



Concordia Student Union - Council of Representatives
CSU Special Council Meeting
Wednesday, October 28, 2020
Via Zoom, 18h30

1. CALL TO ORDER

The chairperson calls the meeting to order at **18h32**.

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: Michelle Lam

Executives present for the meeting were: Isaiah Joyner (General Coordinator), Sarah Mazhero (Academic & Advocacy Coordinator), Eduardo Malorni (Student Life Coordinator), Victoria Pesce (External Affairs & Mobilization Coordinator), Daniel Amico (Internal Affairs Coordinator), Manuella Simo (Sustainability Coordinator), Holly Mark-Hilton (Finance Coordinator), Malcolm Asselin (Loyola Coordinator)

Councilors present for the meeting were: Tzvi Hersh Filler (Gina Cody School of Engineering), Anais Gagnon (Gina Cody School of Engineering), Christopher Vaccarella (Arts & Science), Marlena Valenta (Arts & Science), Lauren Perozek (John Molson School of Business), Matthew Benzrihem (Arts & Science), Harrison Kirshner (John Molson School of Business), S Shivaane (Arts & Science), Sarah Bubenheimer (Arts & Science), Chelsea

Okankwu (John Molson School of Business), Arie Barak (Independent), James Hanna (Gina Cody School of Engineering)

Executives absent for the meeting were: N/A

Councillors absent for the meeting were: Margot Berner (Arts & Science), Jarrad Haas (Fine Arts), Roman Zelensky (Arts & Science), Zachary Williams (Independent), Jeremy Deneault (John Molson School of Business), Yasmine Yahiaoui (Arts & Science), Natalia Whiteley (Gina Cody School of Engineering), Howard Issley (John Molson School of Business), Diana Lukic (Fine Arts), Desiree Blizzard (Gina Cody School of Engineering), Shaun Sederoff (Arts & Science)

Tzvi Hersh Filler moves to excuse **Margot Berner, Tzvi Hersh Filler, and Roman Zelensky**. Seconded by **Harrison Kirshner**. Motion passes. Opposed by **Lauren Perozek**.

Lauren Perozek: This is the third meeting that he has missed, and it's an automatic resignation when someone misses three meetings. I don't like someone who is not present and not fulfilling their duties as a councillor.

Lauren Perozek moves to split the motion. Seconded by **Marlena Valenta**. Motion passes.

Harrison Kirshner: In the rules and regulations, does it say that three strikes are for RCMs or SCMs? Has Roman met that threshold?

Chairperson: It is just for RCMs. Roman has been absent for the June meeting unexcused.

Tzvi Hersh Filler: I'm not comfortable splitting the motion.

Isaiah Joyner motions to excuse **Tzvi Hersh Filler, Margot Berner, Shaun Sederoff, Zachary Williams**. Seconded by **Lauren Perozek**. Motion passes.

Tzvi Hersh Filler motions to excuse **Roman Zelensky**. Seconded. Motion passes.

VOTE:

8 YES

3 NO

Lauren Perozek: This is important work and I want everyone to show up. I will be keeping track of this. Take this seriously, please do not miss meetings

3. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Tzvi Hersh Filler motions to approve the agenda and all items under consent. Seconded by **Harrison Kirshner**. Motion passes.

4. CONSENT AGENDA

5. PRESENTATIONS AND GUEST SPEAKERS

a) Concordia Bus Co-op Referendum Question

“To improve student engagement and mobility; enrich student life; provide professional training and employment opportunities for students; promote public transit usage and education; expand options of student activity; respond to the climate emergency by drastically cutting travel-related carbon footprints of the student body; empower mobility for students with disability; improve job/school/home connections;

Contingent on public health officials deeming it safe to restore travel, would you be in favour of creating a student-run transportation service to connect McGill campus to Downtown Toronto, Manhattan and Boston by bus service on weekends and holidays? We are asking for a \$0.29 per credit fee levy on the referendum.”

Dimitri Yang: We want to provide cheap bus tickets from Montreal to Toronto, NYC, and Boston. We are asking for a \$0.29 per credit fee levy. I’m here to gain approval so we can collect signatures.

Malcolm Asselin: Is it only for Concordia students?

Dimitri Yang: We started at McGill but it will be for students only. Concordia funding will be for our Concordia branch

Malcolm Asselin: Is there a reason why it will be at McGill campus if it’s a Concordia fee levy?

Dimitri Yang: We started this at McGill

Daniel Amico: Can I amend it to change McGill to Concordia? That’s a suggestion. I’m picturing the route and it can be a middle point between McGill and Concordia downtown campus

Dimitri Yang: We do plan on picking up students at both McGill and Concordia.

Lauren Perozek: How many students use this service?

Dimitri Yang: We've only had one run and sold out the bus for 50 students before COVID hit. We want to restart in January hopefully, depending on travel restriction

Lauren Perozek: Anything that goes against COVID regulations is going to be on hold until the red zone is lifted. How can people travel if the border is closed? Why is this service needed?

Dimitri Yang: If we get funding, it will be for the summer. If the borders are still closed, we will focus on Montreal to Toronto.

Lauren Perozek: Our international community is quite large, most of the people that go to Concordia live in Montreal already

Eduardo Malorni: For a fee levy to begin the process of becoming a fee levy, they need to come to the council first before collecting signatures. After they collect their signatures, then submit it to us with a budget and other documents. Then the fee levy committee reviews it before sending the question to the General election in March.

Lauren Perozek: Any issues we have will go through the fee levy committee?

Eduardo Malorni: Yes

Harrison Kirshner: This is a fantastic idea. When I look at the finances of this, you're asking for 29 cents per credit and multiplying it by undergrad students gave me the amount of \$72,000. That's a lot of money and I don't know if you need that much per credit. A regular bus trip to Toronto is about \$20. I'm not sure how you came to that amount per credit. Can students opt-out of this?

Dimitri Yang: We did our first trip in March to NYC and a greyhound oneway would be \$90. We offered a \$45 trip one way to NYC without any funding. We're looking to lower the cost even more for students with the fee levy.

Harrison Kirshner: Could Eduardo answer if this became a thing, can students opt out?

Eduardo Malorni: As a fee levy, they have to provide an opt-out

Harrison Kirshner: I think a budget presentation will help us understand this more

S Shivaane: As an international student, I have an interest in this because I have never been to NYC and would like to go because they offer such low prices

Luca Caruso-Moro: If students are paying for this service, do you still have to buy a ticket?

Dimitri Yang: Yes but it would be cheaper than the retail price of a Greyhound

Tzvi Hersh Filler motions to switch 5b and 5c. Seconded. Motion passes.

b) Mind and Wellness Referendum Question

“Do you agree to the creation of a new fee levy of 0.06 cents per credit for Mind and Wellness effective Summer 2021?”

Lea Homer: I’m one of the people running the Mindful project for the past 3 years. We aim to educate people about how to practice mindfulness and its benefits. We have been collecting funding from the CSU in the past but this year it got cut, it was recommended to us that we now try to become a fee levy

Daniel Amico: Which club will this replace?

Lea Homer: The Mindful project has never been a registered club. We were just funded by the CSU.

Daniel Amico: How did you get funding from the CSU?

Lea Homer: Sophie gave us \$5000 two years ago to test our project out. Last year we missed the yearly budget, we pitched in October and asked for funding. After many months of fighting, we got funding from the Operations budget

Isaiah Joyner: It was split \$7k from the Endowment fund and \$13k out of Operations.

Arad Banis: Last year it was mostly from the Operations budget, the year before it was fully from the Operations budget

c) Police Brutality Motion and Position

S Shivaane presents the following motion. Seconded by **Harrison Kirshner**. Motion passes. *BE IT RESOLVED THAT* the following Positions Book additions be adopted by Council, and sent to referendum for ratification during the CSU by-elections in the fall;

12.1 The CSU condemns the police brutality that occurred during the 1969 Computer Centre Occupation which resulted in the death of Coralee Hutchinson and commits to acknowledging the university's role in the violence.

12.2 The CSU condemns the police brutality that occurred during the student strike of 2011-12. [Adopted May 9, 2012]

12.3 The CSU presses the government of Quebec to open an independent inquiry into the police's violent suppression of dissent throughout the course of the student strike during the student strike of 2011-2012. [Adopted May 9, 2012]

12.4 The CSU stands in solidarity with the Black Lives Matter movement in its condemnation of rampant anti-Black, anti-Indigenous police violence resulting in the deaths of Breonna Taylor, George Floyd, Anthony Griffin, Regis Korchinski-Paquet, Bony Jean-Pierre, and Walter Wallace Jr amongst all victims reported and unreported.

12.5 The CSU commits to pressuring the administration to remove its relationship with the SPVM to remove police presence on campus

12.6 The CSU condemns the police brutality enacted on protestors during the Montreal Black Lives Matter Protest on June 1, and the continuous overbearing police presence for all Black Lives Matter, police brutality and Indigenous rights-related demonstrations and protests.

12.7 The CSU calls on the City of Montreal to implement measures by the SPVM that could be used to document and reduce discriminatory police stops of Indigenous and racialized persons.

12.8 CSU stands in favour with defunding and abolishing the SPVM, so as to redirect those financial resources to areas such as healthcare, mental health, housing, education, jobs, and restorative-justice models that better suit the needs of our communities.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the budgetary impact is nil.

VOTE:

10 YES

0 NO

3 ABSTAIN

S Shivaane: I have invited Amaria Phillips from the BSU to speak on this as well.

Amaria Phillips: Walter Wallace Jr, a 27-year-old Black man, was shot and killed in front of his mother and neighbours during a confrontation with police in West Philadelphia on Monday. The family called for an ambulance, not the police. The situation should've been handled differently.

Shots did not need to be fired. Another Black man's life did not need to end. Unfortunately, the officers were not equipped with the training or had the proper tools to deal with a person who was experiencing a crisis at that moment, which led to another unarmed Black man being murdered at the hands of the police. These officers should be held accountable! Police need to be trained to properly deal with these types of situations immediately to prevent another Black life from being lost unnecessarily. Black lives matter. Black mental health matters. Black disabled lives matter. And again, end police brutality worldwide! Justice for Walter Wallace Jr. Say his name

S Shivaane: It is important to take a stance against police brutality. It lets students know that you care about what is going on, we acknowledge what is going on in America and Africa. We want to see changes and feel like people care and that changes will be coming. It needs to happen to start at the University. Taking a stance makes a difference for Black and Indigenous students. This is becoming normalized and happening too often. So thankfully I can finally present this position. It's been relevant for years, of course, but painfully even more so with the killing of Walter Wallace Jr, a 27yo Black Man who was shot and killed in front of his mother and neighbours during a confrontation on Monday in West Philadelphia. City Council member Jamie Gauthier said: "Had these officers valued the life of this Black man — had they treated him as a person experiencing mental health issues, instead of a criminal — we might be spared our collective outrage at yet another injustice at the hands of police." We've spoken about this a lot at council, and I think our Black students have made it clear how much police violence affects their mental health, their sense of safety, their feeling of being abandoned by our representative bodies such as this one. This has sprung up a number of initiatives at Concordia to recognize and battle it by staff and students and professors. Why is this important? The premier of this province has famously rejected the truth of systemic racism in Quebec, despite all accounts. There are many manifestations of racism across this, you have what happened to Joyce Echaquan, the 37-year-old from the Atikamekw community who died in a Joliette hospital, subjected to racist comments by staffers whose job it was to care for her. There are many reports of racism at Concordia, you have reports on the UnheardConcordia Instagram page, ask any BIPOC Concordian I'm sure most have a story of racist behaviour from students or staff or professors. As it related to police brutality and violence in Montreal, If you've attended any of these protests, you know first hand how overwhelming the police presence is and how unsafe it feels to be there, because of the police. A position is important, for institutional memory and just to show commitment to these issues. Of course, more should be done and more is being done on this, but you know: all efforts count.

Matthew Benzrihem motions amend the motion to add "with the exception of overwhelmingly life-threatening incidents (e.g. bomb threats)" to 12.5. Seconded by **Tzvi Hersh Filler**. Motion passes.

Matthew Benzrihem: There was a bomb threat last year

Daniel Amico: Emergency is subjective, maybe it should be emergency (overwhelmingly life-threatening evidence)

James Hanna motions to remove 12.8 in entirety and remove Regis Korchinski-Paquet from 12.4. Seconded by **Tzvi Hersh Filler**. Opposed. Motion fails.

VOTE:

2 YES

10 NO

1 ABSTAIN

James Hanna: It was determined that Regis' death was not a result of police violence by independent reports. For 12.8, it makes the entire thing inconsistent. We're calling for more accountability and then to abolish them, that's contradictory. We shouldn't be trying to abolish the police forces of Montreal. Concordia doesn't have the power to tell the SPVM to not come on campus. 12.4, Ontario independent report concluded that their death was not definitely a result of police violence.

Victoria Pesce: I don't think it's contradictory or problematic. The goal in a perfect world is that the police would be gone. They come from a place of racism. We can't do that overnight so this motion wants to look into alternatives for police officers. 12.8 is a necessity.

Sarah Mazhero: We should keep it as is and with Regis, there are still some things that are questionable to the Black community. I'm working with the University admin to ensure that we advocate for these things, especially how Black people feel about having security and SPVM on campus. We should keep the motion as is.

S Shivaane: James, I don't appreciate the condensation so please mute yourself so we don't hear your sighs. We have this conversation time and time again. We can split the amendments and vote on them.

Harrison Kirshner: It's important to understand that we are not making legislation, only a position that the CSU would be taking. While we can't physically stop a police officer from coming on campus, we can condemn them. It's also important to understand that in the cases in the United States, there are consistently incidents where independent investigations take place that are also questionable themselves. Are they really impartial, or is there systemic racism within these investigations? We should pass the position fully.

James Hanna: There are no independent investigating bodies in the States, but the one in Ontario was. We've established an independent investigating body in Canada, and in Ontario where this happened and they came to that conclusion. For the abolishment, I'm not comfortable voting for positions that call for that in real life.

Tzvi Hersh Filler: When you use a word it has a meaning. Abolish means get rid of. To take an extreme example, a mass shooting occurs, who would you call? There must be something like a police force. Logically, it has to be there. I cannot vote for something that is problematic like this.

Sarah Mazhero: Obviously for emergencies, police can assist. That is completely different from supporting Black people who are afraid of the police. Shivaane created this and it's a good initiative. Other countries are in support of this, schools are in support. We should vote on something that will help the population

Isaiah Joyner: These are systems that are flawed, we're asking students if they support this. As Sarah said, it is to support communities that are in need of this. We should be able to reassure students that they are protected from the issues that they face.

S Shivaane calls the question. Seconded by **Harrison Kirshner**.

d) Artsakh Support

Arad Banis: Hello, I'm Arad. I'm a previous JMSB councillor and an Armenian. What the heck is going on in Artsakh, and why should the CSU care? Artsakh is native Armenian land, we have occupied the year for confirmed 2500 years. It is our ethnic land and we have constantly controlled the area, even when we were colonized. So, can we control our lands now? Nope! They were not allowed to. The conflict is rooted in Artsakh losing its right to self-determination. The USSR occupied all of the Caucasus. In the 1920s, Stalin gave the control to Azerbaijan for political gain. Artsakh did a referendum in the 1990s and 99% said they want to become an independent nation. We still couldn't control our own lands. What's happening now? There is a war going on rooted in what happened 30 years ago. On September 27, Azerbaijan started an all-out war and people are dying fast! There have been daily civilian bombings with Jihadi mercenaries that have been supported by Turkey. Two weeks into the war, Russia brokered the ceasefire. France then brokered a ceasefire. The USA brokered a ceasefire a few days ago. All of these ceasefires are not working. These are co-chairs of OSCE Minski, the group in charge of finding a peaceful resolution. They all failed. This is a tough issue, but Concordians are suffering from this. The CSU has more power than you think. If the CSU were to make a social media post

informing students on what was going on, and made recommendations on this issue, this would impact the Liberal party. Please help us recognize Artsakh and make a statement.

Daniel Amico presents the following motion. Seconded by **Jeremy Deneault**. Motion passes.

WHEREAS the war in Artsakh (Nagorno-Karabakh) is causing the death of civilians

WHEREAS this war stems from the right to self-determination which was denied to Armenians in Artsakh

WHEREAS no other diplomatic solution is working

WHEREAS Concordian Armenians are being severely affected by the war, often losing sleep & struggling with classwork

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the CSU make an informative social media post:

- Communicating a brief summary of the Artsakh war's effect on civilians & root causes;
- Echoing existing condemnations from the Canadian government, but not straying beyond it;
- Recommending the Canadian government to consider recognizing Artsakh as an independent state as a valid nonviolent long-term solution to the conflict, considering the lack of progress with other nonviolent solutions.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the executive team be mandated with the preparation of the statement, in consultation with (but not dictated by) members of the Concordian Armenian community

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

Shai Navi: JB was given a reference question that has to do with a similar geopolitical situation. Because of the safer spaces policy, it is a little more difficult to come out with this statement. I want to make sure we're on the correct path in accordance with CSU bylaws and regulations. We want to ensure that we create a safe space for everyone

Arad Banis: I was made aware of that today. I'm open to working with the executive team to make the post inclusive. I don't want Azerbaijan people to feel like they are in the wrong, which can be echoed in the post.

James Hanna: Personally, I'd love to be one of the first to condemn what is happening and say that the people of Artsakh should be able to be their own country. We can work on making a stance on geopolitical tensions.

Jeremy Deneault motions to add the following motion. Seconded by **James Hanna**. Motion passes.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT that the statement be made with JB to ensure that it does not violate the CSU's Safer Spaces policy.

Jeremy Deneault: Arad, I cannot relate to this but I am especially in support. I relate to the idea that Artsakh wants its independence. I'm from a group of people that want the same thing. I support this.

Harrison Kirshner: Arad, I cannot imagine what you and your family are going through. We shouldn't get involved in geopolitical politics but I think if we are inclusive of all communities on campus, this can be effective. Maybe we can mention that not only do we stand with this region, but with war-torn regions throughout the world. It has the potential to not be divisive.

Shai Navi: I'm open to working with you on making a statement, as long as it does not create a threatening or harmful environment for students. Anything that can do with war can make people rightfully emotional.

Tzvi Hersh Filler: I'm against the idea of the CSU inserting itself into a political situation that pits certain groups on campus against others. We represent all students. However, if we don't go further than what our government has then I won't oppose

S Shivaane: Thank you Arad for all of your hard work. It is a testament to how dire and needed for the CSU to do this.

Arad Banis: I know this is a touchy topic, but thank you for trusting me and being flexible and for being allies.

e) Orientation Report Presentation

Eduardo Malorni: This year's Orientation was one the likes of which was never done before. With the Covid-19 pandemic ravaging the world, the government imposing lockdowns and restrictions, international students barred from entering the country and access to campus restricted, student life has halted to a standstill. With this in mind, myself, as well as the Student Lives/VP Socials/ and VP Events across the faculty associations, as well as various student clubs' representatives and student group representatives, still had to complete our goal of welcoming the students to the University, in person or online. And with that, this very special Orientation was named, The Welcoming.

Budget

Throughout the summer, there were various concerns regarding the budget at the Council level. Due to Covid-19, there were significant questions regarding the enrolment rates of students during the Fall semester and how much the CSU income would be. Due to this and after talks

with the Finance Coordinator, we decided to cut the Orientation budget line from 110,000\$ last year to 70,000\$ to account for a major loss in revenue. Furthermore, Orientation salaries were reduced from 30,000\$ to 10,000\$. Ultimately, I decided to shoulder the majority of the burden regarding Orientation myself and did not hire students this year to aid in the preparation of Orientation.

Throughout the summer, there were various discussions regarding our CSU budget and for that reason, the Orientation budget line fluctuated between 70,000\$ to 28,000\$ to 56,000\$ before finally returning to 70,000\$ in early August. These constant fluctuations made it exceptionally difficult for myself or the CSU to plan events as the question if funding was secured was a constant worry. This ultimately affected my ability to host the best possible Orientation and I would recommend that the Orientation budget be approved and remain unchanged by Council earlier in the Summer to give the Student Life Coordinator ample time to plan and prepare Orientation

One thing that is noticeably missing from the budget and is a usual staple of Orientation is merchandise. This year was the first year where the CSU gave out no merchandise. In past years, merchandise has been one of the most important aspects of Orientation as it is an excellent way to market the CSU and get students familiar with CSU. Due to high shipping costs and the fluctuating budget with orientation, it was decided that there would be no merchandise at this year's Orientation.

Orientation Planning

Unlike previous Orientations, the planning for this Orientation started significantly later. The reason for this was Covid-19. During May, the University was still unsure if we would be allowed back on campus and government bans on in-person events stretched only until August 31st. It was not apparent until July that we would not be able to host any in-person activities and that Orientation would have to be online. By this point, myself and others with the Dean of Students were brainstorming a variety of ways to translate Froshes and Orientations online. It became apparent to myself that the only way for this Orientation to be successful was to collaborate with others and to pool our resources. After all, students would be spending a significant amount of time in front of screens due to school and possibly work. To host tons of events independently from the others would have overwhelmed students and lead to burnout considering all the time students spent on their computers. This also affects our decision to spread out Orientation from a one-week event to a month-long festival. This allowed students to have consistent events and social interactions with other students while not engaging in burnout due to too much screen time.

The next logical question was how to host these events. Several different problems existed which we need to identify and solve. In this manner, I spoke to Queens, McGill and Seneca as well as Concordia to figure out a method to tackle and identify. Some of the systems

we tested out were Zoom, Cisco Webex, Google Hangouts, Google Meet, Microsoft Teams and Skype. Overall though, it was decided that YouTube would be the best method to reach out to students. This was done to avoid “Zoom Bombings” where people join the meeting and cause havoc and are disruptive towards the meeting. We were also aware of some members experiencing lag due to slow internet connection or being unable to join the events. In this manner, we required a system that was stable and would not make the event unenjoyable due to technical issues. Events on YouTube can be either live-streamed or pre-recorded as well which

is a huge plus. Overall, YouTube was the product which best fit our needs as it allowed the following:

- Unlimited stream time
- Unlimited amount of people watching the event
- Pre-recording and live streaming capabilities
- Allows users to participate anonymously
- Allows users to communicate via a chat function
- Disruptions can be attended to quickly and with minimal effect to the event
- Stable

To get the most out of YouTube and to allow multiple speakers to stream simultaneously, we had to purchase a yearly subscription to a program called Stream Yard. Overall, Stream Yard has functioned well. It should be noted though that technical issues did arrive in the case that a speaker wanted to stream audio from their computer on the stream. In this manner the two negatives of YouTube are:

- Limited to 1 person per stream unless an external program is purchased
- Limited means of engagement for the participants

With all this, we did have some people attempt to disrupt our events, especially the ones surrounding social issues. We ran into comments being made about BLM and Trump. These attacks were not limited to one event. Fortunately, we were able to intervene quickly and remove them with little interruption to the event. As a matter of fact, the speakers were not even aware of the comments which occurred.

Another issue we had was bots spamming the events. This occurred only to one event, the LIC one, where bots spammed Facebook and YouTube with dangerous links. Once more we were able to stop the attacks quickly and to our knowledge, nobody was affected.

Events

Officially, the CSU hosted 13 events for Orientation. Unofficially, that number is significantly higher due to collaborations with other groups on campus. The Events hosted by the CSU is as follows:

Becoming a Radio DJ at Home with CJLO

The only event which caused technical difficulties. The CJLO representative could not manage to have the audio from her computer be transmitted to the stream successfully for the beginning of the presentation. The event taught students how to mix music and the basics of audio editing.

BLM Panel with ASFA, Sustainable Concordia and QPIRG

Three black activists, Harry, Jessica and Melissa spoke of how the Black Lives Matter movement has affected their work and what the limitations of the movement have been in Montreal as well as what the goals they are working towards are.

Concordia Got Talent with ASFA, CASA, ECA and FASA

A University-wide talent show for all Undergraduate students with 5 winners winning a total of 2000\$ off of their tuition. With 48 participants and just under 1400 votes, this was an event that grew far larger than expected by all of us.

International Development with CEED

A workshop dedicated to informing students about the best way to help those in developing countries and how to have those intentions flourish into meaningful partnerships and enrich the livelihoods of all the communities involved.

Journalism is for Everyone with The Link

A workshop dedicated to teaching students about basic journalist practices and ethics. They gave the basics of the skills necessary to write articles, take photos and create graphics.

Police, Climate and Covid-19 with ASFA, Sustainable Concordia and QPIRG

A deep talk with Sandy Hudson, Harsha Walia and Ellen Gabriel about social movements in this new world and how social movements have evolved over the past few years.

Refugee Sponsorship on Campus with WUSC

Learn of the statistic regarding refugees in Canada and raising awareness about international development issues on campus.

Refugees in Montreal with the Refugee Center

Learning about how refugees and immigrants are integrated with Montreal. Moreover, we learn about the needs of these individuals.

Updates to Quebec's Immigration Law with the LIC

The Legal Information Clinic is there to give legal information to students free of charge. Join the LIC while they explain the recent immigration updates which affect many graduating international students.

Working Out and Healthy Eating with Concordia Recreation

While indoors and with gyms closed, many of us are not receiving the same amount of physical exercise as previously. With Concordia Recreation, learn a workout routine you can do at home while also learning some eating tips to remain healthy indoors!

Working Through the Pandemic with HOJO

While the pandemic is putting the world to a halt, many people still require jobs. In this workshop, we will review the new rules in place and be safe at work in these new rules.

Yoga with Concordia Recreation

A relaxing event with Concordia Recreation who will guide you through the basics of yoga and teach us a new method of dealing with our stress in this online world.

Furthermore, here are events we did not put money towards but we were included as hosts of the events:

Anti-Oppression with Sustainable Concordia

A deep look at Oppression and power dynamics, racism and oppression and how they manifest on an individual, cultural or systemic level. It familiarizes participants with concepts of intersectionality, positionality, privilege and the impact they cause.

GNL – TMX Online Teach-In with ASFA, Sustainable Concordia and QPRIG

A talk about an under-reported project in English media, the GNL Quebec Project. The biggest fossil fuel project in Quebec in recent history would generate 50 million tonnes of GHG into the atmosphere which would reverse all the effort Quebec has done at reducing its GHG output.

QPRIG DisOrientation

A series of several events which touched a variety of topics.

Wet'suwet'en Teach-in with ASFA, Sustainable Concordia and QPIRG

An overview of the Wet'suwet'en Crisis which is still ongoing and what students can do to support Indigenous Sovereignty and our climate.

Overall

While the goals of this Orientation had to be scaled back considerably due to Covid-19, yet we still succeeded in making quite an impact on the students 1500 students attending or participating in our events and a separate 1400 participating in Concordia Got Talent. This means that a grand total of approximately 3000 students participated in our events during the month of September.

Daniel Amico motions to approve the report. **Seconded by S Shivaane. Motion passes.**

Eduardo Malorni: Thanks to the executives for helping me with this, especially Daniel helping with the club videos. Isaiah helped me get another speaker. Thank you to the councillors that helped me with the events. Thanks to the communications departments.

6. APPOINTMENTS

Isaiah Joyner: Can we ask if there is any interest from councillors for any of these committees? If no one does, we can wait until after bi-elections

Isaiah Joyner presents the following motion. **Seconded by Daniel Amico.** Motion passes.
BE IT RESOLVED THAT the appointments of the Sponsorship Ad Hoc Committee, Fee Levy Review Committee, Library Services Fund Committee, Loyola Committee, and the Senate be postponed to after by-elections.

Matthew Benzrihem motions to go on a ten-minute recess. **Seconded.** Motion passes.

7. RETURNING BUSINESS

a) Appointments Committee Minutes – August 27th

Tzvi Hersh Filler motions to enter a closed session. **Seconded by Isaiah Joyner.** Motion passes.

Tzvi Hersh Filler motions to ratify the minutes where Sean Howard is appointed to the Appointments Committee. **Seconded by Matthew Benzrihem.**

Tzvi Hersh Filler calls the question.

James Hanna presents the following motion. **Seconded by Daniel Amico.** Motion passes.
BE IT RESOLVED THAT Hershey Blackman be appointed to the External Committee;
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT a second student-at-large seat be added to the External Committee and reserved for a BIPOC candidate, notwithstanding the Policy on Council and Committee article 6.9.1.4.

Isaiah Joyner motions to enter the open session. **Seconded by James Hanna.** Motion passes.

Tzvi Hersh Filler: I abstained from voting regarding the candidate for external.

James Hanna: Because Sean and I were execs in a club together, I abstained from the vote.

b) LGBTQIA2+ Motion and Position

Harrison Kirshner presents the following motion. Seconded by **S Shivaane**. Motion passes.

WHEREAS members of the LGBTQIA2+ community add diversity to Concordia's diversity.

WHEREAS members of the LGBTQIA2+ community are considered a minority.

WHEREAS there is no current position in the positions book that supports the LGBTQIA2+.

BE IT RESOLVED the CSU temporarily adopt the following position to the CSU's positions book until the position is voted on by referendum:

BE IT RESOLVED that Council sends this position to referendum for the bi-election of 2020-2021.

Harrison Kirshner: The position is as follows:

The CSU supports equality for members of the LGBTQIA2+ community within our union, the university and the community at large. The CSU opposes any discrimination based on one's sexual orientation, gender identity or gender expression. The CSU supports and encourages the creation of government legislation that promotes equality and protects gender minority and LGBTQIA2+ members.

d) Executive Work Plans

Tzvi Hersh Filler: Can the executives give us a brief explanation of your work plans and what's actually in them?

Isaiah Joyner: What do you mean "explain"? Do you want a presentation?

Tzvi Hersh Filler: That would be nice but it is a little last minute to ask that, unless you want to table them again?

Victoria Pesce: I'm not sure what you want us to explain, we wrote them out, if you have questions you can ask questions.

Tzvi Hersh Filler: Can you give a brief explanation?

James Hanna: Are there more specific questions about the work plans, other than "what are you going to do"? ?

Tzvi Hersh Filler: If the execs really don't want to explain their work plans then by all means, we can approve them as is

Victoria Pesce: I can explain my work plan. My work plan is to do everything I was mandated to do. I'm confused because you can ask us questions but it's all there. What was the point of us writing it or you reading it, or us writing a report every week? It seems like there is an ulterior motive here and we want to completely understand what you are asking of us and what is required of us

Tzvi Hersh Filler: I'm hurt that you would imply that there is (INTERRUPTED)

James Hanna: Cut the drama

Victoria Pesce: I just want to understand what you want. I wrote my work plan in August so I don't remember it perfectly

James Hanna motions to approve the executive work plans. Seconded by **Matthew Benzrihem**. Motion passes.

Isaiah Joyner: I appreciate the sentiment of us working together. We are trying the best we can. This year is different. When you pull a report, it means that there is something in there that you do not want to approve. If you have any questions, comments, and concerns, come to us and ask. Don't wait until meetings to ask for an explanation of long documents when you could have asked outside of council time. We want the decency to come to us first if you have an issue. If you think executives should have presentations about work plans, that could have been discussed earlier.

James Hanna: There might be a lot of value in them having a work plan presentation at the beginning of the semester. But unless there is a specific question, it is an inefficient use of time to ask someone to explain their entire work plan.

Victoria Pesce: If you want a presentation, I'll make one. It's uncomfortable and stressful to ask us on the spot.

e) Fee Levy Review Committee Minutes

Tzvi Hersh Filler motions to approve the Fee Levy Review Committee Minutes. Seconded by **Daniel Amico**. Motion passes

8. NEW BUSINESS - SUBSTANTIVE

a) Judicial Board Code of Procedures

Sarah Mazhero: The highlight I made in paragraph 14 is in violation of the bylaw. I need to change the wording.

Sarah Mazhero motions to approve the Judicial Board Code of Procedures minus article 14. Seconded by **James Hanna**. Motion passes.

b) By-Election - Engineering Seat

Isaiah Joyner: Instead of one seat, it should be two seats available to ENCS.

c) Committee Quorum

Tzvi Hersh Filler: It was based on the Sustainability minutes that said they had not met the quorum. It turns out that 5% were present. Turns out, you can actually hold a meeting without meeting the quorum

Tzvi Hersh Filler presents the following motion. Seconded by **James Hanna**.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the policy committee be mandated to update the SRs so that Committees cannot have meetings without having quorum

Daniel Amico: In the Clubs and Space committee, it is a small group and we don't meet quorum all the time because of it. We have external guests that prepare presentations and present at our meetings and it would be insulting to them to cancel the meeting the day of because we didn't meet quorum. If I can't have meetings at all, I'll never be able to have a Clubs & Spaces meeting.

Tzvi Hersh Filler presents the following amendment.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the policy committee be mandated to update the Standing Regulations (Policy on Council and Committees) such that committees cannot hold votes without having a quorum

James Hanna: Here is my suggestion, if the committee makes a decision without meeting quorum, it cannot be ratified at the council until they ratify it in their own committee first when they reach a full meeting with a quorum.

James Hanna presents the following amendment. Seconded by **Daniel Amico**. Motion passes. *BE IT RESOLVED THAT* the Policy Committee be mandated to remedy the loophole in the Standing Regulations that allows meetings held without a quorum to be ratified by Council.

Isaiah Joyner: Can't we just assume Roberts Rule's has flexibility for that reason? If you try to call a meeting without a quorum, that council has the ability to stop it.

James Hanna: I'm all for making it so that closing loopholes prevent bad-faith actors. We should prevent any measures that bad-faith actors can take advantage of.

Daniel Amico: We can try to meet quorum if we enforce consequences for not attending meetings. I've had one councillor that has not shown up to any meetings and I risk not meeting a quorum because of it

d) Bylaw referendum - SVCC section 2

James Hanna: We realized that section 2 would make it inflexible if we kept it as an SR instead of a bylaw. The motion on the table now is that the referendum

James Hanna presents the following motion. Seconded by **Matthew Benzrihem**
BE IT RESOLVED THAT the referendum question be congruent with the motion passed at the Special Council Meeting (e.g. the section 2 removed).

Matthew Beznrihem motions to enter closed sessions. Seconded by **Isaiah Joyner**. Motion passes.

Sarah Mazhero presents the following motion. Seconded by **Jarrad Haas**. Motion passes
BE IT RESOLVED THAT no referendum question involving the Sexual Violence and Safer Spaces policy be sent to the referendum in the 2020 Fall by-elections.

Tzvi Hersh Filler motions to return to open sessions. Seconded by **S Shivaane**.

James Hanna motions to ratify the minutes of this and the previous closed sessions from tonight. Seconded by **S Shivaane**. Motion passes.

9. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Matthew Benzrihem: We are thinking of moving the food drive up. Are the execs willing to help us with this?

Daniel Amico: We were planning on discussing the logistics on Monday

Daniel Amico: I am still making the committee calendars with IITS, it will be on Outlook.

10. ADJOURNMENT

S Shivaane motions to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by **Tzvi Hersh Filler**. Motion carries.

Meeting adjourned at 10:23 PM