



Concordia Student Union - Council of Representatives
CSU Regular Council Meeting
Wednesday, September 15, 2021
Via Zoom, 18h30

1. CALL TO ORDER

The chairperson calls the meeting to order at **18h35**.

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), Faye Sun (Sustainability Coordinator), Aria Khaksar (Finance Coordinator), S Shivaane (Loyola Coordinator)

Councilors present for the meeting were: Ariane Drouin (Gina Cody School of Engineering), Christopher Vaccarella (Arts & Science), Alina Murad (Arts & Science), Lily Charette (Arts & Science), Brandon Grimaldi (Arts & Science), Lauren Perozek (John Molson School of Business), Howard Issley (John Molson School of Business), Samuel Thibodeau (Fine Arts), Paula Colmenares (Independent), Edel Kilkenny-Mondoux (Arts & Science), Anais Gagnon (Gina Cody School of Engineering), Jeremy Deneault (John Molson School of Business)

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

Councilors absent for the meeting were: Tzvi Hersh Filler (Gina Cody School of Engineering), Noah Mohamed (John Molson School of Business), Olivia Lafreniere (John Molson School of Business), Nick Bonneau (John Molson School of Business), Benjamin Harvey (Arts & Science), Calvin Clarke (Arts & Science), Shania Bramble (Arts & Science), Marissa Profetto (Gina Cody School of Engineering), Boutaina Chafi (Arts & Science), Nathaniel Ouazana (Arts & Science), Ikrame Housni (Arts & Science), Emmanuel Gaisie (John Molson School of Business),

Eduardo Malorni motions to excuse all absences from tonight's meeting. Seconded by **Malcolm Asselin**. Motion passes.

3. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

4. CONSENT AGENDA

Malcolm Asselin motions to approve the agenda and all items under consent. Seconded by **Nicole Nashen**. Motion passes.

5. PRESENTATIONS AND GUEST SPEAKERS

a) Students For Consent Culture

SFCC Presenters (Tia Wong and Chantelle): We're an organisation dedicated to supporting anti-sexual violence advocacy at institutional and grassroots level. Overall goal is to build solidarity across all social justice and activism circles towards a stronger consent culture. The university pats itself on the back for any one thing they do regarding sexual violence, and Concordia students have been very active in keeping it accountable. Most recent update is Concordia refusing to comply with Quebec Human Rights Recommendations for a sexual assault policy. Concordia has an ongoing history with inaction and student advocacy continues on campus. Over the last year, we've been busy within our partnerships with student unions like the CSU. CSU funding has greatly helped us to improve our internal capabilities. This year, we are renewing this partnership to improve our ongoing operational support and consultation. And this is important to support other student unions who don't have the finances to directly support us, and also to compensate labour done. Looking forward to the future fundings, we've had quite a bit of connection with staff, and we'd love more direct connections with the elected representatives and students.

Hannah Jamet-Lange presents the following motion. Seconded by **Eduardo Malorni**. Motion passes unanimously.

BE IT RESOLVED that the Concordia Student Union approve the renewable annual grant of \$35,000 to Students for Consent Culture Canada for its second (2nd) of three (3) years;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the renewal of such grant is contingent on SFCC Canada presenting their work and the partnership each year at the first September meeting of the Council;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the budgetary impact of this motion is \$35,000 for 2021-2022

6. APPOINTMENTS

a) Mental Health Ad-Hoc Committee

Faye Sun: This committee is meant to support and promote mental health on campus. A number of projects. Just looking for one more councillor. Bi-weekly meetings. One seat is open.

Samuel Thibodeau nominates themselves.

Jeremy Deneault nominates themselves.

Samuel Thibodeau: I went to the committee yesterday. I helped my department last year as a student representative, bringing student mental health issues up to the department

Jeremy Deneault: This is something I would kick off my CSU bucket list. I have dealt with a number of people with mental health challenges, illnesses, and depression. As someone on the Autism spectrum, I have a connection to this issue with my experience with mental differences and I would be able to connect well with those we are representing.

Samuel Thibodeau rescinds nomination.

Eduardo Malorni moves to appoint **Jeremy Deneault** to the Mental Health Ad-Hoc Committee. Seconded by **Anais Gagnon**. Motion passes.

Faye Sun: There is another seat available on this committee.

Samuel Thibodeau nominates themselves. Seconded by **Christopher Vaccarella**.

Christopher Vaccarella moves to appoint **Samuel Thibodeau** to the Mental Health Ad-Hoc Committee. Seconded. Motion passes.

b) Bursary Committee

Faye Sun: This committee would oversee applications for bursaries. There are 4 seats open. These would be bi-weekly meetings. We will be distributing bursaries in the Winter semester

Faye Sun motions to table this to the December RCM. Seconded by **Hannah Jamet-Lange**. Motion passes.

Faye Sun: It makes the most sense to table this until after the by-election.

c) Appointments Committee

Faye Sun moves to table this to the October RCM. Seconded by **Camina Harrison-Chery**. Motion passes

d) Student Life Committee

Malcolm Asselin: We do events and we're also a funding body. A lot of fun things.

Lauren Perozek: This is a very fun committee especially if this is your first year as a councillor.

Samuel Thibodeau nominates themselves.

Samuel Thibodeau: I'm interested and have been involved on campus for most of my University life.

Malcolm Asselin motions to appoint **Samuel Thibodeau** to the **Student Life Committee**. Seconded by **S Shivaane** Motion passes.

e) Policy Committee

Hannah Jamet-Lange : This is one of the busiest committees with the most commitment. We meet weekly, sometimes we skip a week. We have two seats open. We look over, discuss, assess and review policy.

Ikrame Housni nominates themselves. Seconded by **Anais Gagnon**

Ikrame Housni: This looks interesting, I like that it's responsible for the maintenance of the bylaws. I'd like to help and gain experience.

Hannah Jamet-Lange moves to appoint **Ikrame Housni** to the **Policy Committee**. Seconded by **Malcolm Asselin**. Motion passes.

Howard Issley nominates **Tzvi Hersh Filler**.

Howard: Hersh says he'd like to help make a change.

Eduardo Malorni nominates **Anaïs Gagnon**. Accepted by **Anaïs Gagnon**.

Jeremy Denault nominates **Howard Issley**. **Howard Issley** does not consent.

Anaïs Gagnon: I'm not on a committee yet, and I'd like to learn more about it and be involved.

By secret ballot, **Anaïs Gagnon** is appointed to the Policy Committee.

f) Sustainability Committee

Faye Sun: We are committed and making sure CSU is operating sustainably according to our policy. If you have experience with greening and other sustainability things, we'd love to have you. Bi-weekly meetings on Mondays.

Christopher Vaccarella nominates **Anaïs Gagnon**. **Anaïs Gagnon** does not consent.

g) Clubs and Spaces Committee

Chairperson: This is a granting body with Clubs and Spaces, liaising with clubs. They meet once every two weeks.

Samuel Thibodeau nominates themselves.

Samuel Thibodeau: I sat on the board of directors for FASA. Been in clubs most of my University life so I know a moderate amount. I have experience with budgets and everything too.

S Shivaane moves to appoint **Samuel Thibodeau** to the **Clubs and Spaces Committee**. Seconded by **Brandon Grimaldi**. Motion passes.

h) Senate

Hannah Jamet-Lange: highest standing body at the university. Composed of administrators, staff and both undergraduate and graduate students. Always on Fridays from 2-4pm. The Academic Caucus meets every two weeks, the Senate meets once a month. The Academic Caucus is where we look at the agenda and strategies. One spot. Usually for each Senate meeting, we have a lot of reading to be done. A lot of commitment to be done. There's about 75 pages of readings for this Friday, which is on the lower end. Very interesting to sit on.

Eduardo Malorni: We could also just appoint a student-at-large if there's no interest. We could also open that seat to students too.

Hannah Jamet-Lange presents the following motion. Seconded by **Lily Charette**. Motion passes unanimously.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Senate seat, notwithstanding 2.1 on the policy of Appointments and 6.4.1 on the Policy for Council and Committees, be opened to be filled by a student-at-large

Hannah Jamet-Lange: It's important to fill this seat soon so that we have student representation

i) Fee Levy Review Committee

Malcolm Asselin: Fee Levies include ones like People's Potato. We look at documentation for groups who want to create, modify or dissolve a fee levy. It's one hard push this coming month and in Jan/Feb and then we're done for the year.

Eduardo Malorni nominates **Benjamin Harvey**. **Benjamin Harvey** has consented prior.

Eduardo Malorni: I've spoken to them many times. He was tree planting but he called me every month to ask for updates on the council, which has shown a good level of commitment.

Eduardo Malorni motions to appoint **Benjamin Harvey**. Seconded by **Christopher Vaccarella**. Motion passes

7. RETURNING BUSINESS - SUBSTANTIVE

8. NEW BUSINESS – SUBSTANTIVE

a) Elections

Eduardo Malorni presents the following motion. Seconded by **Hannah Jamet-Lange**. Motion passes.

WHEREAS our Policy on Election and Referendum specifies the dates for our By-Elections
BE IT RESOLVED THAT the 2021 By-Elections dates be as follows:

- The nomination phase commences on October 8th 2021 and will end at 5:00 PM on October 29th 2021
- The campaigning phase will commence on November 1st 2021 and will end at 11:59 PM on November 8th 2021
- The voting phase will begin at 9:00 AM on November 9th 2021 and end at 5:00 PM on November 11th 2021

Eduardo Malorni: This is just officiating the dates of the election. I have yet to specify the number of seats. I will be asking everyone who will be graduating to submit a delayed resignation for sometime in November so that we can fill your seats at the byelection.

9. NEW BUSINESS – INFORMATIONAL

a) Bursary

Faye Sun: I'd like to propose that the bursaries be distributed in the Winter, as is precedent.

10. QUESTION PERIOD & BUSINESS ARISING

11. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Camina Harrison-Chery: Part of the shuffle, it's an annual walkathon we do to raise money. This year we are working with CU at the top, Manon Tremblay from the Indigenous Directions Office and the Fine Arts Department. We are also looking for volunteers for our Mural Event happening next Monday to Thursday happening on both campuses.

S Shivaane: So we all should know, we have an anti-oppression training on the 27th. The trainer will be adapting and shaping that content around what we already know so please fill out the form ASAP. Thanks!

12. ADJOURNMENT

Hannah Jamet-Lange moves to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by **Eduardo Malorni**. Motion carries.

Meeting adjourned at 8:14 PM.