



Concordia Student Union - Council of Representatives
CSU Special Council Meeting
Wednesday, March 10, 2021
Via Zoom, 18h30

1. CALL TO ORDER

The chairperson calls the meeting to order at **18h33**.

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), Holly Mark-Hilton (Finance Coordinator), Malcolm Asselin (Loyola Coordinator), Daniel Amico (Internal Affairs Coordinator)

Councilors present for the meeting were: Tzvi Hersh Filler (Gina Cody School of Engineering), Christopher Vaccarella (Arts & Science), Sarah Bubenheimer (Arts & Science), Nicole Nashen (Arts & Science), Brandon Grimaldi (Arts & Science), Shlomo Tanny (John Molson School of Business), Phineas Ambrose Savchenko (Fine Arts), Diana Lukic (Fine Arts), Lauren Perozek (John Molson School of Business), Howard Issley (John Molson School of Business), Sean Howard (Gina Cody School of Engineering), Debra Irabor (Arts & Science), Marlena Valenta (Arts & Science), Chelsea Okankwu (John Molson School of Business), Shaun

Sederoff (Arts & Science), Wyatt Niblett-Wilson (John Molson School of Business), Alexander Stojda (Gina Cody School of Engineering), Anais Gagnon (Gina Cody School of Engineering)

Executives absent for the meeting were: N/A

Councillors absent for the meeting were: James Hanna (Gina Cody School of Engineering), Roman Zelensky (Arts & Science), Arieh Barak (Independent), Jeremy Deneault (John Molson School of Business), S Shivaane (Arts & Science), Harrison Kirshner (John Molson School of Business), Jarrad Haas (Fine Arts)

Tzvi Hersh Filler motions to excuse all those not present. Seconded by **Nicole Nashen**. Motion passes.

3. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Lauren Perozek motions to approve the agenda and all items under consent. Seconded by **Sean Howard**. Motion passes.

4. CONSENT AGENDA

5. PRESENTATIONS AND GUEST SPEAKERS

a) Woodnote Annual Report

Michele Le Moeligou (UTILE): The Woodnote has 90 units, located in the Plateau, facing Parc La Fontaine. There are 140 tenants that live at the Woodnote as of September 2020. The building is fully occupied. We have 66 studios, 2-bedroom apartments, 3-bedrooms, and 4-bedrooms. We currently have 1 family living at the Woodnote. 88% of tenants are Concordia students, 93% being undergraduate. The representation of students in different faculties is reflective of the Concordia population. Most tenants have an income of less than \$12,000, demonstrating the demand and need for affordable housing. Most applications were for studio apartments, this can be explained by the fact that we have more studio apartments. We have a selection policy and committee. 6% of tenants mentioned having been victims of discrimination in the past while looking for accommodation. With the CSU's help with promotion, we were able to reach out directly to Concordia students. We also work hand-in-hand with HOJO. We received 221 applications in 2020. We have been signing contracts with other Universities that are interested in developing their own version of the Woodnote.

Isaiah Joyner: I encouraged Michele to come here and present because this is the CSU's baby. We are seeing it being widely supported by students, and this is a great step to addressing the housing crisis.

6. APPOINTMENTS

a) Loyola Committee

Malcolm Asselin: We are working on a career fair for the end of March, and distributing funding applications for student projects.

Diana Lukic nominates themselves. Seconded by **Tzvi Hersh Filler**.

Diana Lukic: I've heard about it for so long and have considered joining. I'm curious to learn more and help out with the Loyola committee.

Malcolm Asselin motions to appoint **Diana Lukic** to the **Loyola Committee**. Seconded by **Tzvi Hersh Filler**. Motion passes.

b) Library Services Fund Committee

Malcolm Asselin: We recently funded a VR workshop with students. 20 students will be allowed to work on a VR project. There's lots of cool stuff going on with the library.

Lauren Perozek: The meetings are planned out weeks in advance, which is great!

Tzvi Hersh Filler: Can we offer this seat to students-at-large?

Alexander Stojda motions to offer the remaining seat on LSFC to a student-at-large. Seconded by **Tzvi Hersh Filler**. Motion passes.

c) Fee Levy Review Committee

d) Student Mobilization

7. RETURNING BUSINESS

8. NEW BUSINESS - SUBSTANTIVE

a) Bursary Committee

Isaiah Joyner presents the following motion. Seconded by **Tzvi Hersh Filler**. Motion passes
WHEREAS the CSU distributes bursaries on an annual basis;
WHEREAS there is no set committee dedicated to distributing bursaries;
BE IT RESOLVED THAT a Bursary Committee be created;
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the composition of this committee be 4 councilors, 1 student at large and the Sustainability Coordinator serving as chair;
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT at least one of the 4 councilor seats be reserved to a member of the BIPOC community;
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT this motion be adopted notwithstanding Annex A of the CSU's Standing Regulations (the CSU Bursary Distribution Policy);
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the budgetary impact of this motion is nil.

Isaiah Joyner: Amy has been working diligently to ensure that students have access to the bursary program. It would be helpful to have people help with reviewing the applications rather than just have one person tasked with it.

Amy Nguyen: We will also be offering COVID bursaries.

Tzvi Hersh Filler: This would cover all bursaries, including the ones from the external budget?

Isaiah Joyner: This committee wouldn't have a specific budget line, it will have to work with FinCom. This is a committee to help with the application process.

Daniel Amico: Is this for this year or next?

Isaiah Joyner: It will start this year.

Amy Nguyen: The time commitment will be 15-20 hours in **one** week, either the last week of March or the first week of April, but it will not be that busy every week

Christopher Vaccarella nominates themselves. Seconded by **Tzvi Hersh Filler**.

Shaun Sederoff nominates themselves. Seconded by **Tzvi Hersh Filler**.

Tzvi Hersh Filler motions to add a student-at-large seat. Seconded by **Daniel Amico**. Motion passes

Christopher Vaccarella: Bursaries are important, I want to be a helping hand

Shaun Sederoff: Similarly, I understand the importance of bursaries and want to help my fellow CSU colleagues.

Sean Howard motions to appoint **Christopher Vaccarella** and **Shaun Sederoff** to the **Bursary Committee**. Motion passes

b) Sponsorship Renewal Motion

Lauren Perozek presents the following motion. Seconded by **Tzvi Hersh Filler**. Motion passes.
WHEREAS Sponsorship Ad Hoc Committee was sanctioned for one year by the 2020-2021 mandate.

WHEREAS Covid-19 prevented companies' willingness to sponsor.

WHEREAS the committee has spent that past year developing the committee framework, policies, and sponsorship packages.

WHEREAS the Sponsorship Committee motioned to add the Financial Coordinator as a seating member of the committee.

WHEREAS the Sponsorship Committee has received several opportunities for sponsorship.

BE IT RESOLVED the Sponsorship Ad Hoc Committee be renewed to continue its work for the next mandate 2021-2022.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED the Financial Coordinator be added as a Co-chair to the committee.

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

Lauren Perozek: This motion is to renew the Sponsorship Committee and allow the committee to keep working for the next mandate.

c) Finance Committee Minutes

Tzvi Hersh Filler motions to approve the minutes from 02-11-21. Seconded by **Holly Mark-Hilton**. Motion passes.

Tzvi Hersh Filler motions to defer the minutes from 02-26-21 to Policy Committee. Seconded by **Sean Howard**. Motion rescinded.

Tzvi Hersh Filler: Part of these minutes have to do with the JB honorariums. The $\frac{3}{4}$ attendance rule does not take into account whether a JB member has a conflict of interest and abstains. There is a financial incentive for them not to abstain. I ask that we send this to Policy for review.

Isaiah Joyner: Can we approve the rest of the minutes, other than the JB portions?

Tzvi Hersh Filler: If we approve the first half, we would be approving the fact that FinCom has given their opinion. What impact would this have?

Chairperson: If there is no motion, there is no impact. Nothing is final until the council approves them. In the future, this should be worded as a “recommendation”.

Holly Mark-Hilton: I understand about the wording, I don't mind rewording it as a “recommendation”. When it comes to JB, I have to give some background information as this has been going on since the Fall. JB came in the Fall asking for pay. FinCom approved their pay on an honorarium basis. The accountant said that we have to have documentation to prove that the honorarium is justifiable. The accountant then recommended that they write reports as documentation. This motion sets the criteria for the JB honorarium. If the council thinks it should go to Policy, I'm fine with that. There is another FinCom meeting where JB will be talking more about this.

Tzvi Hersh Filler: Can we give a temporary approval until Policy Committee takes a look at it and makes their decision. Is this motion binding for this semester or every semester?

Holly Mark-Hilton: The motion that passed is that JB would receive back pay for Winter 2020, and pay for Fall 2020 and Winter 2021

Sean Howard motions to approve the minutes. Seconded by **Tzvi Hersh Filler**. Motion passes.

9. RETURNING BUSINESS – INFORMATIONAL

10. QUESTION PERIOD & BUSINESS ARISING

11. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Lauren Perozek: The debate tomorrow overlaps with the SCM.

Wyatt Niblett-Wilson: They start at 5:30, the SCM starts at 6:30.

Isaiah Joyner: If you're a returning councillor, ask the CEO or DEO to put you first during the debate.

Eduardo Malorni: Councillors are done their debates as of 6:30. The executive debates are between 6:30-7:00 pm.

Nicole Nashen: Hillel has a Comedy for Peace event on Saturday.

Chairperson: The documents for the SCM tomorrow will be sent tomorrow morning.

12. ADJOURNMENT

Isaiah Joyner motions to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by **Tzvi Hersh Filler**. Motion passes.

Meeting adjourned at 7:34 PM