



Concordia Student Union - Council of Representatives
CSU Special Council Meeting
Wednesday, September 23, 2020
Via Zoom, 18h30

1. CALL TO ORDER

The chairperson calls the meeting to order at **18h31**.

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 Minutes Keeper: Michelle Lam

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

Councilors present for the meeting were: Anais Gagnon (Gina Cody School of Engineering), Christopher Vaccarella (Arts & Science), Matthew Benzrihem (Arts & Science), S Shivaane (Arts & Science), Sarah Bubenheimer (Arts & Science), James Hanna (Gina Cody School of Engineering), Harrison Kirshner (John Molson School of Business), Desiree Blizzard (Gina Cody School of Engineering), Margot Berner (Arts & Science), Chealsea Okankwu (John Molson School of Business), Marlena Valenta (Arts & Science)

Councilors absent for the meeting were: Natalia Whiteley (Gina Cody School of Engineering), Zach Williams (Independent), Roman Zelensky (Arts & Science), Jarrad Haas (Fine Arts), Yasmine Yahiaoui (Arts & Science), Diana Lukic (Fine Arts), Howard Issley (John Molson School of Business), Jeremy Deneault (John Molson School of Business), Arie Barak (Independent), Shaun Sederoff (Arts & Science), Tzvi Hersh Filler (Gina Cody School of Engineering), Ahmadou Sakho (Arts & Science), Lauren Perozek (John Molson School of Business)

3. BYLAW AMENDMENT (CSU Sexual Violence Policy & Code of Conduct)

Margot Berner presents the following motion. Seconded by **S Shivaane**. Motion passes.

WHEREAS the CSU was mandated by Bill 151 “An Act to prevent and fight sexual violence in higher education institutions” to create an enforceable sexual violence policy.

WHEREAS in the Policy Committee Meeting on March 27th, 2019 the CSU Sexual Violence Policy was approved and then was passed at the April regular council meeting with the aim of it then being sent through a referendum in the 2019 byelections but this was not done as there were concerns about the enforceability of the policies.

WHEREAS the 2018-2019 annual report passed by the membership stated that:

“Since the CSU Code of Conduct and Sexual Violence and Safer Spaces Policy were passed by Council, there remains only two things to do. First, hire a third-party ombudsperson to act as a neutral party of referral for the Judicial Board. Second, we need to have a referendum in October 2019 to codify the two policies as annexes within the CSU By-Laws so that they supersede the standing regulations and are non-optional for all representatives within the CSU.”

WHEREAS CSU the legal team has confirmed that making the policy an annex of the bylaws would allow for enforceability of the policies.

WHEREAS the section “Amendments to By-laws” specifies that these amendments “amendments may be in force and in effect only until the end of the term of office during which they are enacted unless they have been confirmed by a simple majority of a quorum of the members voting in a referendum.” (21.2)

BE IT RESOLVED that the Code of Conduct and Sexual Violence and Safer Space Policy (with the exception of section 2 of the Sexual Violence policy titled “Training”) be added to the CSU bylaws as annexes with references to these annexes added in relevant sections of bylaws.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that section 2 of the Sexual Violence Policy titled “Training” remains a Standing Regulation.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Policy Committee be tasked with reviewing the bylaws and suggesting the small changes necessary to incorporate these annexes into the bylaws in a coherent way.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that these bylaw and standing regulation changes be in effect until the results of the next CSU by-elections referendum questions are posted.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Policy Committee be tasked with reviewing these policies and regulations with recommendations prepared before the 2020 CSU general elections

James Hanna calls the question.

4. ADJOURNMENT

James Hanna motions to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by **Margot Berner**. Motion carries.

Meeting adjourned at 18h37.