



Concordia Student Union - Council of Representatives
CSU Special Council Meeting
Monday, May 30, 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: Faye Sun (Sustainability Coordinator), Camina Harrison-Chéry (External Affairs & Mobilization Coordinator), Eduardo Malorni (General Coordinator), Hannah Jamet-Lange (Academic & Advocacy Coordinator), Aria Khaksar (Finance Coordinator)

Councilors present for the meeting were: Lily Charette (Arts & Science), Hassan Nabeel (Gina Cody School of Engineering), Alina Murad (Arts & Science), Caleb Woolcott (Arts & Science), Christopher Vaccarella (Arts & Science), Tzvi Hersh Filler (Independent), Edel Kilkenny-Mondoux (Arts & Science), Calvin Clarke (Arts & Science), Ikrame Housni (Arts & Science), Katherine Bellini (Gina Cody School of Engineering), Paula Colmenares (Independent), Howard Issley (Gina Cody School of Engineering), Jeremy Deneault (John Molson School of Business)

Councilors absent for the meeting were: Nathaniel Ouazana (Arts & Science), Shania Bramble (Arts & Science), Olivia Integlia (Arts & Science), Boutaina Chafi (Arts & Science), Lauren Perozek (John Molson School of Business), Emmanuel Gaisie (John Molson School of Business), Marissa Profetto (Gina Cody School of Engineering), Noah Mohamed (John Molson School of Business), Ariane Drouin (Gina Cody School of Engineering), Wan Hua Li (Fine Arts), Samuel Thibodeau (Fine Arts), Brandon Grimaldi (Arts & Science)

Executives absent for the meeting were: Malcolm Asselin (Student Life Coordinator), Harrison Kirshner (Internal Affairs Coordinator), S Shivaane (Loyola Coordinator)

3. POLICIES

a) CSU BYLAWS

Hannah Jamet-Lange presents the following motion. Seconded by **Caleb Woolcott**. Objected by **Tzvi Hersh Filler**. Motion passes.

WHEREAS Policy Committee approved the Amendments to the CSU Bylaws on May 19th, 2022;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the amendments to the bylaws be sent to referendum at the CSU By-Elections 2022, or earlier should a Special Election be held prior to the CSU By-Elections 2022.

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

VOTE:

10 YES

2 NO

Tzvi Hersh Filler votes no

Hannah Jamet Lange: A lot of the bylaws are format changes, we have reformatted the bylaws so that they follow our policies on policy development. We've done logistical changes where the numbering was off in the old bylaws. The content changes are in 3.1 where we changed it to make it clearer on who was considered a member so students can't run for CSU and GSA at the same time, we clarified the definition of associate member. We are preventing any conflict of interests and giving more clarification on some definitions. In section 5 about annual general meetings, I changed the order of the numbering so that it makes more sense. In section 6, we clarified the section on terms of office and how long that lasts, because before it only said a year. We changed it in that same section on the council so two executives could also call an SCM. In section 7 we changed the numbering to make it make more sense. In section 8, it said that JB members are appointed for as long as they're a member, but now they're appointed for 2 years or

resignation. On removal from office, we made it more uniform and replaced mentions of President with Executive Coordinator. In special bylaw i on student fees, it's now updated to reflect our current fee levies.

Tzvi Hersh Filler: The fact that we don't know what the changes are is troubling. It's a 19-page document the changes aren't highlighted and it makes it impossible where the changes are unless you read through all of them. Changes in section 9 are strange. There's a line for consent training but that probably isn't the right place to put it. Section 3.4 specifies that a member of an undergrad and graduate program cannot vote, even if they pay CSU fees, and is generally not fit to be in the bylaws. In the minutes of the meeting, most changes by Hannah mentioned that most edits are small, but removing paying members' paying rights is not a small edit. We were not told what the changes are

Katherine Bellini: This is shared with every student and accessible. I was present for the changes, and most of the changes were formatting and small edits. She just repeated all of the changes she made. Unless there's something specific you oppose, these were done very transparently

Hannah Jamet-Lange: You mentioned that if somebody is enrolled in both undergrad and grad courses they won't be able to vote but that's not what it says. I understand that the changes aren't highlighted and I apologize for it, I'll pass that on to Asli and ask that they do that in the future. The documents are on the website and that's why we have the meetings where I can explain the changes.

Tzvi Hersh Filler: The fact that bylaws were violated in the past does not mean they should continue to be. I went through the document and highlighted the changes I noticed. The placement of the last line in Section 9.7.4.1 doesn't make sense, and the fact that changes weren't highlighted is a legal issue. In 3.4, it implies that an independent student would be charged CSU fees and is now being denied the vote to run or hold an elected office. We fail to abide by the proper procedure for this.

Eduardo Malorni calls the question. Seconded by **Hassan Nabeel**. Motion passes unanimously.

b) Policy on Clubs

Hannah Jamet-Lange presents the following motion. Seconded by **Christopher Vaccarella**. Objected by **Tzvi Hersh Filler**. Motion passes.

WHEREAS Policy Committee approved the revised Policy on Clubs on May 19th, 2022;
BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Policy on Clubs be approved.

BE IT RESOLVED FURTHER THAT the former Policy on Clubs be rescinded at the time this new policy is put in place.

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

VOTE:

10 YES

1 NO

Hannah Jamet-Lange: For this policy, I didn't initiate these changes, they were initiated by Harrison, Christiane, and Fawaz. Since he's more familiar with the policy on clubs. In this policy, we organized a few things, added things in section 4 about funding and how the funding allocation works, and how funding can be used. Under the section on office space, we added something about clubs who fail to register for two academic years will forfeit their office space and be reassigned to another club. Harrison and Sandra worked and added another section on DEI practices, procedures and processes if there are conflicts that arise. It makes more sense for the DEI coordinator to mediate these issues, rather than the Internal Coordinator.

Tzvi Hersh Filler: This policy also does not highlight the changes, and the changes that I've noticed there seems to be a strange law in the budget appeals process that members of the committee should abstain from voting on the appeal. The wording "should" makes it ambiguous

Hannah Jamet-Lange: This isn't a new section, it's in the current one. We can't strip people of their voting rights if they are members of the council, that's why it says should and not must. It's a recommendation.

Tzvi Hersh Filler: Which section in the current policy deals with that?

Hannah Jamet-Lange: 4.4.7.1

c) Finance and Operations Policy

Hannah Jamet-Lange presents the following motion. Seconded by **Hassan Nabeel**. Objected by **Tzvi Hersh Filler** Motion passes.

WHEREAS Policy Committee approved the Finance and Operations Policy on May 19th, 2022;
BE IT RESOLVED THAT the revised version of the Finance and Operations Policy be approved.
BE IT RESOLVED FURTHER THAT the old version of the Finance and Operations Policy be rescinded;

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

VOTE

10 YES

1 NO

Hannah Jamet-Lange: Aria and I made sure that all of our current financial procedures are still correct. The major change is in section 14 which clarifies bonus allocations. We found issues with the previous procedure so we added a section on the fact that the council should be guided by questions when deciding bonuses. We added in section 6.2 that every cheque must be accompanied by an invoice or receipt. In section 8.4.1, we clarified what public transportation per diem we use. In 14.1.1, it still listed the number from 2019 so we updated it to what we're currently being paid.

Tzvi Hersh Filler: This violates the bylaw that these changes should be highlighted. The criteria for bonuses have been brought before the council and struck down on three separate occasions.

Tzvi Hersh Filler motions to enter closed sessions. Seconded by **Eduardo Malorni**. Motion passes unanimously.

Tzvi Hersh Filler motions to enter open sessions. Seconded by **Eduardo Malorni**. Motion passes unanimously.

4. STUDENT HEALTHCARE PLAN

Christopher Vaccarella motions to enter closed sessions. Seconded. Motion passes unanimously.

Christopher Vaccarella presents the following motion. Seconded by **Tzvi Hersh Filler**. Motion passes unanimously.

WHEREAS the best available option for domestic student healthcare plans was with StudentCare
BE IT RESOLVED that the CSU signs a two-year extension contract with StudentCare at the \$170.30 rate

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

Christopher Vaccarella motions to enter open sessions. Seconded. Motion passes unanimously.

Tzvi Hersh Filler motions to ratify the minutes of closed sessions. Seconded. Motion passes unanimously.

4. ADJOURNMENT

Tzvi Hersh Filler moves to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by **Hassan Nabeel**. Motion carries.

Meeting adjourned at 7:43 PM.