



Concordia Student Union - Council of Representatives
CSU Regular Council Meeting
Wednesday, June 08, 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: Elijah Olise

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), Caleb Woolcott (Arts & Science), Paula Colmenares (Arts & Science), Hassan Nabeel (Gina Cody School of Engineering), Nassim Boutalbi (John Molson School of Business), Nour Shbib (Independent), Lacey Boudreau (Arts & Science), Michael Lecchino (Independent), Emil Hersson-Edery (Gina Cody School Of Engineering), Fraser Place (Fine Arts)

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

Science), Hannah Jackson (Fine Arts), Olivia Integlia (Arts & Science), Sarah Alkhadi (Arts & Science), Emilie Rosenthal-Bustamante (Gina Cody School Of Engineering), Kazi Sahul (Gina Cody School of Engineering), Jeremy Deneault (John Molson School of Business), Hajra Bajwa (Gina Cody School Of Engineering)

Executives absent for the meeting were: N/A

3. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Sean Levis motions to approve the agenda and all items under consent. Seconded by **Nassim Boutalbi**. Motion passes unanimously

4. CONSENT AGENDA

5. PRESENTATIONS & GUEST SPEAKERS

a) CSU Operations Budget 2022-2023

Meryem motions to present the CSU Operations Budget 2022-2023 during a Special Council Meeting on June 15th. Seconded by **Sean Levis**. Motion passes unanimously.

6. APPOINTMENTS

a) Chairperson for CSU Council

Caleb Woolcott motions to enter closed sessions. Seconded by **Sean Levis**. Motion passes unanimously.

Caleb Woolcott motions to appoint **Nicholas Dundorf** as Chairperson with extensive Roberts Rule training. Seconded by **Lacey Boudreau**. Opposed by **Nassim Boutalbi**. Withdrawn

Asli Isaaq motions to appoint **Nicholas Dundoff** as Chairperson with extensive Roberts Rule of Order training. Seconded. Opposed by **Nassim Boutalbi**. Motion passes.

VOTE:

8 YES

2 NO

1 ABSTAIN

Caleb Woolcott motions to enter open sessions. Seconded by **Sean Levis**. Motion passes unanimously.

Emil Hersson-Edery motions to ratify the minutes of closed sessions. Seconded by **Amina Vance**. Motion passes unanimously.

a) Special Bylaw J Committee – SSAELC Fund Committee

Elijah Olise: It's a fund that students invest in to support projects and student spaces, such as the student centre.

Caleb Woolcott nominates himself. Seconded by **Amina Vance**. Appointed

b) Senate

Asli Isaaq: We meet once a month with the administration and twice a month with the academic caucus, there will be three Friday meetings. It's a lot of work but it's an opportunity to talk to the University administration.

c) External Affairs & Mobilization Coordinator

Sean Levis motions to open the **External Affairs & Mobilization Coordinator** position to Students-At-Large, with a 10-day application period. Seconded by **Asli Isaaq**. Motion passes unanimously.

Sean Levis: We haven't conducted an equal and fair interview process for the position. This position is still not appointed. A 10-day interview process should be conducted and the best candidate for the position should take over these duties proactively until the external and mobilization appointment at a duly convened special council meeting

Asli Isaaq: This will give Benial a chance to apply, it needs to be a democratic interview process and we need to hold the precedence that the CSU elects their members democratically.

Julianna Smith: How will we share this info with the student body?

Asli Isaaq: We'll make a call out and share it through our social media

d) BIPOC

Asli Isaaq: We deal with the issues and interests of BIPOC students on campus. The workload isn't that much at the moment. We'll most likely meet once a month

Sabrina Morena: This is the last chance for us to appoint members to this committee so that we can get some tangible work done during the summer

Fawaz Halloum motions to appoint **Nassim Boutalbi** to the BIPOC committee. Seconded by **Asli Isaaq**. Appointed.

Zach Fortier (The Link): What are the consequences if this isn't filled for BIPOC students at Concordia?

Asli Isaaq: A lot of the work is done during the summer, the workload won't go down but the work will either fall on me or the BIPOC committee. The work will be done regardless but it would be beneficial to have more people working on this committee

e) Fee Levy Review Committee

Sean Levis: We look over applications to become a fee levy, the bulk of the work is done before the byelections and general elections

Fraser Place nominates themselves. Seconded by **Michael Lecchino**. Appointed

f) External & Mobilization

Benial Dube: This committee oversees the annual campaign, the budget for it, the events, and the campaigns department

Fraser Place nominates themselves. Seconded. Appointed.

g) Loyola

Sabrina Morena: The bulk of our work will be done during the summer and then we'll meet once a month to discuss events, workshops, and initiatives at Loyola campus.

h) Student Life

Harley Martin: We look at applications from student groups who are requesting funding, we'll meet approximately once a month

i) Sponsorship

Harley Martin: We're tasked with applying for sponsorships from the community to fund CSU initiatives

j) Academic Caucus

Asli Isaaq: Two students on the council can sit on the caucus, we'll start meeting again in September

k) Board of Governors

Elijah Olise: We convene once a month to discuss matters related to Concordia's governance and administration. It's one of the highest bodies at Concordia and a great opportunity to have your voices heard by the administration

Michael Lecchino nominates themselves. Seconded. Withdrawn

Fawaz Halloum nominates themselves. Seconded. Appointed via secret ballot

Nassim Boutalbi nominates themselves. Seconded. Appointed

Michael Lecchino motions to appoint **Michelle Lam** as interim Chairperson. Seconded. Motion passes unanimously.

Elijah Olise nominates themselves. Seconded by **Amina Vance**. Defeated

Elijah Olise: I'm already in discussion with a lot of admin in regards to programs, as GC, I meet with admin at least once a month, I am a spokesperson and a representative in spaces like this. Traditionally, it is the GC who is in this role. My credentials speak for themselves.

Michael Lecchino: If Nassim wants it, I'll withdraw.

Fawaz Halloum: BOG is the biggest stakeholders of the University with DoS, Provost, and students. We need someone who is not scared to speak out and cares about students firstmost.

8. New Business – Substantive

a) Ratification of Resolutions Passed at Council-Elect

Asli Isaaq motions to ratify resolutions passed at council-elect. Seconded by **Nassim Boutalbi**.

b) Annual Campaigns

Michelle Lam: I recommend tabling this point since there is no current External Coordinator.

Amina Vance: I'm happy to move to the next agenda meeting.

Amina Vance motions to move the presentation to the next meeting. Seconded by **Michael Lecchino**. Motion passes unanimously.

Elijah Olise: By count, we do not meet quorum. If we're not at quorum, do all prior motions get unpassed?

Michelle Lam: No. If there is no quorum, the meeting ends the moment that issue is identified. All previous motions are considered legal.

The meeting is ended due to connection issues, and a new meeting is called.

The chairperson calls the meeting to order at **21:27**.

Michael Lecchino motions to appoint **Michelle Lam** as interim chair for the remainder of the meeting. Seconded. Motion passes unanimously

c. Mural Festival

Sabrina Morena presents the following motion. Seconded by **Asli Isaaq**. Motion passes unanimously

WHEREAS a previous Mural Festival motion was passed in the 2021-2022 mandate committing the CSU to supporting this project for two years

WHEREAS the previous Mural Festival was a great success, attracting 400 students during its Fall festival and successfully setting up two murals in the Hall Building,
WHEREAS the aim of this project is to reclaim student space through art,
WHEREAS this project succeeds in meaningfully uplifting BIPOC community artists by allowing them to facilitate important dialogue through art-making,
WHEREAS one Indigenous artist, Euroma, had to postpone their mural-painting at the G-Lounge at Loyola Campus due to contracting COVID,
WHEREAS the aim the festival has a two-year pilot and if it proves to be successful
BE IT RESOLVED THAT \$8,000 be allocated out of operational budget towards this project to allow Euroma to continue her work during the 2022-2023 mandate,
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the festival will prioritize Black, Indigenous, people of colour, 2SLGBTQ+ folks, disabled people, and other marginalized groups,
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the pilot project is extended to three year
BE IT RESOLVED THAT the budgetary impact is \$8,000.

Sabrina Morena: This amount would give Indigenous artist, Euroma, the opportunity to continue their mural project. And this would continue the spirit and focus on community-building because of the previous success. We would be able to reclaim space at Loyola because it is neglected and would be good since the G-Lounge is being revamped. Mural Festival was a two-year-long project led by previous councillor Chris, previous executives Shivaane and Camina. 400 students attended the festival in the Fall, and two permanent murals were just put up. Test and prove the success of the project. Gain better organization skills.

Michael Lecchino: How did you get to \$8000?

Sabrina Morena: \$8000 was the agreed-upon rate from previous years.

Christopher Vaccarella: \$6000 was for the outdoor mural portion. The whole project cost \$5800. We got additional funding from external sources. We got really awesome feedback from the murals, we got nominated as finalists for the Forces Avenir project. The news got to the States and is inspiring other students to do the same.

10. QUESTION PERIOD & BUSINESS ARISING

Fawaz Halloum presents the following motion. Seconded by **Asli Isaaq**. Motion passes unanimously. Caleb Woolcott and Hassan Nabeel abstained.

WHEREAS the pandemic has hit students harshly and unequally.

WHEREAS the pandemic has limited job opportunities and work for students over the past two years.

WHEREAS inflation has made the cost of living and expenses go up at a rate not seen in more than thirty years.

WHEREAS the CSU has a surplus for the 2021-2022 operating year.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT councillors get a one time honorarium to compensate for rising inflation and work done during the pandemic.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the honorarium amount to a maximum of \$750 for councillors that have held their position since June 2021 and \$300 for those elected after the by-elections.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the honorarium will be indexed to attendance at council.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT those who attended all council meetings get the full \$750/\$300, those who missed three meetings (excused) will get \$500/\$150 and those who missed more than three meetings, excused or not, shall get no honorarium.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the budgetary impact is \$15,000.

Christopher Vaccarella: We didn't motion this last year because it would've been a conflict of interest with me still being on the Board of Directors. The executives I asked from the past mandate agreed, and we came up to the idea of allocating based on attendance.

Michael Lecchino: Are there any current councillors who were a councillor last year? Would this be a conflict of interest?

Michelle Lam: Caleb and Hassan.

Caleb Woolcott: I'll be abstaining.

Michael Lecchino: Did the previous councillors get any honorarium?

Christopher Vaccarella: No. We couldn't vote on it because it would be a conflict of interest, and the previous Chair said the same.

Michael Lecchino: If perfect attendance, then it would be \$750?

Christopher Vaccarella: Yes.

11. ANNOUNCEMENTS

12. ADJOURNMENT

Michael Lecchino: Seeing as we haven't emailed the other candidates yet, can I nominate Michelle as Chair?

Amina Vance: I second

Sean Levis: Michelle is currently the minute keeper, we would have to open callouts for the minute keeper position again if she accepts

Sean Levis moves to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by **Sabrina Morena**. Motion passes unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 9:50 PM.