



Concordia Student Union – Council of Representatives

CSU Regular Council Meeting – Agenda
Wednesday, October 9, 2019
MB 3.285, 18h30, S.G.W. Campus

Updated Agenda

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1. CALL TO ORDER

Meeting is called to order at **1852h**.

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: 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), Celeste-Melize Ferrus (Loyola Coordinator), Eduardo Malorni (Student Life Coordinator).

Councilors present for the meeting were: Hannah Jamet-Lange (Arts & Science), Christiane Sakr (Arts & Science), Ahmadou Sakho (Arts & Science), Elias Huckel-Fidalgo (Arts & Science), Maha Siddiqui (Arts & Science), Victoria Pesce (John Molson School of Business), James Hanna (Gina Cody School of Engineering & Computer Science), Salman Fahim Syed (Gina Cody School of Engineering & Computer Science), Elizabeth Tasong (Arts & Science), Esther Morand (Arts & Science), Naomi Barney Purdie (Arts & Science), Lindsay Surerus (Arts & Science), Jarrad Haas (Fine Arts)

Executives absent for the meeting were: -

Councilors absent for the meeting were: Nicholas Hamel (Arts & Science), Leigh Kusaj (Arts & Science), Amman Houara (Arts & Science), Arad Andrew Banis (John Molson School of Business)

Jarrad Haas moves to excuse absent councilors. Seconded by **Salman Fahim Syed**.

Chairperson: After receiving some complaints on council efficiency, I will be limiting agenda points to 20 minutes each, and each speaker to two minutes. Don't repeat yourselves. Meetings should be run more efficiently. Reflect on whether you've ever changed your mind based on what your fellow councilor or executives have said. If not, we can just go into a vote. Also, send me documents on time for me to review. You can send me your documents along with 1-2 sentences informational about your points so council can better prepare.

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Elias Huckel-Fidalgo moves to add two motions for the Mindfulness Project and Budgetary Impact.

Hannah Jamet-Lange moves to place Campaigns Coordinator point as far up as possible.

Maha Siddiqui moves to place tabled points from last meeting as far up as possible.

Celeste-Melize Ferrus moves to add Loyola Food Situation under Informational.

Chris Kalafatidis moves to place Presentation and Guest Speakers after Campaigns Coordinator.

Patrick Quinn moves to add Finance Presentation.

There is a motion to approve the agenda. Seconded by **Naomi Barney Purdie**.
Agenda approved.

5. PRESENTATION AND GUEST SPEAKERS

a) SSAELC Fund Lawyer

Chris Kalafatidis: I sent Council the CV of a potential lawyer. We could either move to take 5 minutes to read it and then vote or we could table it to another time. I recommend the former.

Maha Siddiqui: Is this our only candidate? And have you interviewed them?

Chris Kalafatidis: We conducted a phone interview with him and two others. We decided this was the best candidate out of the three of them.

James Hanna: Do we need to go into closed session to read the document?

Chairperson: We do. Can we do all the closed sessions points at the end? We'll come back to this later.

8. NEW BUSINESS – INFORMATIONAL

a) Board of Governors Alternate Update

Chris Kalafatidis: A motion we passed stated that we needed to pick three candidates and bring them to council. We didn't have access to the minutes then, so we weren't aware about that. Hence, we picked one and sent the rest rejection letters. The candidate we did pick is excellent. We wanted to inform council of this development.

c) Governance Review Update

Patrick Quinn: Once the fee levy updates are done, I have the intention of putting this on hold to make sure it's done right, and that Policy Committee is alright with this.

James Hanna: If the fee levy is taking so much time, I'm questioning why it's the job of Policy to do that work. Shouldn't we create an ad-hoc committee that specifically goes over fee levy questions?

Patrick Quinn: I appreciate that sentiment. In the draft I made, there is an intention to do just that. But right now, it's too late. I agree with James, but we can't do that right now.

James Hanna: I would like to motion to create an ad-hoc committee for fee levy organisations whose mandate is to review all future additions. There would be four members, one student-at-large and one executive.

Patrick Quinn moves to table this to the next meeting. Seconded by **Elizabeth Tasong**.

7. NEW BUSINESS – SUBSTANTIVE

a) Campaigns Coordinator

Hannah Jamet-Lange presents the following motion. Seconded by **Maha Siddiqui**.

WHEREAS the executive has decided on changing parts of the description and requirements for the Campaigns Coordinator position,

WHEREAS the Campaigns Coordinator gave in their resignation over two months in advance, but the executive did not handle this issue in an appropriate time frame,

WHEREAS this motion is in the spirit of alleviating the executive's workload and promoting closer cooperation between the council and the executive,

WHEREAS the Hiring Committee for regular full-time position is made up of "two (2) voting representatives of the employer and two (2) voting union delegates" but it is not specified whether the representatives of the employer have to be executives,

BE IT RESOLVED THAT one of the two spots for representatives of the employer on the hiring committee for the campaigns coordinator position be filled by a councilor,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT Council decide on who this councilor shall be.

Hannah Jamet-Lange: The current Campaigns Coordinator gave their resignation over 2 months ago. It was only formally dealt with on September 20. This should've been dealt with in the appropriate time frame. Councilors should sit on this committee to get it done. It would also take some work off executives. It is also bad that the current Campaigns Coordinator was not talked to about the change in this position.

Patrick Quinn: POI did everyone read the email from CUPE.

Celeste-Melize Ferrus: During the council retreat, our lawyers told us it wasn't the role of the Board of Governors to deal with workplace micromanagement. I don't think it's within council's right to tell us who we should or should not hire.

Patrick Quinn moves to table this motion indefinitely. Seconded by **Marin Algattus**.

Patrick Quinn: This is not the place to discuss this. It's not the place of council to meddle in hiring affairs. This is not something that should be passed. It sets a bad precedent. Council stepping in should only be in the worst-case scenario.

Hannah Jamet-Lange: I agree that usually, we should not get involved. But for this, I think it's important. We didn't handle this issue within the appropriate timeframe. This has legal consequences. Our lawyers told us that council could step in if there's the potential for legal ramifications.

Ahmadou Sakho: Shouldn't we go into closed session? This involves internal matters.

Seconded by **Salman Fahim Syed**.

There is a motion for Irmak to stay in the room for the closed session. Seconded by **Elizabeth Tasong**.

Council moves into closed session.

Council moves out of closed session

James Hanna moves to ratify closed sessions vote. Seconded.

Motion to have a councilor on Hiring Committee has failed.

5. PRESENTATION AND GUEST SPEAKERS

b) Montreal Youth Summit on Sustainable Business

Marcus and Oliver: This is a conference which would be a collaboration between three universities – McGill, Concordia and HEC. We aim to bring together three communities that usually work in isolation. We want to gather youth and bridge those gaps. At the end of the day, these topics go beyond the private sector; You cannot talk about sustainability without talking about systemic change and that goes beyond greenwashing, and beyond the stereotypes about sustainability in business. We see value in bringing students of different schools and disciplines, to engage networking and interactions amongst various faculties. We received \$3000 from the Dean of Student Life. We are asking the CSU for \$23, 000. Any surplus we made would go to Climate Action. We aim to plant trees to produce a carbon offset from the transportation of speakers from out of province. This conference would come at a good time to harness the climate strike enthusiasm and put that towards other sustainability goals.

Celeste-Melize Ferrus: Did you apply for CCSL? Or SAF? Or SMU? Or UDEMs? Or JMSB?

Maria: Not yet. We're going to look into it. Our plan is to ask them and apply for various things based on what we get here.

Celeste-Melize Ferrus: Why is the CSU being asked for more than 1/3 of the money needed?

Maria: We figured it fits your campaign best and it would be a good collaboration.

Celeste-Melize Ferrus: Do you know where you want the money to come out of from our budget?

Maria: No, we leave that to you to decide.

Celeste-Melize Ferrus: Would we be able to get the surplus money, seeing as we would be giving you the largest amount of money?

Maria: Absolutely.

Marcus: You could also definitely get a say as to where the surplus money would go.

Celeste-Melize Ferrus: What could the CSU get to balance out the large sum of money.

Maria: You would be presented as our lead sponsor. Part of the conference is a recruitment fair so you could also get priority in networking.

Naomi Barney Purdie: Were you planning on asking the McGill Student Union for money?

Oliver: As a McGill student, I have no sense of this level of engagement for this topic at McGill. So, currently, no.

Elizabeth Tasong: This is definitely in line with our main campaign. I'm wondering about past applications you've put in. The conference is in January. Were there other places you applied to that weren't in the slides?

Maria: Our main approach was to get government grants but we're not able to apply because we're not registered as an organisation. We're not eligible for a lot of grants.

Lindsay Surerus: Have you done this sort of conference before?

Oliver: We've done similar conferences but as separate institutions.

Lindsay Surerus: Are you just having it be exclusive to the students of the three universities?

Marcus: 375 tickets would be set aside for students. We're also aiming to limit tickets to each school for proportionate representation. It would be around 75 tickets to Concordia to McGill, etc. Our main target is students, but there will other VIPs and public communities there.

Maha Siddiqui: This budget isn't detailed enough. Do you have a more detailed budget that we could look at?

Holly: We could send you our more detailed budget.

Maha Siddiqui: It would be great for you to send those documents now for us to be able to make a decision.

Esther Morand: How accessible is the location? Do you have a translator for people hard of hearing?

Hugo: The location is accessible for people with wheelchairs. There are no translators.

Marcus: If we had the funding, we would definitely want to do that. For the services provided, the tickets are priced fairly for students. So, it should be accessible for low-income students, as well.

Esther Morand: What's internal funding?

Maria: Funding from the school.

Hannah Jamet-Lange: I don't know where we would get that money from because we also have limited funds. It's important to not rely on just one source, so maybe you could apply to other places like SAF. And also, from other universities because there's big climate justice energy everywhere. McGill has an LPSU committee, as well. I also believe that ASL is important. Is there any way people who can't afford that ticket price may still be able to go?

Maria: We're looking at a mechanism where JMSB students can get reimbursed for the ticket.

James Hanna: There's a general understanding that we want to fund you, but we don't know how. I think External Committee can pitch in some money for this. You could apply to External Committee for that. You could apply to CAF, External, Sustainability, etc.

Chris Kalafatidis moves to refer this to Finance Committee. Seconded by **Ahmadou Sakho**. There are oppositions.

Esther Morand moves to extend agenda point by 10 minutes. Seconded by **Marin Algattus**.

Désirée Blizzard: At our last FinComm meeting, we tried to find money for the Mindfulness Project. Can we discuss where the money would come from? Because while referring finance matters to FinComm is our job, it's a tedious project and forces the organisations to wait.

Elizabeth Tasong: The best thing you can do is to apply to the committees that can give out funding directly. We can give you a list. There are a lot of committees under us that have the lines to give out money monthly. It should go quicker for you.

Maria: Should we break down the budget according to committees?

Elizabeth Tasong: Yes. If you have that panel for women, for example, and if it benefits BIPOC women, the BIPOC committee could give you money for that.

Naomi Barney Purdie calls to question. Seconded by **Elizabeth Tasong**. There are oppositions.

VOTE (for calling to action)

For: 6

Opposed: 3

Abstentions: 1

Motion passes.

VOTE (to refer to Fincomm)

For: 0

Opposed: 11

Abstentions: 0

Motion fails.

Marin Algattus: You requested for us to be the biggest sponsorships and that with this, we would be a partner. Being attached to CSU might make it easier for you to apply for government grants. To councilors, I think we've previously presented a precedent to use Endowment Fund for conferences, so someone could move to do that.

Maha Siddiqui: There's no question that we want to fund this but exactly how much money we can grant and where that money comes from is still the question. Once we have a detailed budget line and once we understand what being a sponsor would entail, we could better decide. If all councilors could have access to that document, this would go quicker.

Isaiah Joyner: They're coming here to ask the CSU to consider working closely with them, hand-in-hand. This would be similar to Woodnote or the HIVE. If we go towards funding them by separate committees, it would limit them to a couple thousand dollars per committee.

Désirée Blizzard moves to add 5 minutes to agenda point.

Esther Morand: Are you paid?

Oliver: I'd love to be paid but this is on a volunteer-basis.

James Hanna: We could create specialised fee levy for conferences, speakers, etc. An optional fee levy maybe so we could have an established budget for this.

Désirée Blizzard: You had 3 sponsors? How much are you getting from them?

Marcus: \$11,000.

Maria: We wanted to see how we would get with sponsors before asking other bodies for money. I don't want it to look like we haven't done our work. We have.

Elias Huckel-Fidalgo moves table this point to until we get more detailed funding. Seconded by **Salman Fahim Syed**.

Motion passes.

Désirée Blizzard: Thank you for your time. You've caught us in a time where we're discussing where in our budget we should give money from, and how much we should give.

Salman Fahim Syed: The CSU Office is always open for questions and collaborations.

**c) Faculty Equality Referendum Question &
d) Executive Referendum Question**

Chris Kalafatidis and Danielle Beaudin: We're going to present and inform council on referendum questions we've been preparing. I'm doing this as a student and not as an executive. On online opt outs, the current fee levy process is inaccessible. We want students to be educated about fee levies. The question we will pose is: Do you support Concordia bringing the opt out process online for student fee levy organisations? On faculty equality, currently Council is mostly made up of ASFA students. There's a lack of Science, Engineering, JMSB students. We're aiming for a more equal council, to change the composition of the council to be even. The question is: Do you support giving all faculties equal representation on the Council of Representatives by changing the structure to three Arts seats, three Science seats, three Gina Cody seats, three JMSB seats, three Fine Arts seats, and one Independent Student seat? On Presidents and VPs, currently there are five siloes, with executives all doing the same variations of tasks while managing a whole department. Executives should exclusively focus on dealing with the whole department. It's not productive for executives to have to answer to a workforce while juggling other things. As a student, it's hard to know who you should approach and what the current roles are meant to entail because they're so confusing. The question is: Do you support the following proposal to change the CSU executive positions from eight (8) Coordinators to a President and six (6) Vice-Presidents with more specialized tasks? This system with a President and various other executives under that is a lot clearer and more concise.

Chairperson reads By-Law 9.6.2 *"In addition to the above, the promoters of a petition for the calling of a referendum are responsible to come and present their petition to the Council of Representatives prior to circulating it on campus. The purpose of such a presentation is only to allow for discussion between Council and the promoters and to solicit feedback on the proposed question. The Council of Representatives shall have no decision-making power regarding the wording of any question presented for discussion, nor over the ability of the promoters to pursue their petition, nor over the putting of that question to referendum."*

Chairperson: You have no decision in this. It's just to solicit feedback from Council. I will cut this off at 20 minutes.

Celeste-Melize Ferrus: Will there be writing to make sure someone has a role pertaining to Loyola?

Chris Kalafatidis: VP Events will have to do things at Loyola.

Celeste-Melize Ferrus: I like how in the faculty equality point Science kids in ASFA are taken into consideration.

Esther Morand: I'm wondering about the 3-3-3 split. We're supposed to be council representatives. It should be democratic. And we should represent the demographics of students. That's why there are more ASFA students. Also, Engineering and JMSB kids didn't run in the last election. There's a reason there's a cut and why there are more ASFA seats.

Victoria Pesce: Not all JMSB students feel the way you presented. It's a lifestyle choice and an issue of priority. The number of seats is proportional to the number of students within a faculty. It's more of a cultural problem than a representative problem. I do agree with the President/VP idea. We're a business and we should start acting like one.

Chris Kalafatidis: I agree that it's a culture problem. But why is there that culture problem? I think it exists because they're outvoted, and they feel like they have no say because of the ASFA majority.

Naomi Barney Purdie: I'd like to remind councilors that this is meant to inform us. It's going to go to referendum whether we like it or not. It's a by-law change so it'll come to council anyway. I want to encourage everyone to just think about it until we can decide on it.

Elizabeth Tasong: I understand the logic behind the equal split, but how would this make it better?

Chris Kalafatidis: The problem is that if you're not in the in-crowd with connections, the assumption is you don't have much say in the problem.

Elizabeth Tasong: I think this culture change won't be fixed with this. I think the existence of harmful spaces within council to women and people of colour is more imperative and I don't see the benefit of this. I don't think Concordia needs to be a business model.

Salman Fahim Syed: What about independent students?

Chris Kalafatidis: Independent students are represented in the model. We didn't know how to add this in the pie chart.

Salman Fahim Syed: But why not three independent seats if you're aiming for equal seating?

Chris Kalafatidis: We have not had them run in a long time. And they're declining in numbers.

Ahmadou Sakho: I don't think the issue is faculty culture but more so the political nature of Concordia. It's good to ask this question of students. But I think we should encourage more student involvement and address the political culture of Concordia instead of this referendum question.

Elias Huckel-Fidalgo: Have you thought of doing the split to be proportionate to the number of Arts and number of Science within ASFA?

Danielle: The reason we split it is that it becomes more similar to the representation of the school. We want to keep it equal. There'll be more competition within the elections. They'll feel like they'd have a chance and a say.

Elias Huckel-Fidalgo: Would you not like to add what I said as another option to see what students think?

Danielle: We'll look into it.

Maha Siddiqui: I agree that there is a lack of representation, but I think we have different definitions of representation. How often do we see ethnic minorities, different gender, LGBTQI+ students on council? The fact that there are more ASFA seats is proportional to the number of ASFA students. To limit the number of ASFA seats to be less than proportional would be to limit the number of minorities on Council. We need to fill seats. Instead of finding ways to motivate more people to run, structural change will not help this. Marketing is also a problem.

Hannah Jamet-Lange: ASFA is divided into 3: Humanities, Social Sciences and Sciences. I see the value of splitting then but then I think you would have to include those as well. In general, we would have less councilors across the board with this plan. This model makes it less of a representational democracy. Concordia likes democracy especially within the Quebec-Anglophone context. It's a marketing problem that there are less of other faculties like JMSB. The 5 siloes would make it less democratic. The referendum questions are also biased.

James Hanna: We should move on.

Jarrad Haas: There was more than one seat for Fine Arts, but no one is there. At the end of the day, Fine Arts does not represent 20% of the school. It wouldn't make sense for us to wield more power than we should. It would resemble an Electoral College.

Isaiah Joyner: I'm amenable to whatever the students want. The point is that council needs representation. Council also tackles specific matters within specific faculties. So JMSB students might write off CSU as an option when thinking of bodies to approach. We need to come with an open mind. We should represent our faculties but also remember other faculties and consider what they need.

e) Finance Presentation

Désirée Blizzard: This is an informational. Health and Dental plans have increased. This plan has been very successful in the last few years. The plan was frozen for 2 years. The price increased due to mental health coverage, inflation, and inclusion of EmpowerMe. We're still the lowest university plan in the city. On Quarterly Actuals, we are on the route to a surplus. It's going well. There are no reasons to be alarmed. We have \$96k in the Endowment Fund compared to \$145k in June 2019. The fund was used on smaller projects last year. This is because the CSU only recently discovered the Endowment Fund, understood what the fund is for and what it can do.

James Hanna: How does SEF funds get approved? Because I didn't approve the funds for the governance review last year.

Désirée Blizzard: I can check but it could've been a meeting you weren't there for.

Marin Algattus: In the Standing Regulations, there is no law on how we use it. So, it might've not gone to council.

Désirée Blizzard: It is in the Standing Regulations.

Naomi Barney Purdie: Can Clubs Spaces use SEF without Council permission?

Chairperson: It's Standing Regulations Chapter XI 208.

Désirée Blizzard: My understanding is that with Andrew, Clubs was allocated \$5000. Andrew said yes to up to \$5k coming out of SEF. I'll meet with him this week to check. Usually, council has to say yes or no to funds coming out of SEF, and then I go to Andrew.

Esther Morand: There's \$9k put in the online voting pilot project?

Patrick Quinn: It's well under what we spent in the past for similar things. It's quite a steal, honestly. We didn't know it was from SEF.

Désirée Blizzard: It's going to be less expensive this year. We have less of a need for security or polling clerks. For SSAELC fund, all projects were supported from the interest of SSAELC. These are all the projects that were approved. Not all have claimed this money but we're in talks with the specific projects. Now, we're focussing on student involvement initiatives. Finally, on financial mismanagement, things we've established are to not give money out of Operational Budget at the beginning of the year, to not spend all budgeted funds just because they were budgeted, to encourage diverse funding for groups instead of relying on CSU like what we did just now and to give a time limit for reimbursement. We had cheque reimbursements for projects done last year and it becomes very complicated otherwise.

Chris Kalafatidis: I've noticed this as a problem, it's not professional to get a group of people to present to council. When put on the spot, it could be a stressful environment and our questions might come across as condescension. I don't think people should ask for money from council in council.

Désirée Blizzard: We could also create a budget line for unexpected projects.

6. APPOINTMENTS

a) Sexual Misconduct & Sexual Violence Standing Committee (1 spot)

Chris Kalafatidis: Currently, appointments committee is backed up. We thought we could bring this to council first before we find a student-at-large. It would be cool to have someone inside of the council in the committee. Does anyone want to be on this committee as the Alternate? You get to speak but you won't have voting rights.

Elizabeth Tasong and **Esther Morand** are interested.

Salman Fahim Syed: If there a few, will there be a vote?

Chairperson: Yes, it will go to secret ballot.

Naomi Barney Purdie: I wanted to confirm that both candidates were appointed to both positions.

Chris Kalafatidis: I haven't been getting responses from one of them.

Naomi Barney Purdie: Do we have to do secret ballot?

Chairperson: Yes. Council moved for that last council.

Naomi Barney Purdie moves to cancel the resolution that all appointments with more nominees than seats would go to a secret ballot. Seconded by **Esther Morand**. There are oppositions.

Jarrad Haas: Would this be forever?

Chairperson: A secret ballot could be called then, if needed.

VOTE

Motion fails.

Esther Morand: Can I be the student-at-large, as a councilor?

Chris Kalafatidis: You wouldn't be representing the council, just undergraduates. You would have no vote.

Jarrad Haas: We have a lot of councillors who aren't here presently.

Chris Kalafatidis: This is urgent. It was also an agenda point. If they were interested, I believe they would've said something.

Elizabeth Tasong: I'm really interested. I'm already on policy, and I'm interested in building beyond those policies and identifying blind spots. I'd like to see where we're lacking and how better to protect student interests. I am also in a position to reflect and present better insights.

Salman Fahim Syed moves to appoint **Elizabeth Tasong**. Seconded by **Jarrad Haas**.

Chris Kalafatidis: Does anyone want to express interest in that second seat because that person isn't responding.

Chris Kalafatidis presents the following: Deeming the resignation of the second voting member of the comm, BIRT that we appoint Esther Morand and Elizabeth Tasong, with Elizabeth Tasong receiving voting rights.

b) Concordia Council on Student Life (2 spots)

Eduardo Malorni: Every time a student group isn't able to fill a seat on CCSL, we need to step in. So, now we need to fill that seat for them. We require seven people to fill existing empty seats and we need people to fill those soon. To expedite this, we are opening it to councillors.

Esther Morand nominates self. Seconded by **Jarrad Haas**.

Lindsay Surerus nominates self. Seconded by **Elizabeth Tasong**.

Esther Morand nominates **Salman Fahim Syed**. **Salman Fahim Syed** rejects.

Jarrad Haas moves to appoint candidates to CCSL. Seconded by **Ahmadou Sakho**.

c) Sustainability Coordinator

Chris Kalafatidis: The candidate can be at the next committee meeting.

d) Strategic Planning Committee

Chris Kalafatidis: We want to appoint councillors to the committee. I'll read Arad's motivation for wanting to join.

Chris Kalafatidis: On behalf of **Arad Andrew Banis**: I was the sole councillor on the previous strategic planning committee. Unfortunately, it was created at the end of the year, so we only had time to complete one meeting. I'd love if council can grant me the chance to complete my work. We've already performed a SWOT analysis to assess the strengths, weaknesses, opportunities of growth, and threats against growth, for each individual CSU branch. Strategic planning is my specialty, having competed in 2 international strategy case competitions, and currently pursuing a career in the strategy division of my firm. The CSU lacks some baseline level of uniformity from one mandate to the next, because of the amount of turnover we get. Finally, it should be mentioned that this year, I am only on one committee, the finance committee, so contributing to our collective work at the CSU with a second committee would be appreciated.

Naomi Barney Purdie moves to appoint **Arad Andrew Banis**. Seconded by **Elias Huckel-Fidalgo**.

Elias Huckel-Fidalgo nominates self. Seconded by **Elizabeth Tasong**.

Ahmadou Sakho nominates **Salman Fahim Syed**. Seconded by **Salman Fahim Syed**.

Jarrad Haas moves to appoint candidates to committee. Seconded by **Esther Morand**.

Isaiah Joyner: Can other executives be there?

Elias Huckel-Fidalgo: Yes. I spoke to Arad about this. The point is to get everyone's idea and pitch in to how we want council to move going forward.

7. NEW BUSINESS – SUBSTANTIVE

b) PostSecret

Marin Algattus: I'm looking for money in the endowment fund for \$3000. I'm currently also looking at other funding bodies.

Esther Morand moves to allot \$3000 to PostSecret. Seconded by **Salman Fahim Syed**.

Marin Algattus: I am applying to funding bodies, QPIRG Discretionary. I want to be transparent. None of these sponsors are confirmed.

Naomi Barney Purdie: I'm confused. Under this I see CSU \$2000 confirmed.

Marin Algattus: Isaiah has agreed to give \$2000.

Isaiah Joyner: This is under the Speaker's Series Line. I am able to allocate from that budget line to this.

Elizabeth Tasong: I support giving funding in general to this. I'm amenable to the amount. The ballpark you've put here seems reasonable.

Marin Algattus: This can be really good for inspiring students to join the mental health field. I encourage you to check out the website.

Celeste-Melize Ferrus: I'm also amenable. But why are we charging our students?

Marin Algattus: I just assumed councillors might be more amenable to this presentation if I planned to supplement money from charging students.

Chris Kalafatidis: When people ask for large amounts of money, I get concerned. \$3k is fairly small. I don't think this is a lot of money for something Marin's very passionate about.

Naomi Barney Purdie: Thank you for the update. I didn't know how I felt about this at the last council meeting. But the examples from other universities and the smaller amount makes me feel better. I would suggest making it free for Concordia students.

Elias Huckel-Fidalgo: Where was this going to be -- both campuses?

Marin Algattus: For the venue, I was looking at the Alumni Theatre because it's cheaper. The actual PostSecret cards would be all over both campuses. I'm also working with sororities; they volunteered.

Jarrad Haas calls to question.

VOTE

For: 9

Opposed: 0

Abstentions: 0

Motion passes.

d) Budgetary Impact

Désirée Blizzard presents the following motion. Seconded by **Elias Huckel-Fidalgo**.

WHEREAS motions are discussed, voted on, and implemented often with no consideration for the budget

WHEREAS this matter causes budget overruns.

WHEREAS the CSU has been in a financially precarious environment, surviving with debt money from SSAELC.

WHEREAS the CSU's role is to ensure smooth continuation in order to best provide its services to the student base

BE IT RESOLVED THAT all motions require a budgetary impact estimation, be it an increase, a decrease, or nil, suggesting the exact budget lines affected.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT that if this budgetary impact causes a deficit position within the budget line, an additional proposal be included for how this may be funded. BIFR that in such instances, the Finance Coordinator be consulted to determine the best funding avenue. This consultation is strongly encouraged but not mandatory.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT that the budgetary impact of this motion is nil.

VOTE

For: 6

Opposed: 0

Abstentions: 2

Motion passes.

c) Mindfulness Project

Désirée Blizzard presents the following motion. Seconded by **Elizabeth Tasong**.

WHEREAS finance committee was mandated to find a guaranteed \$5000 to fund the Mindfulness Project from the CSU Operating budget.

WHEREAS finance committee was mandated to find up to an additional \$17,000 from the CSU Operating budget for this purpose.

WHEREAS finance committee's analysis has shown that:

(1) a surprise expense coming late in the budget is difficult to process and undue stress on resources;

(2) a large expense limits the ability to fund several grassroots projects;

(3) there is limited funding available within the CSU Operating budget.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT that the Mindfulness Project budget be amended as follows:

Proposed Budget

Coordinator honorarium: \$3,000 brut (\$ 2,550 net) Instructor honorarium: \$6,353 brut (\$5,400 net)
Marketing coordinator honorarium: \$750 (\$ 638 net) Materials: \$500 brut (\$500 net)

Ads/Marketing: \$500 brut (\$500 net)

Total Offered: \$11,103 brut (\$9,588 net)

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Mindfulness project provides the CSU with 3 bi-monthly reports. These reports must contain:

- (1) the activities that took place;
- (2) complete listing of material and advertising expenses;
- (3) complete listing of amounts distributed to coordinators.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the first report be due on December 1st, 2019.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the CSU encourages the Mindfulness Project to seek different funding sources, such as the Student Life Initiatives and Special Projects, among many others.

Désirée Blizzard: I spoke to Léa. She modified the budget after the last council. We didn't cut the pay for the speaker, but we did cut pay for the students. Essentially, this is what we determined was a good thing going forward. I can show you the second proposal.

Elias Huckel-Fidalgo: If we could not tap into the Operational, it would be great, because it was as struggle to find this number.

Isaiah Joyner: So is this a motion to incorporate this project to the line.

Désirée Blizzard: The line has been created. This motion is just saying that we would allocate \$11k to that line. It's still to be discussed where that money would come from.

Isaiah Joyner: Would it be possible to be a line of operations?

Désirée Blizzard: There is a \$42k surplus but that's only in case of emergency. I don't want to touch that amount. I'd rather budgeted expenses stay the same. That's the sentiment of the Budgetary Impact.

Elizabeth Tasong: I'm concerned about it being mandated where it comes from Operational. I'd say council looks it over. I know there aren't enough councillors right now, but maybe we could motion to add to the next agenda to see where else it could come from. If council could vote for it not to come out of Operational, that would be great. I don't want to force it just because it can.

Elias Huckel-Fidalgo: The surplus is very precious when we have issues like salaries where the price was more than what was expected.

Naomi Barney Purdie: Do you think separating SEF from Operations would be better? Like a 50/50 split in how we pay for it?

Isaiah Joyner: The \$5000 initially proposed can be sent through Operational Grant through CAF. Everything else could come out of the surplus. We'll just have to go through a formal application process. The full budget wouldn't be able to fit in Operational.

Désirée Blizzard: I haven't had the chance to talk to Léa about this. I don't imagine she'll be very happy about this. So, it might come back to Council. If this proposal is adopted, we will start making these checks. The budget line has been created. The budgeted amount will be allocated to that budget line. We still have time to talk about CAF and SEF. The real-life impact is that I'll sign some checks this week. I'll give Council more updates at the next meeting.

VOTE

For: 8

Opposed: 0

Abstentions: 0

Motion passes.

e) Clubs and Space Committee

Naomi Barney Purdie: This was a point made by my Victoria so I think we should table this since she's not here.

Patrick Quinn: If we keep tabling if people aren't here, it doesn't set a good precedent.

Naomi Barney Purdie: It's better to not silence someone who has opinions on something. She pulled it up.

James Hanna: I'm an executive on one of those clubs, so I'll be abstaining.

Naomi Barney Purdie moves to table. Seconded by **Elizabeth Tasong**.

VOTE

For: 7

Opposed: 0

Abstentions: 1

Motion passes

Patrick Quinn: We shouldn't keep tabling minutes. It's up to them to speak. Nobody is favoured over anyone else.

Celeste-Melize Ferrus: Someone pulled my council minutes three meetings ago, and they still haven't come to talk to me yet.

Chairperson: If you have a question about something, bring it to the respective executives or councillors.

8. NEW BUSINESS – INFORMATIONAL

d) Loyola Food Situation

Celeste-Melize Ferrus: Today there was a Loyola working group. They had very little student input. If anyone has any comments on the Loyola food situation, it'll be noted in the minutes, and I'll send it to them afterward.

Isaiah Joyner: What is the situation?

Celeste-Melize Ferrus: There is none.

Esther Morand: Are there microwaves?

Celeste-Melize Ferrus: G-Lounge was newly reopened. They have three microwaves. And there are microwaves on every floor.

Esther Morand: How many microwaves are there on Loyola campus? I've heard complaints.

Celeste-Melize Ferrus: I'll answer from memory. There are two at the G-Lounge in SP basement. There are two in basement. There are a few in the HIVE, I think? Two in SJ building. And definitely more than that.

Elias Huckel-Fidalgo: There are very few options near campus. There's a maximum of five restaurants in the vicinity.

Isaiah Joyner: I know there's a Tim Hortons.

Esther Morand: Are there other options for food apart from joints like Tim Hortons? I think it would be better to have fewer corporate restaurants. I think our students would appreciate that more.

Naomi Barney Purdie: Is there a space for more co-ops to establish themselves at Loyola?

Celeste-Melize Ferrus: The space used to be owned by a fraternity. Now there's a big bar area. There's potential to change that into something else.

Naomi Barney Purdie: Could we potentially advertise that space? I'm in a class with students who have a lot of co-op ideas who might be interested in establishing something.

Celeste-Melize Ferrus: It could be a collaboration with the dean of students.

Elizabeth Tasong: For the minutes, I'd like it to be added that Loyola students are Concordia students too.

6. APPOINTMENTS

e) Senate Update (Closed)

Isaiah Joyner moves to go into closed session. Seconded by **Elias Huckel-Fidalgo**.

Council is now in closed sessions.

11. ADJOURNMENT

Isaiah Joyner moves to adjourns. Seconded by **Patrick Quinn**.
Council adjourns at **2342h**.