

# Policy on Student Media

**Oversight Body:** CSU Council of Representatives, CSU Recognized Student Media Publications, CSU Executive Team

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**Related policies, bylaws, legislation:** CSU By-Laws, CSU Code of Conduct.

## Definitions

“Council” means the Council of Representatives of the Student Union;

“General Meeting” means an annual, special, or informational general meeting of the Student Union, as defined in the By-Laws;

“Student Union” means the Concordia Student Union

“University” means Concordia University.

## Purpose

This policy document will serve to ensure that freedom of the press is respected, with an understanding of the importance for accountability for a press to be able to function freely in reporting on the activities of the union and its elections.

## Scope

1. This policy applies to student media publications and their coverage of the Students Union activities and proceedings.
2. Any ordinary motion, resolution or regulation that deviates from these regulations can only be adopted with a clause stating that the motion operates regardless of the Code of Standing Regulations. The clause must state which article(s) are not to be applied towards the motion.

Such a motion requires a 2/3 majority vote and will cease to have effect four months following its approval.

3. The following is a list of general provisions to apply to this policy:
  - 3.1. English and French can be used equally in any Student Union Meetings and elections materials.
  - 3.2. Any individual, club or student association who wish to use the Student Union logo must get permission from the CSU.
  - 3.3. In the case of any discrepancy between these regulations and the By-Laws, the latter shall prevail.
  - 3.4. In the case of any discrepancy between these regulations and any other regulations, these regulations shall prevail.

## Policy Statement

1. The Student Union respects the role of student media in maintaining transparency of its actions to its members. The CSU believes that Student Media plays an essential role in the University community.
2. The channels which are recognized as student media on campus are The Link Publication Society, the Concordian, CJLO Radio 1690 AM and Concordia University Television (CUTV).
  - 2.1. Should a new publication request in writing to the Chairperson of the Council of Representatives recognition as student media on campus, the Chairperson may at their discretion recognize this new publication with full rights as described in this policy.
3. The above recognized student media will have access to all open sessions of Council, and all General Meetings of the Student Union. Radio and television broadcasts are allowed for recognized student media.
4. Television broadcasts will follow general rules of parliamentary broadcasts, such as avoiding filming people who are not active participants in the debate and not focusing on a single individual voting record unless the vote is taken by roll call. Student media may broadcast from meetings in whatever manner they see fit (including live tweets, Instagram videos, and other forms of media as technology progresses).