds we’ve received over the summer to sustain our summer activities. These are funds received after their mandate ended.

3: Last executive year a \$250k loan was taken out just to stay afloat that we are now paying back 50k a year until it is returned in full PLUS INTEREST. We are still paying debts therefore it is extremely bad financial practice to donate funds left from budget lines that were not spent if we do not have physical funds and have taken a loan to be able to even obtain those physical funds. This is financial mismanagement.

4: The unions mandate is to support our students financially not to donate to external organizations financially.

5: The motion was a rush decision made in the last month of their mandate that we have been now tasked to figure out and find funds to allocate to this. This is something that should be done during a year's mid-mandate review.

6: They have asked to give these themselves, as donations from each executive from CSU money to their charities.

**BE IT RESOLVED** this motion be reversed and the funds not be taken from the CSU funds.

**Marin Algattus:** In committee, when they approved mid-review, that was approved by Council. They repurposed the lines, which is not right because Council has more governing authority than committee. It's not executive money to allocate.

**Victoria Pesce:** Deficit of what amount?

**Marin Algattus:** Deficit of \$40k. In the last executive year, they had to take out a loan of \$250k because they were in deficit. We're paying that back now \$50k a year with insurance until it's returned in full. It's not useful to donate those funds, and it's financial mismanagement. That budget line wasn't fully spent, and another budget line was overspent so technically there was no money left. We should help our students, not donate to external committees.

**Chairperson:** This needs a two-thirds majority vote.

**Eduardo Malorni:** We had no money. We had to take a loan to pay employees. Last month of the mandate, they had money left over \$150 per executive, they wanted to donate money they didn't have.

**Victoria Pesce:** We're paying interest on this?

**Isaiah Joyner:** The way SSAELC fund is set up, it would be to set up a student space. The year before, CSU got hit by two deficits. That money had a purpose. We had an agreement with SF. We took this money that has another purpose out. If not, that money would have been making more money. It's a five-year loan. Starting this year, we pay \$50k to SSAELC fund on top of interest. Problem: you have other obligations, and in the grand scheme, we're still in debt.

**Patrick Quinn:** POI, what was the deficit?

**Désirée Blizzard:** It was operational, around \$40k. When they passed that, they thought it was in surplus. Clubs had a 100k deficit due to fiscal management.

**Victoria Pesce** moves to amend the motion to "if the CSU has a surplus we can donate".

**Chairperson:** Are there charities within the union?

**Victoria Pesce:** If we have a surplus, it makes sense to donate.

**Maha Siddiqui:** How much did the CSU go into deficit last year?

**Désirée Blizzard:** The balance of everything was \$10, 000. It's about principle.

**Isaiah Joyner:** CSU is a non-profit. Budgeting is for predicting the future. Deficit for an NPO isn't the end of the world. This is all student money. It's about handling that money properly. We need to figure out where else in the budget that money goes to. You have the financial obligation to assure the money budgeted is spent in the fashion you budgeted it for.

**Chris Kalafatidis:** Charity work is great, but not at the expense of the budget. Those lines are created specifically that they won't all be used.

**Patrick Quinn:** CSU has run an accumulative deficit over the last five years. We keep handling finances badly. We need to be as close to 0 in future years. We can't afford to be mismanaging students' money.

**Arad Andrew Banis:** When we rescind, what happens to that budget line?

**Désirée Blizzard:** \$40k deficit, whether this motion passes or not, it's not going to affect that deficit. If donations are passed, it's still \$40k. The money will be shifted to miscellaneous instead.

**Arad Andrew Banis:** If we're going to shift it to miscellaneous, will that affect anything?

**Patrick Quinn:** We're cancelling out the deficit. John passed it through miscellaneous. This cancels out \$15k of the deficit.

**Marin Algattus:** It's different budget lines that would be surplus but won't because of the other deficits.

**Victoria Pesce** calls to question.

Seconded by **Jarrad Haas**.

#### **VOTE**

For: 5

Opposed: 0

Abstentions: 1

*Motion carries with two-thirds majority.*

### 13. Addition of a Signing Officer

**Désirée Blizzard:** We want to add Victoria as a Signing Officer for July.

**Désirée Blizzard** presents the following motion. Seconded by **Isaiah Joyner**.

**Be it resolved** that Victoria Pesce be an additional Signing Officer for the last two weeks of July, notwithstanding Standing Regulations 125.

#### VOTE

For: 5

Opposed: 0

Abstentions: 1

*Motion Carries.*

### 15. Street Closure

**Eduardo Malorni** presents the following motion. **Jarrad Haas** seconds.

**WHEREAS** the Concordia Student Union's Orientation activities provide new and returning students with the opportunity to get involved in clubs, faculty associations, departmental associations, fee levy groups, and other campus groups.

**WHEREAS** past Orientation activities hosted by the Concordia Student Union have used the closure of Mackay Street as a method to reach out to the greater Concordia community.

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Concordia Student Union's Council of Representatives approve of the Orientation team's plans to close down Mackay Street between Sherbrooke and Maisonneuve for Orientation activities, including, but not limited to, the Clubs Fair (September 4th), Community Street Fair (September 5th). These events will be overseen by Eduardo Malorni, who will be the authorized representative of the CSU in dealing with the street closure and the City of Montreal.

**Eduardo Malorni:** We always close down the street. It makes for a good experience. I have to talk to the city, so Council has to approve it.

**Chris Kalafatidis:** I first got involved with CSU because of it. It helps build a community.

#### VOTE

For: 7

Opposed: 0

Abstentions: 0

*Motion Carries.*

## 14. Motion to pass RAWCC through SSAELC

**Désirée Blizzard** reads out the following motion. Seconded by **Jarrad Haas**.

**WHEREAS** the 2018-2019 Council passed a position mandating the CSU to support students living with addiction.

**WHEREAS** the new service RAWCC will provide supportive space for students in recovery to pursue wellness and build community.

**WHEREAS**, as any other service offered by the CSU, the Recovery Centre would be under the responsibility of the Academic and Advocacy Executive to whom the RAWCC Coordinator would provide monthly reports.

**WHEREAS** the proposed budget for RAWCC is of \$28, 588.60.

**WHEREAS**, according to the SSAELC Fund By-Laws, the annual interest accrued on the SSAELC Fund from the previous fiscal year may be used to grant funding to initiatives or organizations aligned with the CSU Position Book, following the procedures outlined in the CSU Standing Regulations.

**BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED** that the requested \$28, 588.60 for the new Peer Support Recovery Service be entirely funded by SSAELC provided that there is enough annual interest to cover both this project and all regular expenses.

**Désirée Blizzard:** RAWCC is on pause. We are trying to have it passed through SSAELC because they deal with student initiatives that are just starting off. This is just for making sure they are well-off in the first year. Otherwise, it'd take a lot of the operations budget.

**Maha Siddiqui:** We don't have our current coordinator yet. Who would be in charge of hiring?

**Désirée Blizzard:** Chris and Patrick.

**Chris Kalafatidis:** When it comes to hiring employees, Council doesn't partake. Executives and CUPE do it. We send two representatives, and they send two representatives. We get together to do the hiring.

**Leigh Kusaj:** RAWCC is on hold? Why?

**Désirée Blizzard:** There's no coordinator, and there's no tangible thing I can present. I can provide documents if asked.

**Isaiah Joyner:** RAWCC was introduced in the latter half of the mandate. We want to make sure it's ironed out. We need to find the right person and the right way to do it. It limits the risk of running a loss.

**Victoria Pesce:** I understood it as the money would be coming from a bank?

**Désirée Blizzard:** It'll be coming from SSAELC fund.

**Arad Andrew Banis:** There's 9 million in assets in SSAELC. Majority of that \$400k interest was spent last year. You tender your project offer, and they approve a certain number of projects, and that added up to that \$400k. So, do we have RAWWC take away from renovations? I think it's worth it.

**Isaiah Joyner:** If you decline it, CSU will have to do it out of operations, and we'll have to cut money from somewhere else. We can worry about where in the budget the money will come from to support it a little later, but SSAELC is there for this.

**Leigh Kusaj** calls to question.  
Seconded by **Jarrad Haas**.

#### **VOTE**

For: 6  
Opposed: 0  
Abstentions: 0

***Motion Carries.***

## **16. Adjournment**

**Jarrad Haas** moves to adjourn.  
Seconded by **Isaiah Joyner**.

Meeting adjourned at **21h07**.