



Concordia Student Union - Council of Representatives
CSU Regular Council Meeting
Wednesday, January 26, 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: Caitlin Robinson

Council Minute Keeper: Michelle Lam

Executives present for the meeting were: Eduardo Malorni (General Coordinator), Hannah Jamet-Lange (Academic & Advocacy Coordinator), Malcolm Asselin (Student Life Coordinator), Camina Harrison-Chéry (External Affairs & Mobilization Coordinator), Aria Khaksar (Finance Coordinator), S Shivaane (Loyola Coordinator), Faye Sun (Sustainability Coordinator)

Councilors present for the meeting were: Alina Murad (Arts & Science), Boutaina Chafi (Arts & Science), Marissa Profetto (Gina Cody School of Engineering), Caleb Woolcott (Arts & Science), Christopher Vaccarella (Arts & Science), Lauren Perozek (John Molson School of Business), Wan Hua Li (Fine Arts), Edel Kilkenny-Mondoux (Arts & Science), Ikrame Housni (Arts & Science), Paula Colmenares (Independent), Tzvi Hersh Filler (Independent), Lily Charette (Arts & Science)

Councilors absent for the meeting were: Hassan Nabeel (Gina Cody School of Engineering), Olivia Integlia (Arts & Science), Noah Mohamed (John Molson School of Business), Ariane Drouin (Gina Cody School of Engineering), Samuel Thibodeau (Fine Arts), Shania Bramble (Arts & Science), Brandon Grimaldi (Arts & Science), Emmanuel Gaisie (John Molson School of Business), Nathaniel Ouazana (Arts & Science), Jeremy Deneault (John Molson School of Business)

Executives absent for the meeting were: Harrison Kirshner (Internal Affairs Coordinator)

Tzvi Hersh Filler motions to excuse all absences from tonight's meeting. Seconded by **Christopher Vaccarella**. Motion passes.

3. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

4. CONSENT AGENDA

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

5. PRESENTATIONS AND GUEST SPEAKERS

a) Reggies Presentation

Nickolas Kisil (Reggies): On August 9th of 2021, I submitted a request for a total of \$165,268.09 from the SSAELC fund, in order to save Reggies from its financial crisis. I highlighted the many problems that had been made in the past and the steps that would be taken to fix those problems. I presented the forecast of the financial figures we were expecting for the year. Most importantly, I promised you Transparency & Accountability. All purchases, reimbursements, handling of cash, has been placed online and shared in a google drive file to provide transparency for board members to observe and sign off on. This creates a digital footprint which can be revisited and monitored at all times. Current state of Reggies: we are currently doing \$25,411.51 better than projected. Reggies Hosted 34 Major events for various student groups, plus over 20 minor events for various student groups. All groups were given the space free of charge. Prior to the December Closure, Reggies was on track to hit its first break-even year. We are currently working hard to re-adjust our offering for the 2nd re-opening. Which we believe will still allow us to hit the targets we laid out at the start of the semester!

Lauren Perozek: If we're projected to have a negative \$3k/month, are you projecting a profit? Reggie is dedicated to student spaces but it also needs to be able to sustain itself financially

Nickolas Kisil: We're running at reduced capacity, which is why we're projecting negatives. We're expected to turn a profit in March 2022, but we were able to do so in November 2021. We're heading to the point where Reggie is going to be self-sustaining.

Caleb Woolcott: Is this a loan from the CSU? What's the repayment plan?

Nickolas Kisil: It was a grant to Reggie in good faith to restore it as a social hub for Concordia students.

6. APPOINTMENTS

a) Concordia Council on Student Life

Malcolm Asselin: We review project and student life requests from students. We'll meet four more times in the next five months

b) Mental Health Committee

7. RETURNING BUSINESS - SUBSTANTIVE

8. NEW BUSINESS – SUBSTANTIVE

a) 2022 General Elections Dates

Eduardo Malorni presents the following motion. Seconded by **Tzvi Hersh Filler**. Motion carried unanimously.

WHEREAS our Policy on Election and Referendum specifies the dates for our General Elections, *BE IT RESOLVED THE* 2022 By-Elections dates be as follows:

- The nomination phase commences on February 7th 2022 and will end at 5:00 PM on February 25th 2022.
- The campaigning phase will commence on March 7th 2022 and will end at 11:59 PM on March 14th 2022.
- The voting phase will begin at 9:00 AM on March 15th 2022 and end at 5:00 PM on March 17th 2022.

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

Eduardo Malorni: The dates are lined up based on our policy

Tzvi Hersh Filler: What happens if we don't pass this motion?

Hannah Jamet-Lange: Technically it doesn't state that we have to call the dates in a council meeting. It would happen regardless

Caitlin Robinson: Let's do it anyways

b) CRARR Request for Support

Eduardo Malorni presents the following motion. Seconded by **Tzvi Hersh Filler**. Motion carried unanimously.

WHEREAS CRARR has partnered with the CSU in the past

WHEREAS CRARR has asked the CSU to sign a letter of support

BE IT RESOLVED the CSU sign the letter in support of CRARR

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THE budgetary impact of the motion is nil

Eduardo Malorni: CRARR partners with IRERR. Walter told us that CRARR will be applying for a grant from the City of Montreal. To help them with the grant, they have asked us to sign their letter. We technically can't sign a letter without council's approval.

c) Special Elections

Hannah Jamet-Lange presents the following motion. Seconded by **Calvin Clarke**. Motion carried unanimously.

WHEREAS the deadline for referendum questions to be added to the 2022 General Elections is February 18th;

WHEREAS there are Bylaw changes still being worked on that will have to be reviewed by the CSU lawyers, as well as go through Policy Committee and Council before being sent to referendum that will not be done by that deadline;

WHEREAS the CSU Bylaws and regulations allow for Special Elections to be called by a 2/3 majority of Council for the purpose of Bylaw Amendments and/or Questions of Importance;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of Representatives call a Special Election in April 2022 for the purpose of Bylaw Amendments, with the polling period happening from April 5 to 7, campaigning period happening from March 28 to April 4, and Nomination period happening March 24 to 25;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT a Special Election will only take place if the proposed Bylaw changes are sent to referendum by Council at the latest by March 21st.

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

Hannah Jamet-Lange: With the context of return to campus, I haven't gotten around to the bylaw changes. Since we want them to be well done and go through the policy committee and our lawyers, I would like to have until the month of April to complete this. It's important to be careful with these changes and to implement them before the Fall.

Tzvi Hersh Filler: Why are we calling it now?

Hannah Jamet-Lange: I want to ensure that council is in agreement with calling this special election in April

Tzvi Hersh Filler: You mentioned that the budgetary impact is nil. Do we have any other expenses related to the election?

Eduardo Malorni: No, the SimplyVoting membership gives us elections with no extra costs. The only cost would be hiring a CEO, but since this election doesn't have candidates running, I do not expect a huge financial cost of holding this election.

d) Mid-Mandate Report

Tzvi Hersh Filler: What has changed from this version and the previous one?

Hannah Jamet-Lange: We now have the daycare manager's report.

Malcolm Asselin motions to approve the mid-mandate report. Seconded by Aria Khaksar. Motion carried unanimously.

Malcolm Asselin: We all worked really hard on this report

9. NEW BUSINESS – INFORMATIONAL

10. QUESTION PERIOD & BUSINESS ARISING

11. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Malcolm Asselin: Stay tuned for an activities night that will be held online sometime in February

Jeremy Deneault: Space Concordia has 2-3 schools that are ready to have an activity. We have events planned finally

Camina Harrison-Chery: There are three town halls coming up. One for Black students to give their feedback, another for campus safety and security, and another on the return to campus

Calvin Clarke: The Hive is open again!

12. ADJOURNMENT

Malcolm Asselin moves to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by **Hannah Jamet-Lange**. Motion carries.

Meeting adjourned at 7:21 PM.