



Concordia Student Union - Council of Representatives
CSU Special Council Meeting
Tuesday, November 24, 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), Victoria Pesce (External Affairs & Mobilization Coordinator) and Malcolm Asselin (Loyola Coordinator)*

Councillors present for the meeting were: Christopher Vaccarella (Arts & Science), S Shivaane (Arts & Science), Harrison Kirshner (John Molson School of Business), Jeremy Deneault (John Molson School of Business), Zachary Williams (Independent), Sarah Bubenheimer (Arts & Science), James Hanna (Gina Cody School of Engineering), 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), Shaun Sederoff (Arts &

Science), Margot Berner (Arts & Science), Lauren Perozek (John Molson School of Business), Howard Issley (John Molson School of Business)

Executives absent for the meeting were: Amy Nguyen (Sustainability Coordinator), Eduardo Malorni (Student Life Coordinator), Holly Mark-Hilton (Finance Coordinator)

Councillors absent for the meeting were: Roman Zelensky (Arts & Science), Jarrad Haas (Fine Arts), Yasmine Yahiaoui (Arts & Science), Diana Lukic (Fine Arts), Chealsea Okankwu (John Molson School of Business), Marlena Valenta (Arts & Science), Anais Gagnon (Gina Cody School of Engineering), Tzvi Hersh Filler (Gina Cody School of Engineering), Matthew Benzrihem (Arts & Science), Arie Barak (Independent)

3. RATIFICATION OF BY-ELECTION RESULTS

Isaiah Joyner motions to approve the by-election results. Seconded by **James Hanna**. Motion passes.

Isaiah Joyner: By ratifying these results, the new councillors will be able to participate in the council.

4. RATIFICATION OF EXECUTIVE DECREE

Isaiah Joyner presents the following motion. Seconded by **Harrison Kirshner**. Motion passes. *WHEREAS*, according to 7.14 in EXECUTIVE DECREE, the General Coordinator shall have the authority to exercise in writing, by decree, all the powers of the Council of Representatives between meetings of the latter, limited only by policy, regulation, positions or resolution passed by the Council of Representatives, by the results of duly conducted referendums and/or Special General Meeting(s) which met quorum and the dispositions of the Quebec Companies Act part III, with the consent of three other members of the executive. Any exercise of the powers of the Council of Representatives by the General Coordinator shall be reported to the next meeting of Council for ratification. **The exercising of the decree can only be used for unforeseen emergencies** that cannot be remedied by calling a Special Meeting of the Council of Representatives or where a Special Meeting of the Council of Representatives failed to remedy the situation or failed to achieve quorum. **In this vein, they have the power to veto any action of any individual or group which would violate or seek to violate these by-laws or regulations of the Student Union.** Such a veto must be ratified by the Representatives at the first succeeding duly convened meeting of the Council of Representatives following the enactment of said veto. If said veto is not ratified at this time, it is null and void. Notwithstanding, the General Coordinator cannot veto a decision of the Council of Representatives or of the Judicial Board.

WHEREAS council passed a vote on October 28th, 2020 to send the Police Brutality and the LGBTQIA2+ positions to referendum.

WHEREAS the Police Brutality and the LGBTQIA2+ positions were omitted from the ballot.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Policy Brutality and the LGBTQIA2+ positions be put to ballot as a separate referendum in Simply Voting so that all students may be given the opportunity to vote for them, and that the ballot for these questions close at 11:59pm on November 19th,2020, notwithstanding the Elections and Referendum Policy articles 6.2.1.1 and 8.3.1

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the budgetary impact is NIL

Isaiah Joyner: There was a mixup between referendum questions that went to the ballot and the ones that also should have but didn't. Luckily it was caught during the elections timeframe and the executives took the power to put them on the ballot. It was a technical error.

James Hanna: Someone told me that there was an error in this decree. By this decree, we are taking a position against *policy brutality*.

James Hanna presents the following motion. Seconded by **Alexander Stojda**. Motion passes.

WHEREAS the motion reads

“BE IT RESOLVED THAT the **Policy** Brutality and the LGBTQIA2+ positions be put to ballot as a separate referendum in Simply Voting so that all students may be given the opportunity to vote for them, and that the ballot for these questions close at 11:59pm on November 19th,2020, notwithstanding the Elections and Referendum Policy articles 6.2.1.1 and 8.3.1”

BE IT RESOLVED THAT that the motion changes from *policy* brutality to **police** brutality.

4. ADJOURNMENT

Isaiah Joyner motions to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by **Harrison Kirshner**. Motion carries.

Meeting adjourned at 18h46.