



Concordia Student Union - Council of Representatives
CSU Special Council Meeting
Wednesday, November 11, 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), 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), Shaun Sederoff (Arts & Science), Christopher Vaccarella (Arts & Science), Matthew Benzrihem (Arts & Science), S Shivaane (Arts & Science), Sarah Bubenheimer (Arts & Science), Zachary Williams (Independent), Chelsea Okankwu (John Molson School of Business), Jarrad Haas (Fine Arts), Roman Zelensky (Arts & Science), Debra Irabor (Arts & Science), Nicole Nashen (Arts & Science), Brandon Grimaldi (Arts & Science), Wyatt Niblett-Wilson (John Molson School of Business), Shlomo Tanny (John Molson School of Business), Phineas Ambrose Savchenko (Fine

Arts), Sean Howard (Gina Cody School of Engineering), Alexander Stojda (Gina Cody School of Engineering), Harrison Kirshner (John Molson School of Business), Yasmine Yahiaoui (Arts & Science), James Hanna (Gina Cody School of Engineering), Margot Berner (Arts & Science), Jeremy Deneault (John Molson School of Business), Arieh Barak (Independent)

Executives absent for the meeting were: N/A

Councilors absent for the meeting were: Howard Issley (John Molson School of Business), Lauren Perozek (John Molson School of Business), Marlena Valenta (Arts & Science), Diana Lukic (Fine Arts)

Tzvi Hersh Filler moves to excuse **Howard Issley, Lauren Perozek, Marlena Valenta.** Seconded by **Sarah Mazhero.** Motion passes.

3. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Margot Berner 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) Waste Not Want Not

Keroles Riad: I want to talk about how to sustain Waste Not, Want Not. Our problem is that half of what institutions send to landfills every year could be composted instead. Canada is the largest generator of waste per capita in the world. Waste reduction and composting should be priority #1 at Concordia. Annual overall waste has decreased by 2 months since Waste Note, Want Not. Composting at Concordia has doubled since we started. We conduct waste audits at compost bins around campus.

A student group purchased an industrial scale composter and gave it to Concordia in 2008. Not maintained and broke. Years later, the university expanded compost bins in a major building, but was forced to roll back due to contamination. Multi-stakeholder approach is key!

The solution is top-down infrastructure improvement coupled with grass-roots broad-impact education. Before Waste Not, there were only 9 locations at Concordia with compost bins. Now there are over 100. The concern with compost bins is that society would not use them, but these bins were very well received and there has been a demand for more bins. We're a two campus

university with 55,000+ members. Signage does not work. We want to educate and help people learn how to sort, and then they will reduce their waste on their own. We host events such as BYOM. We also have Waste Ambassadors and have held 59 events in 2019-2020. With class presentations in 2019-2020, we have reached 4800 students via waste sorting presentations to core classes, 40% average annual enrollment, and 850 students via Zoom since the shutdown. We want to build credibility and inspire confidence.

We've launched a spinoff group *enuf*, our target markets are public institutions, conference centers, etc. We want to couple top-down infrastructure with grass-roots education, data collection and tracking to drive our actions, and collect organic waste.

For couple top-down infrastructure, we will consult on infrastructure and quality control tours, track waste stream data, provide data-driven recommendations, and regularly report progress to the community. To collect organic waste, our goal is for composting costs to be cheaper than landfill per metric ton. The current state is that we have a contract between the CSU and WNWN for \$7.5k/year for three years.

Chelsea Okankwu presents the following motion. Seconded by **Tzvi Hersh Filler**. Motion passes.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT enuf receives the \$7,500 + tax as promised by the CSU (from the CSU operational budget) in the first year and then in the second year, *enuf* receives \$25,000 + tax from the endowment fund. The funding will afterwards be done on a yearly basis. The CSU Council ultimately has the final say on whether this project is funded or not.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the CSU will provide storage space and space booking support.

Harrison Kirshner: I noticed that there is a different amount in the years requested. Is there a reason why you request more some years and not others?

Keroles Riad: Due to COVID, we will not use as much because we will not host events during then. Also, the CSU has already committed \$75000.

Margot Berner: Are you guys graduating? Why are you approaching the CSU for the services rather than Concordia for another contract?

Keroles Riad: They are not renewing the contract because of a PR issue. We criticized the school and they are unwilling to fund us unless we stop. I have not seen a student group sustain this scale of impact over time because people are graduating. We want to sustain this for as long as we can.

Margot Berner: For your data compilation, how did that happen?

Keroles Riad: We scan everything and compile it.

Tzvi Hersh Filler: The motion mentions \$7500 from this year's budget and \$25,000 from the endowment fund. What is the endowment fund?

Holly Mark-Hilton: It ensures that there is student engagement on campus. Finance committee came to the decision to use this endowment fund.

Chairperson: It's in SR Ch 11 Endowment for Student Initiatives

Margot Berner: Can you elaborate on the disagreement with Concordia?

Keroles Riad: We criticized the University when they would release statements that they did not follow through on.

Margot Berner: In your proposal, the composting will be outsourced. To clarify, you will be a middleman for the composting and provide education to students?

Keroles Riad: We have a range of services, one of them is to collect organic waste.

Harrison Kirshner: Do you think the relationship with the administration will change?

Keroles Riad: We have a good relationship with the senior administration. I don't see it deteriorating.

Matthew Benzrihem motions to defer this to the Sustainability Committee. Seconded by **Tzvi Hersh Filler**

Matthew Benzrihem: If we can get the Sustainability Committee to work on this, it might make it easier for Council to approve?

Isaiah Joyner: We're not here to judge the validity of the project. They're asking the council a yes/no on if the money can come from the endowment fund. They've consulted with Fincomm.

Matthew Benzrihem: Holly, to clarify, this would come from the endowment fund except for the taxes?

Holly Mark-Hilton: We only agreed to \$7500, we figured we would pay that out of the operating budget. The taxes weren't included. We agreed that \$7500 for this year and then next year it will be \$25000 from the endowment fund.

Harrison Kirshner motions to continue discussion by ten minutes. Seconded by **Matthew Benzrihem**. Motion passes.

Tzvi Hersh Filler: Holly, how much is the endowment funds budget? Is it before or after Space Concordia?

Holly Mark-Hilton: It does not include Space Concordia

Tzvi Hersh Filler: How much gets added each year?

Holly Mark-Hilton: I can ask Andrew

Daniel Amico: Why is this being sent to committee? It will delay the process.

Chelsea Okankwu presents the following motion. Seconded by **Tzvi Hersh Filler**. Motion passes.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the phrase “ + tax” is removed from the motion.

Harrison Kirshner: The price is high and drains a lot of money.

Tzvi Hersh Filler motions to amend the motion to the following. Seconded by **Daniel Amico**. Motion passes.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the CSU will provide storage space (in the event that it becomes available) and space booking support

Tzvi Hersh Filler: There is a shortage in storage space. I would like to make it contingent on the executives determining that there is space available.

Daniel Amico: We don't have space for anything. We're looking at what we need and what we have, it's clear that we're scrambling to find space. Using our space wouldn't be possible.

Margot Berner: What do you offer that the Concordia Food Coalition doesn't?

Keroles Riad: The difference is the scale that we do our work.

6. APPOINTMENTS

a) Sustainability Committee

Amy Nguyen: We meet on Wednesdays from 12-1PM biweekly. We go over project ideas, such as bursaries, feminine hygiene products, and reviewing project submissions.

Nicole Nashen nominates themselves to the committee. Seconded by **Margot Berner**.

Nicole Nashen: I'm passionate about sustainability and have ideas for the committee. There are no adequate ways right now to recycle school supplies. Terracycle has a way that you can recycle these supplies. I want to work with the committee to make this happen.

Isaiah Joyner motions to approve **Nicole Nashen** to the Sustainability Committee. Seconded by **Jeremya Deneault**. Motion passes.

b) Loyola Committee

Malcolm Asselin: It's helpful if you've been on Loyola campus before, but we do have members who haven't. For this committee, we want to look at marketing strategies to get Loyola grants known to students, we're working on a survey, we want to bring all representatives from Loyola together. We meet when we need to.

c) Fee Levy Review Committee

Eduardo Malorni: Our job is to review fee levy applications. Currently there are three groups with applications.

Phineas Ambrose Savchenko nominates themselves. Seconded by **Margot Berner**.

Wyatt Niblett-Wilson nominates themselves. Seconded by **Margot Berner**

Phineas Ambrose Savchenko: Analyzing fee levies is important and something I would like to participate in this.

Wyatt Niblett-Wilson: I would be good at analyzing the fee levies applications objectively.

Wyatt Niblett-Wilson is appointed to the Fee Levy Review Committee.

d) Library Services Fund Committee

Eduardo Malorni: This committee is half students and half administration. We meet four times a year and discuss the library services fund that students pay to. We have an emergency meeting tomorrow at 4PM. We have ideas on how to improve the library.

Lauren Perozek nominates themselves. Seconded by **Harrison Kirshner**.

Lauren Perozek: It sounds like fun, I like books, I read all the time.

Margot Berner motions to appoint **Lauren Perozek** to the Library Services Fund Committee. Seconded by **S Shivaane**. Motion passes.

e) Sponsorship Ad Hoc Committee

Holly Mark-Hilton: We work on helping clubs find sponsorships. We worked on a package and will be reviewing it at the committee before sending it to COMS to share with clubs.

Alexander Stojda nominates themselves. Seconded.

Alexander Stojda: I've dealt with sponsorships for a long time with the ECA.

Tzvi Hersh Filler motions to appoint **Alexander Stojda** to the Sponsorship Ad Hoc Committee. Seconded by **Margot Berner**. Motion passes.

f) Community Action Fund

Victoria Pesce: We have a meeting on Thursday and we work on funding projects in the community.

Phineas Ambrose Savchenko nominates themselves. Seconded.

Phineas Ambrose Savchenko: I work with the community a lot, currently on FASA.

Margot Berner motions to appoint **Phineas Ambrose Savchenko** to the Community Action Fund. Seconded by **S Shivaane**. Motion passes.

g) Senate

Sarah Mazhero: We discuss academic advocacy issues with the University. You'll be able to express the need for pass/fail. It's one of the highest decision making bodies.

Tzvi Hersh Filler: Can you clarify the time commitments?

Sarah Mazhero: Every Friday, once a month, at 2 PM at the Senate. And then we meet biweekly.

Margot Berner nominates themselves. Seconded by **S Shivaane**.

Jeremy Deneault nominates themselves. Seconded by **Matthew Benzrihem**.

Debra Irabor nominates themselves. Seconded by **Matthew Benzrihem**.

Brandon Grimaldi nominates themselves. Seconded by **Matthew Benzrihem**.

Margot Berner: I have a lot of experience talking to and convincing the administration. I sat on the standing committee on Sexual Violence and Sexual Misconduct, and worked with the English department on their faculty-related issues with sexual misconduct. I'm interested in the Senate and will work well on it. I'm very available.

Jeremy Deneault: I want to go in the Senate because there are a lot of similar opinions in the Senate at the moment and I would bring a fresh perspective to the table and I'm a good arguer and debater. I look forward to working with you

Debra Irabor: I like debate and am passionate about advocating for students. I can bring something new to the table and can be outspoken.

Brandon Grimaldi: I want to get things done and will bring another perspective and a fresh look to how things are getting done. The Senate is a really important body for decision-making.

Matthew Benzrihem: I would like to motivate for Brandon. I've worked with him before and he would do a good job

Zachary Williams: As councillors, we should think twice about rewarding someone who has made a mockery of transgender and nonbinary people with a seat on the University's highest body. Someone who has a history of making inappropriate comments, and someone who is unwilling or doesn't care to change their behaviour, despite numerous interventions from other councilors, executives, and the Chairperson. Someone who has created a hostile environment on council that lead to the resignation of a councilor. I'm not trans/nonbinary but my partner is, someone whom I love more than anything and the person I chose to live and share my life with.

That's why it hits close to home for me. My partner, transgender and nonbinary students at Concordia has to endure enough crap as it is. I believe that the many transgender and nonbinary students we're supposed to represent deserve better than council elevating this person to a position of power. I hope my colleagues reflect on this and join me in voting against Jeremy's candidacy.

Margot Berner rescinds their candidacy.

Margot Berner: I encourage people to vote for Debra

Daniel Amico: The Senate is lacking representation and would like to motivate for Debra for more BIPOC representation

Isaiah Joyner: I encourage people to vote for Debra

Sarah Mazhero: I've seen Debra at PSSA and would like to motivate for her, she's very opinionated and good at fighting for issues.

Jeremy Deneault: A lot of what Zach referred to was over exaggerated. It was a misunderstanding and we hashed it out. I'm not trying to attack anyone. I do identify as reciprogender and understand what you're talking about. I didn't mean to offend anybody. I apologize for any jokes that I've made that's inappropriate

Howard Issley: I've known Jeremy for a long time and when it comes to the Senate, he would be appropriate because he has experience dealing with various faculties. He would think logically when approaching this. He has experience with diversity. He would bring a new and diverse approach.

Debra Irabor is appointed to the Senate.

h) Mental Health Ad Hoc Committee (prospective)

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

WHEREAS our prevailing situation has led to increased feelings of isolation, fear, inadequacy and stress for many undergraduate students;

WHEREAS this academic year has been especially stressful and overwhelming for undergraduate students, worsening existing mental health conditions;

WHEREAS students have expressed disappointment in existing mental health and psychological services at Concordia,

WHEREAS a referendum question regarding the creation of a new mental health service passed;
BE IT RESOLVED THAT a new mental health ad-hoc committee be formed immediately,
comprised of: one (1) executive, four (4) councillors and one (1) student-at-large.
BE IT RESOLVED THAT this committee be tasked with brainstorming and developing mental
health initiatives.

S Shivaane: There was an Arts and Science townhall and a lot of people discussed how
Concordia services for mental health are tragic. This committee would brainstorm how to fill the
gap at Concordia to provide better mental health services.

Daniel Amico motions to amend the motion to include two executives as co-chairs. Seconded by
Margot Berner. Motion passes.

Daniel Amico motions for **Sarah Mazhero** and **Eduardo Malorni** as the co-chairs. Seconded
by Margot Berner. Motion passes.

Sarah Mazhero: I'm the Academic and Advocacy Coordinator. I want to advocate for students
to have the proper services for their mental health.

Eduardo Malorni: As Student Life Coordinator, my position is to create initiatives that would
enhance student life.

Margot Berner nominates themselves. Seconded by S Shivaane.

Wyatt Niblett-Wilson nominates themselves. Seconded by matthew Benzrihem

S Shivaane nominates themselves. Seconded by Matthew Benzrihem

Christopher Vaccarella nominates themselves. Seconded by Matthew Benzrihem

Phinease Ambrose Savchenko nominates themselves. Seconded by Matthew Benzrihem

S Shivaane motions to amend the motion to include five seats on the committee.

Wyatt Niblett-Wilson: I was at the town hall on Thursday. I'm juggling four classes, being a
TA, being on the CSU, and an internship. Concordia has not handled mental health services well.

S Shivaane: Concordia services are a bust. I've been ignoring it as an option. I have ideas for
this committee.

Christopher Vaccarella: Given the current climate of Concordia not doing an adequate job advocating for mental health services, I want to work on creating a better environment with my colleagues

Phinease Ambrose Savchenko: You don't have to look hard to find a student struggling with mental health at Concordia. Students agree that Concordia hasn't handled this situation well. Something needs to be done about it. I would love to be involved with an attempt to do so. It's up to the students.

Alexander Stojda motions to omnibus approve all candidates to the Mental Health committee. Seconded. Motion passes.

7. RETURNING BUSINESS

8. NEW BUSINESS - SUBSTANTIVE

a) Policy on Council and Clubs

Daniel Amico presents the following motion. Seconded by **Harrison Kirshner**. Motion passes. *WHEREAS* there is currently no notwithstanding clause in the Policy on Council and Committees:

WHEREAS the CSU's Standing Regulations contain a notwithstanding clause for exceptional circumstances

BE IT RESOLVED that the following be added to the Scope section of the Policy on Council and Committees:

1. The following rules may be suspended or notwithstood by a two-thirds (2/3rds) majority vote at any time.
2. Any ordinary motion, resolution or regulation that deviates from this policy can only be adopted with a clause stating that the motion operates notwithstanding the Code of Standing Regulations. The clause must state which article(s) are not to be applied towards the motion.

BE IT RESOLVED that the addition to this policy be done without first going to Policy Committee, notwithstanding the current code of Standing Regulations Book XIII article (e);

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Policy Committee be tasked with examining this issue and making a decision about the permanency of adding the notwithstanding clause after the 4-month period.

Daniel Amico: If you want to make changes to committees you would do a notwithstanding clause. This motion would make it possible.

b) Retroactive Excusals

Chairperson: No one is at their three missed meeting limit

Yasmine Yahiaoui: I have class on Wednesday from 5:30 - 8:30. That's why I can't come on Wednesdays. I would like to be excused for the two October meetings.

Yasmine Yahoui presents the following motion. Seconded by **Tzvi Hersh Filler**. Motion fails.
BE IT RESOLVED THAT Yasmine be granted a retroactive excusal for the 2 October RCMs.

VOTE:

8 YES

9 NO

10 ABSTAIN

Daniel Amico: When were councilors informed that they have to attend meetings on Wednesday nights?

Chairperson: At the council elect meeting

Lauren Perozek: It should be clear when people sign up to Council that they should block off Wednesday nights for council meetings. We were informed of all these meeting dates a year in advance. I understand academics are our first priorities but you shouldn't sign up for something if you knew you wouldn't be able to show up

Harrison Kirshner: We're all elected officials, if we're sending excusals for every meeting because we have class then we can't represent students

Lauren Perozek: You can't represent students if you don't show up

James Hanna presents the following motion. Seconded by **S Shivaane**. Motion passes.
BE IT RESOLVED THAT councilors and executives be excused from the December RCM.

Tzvi Hersh Filler: The December meeting is in the middle of finals. Last year we mandated the Policy Committee to change the meeting date or to strike it. They haven't done that yet

James Hanna: Policy committee is looking into this. It's in the middle of finals and we didn't reach quorum last year because everyone was studying. I don't want anyone to choose between their finals or their seat on council.

Daniel Amico: For councilors, don't put big motions for this meeting

Lauren Perozek: I'm all for excusals for the December RCM but can we move it to an additional RCM in January instead?

Isaiah Joyner: If need be, we can just call an SCM.

c) Appointments Committee

Daniel Amico presents the following motion. Seconded by **Alexander Stojda**. Motion passes.

WHEREAS the 2020-2021 Appointments Committee appointed Alexander Stojda to sit as Student-at-Large for the Appointments Committee;

WHEREAS the Committee sees efficient work being done with its current structure; Whereas in the 2020-2021 byelections, Alexander Stojda was elected to sit on the Board of Directors of the CSU to represent the Gina Cody School of Engineering;

WHEREAS Section 6.4.1.3. of the Policy on Council and Committees states that the Appointments Committee shall include a Student-at-Large;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Section 6.4.1.3 of the Policy on Council and Committees be notwithstanding to have Councilor Alexander Stojda remain in the Appointments Committee as a voting Councilor;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Student-at-Large seat be replaced with Councilor Alexander Stojda's seat;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT this motion stands until June 1st, 2021, or Councilor Alexander Stojda's resignation of the Appointments Committee or Board Directors, whichever comes first.

Daniel Amico: Alex is now a councilor on Council and would like to stay on the committee. He was originally appointed as a Student-at-Large.

d) Council Wellbeing

Christopher Vaccarella presents the following motion. Seconded by Harrison Kirshner. Motion passes.

WHEREAS Protecting mental health and reducing stress levels is essential *WHEREAS* Council meetings have been a source of high stress, conflict and erosion on

mental health

WHEREAS High stress levels, conflict and mental health impacts reduces council's ability to work in a productive and thoughtful manner

WHEREAS These impacts have a domino effect that affects all council and executive members and ultimately the students we represent

BE IT RESOLVED That voluntary by-weekly surveys are handed out with the goals to outline ways to improve mental health, stress levels and dialogue at council

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED That the data will be collected by the executives and will be used in good faith at reducing stress levels, improving mental health and dialogue at council meetings

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT If this method is successful with the goals outlined, a similar blueprint can be used to better improve future mandates

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT Council engage in optional monthly hangouts with executives and council members (movie nights, game nights, etc.) where all members can get to know each other better, engage in thoughtful discussion and improve morale

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the budgetary impact is nil

Christopher Vaccarella: Council can be stressful sometimes. It would be cool to do a biweekly mental health check. I want to make sure everyone is okay and to do team bonding to get to know each other better, see what we have in common, and build friendships.

James Hanna: We should do it more often than monthly

Lauren Perozek: I love this motion. It's a great idea. It'll be great bonding.

Phineas Ambrose Savchenko: Having a time schedule can lead to more stress

Matthew Benzrihem: Can we remove the word "mandate"?

Chairperson: There isn't actually a mandate

Daniel Amico: I was thinking of doing the data and we can do a Microsoft Form that's open all year

James Hanna: Would anyone be interested in forming a Councils Adventures Guild?

Victoria Pesce: Is it for councillors or executives too? Will there be any penalties?

Yasmine Yahiaoui: If you don't go to these, are other councilors going to think you don't care about council or students? I have five classes and a job, I don't have time for weekly Among Us games.

Christopher Vaccarella: It's optional.

Alexander Stojda calls the question.

9. RETURNING BUSINESS – INFORMATIONAL

a) Elimination of Social media

Roman Zelensky: As a student union, we should view social media as a harm to society and a harm against humanity. Social media uses complex AI technologies to precisely monitor your activity and influence your decision making for their personal benefits. The goal of social media is to gather data on you and sell it to third parties. Social media algorithms exploit insecurities and raise anxiety in teenagers. Facebook pretends to be spreading awareness and to help people with psychological problems. Facebook can be used to influence elections. I propose that we take a stance against social media and that we spread awareness on these issues. By cutting ties with social media, we will be taking a stance against social media and be the first University to do so.

Lauren Perozek: I'm confused about this presentation. Social media is bad so we shouldn't use social media, but we should now use social media to bring awareness to things happening in the world? The CSU should not interfere with global politics and issues and take stances. Roman, I highly recommend looking at our social media. We only use it for informational purposes. We use it to talk about our events, awareness of services and projects, and inform students. The CSU uses our social media in a professional manner. What do you want council to do with this presentation?

Roman Zelensky: It's about not supporting social media platforms and supporting companies that are ethical, not how we use our social media. I propose we spread a message about eliminating Facebook as a platform we use, that will generate a lot of headlines. I like social media, just not unethical companies that are controlling the flow of information.

Lauren Perozek: Facebook owns Instagram too.

Malcolm Asselin: I believe that this presentation is in good spirits. One of the takeaways from this is that social media is an important tool we're utilizing and it wouldn't be the best thing to

get rid of it and reinvent the wheel. I don't think it's in the student's best interest to take away this platform. Right now, the limits we have to reach students are minimal. Social media is very useful at this time. I understand the concerns but I would not encourage us to get rid of social media.

Daniel Amico: Without social media, we would only have the newsletter to communicate with students. I would be opposed to us not using social media. Maybe we can make a "Safe Social Media Use" campaign to bring awareness to these things to students?

Alexander Stojda: The responsibilities of the student union is to represent students. If we can't hear students or they can't hear us then we can't do that.

Phineas Ambrose Savchenko: What would be an alternative to Facebook and Instagram that has the same reach?

Roman Zelensky: First I want to spread awareness. The noise that getting rid of social media would make would be huge, we could be the first university to do so. Change starts from somewhere. I haven't done research yet on alternatives to Facebook.

Phineas Ambrose Savchenko: How can you predict new social media platforms won't also be unethical?

Roman Zelensky: It's impossible to be certain. We have to be open minded.

Sarah Mazhero: I see where the gist is. Maybe Policy or Sustainability can work on an Ethical Social Media campaign or policy?

Shlomo Tanny: The focus should be on digital privacy. Are you going to stop using Google and Snapchat too?

Victoria Pesce: Thanks for this presentation. Not having a solution is problematic. Deleting all social media is not feasible. We can look at new marketing strategies or lobbying the government. You have a valid point but we need ways to stay connected.

10. QUESTION PERIOD & BUSINESS ARISING

11. ANNOUNCEMENTS

James Hanna: Donate for Movember. Also, join the discord and we can use it to interact with each other.

Daniel Amico: To the new councilors, I will be reaching out to set you up with your Microsoft account

Isaiah Joyner: Congratulations to your first RCM to the new councilors

12. ADJOURNMENT

Jarrad Haas motions to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by **Isaiah Joyner**. Motion carries.
Meeting adjourned at 9:24 PM.