



# Concordia Student Union – Council of Representatives

CSU Regular Council Meeting – Agenda  
Wednesday, October 23, 2019  
MB 3.285, 18h30, S.G.W. Campus

## Updated Agenda

1. Call to Order
2. Roll Call
3. Approval of the Agenda
4. Consent Agenda
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  - b) Committee Minutes
5. Presentation and Guest Speakers
  - a) CSU IT and HOJO Website Presentation
  - b) Concordia University Recreation and Athletics Presentation
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6. Returning Business
  - a) Fee Levy Review Committee
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7. Appointments
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10. Question Period & Business Arising
11. Announcements
12. Adjournment

## 1. CALL TO ORDER

Meeting is called to order at **18h44**.

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**We would like to begin by acknowledging that Concordia University is located on unceded Indigenous lands. The Kanien'kehá:ka Nation is recognized as the custodians of the lands and waters on which we gather today. TiohEá:ke/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.**

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## 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), Chris Kalafatidis (General Coordinator), Marin Algattus (Internal Affairs Coordinator), Celeste-Melize Ferrus (Loyola Coordinator), Eduardo Malorni (Student Life Coordinator).

**Councillors present for the meeting were:** Hannah Jamet-Lange (Arts & Science), Ahmadou Sakho (Arts & Science), Elias Huckel-Fidalgo (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), Naomi Barney Purdie (Arts & Science), Jarrad Haas (Fine Arts), Leigh Kusaj (Arts & Science), Amman Houara (Arts & Science), Christiane Sakr (Arts & Science), Elizabeth Tasong (Arts & Science), Esther Morand (Arts & Science), Arad Andrew Banis (John Molson School of Business),

**Executives absent for the meeting were: -**

**Councillors absent for the meeting were:** Maha Siddiqui (Arts & Science), Nicholas Hamel (Arts & Science), Lindsay Surerus (Arts & Science)

**Victoria Pesce** moves to excuse absent councillors. Seconded by **Patrick Quinn**.

### 3. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

**Arad Andrew Banis** moves to add Strategic Planning under Informational.

**Désirée Blizzard** moves to add Mindfulness after Athletics.

**Chris Kalafatidis** moves to add Election Motion.

**Salman Fahim Syed** moves to move Temporary Membership up in the Agenda.

**Eduardo Malorni** moves to put Welcome Week at the end.

**Victoria Pesce** moves to pull Chairperson's Report.

**Patrick Quinn** moves to approve the agenda. Seconded by **Isaiah Joyner**.

### 3. PRESENTATIONS

#### a) CSU IT and HOJO Website Presentation

**Camil, Sophie, Walter, Leanne:** HOJO needs a user-friendly platform, especially to help International Students who cannot physically come into HOJO. We want to invest in a firm who will be able to support us and help create a product that respects industry standards. Everything we want are not things available on the market. We did a lot of research before arriving at this conclusion for a custom.

**Patrick Quinn:** CRM is used to retain student profile information. It's important for institutional memory. We currently have a CRM named Penelope but it's a Medical Information Management and not meant for Student Unions. There are repercussions on functionality and on staff.

**Camil, Sophie, Walter, Leanne:** We do research and store it but there is limited search capability. Because it's a medical interface, we can't share the research. It's too secure. We can't access research and have to duplicate our work. Once staff leaves, that information is gone, and that amassed knowledge can't be accessed. It's risky to have to depend on one permanent staff. It's impossible to know all the complaints made against professors. When we bought Penelope, we wanted to be cost-effective. For us, we want to provide quality service and for that we need quality tools.

**Patrick Quinn:** This is a long-term solution. We'll be using this cost over the years and integrating this with the HOJO Classifieds website. It'll help with the efficiency of this organisation.

**Patrick Quinn** presents the following motion. Seconded by **Arad Andrew Banis**.

**WHEREAS** the CSU is in dire need of upgrading its outdated and deficient IT software and services.

**WHEREAS** the HOJO classifieds and CRM applications are essential in order to ensure quality service to students.

**WHEREAS** the CSU does not have the necessary capital to purchase and invest in these applications.

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** Council, under its powers in Special Bylaw I, approve the expense of \$85,000 for the HOJO Classified web application in the SSAELC Fund, subject to the Fund Committee's approval.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT** Council, under its powers in Special Bylaw I, approve the expense of \$55,000 for the Customer Relationship Management software in the SSAELC Fund, subject to the Fund Committee's approval.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT** the budgetary impact of this motion be -\$140,000 and will be taken from the SSAELC Fund

**Désirée Blizzard:** I want to support this motion. I worked on this presentation. If you have questions on breakdown, we can provide those.

**Arad Andrew Banis:** I also want to support this motion. It is a large sum of money, but I believe it's required.

#### **VOTE**

For: 11

Opposed: 0

Abstentions: 1

*Motion carries.*

**Patrick Quinn:** Thank you for supporting this.

### **b) Concordia University Recreation and Athletics Presentation**

**Kathleen:** The current fee hasn't changed in the last 10 years. This change is based on inflation and what we want to do. The Loyola gym will also match our 50% reduction price. There will be free sports tickets for students and free summer gym memberships. We will also set up student advisory groups to get feedback and suggestions. We have plans, but we just need the money. We are planning for more recreational spaces that could be free. For \$2 more per credit, this is a lot. We'll be the first Canadian university to supplement free tickets to games.

**Elias Huckel-Fidalgo:** Will it be free at Loyola?

**Kathleen:** Yes

**Isaiah Joyner:** For Clubs going under the Stingers, would they no longer be under the CSU?

**Kathleen:** We're looking at a collaboration with the CSU to give the clubs space to practice and also funds.

**Hannah Jamet-Lange:** Would the free summer sessions be accessible to undergraduates not taking summer classes?

**Kathleen:** Yes.

**Hannah Jamet-Lange:** What is UQAM doing?

**Kathleen:** It wasn't as comparable to Concordia as the other universities, but the analytics are close to UOM's.

**Victoria Pesce:** Will you need to pay for two memberships if you want to use both campus gyms?

**Darcy:** Right now, if you want to do that, you have to buy both. We are looking at a reduced combined pass.

**Désirée Blizzard:** By how much are gym fees going down?

**Kathleen:** 50%.

**Patrick Quinn** presents following motion. Seconded by **Isaiah Joyner**.

**WHEREAS** the Policy Committee recommended in favour of the Recreation and Athletics fee-levy be sent to referendum;

**WHEREAS** the Policy Committee recommended against the Concordia Nightline fee-levy going to referendum;

**BE IT RESOLVED** that the Recreation and Athletics Department's fee-levy referendum question be approved to go to referendum:

*Do you agree to increase the Concordia Recreation & Athletics Department's fee-levy by \$2.08 per credit from \$2.92 per credit totalling \$5/credit, annually adjusted to the Consumer Price Index of Canada to be implemented with registration for the September 2020 (2020/2) term, in accordance with the University's tuition, refund and withdrawal policy? Agreeing to this question means you consent to increasing a mandatory institutional fee beyond the normally allowed rate as set out in the Règles Budgétaires of the Quebec Ministry of Education and Higher Education.*

**Patrick Quinn:** Just to keep meeting along. I think this should go to referendum. A lot of people support this. If you have opinions, you can bring it up during the Campaign.

**Arad Andrew Banis:** POI? Are we also voting for Nightline when we vote for this?

**Patrick Quinn:** No. But the motion includes Policy Committees opinions on both fee levy referendum questions.

**Naomi Barney Purdie:** I wanted to state to Council before we vote. Once you do the fee levy, you can't opt out of it. Last year, we were talking about how tuition was rising. CSU is opposed to all increases in tuition fees for all students. We would be going against the Positions Book.

**Patrick Quinn:** What is the point of having a whole referendum process if we have that position? What this means is that people can campaign against it but it wouldn't make sense to have that because that opposes all fee levy increases.

**Chris Kalafatidis:** I was put here to represent students. I don't know if students want this or not. So, we should give them the choice.

**Hannah Jamet-Lange:** I would like to reiterate what Naomi said. We do have these positions. If you take 5 classes, that's \$25 a semester. It's a lot of money. It's something that would be good, but I don't think putting the strain on students for this is right. It's part of the university's image.

**Darcy:** If you read the whole document, this is only for the recreation. The value we give back to students is far greater than the cost assumed. With increased fees, we can expand the student experience. We're able to employ more students for extra services. We'll help more students.

**Isaiah Joyner:** I feel like when we say against increased fee levies, that's talking about unconsulted increases by the university. This goes to referendum to ask students. We're not taking a stand on this. The referendum question is for or against. People will campaign on and against this.

**Arad Andrew Banis:** Positions Book states that we don't want the university to pocket money for themselves. This isn't one of those instances. This is money specific to enhancing services. It's not a political stance we're taking. It's just: Do we think students should be allowed to decide if things are beneficial? I don't think this is illegitimate.

**Chris Kalafatidis:** Students are getting new things for free out of it. Do students want to make a pay off? You can't put a value on your health. We're letting students decide.

**Patrick Quinn** calls to question. Seconded by **Arad Andrew Banis**. **Victoria Pesce** Opposes.

#### **VOTE**

For: 9  
Opposed: 3  
Abstentions: 0  
*Goes to Vote*

## **VOTE**

For: 8  
Opposed: 3  
Abstentions: 1  
*Motion Passes.*

### **c) Mindfulness Project**

**Léa:** I'm requesting the rest of our budget. I met with Fincomm. The budget allocated can't run the programme. I know there's enough in the Endowment Fund. This is mostly for the coordinators' salary. I was inspired by Engineering students with how they showed their actual impact. I started a petition five days ago and now it has 259 signatories and a bunch of testimonies. We're actually changing lives. We don't just train students; We also get to see their realities and then refer them to get help. Last year, I was building relationships and trying to figure out how to give students gold star mindfulness training. I've been wanting to work on more, but I've had to split that effort with asking Council for money. We can build a presence in Concordia and work on one-time services. The goal was to be integrated into the CSU Budget. We need this money right now. I know the money is there. I'm out of time looking for funding. I've shown the science, impacts and the community benefitting to this. I'm out of options.

**Instructor:** My advice for you from my time as a corporate lawyer is to invest in the people behind the projects who have the drive and the skills. I've been teaching this for 7 years across North America to doctors, teachers, and prison guards. You have a project coordinator who is top notch who built this programme from nothing. I have all my trust in her.

**Ahmadou Sakho:** Last time you had a unanimous vote. No one is against this project. What in our previous agreement prevents the project from coming into being?

**Léa:** In the money allocated, we're missing \$8000.

**Naomi Barney Purdie:** I feel your frustration. We had initially agreed to give this funding. I think there was a miscommunication. I strongly urge you to liaise with the Finance Coordinator. I want to voice that we originally told them we would give them the money. This doesn't make us look credible. You have my support.

**Victoria Pesce:** I thought you got the money. We have to go into our Endowment Fund.

**Désirée Blizzard** presents the motion. Seconded by **Naomi Barney Purdie** .

**WHEREAS** \$11,103 brut (\$9,588 net) was allocated to the Mindfulness Project on October 9<sup>th</sup> 2019 Regular Council Meeting;

**WHEREAS** that money is not enough to sustain the activities of the project for the whole year;

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Mindfulness project gets the remaining \$10,454.81 it needs for its survival from the Student Endowment Fund;

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT** the agreements proposed in the previous motion still be respected (3 bi-monthly reports);

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT** *the* budgetary impact of this motion is of -\$10,454.81 and will be taken from the Student Endowment Fund.

**Désirée Blizzard:** The budget we proposed two weeks ago was not communicated to Lea. We thought we made some progress but after talking to her we realised it was still too little.

**Léa:** I had less than a month to apply for other funding sources while also running a programme.

**Arad Andrew Banis:** The reason why this is not the full amount was because it came out after the budget was confirmed.

**Désirée Blizzard:** We've already created the new line.

**Ahmadou Sakho:** The Endowment Fund gets filled \$30k a year right?

**Désirée Blizzard:** Yes.

**Naomi Barney Purdie** calls to question. Seconded by **Victoria Pesce**.

#### **VOTE**

For: 8  
Opposed: 4  
Abstentions: 0  
*Motion carries*

**Isaiah Joyner:** \$8000 from Endowment is negligible. We're funding it from Operations and Endowment. We could make an even split between the two.

**Arad Andrew Banis:** They want to be a budget line. Is there a motion in the past where it would be in the budget? They might need to come back to make that motion.

**Chairperson:** Fincomm should relay that to them.

**Désirée Blizzard:** We'll tell them. They want to become a full-fledged service under the CSU project.

**Chris Kalafatidis:** Last year when they came, it came out of operations. There are plans to have a Mindfulness link with Mental Health services.

#### **d) Concordia Nightline Presentation**

**Nightline:** We're an active listening service. The reason we're here is to find funds. We want to talk about the income we've gotten. Currently our only standing budget is from the CSU. We

plan to do bake sale events and funding in the future. Our ultimate goal for Nightline to work 7 nights a week. We're very bare bones but increasing volunteers means finding more funding. We are seeking funds from elsewhere. This is our projected budget. Volunteer training is very important to make sure the service is good. Professors are interested in researching the fringe of the Concordia communities who aren't very involved. We also aim to support other mental health services on campus.

**Elizabeth Tasong:** I'm on Policy committee. Your constitution is still under Clubs. You can't be a club and have a fee levy.

**Camille:** We were confused over that. We weren't told that, but we can absolutely do that going forward.

**Naomi Barney Purdie:** I'm also on Policy. We had concerns in relation to your project budget. How did it work last year? How did you function?

**Josh:** Last year, we got \$5606.40. That managed to cover our costs since we were a smaller team. Our mentors graciously waived charges for training. We applied to as many things as we could. We were able to get an anonymous source as well. We now have higher operational costs since we expanded. We also switched from an Internet-based line to a phone-based line due to quality issues. We have applied to a lot of different sources and we still are.

**Marin Algattus:** I sit on Clubs and Spaces. We would have loved to give them money but we didn't have the funds. They are a dedicated team and they do a lot of good. Right now, they're asking for the bare minimum.

**Naomi Barney Purdie:** It does have to be approved by Policy. I suggest you look over that because I want to see it going to referendum.

**Désirée Blizzard:** If you become a fee levy, you're there forever. You have to become a non-profit. Do you have an infrastructure plan for the long-term?

**Camille:** We don't have the ability to pay for a full-time staff. We hope to get volunteers.

**Josh:** We have been working with professors. We intend to create a Board of Directors.

**Arad Andrew Banis:** Is there a motion?

**Chairperson:** No.

**Patrick Quinn:** I'm head of Policy. Become a fee levy group isn't an easy task, since there's a lot of legal things. It's a lot more than being a club. I didn't know you didn't know this information. That's why those processes are in place. I don't know if they're ready or not.

**Ahmadou Sakho:** I'm in Clubs committee. Did you manage to get the phones from Clubs?

**Camille:** Yes.

**Chris Kalafatidis:** If there's a club getting a lot of positive reception, it's this one. It's important to know you're ready to go non-profit. There's a lot that goes into that.

**Marin Algattus:** POI. Is this an informational?

**Patrick Quinn:** Under regulations, it's said that groups are recommended to present to Council. So, I suggested that Athletics and Nightline come under that obligation. There is no motion on the table.

**Marin Algattus:** If they don't get approved today, they have to wait until the annual by-election. I'd like to make a motion.

**Chairperson:** What is this?

**Patrick Quinn:** We recommended to council that they don't go to referendum. It's not best practice to do that.

**Marin Algattus** moves to allow them to go to referendum.

**Chairperson:** Do you have a question?

**Camille:** We're asking students

**Marin Algattus** presents the following motion. Seconded by **Esther Morand**.

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** that this question goes to Referendum: Do you agree to grant Concordia Student's Nightline \$0.05 per credit to be implemented with registration for the January 2020/3 term, in accordance with the University's tuition refund, withdrawal policy.

**Marin Algattus:** They're clearly dedicated. You can't ask someone to register as a nonprofit before they're even guaranteed funding. We should give them this opportunity. We do have a democratic right to voice during referendum. I don't want to have them wait more.

**Patrick Quinn:** There's a reason why this is a documentation. We received this application. We have a Clubs' Constitution. We received a budget. We don't have an updated budget of theirs from the last three years. By approving this motion, we have no idea of the good governance because Policy hasn't reviewed this. We must respect the good governance of this council. I love Nightline but we have to make sure questions sent to students are reviewed correctly.

**Isaiah Joyner:** I want to point out that everything we do here sets a precedence. Be prepared to create a new policy based on the decisions made today.

**Elizabeth Tasong:** We reviewed this week's ago. Were you guys reached out to about recommendations?

**Colleen:** Yes.

**Patrick Quinn:** POI. We had difficulties meeting with Policy and that's on our end. Personally, I think for these by-elections, these are rushed. I'd like to formally apologise for that.

**Elizabeth Tasong:** Were you informed on what we said about constitution changes?

**Colleen:** No.

**Hannah Jamet-Lange** calls to question. Seconded by **Amman Houara**.

#### **VOTE**

For: 1

Opposed: 9

Abstentions: 2

*Motion fails.*

## **6. Returning Business**

### **b) Montreal Youth Summit on Sustainable Business**

**Marcus and Maria:** As recommended, this is a more accurate representation of our budget. We're asking for \$20k from the CSU. We're going to use the CSU name to apply for government grants. Once CSU approves \$20k, we will reimburse you based on what we get from the grant. The reason for this is to cover our upfront costs to make sure this event actually happens. The government grant is to fund projects that address SDGs such as ours. We can offer to the CSU a sponsor positions alongside organisations from other schools. We will also offer up to two tickets to the Summit for you to see what you've funded. There will be a recruitment fair to show Concordia students your support. When first approached for this event, we didn't want to pass this up. With this year's CSU Campaign, we hope to partner with you.

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

**WHEREAS** the CSU has selected its annual campaign to be Sustainability and Climate Justice.

**WHEREAS** the groups JSEC, HEC & McGill have come together to form a mix of student and community organizers to create an environment for student, professionals and community members to come together through promotion of Sustainability.

**WHEREAS** JSEC and its partners have a successful track record of developing conferences about promoting suitability

**WHEREAS** the group is now requesting funding to the amount of \$23,000 for the Montreal Youth Summit a conference centered on a variety of topics relating to the CSU's Annual Campaign and will be held in January of 2020, to be expensed from the Student Endowment Fund.

**WHEREAS** the executive has now partnered with JSEC to make it possible for them to receive Government funding.

**WHEREAS** the Student Endowment fund has been used for a conference before and the fund is both overseen and administered by the Dean of Students for the purpose of supporting student initiatives

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** CSU council approve a mandate to the Dean of Student's office for the Student Endowment Fund to fund the Montreal Youth Summit of up to \$20,000. With the conditions that the sum of the funding of both the government and endowment fund be no greater than 20,000\$.

**Isaiah Joyner:** Grants are up to \$20k. What we get back is based on the grant. It's our name being used now.

**Naomi Barney Purdie:** We've funded conferences before, and it is in line with our campaign. We should support this. Business and sustainability together is great. Thank you for working on our comments.

**Elizabeth Tasong:** I'm excited for this. I like that you added the grant aspect. I respect you for that.

**Victoria Pesce:** As a JMSB students, these events are amazing. And the people behind them are incredible and dedicated.

**Hannah Jamet-Lange:** So, CSU will be giving out much more money, but we hold equal sponsor positions with the other two?

**Maria:** This is our revised plan of action. We've listed \$5k to raise. We spoke with McGill and they might be giving more. They might not have the capability to support this like the CSU can. But they are giving us all the support we can.

**Désirée Blizzard:** What's the reimbursement process?

**Marcus:** CSU gives us \$20k for upfront costs.

**Maria:** When we apply for grants with the CSU's reference, we'd be giving that money back to the CSU.

**Marcus:** If the grant cover all the money CSU gives, you'd still get all the benefits.

**Naomi Barney Purdie** calls to question.

## **VOTE**

For: 10

Opposition: 0

Abstention: 2

*Motion passes.*

## **c) Sexual Violence Committee Appointment Ratification**

**Chairperson:** The person who was said to have dropped out didn't. So now there's one seat to occupy.

**Elizabeth Tasong:** If someone else wanted to run, you can.

**Chris Kalafatidis:** We picked someone who'd be on committee with Elizabeth. We could motion to approve Elizabeth as Alternate.

**Elizabeth Tasong:** As long as no one else wants the position.

**Salman Fahim Syed** moves to ratify **Elizabeth Tasong's** appointment. Seconded by **Ahmadou Sakho**.

## **VOTE**

For: 9

Opposed: 0

Abstentions: 1

*Motion passes.*

## **d) Clubs & Space Committee Minutes - Sept 9th**

**Victoria Pesce:** On July 2, there was a closed session that said something was going to go to referendum. On September 9, Marin then moved to approve shooting club which Amman seconded. I think we should revoke that. I have a motion. After everything that has happened in the past few years such as the Dawson shooting, I want to know what we are approving. This is something that is meant to be a referendum question. I want to know why there was the sudden decision for it not to go to referendum but was approved.

**Marin Algattus:** I'm not sure if I'm allowed on procedure.

**Chairperson:** It would be up to your committee to decide to break closed session.

**Jarrad Haas** moves to go into closed session. Seconded by **Ahmadou Sakho**.

Council is now in closed session.

**Victoria Pesce** presents the following motion. Seconded by **Naomi Barney Purdie**.

**WHEREAS** this is such a controversial topic and allowing the club to exist on campus is controversial,

**WHEREAS** Fall 2016 was the 10-year memorial, which was organized by the DSU in honor of a teacher's death.

**WHEREAS** our sister school, Dawson College, had a school shooting in 2006 that most of the people living in Montreal would remember

**WHEREAS** countries like Britain, Ireland, Norway, Iceland and New Zealand, have changed their laws to ensure patrol officers are unarmed or only armed in special circumstances,

**WHEREAS** there has been numerous deaths caused by gun violence in the United States, which is a country we, Canada, relate to,

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** this be communicated with the students via a marketing campaign that informs them about the referendum question,

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** students have the right to vote on whether or not this club should be recognized under the CSU.

**Chairperson:** Is there a conflict of interest in the room?

**VOTE** (whether there's a COI)

For: 12

Opposed: 0

Abstention: 1

*There is a conflict of interest.*

**VOTE** (if James Hanna may participate in discussion)

For: 12

Opposed: 0

Abstention: 2

*James Hanna may participate in discussion.*

**VOTE** (if James Hanna may participate in decision-making)

For: 0

Opposed: 11

Abstention: 2

*James Hanna may not participate in decision-making.*

**Naomi Barney Purdie** calls to question. **James Hanna** opposes.

**VOTE**

For: 5

Opposed: 7

Abstention: 0

*Question is not called.*

**Jarrad Haas** proposes a 6-minute time extension.

**Arad Andrew Banis** moves to amend motion to the following. Seconded by **Amman Houara**.

**BE IT RESOLVED** that the following question be sent to referendum:

"Given the request from the newly formed Concordia Sports Shooting Association to be recognized as a CSU club, do you approve of this club to be formally recognized as a CSU club?"

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT** the budgetary impact of this bill is nil.

**Patrick Quinn** extends by 5 minutes. There are oppositions.

**VOTE** (to extend)

For: 4

Opposed: 8

Abstention: 0

*Motion fails.*

**VOTE** (to send to referendum)

For: 12

Opposed: 0

Abstention: 0

*Motion passes.*

**Arad Andrew Banis** moves to approve everything in the September 9 Clubs minutes that was not related to the Shooting Club. Seconded by **Naomi Barney Purdie** .

## **8. NEW BUSINESS – SUBSTANTIVE**

### **b) Request for Temporary Membership (Closed)**

**Chairperson presents By-Law 3.4** “ Exceptional circumstances are defined to mean that the lack of membership is due to the actions or decision of a third party outside of the power and ability of the member to remedy such as a contested suspension or expulsion, late registration not processed by the university, visa problems unresolved because of the government bureaucracy etc.”

**Chairperson presents By-Law 10.2** “ The Chairperson of the Council of Representatives shall verify the status of all Representatives, Executives, members of the Judicial Board, Chief Electoral Officer and the Chairperson and Minute Keeper of Council to ensure they are members. The verification shall happen after the DNE deadline for Concordia University for the fall and winter semester. The Chairperson shall present their report at the first meeting of Council following the DNE deadlines. The Chairperson shall also bring a copy of the list of members to the Council meeting in order to allow any Representatives to verify the membership status of the people included in the report. Should the Chair find that any individual do not have the membership status to hold their position, the individual(s) will have 48 hours to request temporary membership. Pursuant to article 3.4 of the CSU by-laws, this temporary membership

will be disposed of unless the member in question can clearly demonstrate that Exceptional Circumstance, as defined in our by-laws, are the cause of registration difficulties. Should the individual(s) fail to obtain temporary membership, it will be considered as automatic resignation.”

**Elizabeth Tasong** moves to grant **Salman Fahim Syed** temporary membership. Seconded by **Arad Andrew Banis**.

**Jarrad Haas** calls to question.

**VOTE**

For: 10

Opposed: 0

Abstentions: 0

*Motion carries.*

**c) Conflict of Interest (Closed)**

**Ahmadou Sakho** presents the following motion. Seconded by **Patrick Quinn** .

**WHEREAS** a motion has been voted allocating the Solidarity Economy Incubation Project (SEIZE) Conference \$20,000 from the Student Endowment Fund on September 18, 2019;

**WHEREAS** there is a potential conflict of interest due to the personal relationship of a councillor and an executive member of SEIZE;

**WHEREAS** the potential conflict of interest was not declared to council before the voting of the motion; *Whereas* per article 4.2 of the CSU Code of Conduct: “Student Union Representatives must disclose any actual, potential or perceived conflict of interests as soon as practicable to the Judicial Board”;

**WHEREAS** per article 4.4 of the CSU Code of Conduct: “The decision regarding the existence of a conflict or potential conflict as well as the decision regarding ability to partake in decision making shall be determined by a majority vote of the Council”;

**WHEREAS** per article 4.9 of the CSU Code of Conduct: “Where a conflict is only brought to Council’s attention after a vote has already taken place, Council shall decide whether a conflict or potential conflicts exists, and if so, a re-vote will be held without the conflicted Representative”;

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the CSU council revokes the motion voted on September 18, 2019;  
**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT** the CSU council (as per article 4.9 of the CSU Code of Conduct) determines whether such a conflict of interest has taken place;

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT** a re-vote on the SEIZE Conference motion takes place during the regular council meeting on October 23, 2019.

**Ahmadou Sakho** moves for this agenda point to be limited to an additional 10 minutes.

**Patrick Quinn** calls to question.

**VOTE**

For: 7

Opposed: 1

Abstention: 2

*Motion passes.*

**VOTE** (if it was a conflict of interest to have voted)

For: 5

Opposed: 5

Abstention: 3

*Motion Fails.*

**Isaiah Joyner** moves to go into open session. Seconded by **James Hanna**.

Council is now in open session.

**Victoria Pesce** moves to ratify minutes. Seconded by **Ahmadou Sakho**.

**a) By-elections**

**Chris Kalafatidis:** These are the official count for seats. Either the calculations were wrong, or the list of students was wrong.

**Chris Kalafatidis** presents the following motion. Seconded by **Arad Andrew Banis** .

**WHEREAS** bylaw 6.2.2 stipulates that the composition of the Council of Representatives shall be determined before calling the Annual General Election.

**WHEREAS** the composition decided upon shall appropriately reflect the membership in the different faculties of the University.

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the following be adopted as the proper composition:

Thirteen Arts and Science seats.

Seven JMSB seats.

Five Gina Cody seats.

Three Fine Arts seats.

Two Independent Student seats.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT** the By-Elections be called on October 24th, 2019.

**Esther Morand:** There needs to be 22 days before...

**Chairperson:** In September, Council decided to not withstand that.

**Victoria Pesce:** Wasn't the motion to have more than 22 days?

**Chris Kalafatidis:** This is just to say that the by-election will be called tomorrow.

**Salman Fahim Syed:** These proposed seats are not for the by-elections, right?

**Chris Kalafatidis:** For by-elections, we'll announce the vacancies.

#### **VOTE**

For: 11

Opposed: 1

Abstention: 0

*Motion passes.*

**Patrick Quinn** moves move Fee-Levy Review Committee to after the by-elections. Seconded by **Jarrad Haas** .

#### **d) Sponsorship Motion**

Council extends meeting 15 more minutes.

**Arad Andrew Banis** presents the following motion. Seconded.

**WHEREAS** this year's executives want to save the Union money to maximize their impact.

**WHEREAS** the Sustainability & Ethics policy has been well-outline from the previous executive bodies and executive have access to the same resources as councilors.

**WHEREAS** the acquisition process is severely impeded at times, through the CSU restrictions, especially on events that are planned within a month.

Notwithstanding the standing regulations,

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** for the remainder year, this year's executives are able to acquire sponsorship on the basis that they look into the companies sustainability policy prior to contract signing and put it in their monthly reports, where anyone with questions about the sponsor can bring it up and has the possibility to veto.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT** Y Kombucha, Beau's Beer, Faculty of Arts and Science, CCSL, Gusta's, Provigo, SCSA, The Department of Physics, Science College and Communications are pre-approved as of now for the Loyola Speaker's Series events.

**Melize Ferrus via video:** It is essential to make that decision for sponsorships. Loyola budget is not enough for everything I have planned. I was able to find some sponsorships. I think its lucrative to get sponsors, but also to choose the type of sponsors we get such as oil companies. This is one area where the guidelines are... ask for video :) to not slow down processes, allow for execs to choose who their sponsors are, alongside reports for accountability. Provigo for food supplies for Speakers' Series etc.

**Elizabeth Tasong:** Sustainability matters must be approved by the sustainability committee. If that committee is active and able to approve those committees, they should.

**Leigh Kusaj:** Speaking as part of that committee, we exist, but we haven't had a meeting since August.

**Hannah Jamet-Lange:** Right now, Melize is the interim chair. She is able to call meetings.

**Elizabeth Tasong:** She already has a list of pre-approved people so I suppose you can talk about this in the meetings.

**Hannah Jamet-Lange:** The regulation is there for a reason, in my opinion. I believe during Welcome Week someone else was sponsoring but that didn't go through Sustainability Committee and I find that unprofessional. We should be following our own regulations. We should look into these as a sustainability committee.

**Isaiah Joyner:** We need a sponsorship policy. It's a bigger conversation of creating a method so that we know which sponsors are alright. If we look for the handbook, there's no clear structure in who we can get sponsors from.

**Victoria Pesce:** We're here to add value. If companies are catering to us. Melize is busting her butt to get money. I understand that she's pushing for the money. If we look into it, it can be avoided. And it can be vetoed in council if it doesn't benefit Concordia student lives.

**Arad Andrew Banis:** Can't Melize call a sustainability meeting?

**Chairperson:** I believe so. I'll have to check.

**Arad Andrew Banis:** Maybe we do that? It's not council's job to look into these things, it's a committee's job.

**James Hanna:** The motion is to allow executives to get sponsorships on the basis of sustainability policies and have council veto rights?

**Chairperson:** That's how it's phrased but I can't answer that.

**Arad Andrew Banis:** Not ratifying would be us vetoing.

**Hannah Jamet-Lange:** If a sponsor is signed, it's hard to undo. We should just follow procedure. We should vote this down and then discuss it in a committee meeting.

**Jarrad Haas** calls to question. **Ahmadou Sakho** seconds.

## **VOTE**

For: 0

Opposed: 10

Abstention: 2

*Motion fails.*

**Elias Huckel-Fidalgo** moves to send this point to Sustainability committee. Seconded by **Ahmadou Sakho**.

## **f) Chairperson's Report**

**Isaiah Joyner** moves to approve Chairperson's report. Seconded by **Chris Kalafatidis**.

**Isaiah Joyner** motions to table everything. Seconded by **Ahmadou Sakho**.

## **11. ADJOURNMENT**

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

Council adjourns at **23h31**.