



Concordia Student Union - Council of Representatives
CSU Special Council Meeting
Wednesday, January 13, 2021
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 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), Amy Nguyen (Sustainability 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), Shaun Sederoff (Arts & Science), Christopher Vaccarella (Arts & Science), Matthew Benzrihem (Arts & Science), S Shivaane (Arts & Science), Sarah Bubenheimer (Arts & Science), Jarrad Haas (Fine Arts), Nicole Nashen (Arts & Science), Brandon Grimaldi (Arts & Science), Shlomo Tanny (John Molson School of Business), Phineas Ambrose Savchenko (Fine Arts), Harrison Kirshner (John Molson School of Business), Diana Lukic (Fine Arts), Lauren Perozek (John Molson School of Business), Wyatt Niblett-Wilson (John Molson School of

Business), Margot Berner (Arts & Science), Howard Issley (John Molson School of Business), Arieh Barak (Independent), Chelsea Okankwu (John Molson School of Business), Alexander Stojda (Gina Cody School of Engineering), James Hanna (Gina Cody School of Engineering), Zachary Williams (Independent), Sean Howard (Gina Cody School of Engineering), Debra Irabor (Arts & Science), Jeremy Deneault (John Molson School of Business), Anais Gagnon (Gina Cody School of Engineering)

Executives absent for the meeting were: N/A

Councillors absent for the meeting were: Roman Zelensky (Arts & Science), Marlena Valenta (Arts & Science)

Margot Berner motions to excuse **Marlena Valenta**. Seconded by **S Shivaane**. Motion passes.

3. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

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

4. CONSENT AGENDA

5. PRESENTATIONS AND GUEST SPEAKERS

6. APPOINTMENTS

a) Loyola Committee

Malcolm Asselin: We're working on analyzing survey data to understand the issues of Loyola students and create a place for all faculties and associations to discuss. We want to increase engagement at Loyola.

Margot Berner nominates themselves to Loyola Committee. Seconded by **Tzvi Hersh Filler**.

Lauren Perozek nominates themselves to Loyola Committee. Seconded by **Tzvi Hersh Filler**.

Margot Berner: I'm interested in pursuing a daycare around Loyola

Lauren Perozek: I want to see what the Loyola Committee is all about!

Harrison Kirshner motions to appoint **Margot Berner** and **Lauren Perozek** to the Loyola Committee. Seconded by **Tzvi Hersh Filler**. Motion passes.

b) Student Mobilization Committee

Matthew Benzrihem nominates themselves. Seconded by **Tzvi Hersh Filler**.

Brandon Grimaldi nominates themselves. Seconded by **Tzvi Hersh Filler**.

Matthew Benzrihem: I want more people to get involved with the CSU, which is why this committee is necessary.

Brandon Grimaldi: It's important and I have experience in mobilization

Lauren Perozek: It's in our by-laws that we need to sit on at least one committee, so if you aren't on one already this is a great one

Chairperson: It's just a recommendation

Phineas Ambrose Savchenko nominates themselves. Seconded by **Tzvi Hersh Filler**.

Phineas Ambrose Savchenko: There is not enough participation from the student population and this committee can change that. We can get the word out about the CSU.

Shlomo Tanny nominates themselves. Seconded by **Tzvi Hersh Filler**.

Shlomo Tanny: I enjoy marketing and analyzing reports, and finding out what works. I want to get more students involved.

Harrison Kirshner motions to appoint **all members above** to the Student Mobilization Committee. Seconded by **Tzvi Hersh Filler**. Motion passes

7. RETURNING BUSINESS

8. NEW BUSINESS - SUBSTANTIVE

a) CEED Referendum Question

Eduardo Malorni: They want to change the purpose of their fee-levy. They want to change the way they use their money. This is a grey area in our by-laws because we don't know how to proceed if they change their mission statement. They aren't interested in changing the fee amount, they just want to change the purpose of what the fee is used for. I checked with the lawyers and they said the question has to go back to referendum. To be transparent, CEED submitted their application and this seems like more of a formality. The committee deemed this question as something that is good to go to referendum.

Eduardo Malorni presents the following motion. Seconded. Motion passes.

BE IT RESOLVED that the following question be sent to the Referendum at the General Election 2021.

"Do you agree that the fee levy of \$0.35 per credit presently charged to all undergraduate students and allocated to CEED Concordia (formally known as the "Concordia University Volunteer Abroad Program"), a non-profit student run organization, for the purposes of:

expanding Concordia's campus in Uganda, East Africa, allowing students from all four faculties to participate in volunteer activities at these new campuses

be used in the future for the purposes of:

expanding Concordia's footprint in developing countries, allowing students from all four faculties to participate in experimental learning activities at these new campuses."

Margot Berner: Why is there a change in the mission?

Hawa Keita (CEED): CEED Concordia has been involved in Uganda for the past 14 years, we have built a strong relationship there. We want to change the fee levy to this is to have more opportunities and partnerships in other countries, we do not want to put all our eggs in one basket so we want to diversify the destinations we offer, we also want to have a more flexible model and expand to other countries so that we can offer more programs

b) CEO Report

Margot Berner motions to approve the report. Seconded by **Tzvi Hersh Filler**. Motion passes.

Margot Berner: There have been complaints about the lack of training for the CEO. To the executives, what is being done to address that?

Isaiah Joyner: We're going to work with them to prepare training material in advance and provide institutional knowledge

c) Amendment of Training Motion

Daniel Amico presents the following motion. Seconded by **Matthew Benzrihem**. Motion passes.

WHEREAS Councilor Benzrihem brought forward a motion for an antisemitism training on September 16th, 2020;

WHEREAS the motion stated the following:

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Concordia Chabad Rabbis be the first choice for this training.

Yisroel Bernath or Yehoshua Berkowicz are the Concordia Chabad Rabbis in the 2020-2021 academic year.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that in the event that the Concordia Chabad Rabbis cannot attend, their advice is to be taken on who the executives should hire for the training.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that in the event that the recommendations of the Concordia Chabad Rabbis cannot attend, the role of the trainer must be given to a person who is either a fully recognized Rabbi within the Greater Montreal Jewish community, someone who is a widely recognized expert on Judaism, or someone with a graduate degree in a widely accepted Judaic studies program.

WHEREAS several councillors have come to the Internal Affairs Coordinator's attention of concerns with the recommended training facilitator;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Councilor Benzrihem's motion approved on September 16th, 2020 be amended to strike:

“*BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED* that the Concordia Chabad Rabbis be the first choice for this training.

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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that in the event that the recommendations of the Concordia Chabad Rabbis cannot attend,”

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the motion be amended to say:

The role of the trainer must be given to a person who is either a fully recognized Rabbi within the Greater Montreal Jewish community, someone who is a widely recognized expert on Judaism, or someone with a graduate degree in a widely accepted Judaic

studies program. The Executive organizing the training must consult with the Concordia Jewish Community on selecting a trainer.

Daniel Amico: A lot of councillors came asking for this, they wanted a different person doing the training or having more choice on who does the training. We're basically just removing the specific person proposed for the training and replacing it with a list of qualifications they should have.

Matthew Benzrihem: People also came to me for this, this is friendly!

Harrison Kirshner: This allows us to have flexibility and bring speakers with different perspectives.

d) Finance and Operations Policy

Tzvi Hersh Filler presents the following motion. Seconded by **Holly Mark-Hilton**. Motion passes.

WHEREAS section 16.1 of the Finance & Operations Policy states that

"16.1. The Finance Coordinator shall submit an updated budget, showing the current allocated amounts and year-to-date actuals, to the first regular council meeting of each month and in their corresponding report.",

WHEREAS the year-to-date actuals have not been included in the report in question,

BE IT RESOLVED THAT notwithstanding the article above the year to end actuals be submitted during the second January meeting, instead of the first.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the budgetary impact is nil

e) Website Policies

Tzvi Hersh Filler presents the following motion.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Student Life Coordinator be mandated to update the CSU's website with the currently approved policies

Motion tabled indefinitely.

9. RETURNING BUSINESS – INFORMATIONAL

10. QUESTION PERIOD & BUSINESS ARISING

Tzvi Hersh Filler: We passed a motion at a previous meeting about hiring an HR firm. The Dean of Students offers a free HR service, can we look into that?

Sarah Mazhero: We are a not-for-profit so it would be essential for us to have the HR firm. There could be a conflict of interest with the DoS

Malcolm Asselin: We have finished the mental health surveys and will be distributed soon

11. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Daniel Amico: IT is going to provide the new councillors with their emails soon.

Jereyma Deneault: I'm staying here for the semester.

12. ADJOURNMENT

Jarrad Hass motions to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by **Margot Berner**. Motion carries. Meeting adjourned at 7:12 PM.