



**CONCORDIA
STUDENT
UNION**

CSU Positions Book

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Positions in Effect

1. The CSU work with the Concordia University administration towards integrating sustainability and indigenous studies courses in all undergraduate programs. [Enacted March 2017 | Expiry March 2021]
2. That the CSU be in favor of Concordia University removing the requirement that certain internships be unpaid. [Enacted November 2017 | Expiry November 2021]
3. That the CSU be in favor of Concordia University establishing a standardized system and placement protocol for all student internships. [Enacted November 2017 | Expiry November 2021]
4. The CSU opposes racism in all forms and rejects all values, structures and behaviors that perpetuate systemic racism. The CSU actively works to dismantle racist systems, policies, and practices, locally and globally, including within the Union. The CSU support anti-racist work on campus and in the broader community by actively identifying and challenging racism, and changing systems, organizational structures, policies, practices and attitudes with the goal of establishing greater equity. The CSU recognizes that systemic racism differs from individual acts of racism by the presence of systemic policies, practices and economic and political structures which place minority racial and ethnic groups at a relative disadvantage. [Enacted November 2017 | Expiry November 2021]
5. That the CSU be in favour of Concordia University refusing to enforce Bill 62 and to support students, staff and faculty who choose to practice their rights to religious freedom. [Enacted November 2017 | Expiry November 2021]
6. The CSU calls on Concordia University to formally adopt a “Sanctuary Campus” status by not collaborating with the Canadian Border Service Agency (CBSA), including but not limited to the sharing of any information on its current and past staff, faculty, and students, or allowing CBSA on its premises, in order to protect undocumented community members from threat of deportation. [Enacted November 2017 | Expiry November 2021]
7. The CSU is committed to the use of an online voting system for all elections. [Enacted January 2019 | Expiry January 2023]

8. The CSU endorses the provision of full provincial health coverage to all international students upon arrival in Quebec, and will advocate it to the Government of Quebec. The CSU believes that until the Government of Quebec extends full public health coverage to international students, international student health insurance shall be delivered on the principles of democratic student control, choice of provider, transparency and accountability, consultation with international students, affordability, quality, and not-for-profit delivery. [Enacted March 2019 | Expiry March 2023]
9. The Concordia Student Union and Graduate Student Association shall work together to provide an international student health insurance plan for Concordia students, rather than the Concordia administration [Enacted March 2019 | Expiry March 2023]
10. The CSU supports the IPCC (Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change) Special Report on Global Warming of 1.5C's recommendation that "rapid, far-reaching and unprecedented changes in all aspects of society" be pursued to limit global warming to 1.5 degrees Celsius. [Enacted March 2019 | Expiry March 2023]
11. The CSU support a Green New Deal type climate plan for Canada that would see Canada reach carbon neutrality by 2030 through a large scale mobilization of the entire economy at emergency speed. [Enacted March 2019 | Expiry March 2023]
12. The CSU supports (through research, financial aid, and campaigns) the Food Autonomy Campaign in their pursuit of the following demands: [Enacted March 2019 | Expiry March 2023]
13. The emancipation of a space (within the food service provider's contract) from the Food Services Contract with the goal of creating a student run and student owned food distributor. [Enacted March 2019 | Expiry March 2023]
14. Increasing the flex dollars given to students in residence from \$200 to \$500 dollars (without increasing the cost of the meal plan), and expand the list of food distributors that accept flex dollars to include Reggies, The Hive Cafe, Le Frigo Vert, and any future student owned and student run food distributors on campus. [Enacted March 2019 | Expiry March 2023]
15. Shorten the food services contract from 5 years with a 2-year extension to 5 years with no extension. [Enacted March 2019 | Expiry March 2023]
16. The CSU supports an online opt out system for Fee-Levy Groups managed by Concordia University. [Enacted November 2019 | Expiry November 2023]
17. The CSU endorses a university-wide food waste reduction program where all leftover food from University events shall be donated either to the student body or

to charitable organizations e.g. homeless shelters. Organizers of University events will be mandated to participate in the program [Enacted November 2019 | Expiry November 2023]

18. The CSU recognizes the necessity of a one week break during regular scheduled classes and will pursue the introduction of a Fall Reading Week. The CSU supports the following two proposals to make a Fall Reading Week possible:
 - a. Changing the Fall semester from thirteen weeks to twelve weeks. [Enacted November 2019 | Expiry November 2023]
 - b. Beginning the term in August (no earlier than August 28). [Enacted November 2019 | Expiry November 2023]
19. The Concordia Student Union is committed to manage an International Student Plan Health Plan through an introduction of a mandatory ancillary fee of \$975 per year per international student. [Enacted March 2020 | Expiry March 2024]
20. The CSU is committed to negotiating with various stakeholders (such as the STM and Exo) to implement a U-Pass program at Concordia on the condition that the final decision is voted on at referendum. [Enacted March 2020 | Expiry March 2024]
21. The CSU is committed to equal representation for faculties on the Council of Representatives. [Enacted March 2020 | Expiry March 2024]
22. The CSU is committed to a Positions Book where all positions must be approved by the members via referendum. The CSU is committed to a four (4) year expiry date for all positions within the Positions Book. Once a position is expired, it should be removed until voted again by the members via referendum. [Enacted March 2020 | Expiry March 2024]