



Concordia Student Union – Council of Representatives

CSU Regular Council Meeting – Agenda
Wednesday, January 22, 2019
SP 365.01, 18h30, S.G.W. Campus

Updated Agenda

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2. Roll Call
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 - c) Chairperson's Report
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7. Returning Business
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 - a) Setting Elections Dates
 - b) Mid-Mandate Report
9. New Business – Informational
10. Question Period & Business Arising
11. Announcements
12. Adjournment

1. CALL TO ORDER

Meeting is called to order at **18h50**.

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.

2. ROLL CALL

Council Chairperson: Caitlin Robinson
Council Minute Keeper: S Shivaane

Executives present for the meeting were: Isaiah Joyner (External & Mobilization Coordinator), Désirée Blizzard (Finance Coordinator), Chris Kalafatidis (General Coordinator), Celeste-Melize Ferrus (Loyola Coordinator), Patrick Quinn (Academic & Advocacy Coordinator), Marin Algattus (Internal Affairs Coordinator).

Councilors present for the meeting were: Menachem Israily (Independent), Hannah Jamet-Lange (Arts & Science), Elizabeth Tasong (Arts & Science), Salman Fahim Syed (Gina Cody School of Engineering & Computer Science), Leigh Kusaj (Arts & Science), Esther Morand (Arts & Science), James Hanna (Gina Cody School of Engineering & Computer Science), Peter Zhuang (Fine Arts), Mitchell Schechter (John Molson School of Business), Mathew Levitsky-Kaminski (John Molson School of Business), Lauren Perozek (John Molson School of Business), Jeremy Deneault (John Molson School of Business), Tzvi Hersh Filler (Gina Cody School of Engineering & Computer Science), Sean Howard (Gina Cody School of Engineering & Computer Science), Maha Siddiqui (Arts & Science), Howard Issley (John Molson School of Business), Elias Huckel-Fidalgo (Arts & Science), Victoria Pesce (John Molson School of Business), Christiane Sakr (Arts & Science), Jarrad Haas (Fine Arts), Amman Houara (Arts & Science), Naomi Barney Purdie (Arts & Science).

Executives absent for the meeting were: Eduardo Malorni (Student Life Coordinator)

Councilors absent for the meeting were: Ahmadou Sakho (Arts & Science), Selena Mezher (Gina Cody School of Engineering & Computer Science).

Jarrad Haas moves to excuse **Selena Mezher, Ahmadou Sakho, Eduardo Malorni**. Seconded by **Elias Huckel-Fidalgo**.

3. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Chairperson moves to add Appointments.

Sean Howard moves to add Campaigns Coordinator Position.

Isaiah Joyner moves to remove Campaigns Coordinator Position. Seconded by **Victoria Pesce**.

Isaiah Joyner: Previous councillors have already discussed this with me. We have already had a discussion on this during this mandate. This would intercept the hiring issues between Executives and QP Unionised Executives.

Sean Howard: We have responsibility to the CSU to serve students. This would be holding the CSU responsible to student life.

Isaiah Joyner: How much research was done prior to bringing this motion to council?

Sean Howard: I've been looking into since shortly before the start of this semester. This has not been done suddenly.

Tzvi Hersh Filler: Can we do this?

Chairperson: Council can discuss it.

Isaiah Joyner: Did anyone approach the different executives, QP executives or the people in the position? Was this all second-hand research?

Sean Howard: Multiple executives were consulted. I am not the only councillor who is concerned with this. Howard had been looking into this as well. He consulted with you. I have spoken about this with Chris and Howard. This is about QP 4512 and their issues with the CSU. I've been made aware of grievances from QP that have expired. QP is also led by a someone is not a CSU employee.

Naomi Barney Purdie calls to question. Seconded by **Esther Morand**.

VOTE (in favour of considering motion)

For: 11

Opposed: 7

Abstentions: 1

Fails.

Tzvi Hersh Filler moves to pull mid-term report.

Salman Fahim Syed moves to approve agenda. Seconded by **Victoria Pesce**. *Carries.*

5. PRESENTATION AND GUEST SPEAKERS

a) Ratification of CEO Report

Patrick Quinn: You were supposed to publish all complaints. Mine was not there.

CEO: There are different degrees of complaints. What was your complaint?

Patrick Quinn: You are supposed to publicly state all complaints you received in your report.

CEO: I'm not sure.

Victoria Pesce: Your report needs to be more organised.

Maha Siddiqui: A lot of the complaints are about how you were unavailable to answer questions or how you responded late. Are you able to carry out this mandate properly? What did you need for you to do your role better?

CEO: A lot of people asked questions that could be answered by reading the Standing Regulations.

Maha Siddiqui: For next year, what would you advise we restructure?

CEO: The CEO should have another role, it's not just about organised debate and putting posters up.

James Hanna: The CEO is supposed to give all reports 5 days after elections. Why did we have to wait so long?

CEO: I have no idea.

Chris Kalafatidis moves to go into Closed Sessions with an exception for Mathieu Kazan-Xanthopoulos. Seconded by **Salman Fahim Syed**.

Victoria Pesce motions to add 10 minutes to agenda point.

VOTE

For: 14

Opposed: 2

Abstentions: 2

Carries.

Chris Kalafatidis moves to approve CEO's report. Seconded by **Victoria Pesce**.

VOTE

For: 2

Opposed: 16

Abstentions: 2

Fails.

James Hanna moves to add the following amendment. Seconded by **Victoria Pesce**.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the CEO re-submit his report to include all complaints received during electoral process by the next meeting, including the ones regarding the CEO himself. This to also include a justification for the complaints received.

James Hanna moves to suspend the rules. Seconded by **Tzvi Hersh Filler**.

VOTE

For: 9

Opposed: 3

Abstentions: 4

Carries.

Maha Siddiqui moves to extend by 5 minutes. Seconded by **Victoria Pesce**.

VOTE

For: 12

Opposed: 0

Abstentions: 0

Carries.

James Hanna moves to invite CEO in Closed Sessions. Seconded.

VOTE

For: 12

Opposed: 5

Abstentions: 2

Carries.

Victoria Pesce calls to question. Seconded.

Jeremy Deneault moves to extend debate by 10 minutes. Seconded by **Mathew Levitsky-Kaminski**.

VOTE

For: 6

Opposed: 9

Abstentions: 4

Fails.

Leigh Kusaj moves to extend debate by 5 minutes. Seconded by **Mathew Levitsky-Kaminski**. There are oppositions.

VOTE

For: 13
Opposed: 5
Abstentions: 4
Carries

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

VOTE

For: 11
Opposed: 3
Abstentions: 1
Carries.

Peter Zhuang: I want my abstention noted.

VOTE

For: 15
Opposed: 1
Abstentions: 3
Carries.

Mathew Levitsky-Kaminski moves to extend by 1.5 minutes. Seconded by **Mitchell Schecter**.

Mathew Levitsky-Kaminski presents the following motion. Seconded by **Mitchell Schecter**.

WHEREAS the Chief Electoral Officer did not properly verify signatures and wrongfully disqualified several candidates from running in the November 2019 By-Election;

WHEREAS the Chief Electoral Officer has therefore violated the disqualified candidate's rights under CSU Bylaw 3.1 to "run and hold an elected office in the Student Union" and basic democratic principles;

WHEREAS this has additionally led to the Faculty of Arts & Science being under-represented;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of Representatives notwithstanding Standing Regulation 281 to remove the current Chief Electoral Officer Florian Prual without prejudice.

James Hanna moves to extend by 5 minutes. Seconded. There are oppositions.

VOTE

For: 10
Opposed: 6
Abstentions: 5
Carries.

Menachem Israilly moves to extend by 5 minutes. Seconded by **Tzvi Hersh Filler**. There are oppositions.

VOTE

For: 6

Opposed: 8

Abstentions: 3

Fails.

Jarrad Haas calls to question. Seconded.

Mathew Levitsky-Kaminski calls Secret Ballot.

Through Secret Ballot, the motion fails.

Victoria Pesce moves to go into Open Session. Seconded by **Peter Zhuang**.

Désirée Blizzard: Let's never do that again.

6. APPOINTMENTS

a) Senate

Patrick Quinn: Senate meets every 2 weeks for Academic Caucus from 12-2pm on Friday. Senate is every month 2-4pm on Friday.

Elizabeth Tasong: I'm giving up my seat. I was appointed to this in October because Maha was originally on Senate. I am giving this seat up so Maha can take it back. She would be amazing on this committee.

Maha Siddiqui: I was appointed to Senate. While running, I wanted to make some concrete changes. I have already been trained for Senate. We need someone who is qualified and familiar with Concordia's bureaucracy. I already have the experience.

Naomi Barney Purdie moves to appoint **Maha Siddiqui**. Seconded by **Elizabeth Tasong**.

Naomi Barney Purdie: Maha would be excellent on Senate. In good faith, we should nominate her.

Jeremya Deneault: What do you refer to when you say discriminatory?

Patrick Quinn: I'll answer this. In September, the eligibility criteria changed and that made Maha barred from sitting on Senate.

VOTE

For: 15
Opposed: 2
Abstentions: 3
Carries.

Peter Zhuang, Sean Howard and **Howard Issley** want their abstentions noted.

Maha Siddiqui is appointed to Senate.

b) Loyola Committee

Chris Kalafatidis: If you care about Loyola issues, want to vote on projects and help out the community, you should sit on this committee.

Peter Zhuang: Please choose wisely if you want to sit on this committee.

Victoria Pesce: I'd like to advocate for Loyola, it's a good committee.

Chairperson: Since there are no nominations for this committee, this will come back next meeting.

c) Sustainability Committee

Chris Kalafatidis: If you want to give out funding for different groups, this is the committee you should be on.

Hannah Jamet-Lange nominates Self. Seconded by **Jarrad Haas**.

Peter Zhuang: When are meetings?

Leigh Kusaj: Meetings are whenever we are available. We have some difficulty scheduling meetings.

Victoria Pesce moves to appoint **Hannah Jamet-Lange**. Seconded by **Naomi Barney Purdie**.

VOTE

For: 15
Opposed: 0
Abstentions: 6
Carries.

Hannah Jamet-Lange is appointed to Sustainability Committee.

d) Appointments Committee

Salman Fahim Syed: We appoint people to sit on committees and judicial boards. We don't have a fixed session, but we do meet for long hours at a time.

Peter Zhuang nominates Self. Seconded by **James Hanna**.

Maha Siddiqui nominates **Christiane Sakr**. Seconded by **Christiane Sakr**.

Hannah Jamet-Lange nominates **Elizabeth Tasong**. Seconded by **Elizabeth Tasong**.

Sean Howard nominates Self. Seconded by **Menachem Israily**.

Peter Zhuang redacts his nomination.

Chris Kalafatidis: Sean works very hard.

Christiane Sakr redacts nomination.

Elizabeth Tasong: I would like to take part in the process and hire students-at-large. I'm committed and will be available. I would be a great part of this team.

Sean Howard: I don't sit on any committees right now. I would like to concentrate on getting members at large. When I put my mind to something, I get it done. I'd help to make things move a little quickly.

Naomi Barney Purdie: We have in our Standing Regulations, gender equity for appointments. In the spirit of gender equality, Elizabeth is very qualified. She is very good.

Maha Siddiqui: I'm vouching for Elizabeth based on her person. I work with her in two different committees. I can attest to her work ethic and her sense of unbiased. She is able to make mature decisions and she is always available.

Hannah Jamet-Lange: Elizabeth is very hardworking.

Menachem Israily: History need not be the most important decision. Sean is a hard worker and a sharp critical thinker.

Jarrad Haas calls to question.

By Secret Ballot, **Sean Howard** is appointed to Appointments Committee.

e) Online Opt-Out Committee

Chris Kalafatidis: Hershey wants to sit on the Independent Student seat. He's willing to do the work.

Chris Kalafatidis presents the motion. Seconded by **Jarrad Haas**.
BE IT RESOLVED THAT that Hershey remain on the online-opt out committee.

Carries.

f) Student Life Committee

Lauren Perozek: We have around \$40k we hand out to special student projects. Usually we concentrate on school projects, events, master's projects, small projects that try and help as many students as possible. We meet once a month. Meetings take less than an hour.

Jeremy Deneault nominates **Tzvi Hersh Filler**. Seconded by **Tzvi Hersh Filler**.

Peter Zhuang nominates Self. Seconded by **Tzvi Hersh Filler**.

Tzvi Hersh Filler redacts his nomination.

Tzvi Hersh Filler moves to appoint **Peter Zhuang**.

Peter Zhuang: I've been on Student Life before. It's the last semester before I graduate, and I'd like to use this time to help students.

VOTE

For: 15

Opposed: 2

Abstentions: 5

Carries.

Peter Zhuang is appointed to Student Life Committee.

g) External Committee

Isaiah Joyner: We look over grant projects. Our meetings are when everyone is available to meet.

Hannah Jamet-Lange nominates **Elizabeth Tasong**. Seconded by **Elizabeth Tasong**.

Peter Zhuang nominates Self. Seconded by **Howard Issley**.

Lauren Perozek nominates Self. Seconded by **Salman Fahim Syed**.

Peter Zhuang redacts his nomination.

Jeremy Deneault nominates Self. Seconded by **Howard Issley**.

Lauren Perozek: It sounds like fun

Jeremy Deneault: I told Isaiah I would run if there was space.

Lauren Perozek: This is directly at Jeremy. You didn't have time for Student Life, how do you have time.

Jeremy Deneault: My Monday has cleared up.

Isaiah Joyner: Similar to Student Life, I send out a whentomeet. If you're only available Monday, you might not be so suitable for the seat. We usually meet on Wednesdays.

Jeremy Deneault redacts his nomination.

Victoria Pesce moves to appoint **Lauren Perozek**. Seconded by **Jarrad Haas**.

Lauren Perozek is appointed to External Committee.

7. RETURNING BUSINESS

a) Academic Caucus Minutes

Jarrad Haas moves to go into Closed Session. Seconded by **Victoria Pesce**.

VOTE

For: 12

Opposed: 1

Abstentions: 9

Carries.

Minutes are ratified.

b) Judicial Board

Salman Fahim Syed moves to ratify Appointments Committee Minutes. Seconded by **Lauren Perozek**.

Arad calls to question. Seconded by **Amman Houara**. There are oppositions.

VOTE

For: 19
Opposed: 0
Abstentions: 1
Carries.

VOTE

For: 22
Opposed: 0
Abstentions: 0
Carries.

Victoria Pesce moves to move into Open Session. Seconded by **Maha Siddiqui**.

Victoria Pesce moves to ratify minutes of Closed Session. Seconded by **Salman Fahim Syed**.

8. NEW BUSINESS – SUBSTANTIVE

a) Setting Elections Dates

Chris Kalafatidis presents the following motion. Seconded by **Victoria Pesce**.

WHEREAS a lack of fixed election dates makes it difficult to effectively advertise elections. An example of this is the Executive Team cannot book a banner for the metro tunnel in advance or create promotional materials with the proper dates in advance;
WHEREAS last year there was a lack of representation in the faculties of JMSB, GCS, and independent students with only 2 students running for 6 JMSB seats, 2 students running for 8 GCS seats, and 0 of 2 running for independent seats;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of Representatives notwithstanding Sections 245, 290, 296, and 314 in order to set the following election dates:

1. Announcement of the Poll: The Announcement of the Poll shall be on February 17, 2020.
2. Nomination Period: Shall be from February 17 to March 6.
3. Campaigning Period: March 9 to March 16. Postering may begin on March 8th at 9 PM in accordance with Standing Regulation 325.
4. Polling Period: March 17, 18, and 19.

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

Chris Kalafatidis: It's usually under the purview of the CEO to set election dates. Candidates tend to not know when election dates are. This makes things more organised. I want to book space in the metro tunnel. We need set election dates for that.

Hannah Jamet-Lange: Would this be fixed for this election or forever?

Chris Kalafatidis: Just for this. I'm working on Election policies with Policy Committee.

Hannah Jamet-Lange: Elections are usually at the end of March. This would give people who don't know about the CSU less time to prepare. Unless this is going to be publicised before the announcement?

Chris Kalafatidis: The announcement of the poll moved forward. Nomination period is way longer. Campaigning is now 6 university days.

James Hanna: This is a great idea.

Isaiah Joyner: If whole team gets disqualified, it gives Judicial Board enough time to prepare and make a decision.

Victoria Pesce calls to question. Seconded by **Maha Siddiqui**.

VOTE

For: 18

Opposed: 0

Abstentions: 3

Carries.

Tzvi Hersh Filler wants his abstention noted.

b) Mid-Mandate Report

Tzvi Hersh Filler: The first line states that the CSU represents 35 000 students. I would like the GC to amend the first line to reflect the 5200 students who actually voted.

Seconded by **Mitchell Schecter**.

Tzvi Hersh Filler: We don't have 35 000 undergraduate students. We are claiming to represent all of the students. We have not ever asked for their explicit permission to claim that. There have been students who have asked to not be represented.

Isaiah Joyner: The CSU is legally obligated to represent all students. Everybody pays into the union. Whether people know what it is or not, every we decision we make represents them. 5200 represents our participation rate. Also, the excel sheet you're referring to is not accurate. The administration do not tend to disclose the actual number.

Marin Algattus: More than 5000 are represented under Insurance which we advocated for. There are people who use Advocacy and HOJO and the Clubs that I work for who don't vote.

Lauren Perozek: The number of people who are voting has increased. If you want people to vote, you need more advertising.

Désirée Blizzard calls the question. There are oppositions.

VOTE (to call the question)

For: 18

Opposed: 3

Abstentions: 1

Carries.

Peter Zhuang wants his abstention noted.

VOTE

For: 3

Opposed: 15

Abstention: 4

Fails.

Patrick Quinn moves to approve mid-mandate report. Seconded.

Patrick Quinn: This was a huge team effort. I hope you approve our mid-mandate report.

Tzvi Hersh Filler: This wasn't a criticism of anyone. I just think it's dishonest. When we say that students asked us to go to administration, it's the ones who voted who asked this.

Mathew Levitsky-Kaminski: It's voters' responsibility to vote. If 30 000 people decided not the vote, it's on them.

Victoria Pesce calls to question.

VOTE

For: 21

Opposed: 0

Abstention: 1

Carries.

9. NEW BUSINESS – INFORMATIONAL

Peter Zhuang: Councillors have been doing things that are unacceptable. Yesterday, someone sent me a message telling me I was doing everything wrong. You can't be doing this as a councillor, and this keeps happening.

Maha Siddiqui: This is not an appropriate thing to be discussed in Council.

Chairperson: It's up to Council to discuss what is closed or not. I want to stress that interpersonal conflict should be done outside of Council.

Chris Kalafatidis: When people are talking, please let them finish speaking.

Chairperson: That comment was made as a generalisation.

Jarrad Haas: This is a personal conflict.

Patrick Quinn calls order of the day.

Victoria Pesce: We are a team. We should not be speaking ill of each of other. If one person on this team makes a mistake, it means we all made a mistake.

10. QUESTION PERIOD & BUSINESS ARISING

Hannah Jamet-Lange: I want to confirm that Consent Training for the new councillors is also being planned right by February 1st, with 3 weeks' notice.

Marin Algattus: I'm talking with SARC to plan a date. It might be late.

Menachem Israily: This is in addition to the consent training we received as a school?

Marin Algattus: Yes

Howard Issley: Is this in-person?

Marin Algattus: Yes.

11. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Elizabeth Tasong: BIPOC will be having an event on Women in Leadership.

Celeste-Melize Ferrus: The second part of Loyola Speaker's Series is on Thursday.

12. ADJOURNMENT

Jarrad Haas motions to adjourn. Seconded by **Maha Siddiqui**.

Council adjourns at **21h30**.