



Concordia Student Union - Council of Representatives
CSU Council-Elect Meeting
Wednesday, May 18, 2022
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: Eduardo Malorni

Council Minute Keeper: Michelle Lam

Executives present for the meeting were: Elijah Olise (General Coordinator), Asli Isaaq (Academic & Advocacy Coordinator), Harley Martin (Student Life Coordinator), Meryem Benallal (Finance Coordinator), Sabrina Morena (Loyola Coordinator), Fawaz Halloum (Internal Affairs Coordinator), Sean Levis (Sustainability Coordinator)

Councilors present for the meeting were: Amina Vance (Arts & Science), Diane Mahko (Arts & Science), Caleb Woolcott (Arts & Science), Haya Bitar (Arts & Science), Hannah Jackson (Fine Arts), Olivia Integlia (Arts & Science), Sarah Alkhadi (Arts & Science), Paula Colmenares (Arts & Science), Emilie Rosenthal-Bustamante (Gina Cody School Of Engineering), Emil Hersson-Edery (Gina Cody School of Engineering), Kazi Sahul (Gina Cody School of Engineering), Jeremy Deneault (John Molson School of Business), Hassan Nabeel (Gina Cody School of Engineering), Nassim Boutalbi (John Molson School of Business), Nour Shbib

(Independent), Hajra Bajwa (Gina Cody School Of Engineering), Lacey Boudreau (Arts & Science), Michael Lecchino (Independent)

Councilors absent for the meeting were: Naomi Spiegelman (Arts & Science), Muhammad Hussain (John Molson School of Business)

Executives absent for the meeting were: N/A

3. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Hassan Nabeel motions to approve the agenda. Seconded by **Nassim Boutalbi**. Motion passes unanimously

4. GENERAL COORDINATOR'S REPORT

Elijah Olise: We have goals for our mandate that include mental health initiatives with the new fee levy increase, the second Woodnote, and the return to campus. Thank you for giving me space to share

5. SETTING THE TIME OF REGULAR MEETINGS

Sabrina Morena motions to set the council meeting time at 18:30. Seconded. Motion passes unanimously.

6. APPOINTMENTS

a) Council Chairperson

Nassim Boutalbi motions to task Eduardo Malorni to confirm Seema's undergraduate student status and recommend Caitlin Robinson as interim Chairperson. Seconded by **Caleb Woolcott**. Motion passes unanimously.

Caleb Woolcott motions to amend the motion to reopen applications for Chairperson. Seconded by **Nassim Boutalbi**. Motion passes unanimously.

b) Council Minute-Keeper

Amina Vance motions to appoint **Michelle Lam** as the CSU Minute Keeper for the 2022-2023 mandate. Seconded. Motion passes unanimously.

c) Councillors to Standing Committees

Academic Caucus

Asli Isaaq: Senate is the highest governing body in the University. There are two seats available for councillors. It happens on average three times a month on Friday between 2-4 PM once a month.

Michael Lecchino nominates themselves. Seconded by **Sabrina Morena**. Appointed.

Appointments Committee

Eduardo Malorni: You interview different candidates for a variety of committees. It is primarily busy in August

Hassan Nabeel nominates themselves. Seconded by **Amina Vance**. Appointed.

Hassan Nabeel nominates **Kazi Sahul** and **Hajra Bajwa**. Seconded. Appointed.

Hannah Jackson nominates themselves. Seconded. Appointed.

Nassim Boutalbi nominates themselves. Seconded by **Michael Lecchino**. Appointed.

Clubs & Spaces Committee

Fawaz Halloum: We manage everything clubs and CSU spaces related. We assign spaces, approve budgets, and discuss new initiatives to revive student life on campus.

Nour Shbib nominates themselves. Seconded by **Amina Vance**. Appointed.

Nassim Boutalbi nominates themselves. Seconded by **Hassan Nabeel**. Appointed.

Paula Colmenares nominates themselves. Seconded by **Michael Lecchino**. Appointed.

External Committee

Beniel Dube: The committee works on the annual campaign, grants, funding, and events

Hannah Jackson nominates themselves. Seconded by **Nassim Boutalbi**. Appointed.

Lacey Boudreau nominates themselves. Seconded by **Hannah Jackson**. Appointed.

Haya Bitar nominates themselves. Seconded by **Michael Lecchino**. Appointed.

Amina Vance nominates themselves. Seconded by **Michael Lecchino**. Appointed.

Fee Levy Committee

Eduardo Malorni: This committee assists fee levy groups and reviews applications to become a fee levy.

Caleb Woolcott nominates themselves. Seconded by **Hannah Jackson**. Appointed.

Finance Committee

Meryem Benallal: We oversee finances, we make the budgets according to the finance policy, you'll assist me, we monitor the CSU expenses and revenues

Hassan Nabeel nominates themselves, **Kazi Sahul**, and **Hajra Bajwa**. Seconded. Appointed.

Caleb Woolcott nominates themselves. Seconded by **Hannah Jackson**. Appointed.

Loyola Committee

Sabrina Morena: We discuss grants and bursaries, and events for Loyola students, as well as creating more CSU presence and student life on Loyola campus. We're working on increasing food options and accessibility at Loyola, and potentially opening a second Reggies

Sarah Alkhadi: Will there be a specific time to meet?

Sabrina Morena: We'll decide that together

Sarah Alkhadi nominates themselves. Seconded by **Diane Mahko**. Appointed.

Nour Shbib nominates themselves. Seconded by **Hassan Nabeel**. Appointed.

Policy Committee

Eduardo Malorni: This committee looks over, discusses, assesses and reviews CSU policies.

Haya Bitar nominates themselves. Seconded. Appointed.

Amina Vance nominates themselves. Seconded. Appointed.

Emil Hersson-Edery nominates themselves. Seconded by **Emilie Rosenthal-Bustamante**

Fraser Place nominates themselves. Seconded by **Haya Bitar**. Appointed.

Emilie Rosenthal-Bustamante nominates themselves. Seconded.

Diane Mahko nominates themselves. Seconded. Appointed.

Emil Hersson-Edery: This interests me most. I come from a family that works on creating policies to create a better community. I'm involved in discussing policies and politics. I'm in Engineering and don't have the experience there working with policies, and want to have that opportunity here.

Haya Bitar: Policy is really important to me and affects my day-to-day life, which is why I want to have influence and control over the policies that affect me here at Concordia

Fraser Place: I want to help foster an environment that is antiracist, pro working class, pro BIPOC, and sustainable University through policies. I want Concordia to be an institution we can be proud of.

Emilie Rosenthal-Bustamante: I'm a Computer Software student, interested in policy, and looking at the wording of policies because it is very important

Amina Vance: I'm a Sociology student and am interested in how we as social groups create guidelines, I'm a student organizer. I've been involved in political and climate justice movements and want to incorporate that into the policies at Concordia. I'm comfortable with reading, writing, and research

Diane Mahko: I'm interested in legislation policymaking, I want to make meaningful change. I study Political Science.

Sponsorships Committee

Eduardo Malorni: This committee has four councillors, one student-at-large, and is chaired by the External and Finance Coordinator. Sponsorships help bring additional revenue to the CSU outside of student money.

Emilie Rosenthal-Bustamante nominates themselves. Seconded by **Michael Lecchino**. Appointed.

Student Life Committee

Harley Martin: We focus on events and anything beneficial to reinvigorating student life on campus now that we're back in person.

Paula Colmenares nominates themselves. Seconded by **Nassim Boutalbi**. Appointed.

Sustainability Committee

Sean Levis: We'll be working on the Homelessness Protection Project, approving the Sustainability bursaries we offer, and sustaining the community at the Woodnote.

Nour Shbib nominates themselves. Seconded by **Emilie Rosenthal-Bustamante**. Appointed.

Emil Hersson-Edery nominates themselves. Seconded by **Emilie Rosenthal-Bustamante**. Appointed.

Emilie Rosenthal-Bustamante nominates themselves. Seconded by **Emil Hersson-Edery**. Appointed.

Mental Health Committee

Eduardo Malorni: This committee plans and organizes mental health events and initiatives on campus.

Hassan Nabeel nominates himself, **Kazi Sahul**, and **Hajra Bajwa**. Seconded by **Emilie Rosenthal-Bustamante**. Appointed.

Paula Colmenares nominates themselves. Seconded by **Emil Hersson-Edery**. Appointed.

d) Signing Officers

Eduardo Malorni: They sign off on documents to ensure that they have looked through them and that everything is in order. It shouldn't take more than 30 mins a week but you will have to register yourself at the bank and attest that you are a signing officer

Sean Levis motions to appoint **Elijah Olise** and **Meryem Benallal** as the Signing Officers for the CSU. Seconded by **Amina Vance**. Motion passes unanimously.

Nassim Boutalbi nominates themselves. Seconded. Appointed.

e) Concordia Council on Student Life

Harley Martin: The CCSL is half Concordia admin and half students and will discuss student life initiatives.

Eduardo Malorni: The CCSL has \$150,000 to distribute to student groups on campus, and brainstorm ways to improve student life on campus. The remaining seats will be open to Students-At-Large

Nour Shbib nominates themselves. Seconded by **Sean Levis**. Appointed.

Sean Levis nominates themselves. Seconded by **Fawaz Halloum**. Appointed.

Beniel Dube nominates themselves. Seconded by **Emilie Rosenthal-Bustamante**. Appointed.

f) Library Services Fund Committee

Eduardo Malorni: This is a 1M fund to bring initiatives to the library. It's half students and half administration. Everything great at the library comes from this committee. It's by the students, for the students. This fund pays for the laptops you can loan, the course textbook reserve room, and the fact that it's 24/7

Michael Lecchino nominates themselves. Seconded by **Emilie Rosenthal-Bustamante**. Appointed.

Sabrina Morena nominates themselves. Seconded by **Asli Isaaq**. Appointed.

Meryem Benallal nominates themselves. Seconded by **Michael Lecchino**. Appointed.

Beniel Dube nominates themselves. Seconded by **Michael Lecchino**. Appointed.

g) CSU Community Action Fund

Beniel Dube: This focuses on funding different communities at Concordia and outside of the University. We would decide who we want to fund and why.

Amina Vance nominates themselves. Seconded by **Sean Levis**. Rescinded.

Nassim Boutalbi: Is it staffed by the administration?

Eduardo Malorni: It's staffed by the External Coordinator, a councillor, and members of the community groups, such as the fee levy groups. We give \$50K every year for community projects

Lacey Boudreau nominates themselves. Seconded by **Beniel Dube**. Appointed.

7. COUNCIL RETREAT AND TRAINING

Fawaz Halloum: The training sessions raise awareness and create a safer community for councillors, executives, and Judicial Board members. We want to make it more engaging with reflections and workshops.

Nassim Boutalbi: What is the council retreat?

Eduardo Malorni: This takes place in either late summer or early Fall. It's a time for councillors to do team bonding and building. It's usually done over a couple of days at a chalet. The council needs to decide the budget and when can most councillors attend

8. CSU EMAIL ADDRESSES

Fawaz Halloum: Councillors will be receiving their emails in the coming days

9. QUESTION PERIOD & BUSINESS ARISING

10. ANNOUNCEMENTS

11. ADJOURNMENT

Hassan Nabeel moves to adjourn the meeting. Seconded. Motion passes unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 9:22 PM.