



Concordia Student Union - Council Of Representatives

CSU Regular Council Meeting

Wednesday, November 22, 2023

H-711 OR via Zoom, 18h30

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chairperson calls 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

Chairperson: Michelle Lam

Council Minute Keeper: Kyla Renee Jallow

Executives present for the meeting were: Harley Martin (General Coordinator), Alexandrah Cardona (Academic & Advocacy Coordinator), Tanou Bah (Student Life Coordinator), Hannah Jackson (External Affairs & Mobilization Coordinator), Talya Diner (Loyola Coordinator), Kareem Rahaman (Finance Coordinator), Christian Taboada (Internal Affairs Coordinator), Maria Chitoroaga (Sustainability Coordinator)

Councillors present for this meeting were: Adam Mills (Arts & Science), Sona T Sadio (Arts & Science), Riley Cooke (Arts & Science), Moad Alhjooj (Arts & Science), Kareem Abdeen (Independent), Salma Bannani Khir (Arts & Science) Noor Al Afranji (Arts & Science), Zina Chouaibi (Arts & Science), Giancarlo Laurieri (Arts & Science) , Ken.dra Downe (Arts & Science), Dave Plant (Arts & Science), Guillermo Sebastian Anderson-Diaz (Arts & Science) , Chana Leah Natanblut (Arts & Science), Salma Hashem (Arts & Science), Carleen Loney (Fine Arts), Isabella Providenti (Fine Arts), Gabriel Makinde (Fine Arts), Diana Levitin (JMSB) , Salma Abuaysheh (JMSB), Abdullah Al-Kabra (JMSB), Omar

Hassanein (Gina Cody), Rohan Kumar (Gina Cody), Nizar Sukah (Gina Cody), Baskaran Abishana (Independent), Michael Lecchino (JMSB)

Executives absent for this meeting were: N/A

Councillors absent for this meeting were: Yanira Margarita Coulson (Arts & Science), Haru Noda (John Molson School of Business), Nassim Boutalbi (JMSB)

3. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Harley Martin motions to approve the agenda

Seconded by Tanou Bah

Motion passes

4. CONSENT AGENDA

a) Approval of Previous Minutes

b) Ratification of Committee Reports

Harley Martin motions to approve items under Consent Agenda

Seconded by Tanou Bah

Motion passes

5. PRESENTATIONS AND GUEST SPEAKERS

a) CEO By-elections Report

Ikjot Singh: Good evening, I am here tonight to present my report for the by-elections.

We had a lot of open seats for this by-election. With 22 open seats. We had 8 open seats of ASFA. We had 3 for fine arts, 3 for JMSB, 6 for Gina Cody and 2 for Independent.

We had 30 candidates total. So we were able to fill ASFA, fill JMSB, fill Fine Arts, we got three out of six for Gina Cody and we got one out of two for independent. We were able to increase turn out by 5%.

Final Results:

ASFA: I think we had 19 candidates. So out of them the first eight obviously were elected. F

Fine Arts: For Fine Arts we had four, three of them were elected.

JMSB: We had three open seats as I said. So we got the first three people here.

Gina Cody: For Gina Cody, everyone was elected since there were 3 out of 6 candidates.

Independent: Since we had two open seats, we had one candidate, so they were elected.

Referendum Questions:

We had five referendum questions on the ballot this year. All five of them were fee levies. We had the CSU club's department fee levy, HOJO fee levy, Sustainable Concordia, the Link newspaper and the Concordia Global Affairs Association. All five fee levies were rejected.

Complaints or contestations:

No complains filed during or after the by-elections.

Financial report:

I should just mention that it's not the final amount because we're still doing calculations for example, the expenditure forms, we are still incurring some expenses. However, it's not going to increase much more than this amount. So this is kind of a figure until now obviously we can't predict how much it's going to be, but I would say would stay around that.

First, we have the salaries for the Election Commission. So for those who don't know, the Election Commission is it's me and our 2 DEO's. As you can see was \$4596. For our promotion expenses, it was \$100. For the info sessions and the debate, it was \$1251.79. We had CUTV livestream the event and the CUTV team got an honorarium, for their work and equipment that was rented from the university. The polling stations costs a total of \$2,899.20. This includes polling clerk salaries, free beverages, and merch (hats, bags, etc).

The expenses in total came up to \$8,766.99 and the budget was adequate. I believe the total budget per year is \$30,000. You could expect about the same amount of money for the general election, maybe more because in the general election, we have one more debate and we have more offices.

A list of recommendations:

Increase awareness surrounding the elections as well as the CSU and its services:

- More tabling and posters

We are in a much better place than last year in terms of awareness. The team has worked hard to increase awareness. We did a great job with orientation, that helped bring awareness to the CSU. The number of candidates and votes shows how far we have come. Every semester we increase the number of candidates. This election is one of the highest turnouts we have had in a very long time.

Create a guide for the Election Commission. No one has documentation to look at how previous election officers set up elections and the online voting software. We will be working on a guide in the upcoming weeks so that no knowledge is lost, and future CEOs know what to do.

Expand the use of CSU websites. By adding voting instruction page, current and previous results, various offices available in the CSU. A year ago the online voting software was not used much. It would be nice for students to know exactly how to vote beforehand. A student wanted to do a project for voter turnout from the 1990s but could not find that information readily available. Before 2019, votes were by paper. It would be great to have that digitalised. It would be great for the elections website to expand on what the roles are and what we do.

Improve polling stations. Get distinct tablecloths, banners and clothing. We brought back the polling stations last semester. It was kind of hard to figure out what locations to use and how to train the training clerks. It would be great for the polling stations to be more recognizable.

I would like to thank everyone for their help. So thank you very much, Charlie, Abby for our social media team, Moad for our website. Thank you, Emma, Harley, the DEOs, the people at the polling stations and the CSU.

Chairperson: Thank you for your presentation. I will open the floor to any questions.

Riley Cooke: Thank you for all your hard work. I want to say Congrats on a good election because I also remember last year how when you were just starting up, it was not the greatest election. You were very determined to make this one a better one. Do you have a total number of the amount of people who voted. You did say 14 %, but I was curious about the exact number?

Ikjot Singh: 4,579 people voted this semester

Guillermo Sebastian Anderson-Diaz: Do you know the specific number of voters from the different campuses?

Ikjot Singh: the voting is done on an online platform, so we don't know people's exact location.

Guillermo Sebastian Anderson-Diaz: Do you know how much of the budget was used for the different polling stations?

Ikjot Singh: We were given out the same amount for every location. The Hall building was the busiest but we were given the same about for every polling station.

Adam Mills: Thanks Ikjot for your hard work. Welcome to all our new councillors.

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Christian Taboada: Are you going to be collaborating with the other CEOs and DEOs of ASFA

Ikjot Singh: So the goal is just to sit down with and go over all the steps that I normally must do. But as you pointed out different associations, sometimes have different ways of doing things. I can tell you that Fine Arts, Gina Cody and JMSB, do things the exact same as we do but ASFA slightly different. As I mentioned before, all of last week I was helping ASFA set up their voting platform.

Council Room: Is it possible going forward even in this report sort of breakdown the salary into hours and how much is allocated for that.

Ikjot: We are still incurring expenses. But going forward, we will put this into the report. This is a great idea to include a more detailed breakdown for transparency reasons.

Harley Martin: I think as a suggestion on the website, we can add a map of polling stations and standardized placement. So that way at least every year it's the same.

Harley motions to approve report

Seconded by Riley Cooke

Motion passes

b) Audit for 2023-24

Kareem Rahaman: This was the audit from last year, 2022-2023. The CSU must approve this audit which is the reason for this presentation. The way these audits are done, any money that comes into the CSU's account and leaves the CSU's account is what is audited for. So in reality the numbers that are accounted for in the audit for revenues, you can see student membership fees that goes to into operations, student space, as well health and dental, we take care of it, but that's not necessarily included in our operational budget, neither is liquid capital. So the real number, this is \$482,000 in a surplus and not a loss of 124,000. The loss is simply because like I said, the auditors accounted for all these things. We got some insights from the audit that I share with you guys to sort of bring you up to speed on where the student union stands in terms of its financial position. Right now we have assets amounting to about \$14,575,577. It's a little decreased from the \$14,901,000 in 2020. In terms of where our assets are held, we have obviously cash. We have the SSAELC Fund, which is the student space, accessible education and legal contingency fund. We have a general fund and we also bought a building on Bishop. So that would contribute to our assets, not necessarily meaning we have that money to spend. In terms of where the money comes from for the student union, it's pretty much almost all student membership fees. In terms of our expenses, we have administrative expenses which would be our salaries pretty much anything operational as well as her financial expenses which would be our loans, cash flow, mortgage, things like that. In 2022, we held \$506,969 in cash. We had \$1,470,605 in cash. So pretty big bump there in cash. We currently have assets with the book value of \$7,463,890.00 that would be on a building as well as our investment in the solidarity bookstore among various investments we have. In terms of a little more insight as to where we stand and in the events of some situations. Our current ratio is 3.76. This simply means that to pay off our short term obligations we have enough current assets to do so. A current ratio of 3.76 simply means that for every dollar of a liability we have, we have 3.76 dollars an asset to cover it. So we're more or less covered in the event that something happened. I'll return on assets which simply evaluates how much revenue our assets generated for us is -4.43%. This pretty much means that our attempt to generate a negative pattern which you can fairly expect considering our largest asset would be the building which would recently purchased and a lot of money is going into renovating it back to making it a student space. So that would not necessarily be generating any income for the foreseeable future for the next couple of years. As well as we're going to have a mortgage. But again, keep in mind, we are a nonprofit, so the goal is not to make money, but rather to just do the things that we're directed to by the student body. Just to give you a quick rundown of all these financial statements, here we have a statement of operations which would be this one. A nice way to think about this is like a profit and loss statement, but instead of profits and losses, revenue say something. Expenses slightly increased from \$8.2 million in 2022 to \$8.3 million in 2023. The beginning balance in 2023 was \$13.7 million, ending balance 2023 was 13.6 million. So drop a as per our balance sheets which simply shows that our assets liabilities as well as equity, we have shares or anything like that to be sold. So there's no real equity here, but an asset. In terms of assets, we had a slight decrease from \$14.9 million in 2022 to \$14.57 million in 2023. Identical assets include cash, restricted cash and major asset investments rather in capital and other uncountable

assets. Liabilities however reduced from \$1.12 million in 2022 to \$921,000 and 2020. As you can imagine this simply just tells us where the money was coming from and where the money was spent. Statements of cash flows are typically broken down into three different activities, operating activities, which would simply just be how the money spent on a daily basis, investing activities which is simply portfolio management and financing activities which would be funding loans.

As for the insights on this statement, we had a deficiency of \$1.06 million in revenues over expenses in 2022. In 2023, we started offset, but it's only \$124,109. In terms of investing activities that we simply purchase capital that will be the relay and the cash investments that are associated with that. Honestly, there's more in here if you want to go in depth, but realistically it's not exactly the most interesting thing to do. Like if you want to know what depreciation methods we use at CSU, you can ask about that, but I'm not quite sure how that would help. I'd be happy to explain if you want me to explain it.

Chairperson: Thank you so much for walking us through that, Kareem. I'll open the floor for any questions. As a reminder, just raise your hands if you're online or in person and we'll try to keep track of these speakers list.

Adam Mills: Are there any areas of concern for you that you've notified and is there anything that the rest of the team can support around any of these areas of concern or that we need to problem solve around the concern?

Now it's something to worry about simply because one, we own a building and we're going to have expenses related to that building. We're going to be financed on that building based on the money we have based on our future cash flows. If we quit whatever future cash flows on and so obviously the banks are basing it off that knowledge. So if those revenues decline for some reason, we could be in some serious trouble. Now, short term we are okay. Long term it may present issue simply because of what's going on with the government right now and the tuition hikes. I think it's 90% of out of province students revenue in Concordia . I think that number is something like \$32 million or something and a loss they're looking at. It would also mean the CSU would lose a considerable amount of money because the students need less fees. Less fees does not just mean less money for the CSU, it means that services that students use every day are going to suffer the CSU by itself. We have different departments. They would all suffer all the funding programs that we have available. Food clubs and students would also dry up.

And if we were even to say, oh, let's try to get a loan for this, because maybe in 3-4 years there might be a new government and maybe they'll fix this and refuse to return to normal we can. Simply because cash would be so bad that no one would want to give us a loan. Which is why we need to look into creating alternative revenue streams. What that could look like is that very hard to say honestly. However, we have a considerable amount of money to use.

So it's something I'm looking into it's something Robert is looking into and I'd be very happy if you guys show interest in that too. I wouldn't mind a formula working group on that. Currently what we're doing is we have the CSU newsletter we've been starting to monetize

that right now. So I've been working with a team to source it. We estimate by the end of the year we could make \$60,000 off the newsletter which is like a drop in the ocean concerning the CSU budget. But to start, if we do multiple small things like that, pretty soon they're going to add up. And so if you have any ideas on what we can do, please feel free to share.

Harley Martin motions to approve financial audit

Seconded by Hannah Jackson

6. APPOINTMENTS

Hannah Jackson: I know Adam said earlier in this meeting that he might be interested in resigning some from some committees, because I know that earlier councillors were heavily in a lot of committees. I'm just wondering if it might make more sense for people to make any resignations before so that we can start.

Adam Mills: I would like to resign from Clubs & Spaces Committee and the Fee Levy Review Committee.

a) Appointments Committee (1)

Harley Martin: We do not need anyone for appointments, to be honest, but there's two appointments left to be made. But there is a seat if you want to join the committee as to receive applications for all students at large to the CSU committees,

Chana Leah Natanblut nominates herself

Motivation: One of the main reasons I want to join this committee is because the Appointments Committee chooses who is on the judicial board. And I really think that it's important that people are chosen that can really make unbiased decisions or to the best of their abilities and that everybody feels represented on the board. I just want to be able to represent different minorities. I really want to be there for the people, and I want to listen to people's concerns.

Moad Alhjoog nominates herself

Motivation: I have been a councillor for a while and I have always been intrigued by the appointment committee with Harley and I just feel like as a person of colour, as an immigrant I always feel like we need more spaces to be represented in university. Not many people discuss international student issues on campus, and I feel like that should be discussed in the judicial board.

Seconded by Hannah Jackson

Chairperson: Congratulations Moad, you have been appointed to the Appointments Committee

a) BIPOC Committee (3)

Tanou Bah: If you identify as Balck, Indigenous or a person of colour, feel free to join this committee. We do funding for like BIPOC individuals on campus, we fund projects. It is great that had a committee dedicated to BIPOC students.

Salma Abuaysheh nominates herself

Motivation: I feel like it's a good way to learn about other cultures.

Abdullah Al-Kabra nominates himself

Motivation: As an Arab I feel that it is important that the concerns of minorities are taken seriously. I want to get involved in making sure all voices are heard and the interests of all students are taken into account.

Gabriel Makinde nominates himself

Motivation: I have been involved ever since I was 15 as a cadet trying to find some organization in these mostly white spaces I've been attending. I think it's very important for people within the BIPOC community to help each other out.

Salma Hashem nominates herself

Motivation: I also believe that through this community committee we can achieve equity and equality on campus

Seconded by Hannah Jackson

Chairperson entertains a secret vote

Chairperson: Congratulations Gabriel Makinde, Salma Hashem, and Abdullah Al-Kabra , all three of you have been appointed to BIPOC committee.

b) Clubs & Spaces Committee (2)

Harley Martin: This is an important committee. You review all things to do with clubs. Budget proposals, approval of new clubs, etc. If any clubs have applied and have their documents in order they come to this committee. This committee meets quite often as there are many clubs. There are two spaces available.

Baskaran Abishana nominates himself

Motivation: I'm a very enthusiastic person. I really love working as a team. So, I feel like growing up I was always involved in clubs, whether it was during my first undergrad or my second undergrad. I always loved interacting with people from different clubs. And I really did see during orientation week that there was a lot of clubs that were really welcoming and encouraging. I really do want to do something back for them, even if it's just to support or just listen to like what the clubs have to say.

Zina Chouaibi nominates herself

Motivation: To be honest, I was really excited to be a councillor. I really like the idea of the clubs themselves. I like meeting people and helping them. I really want to bring a fresh perspective on it and help people set up new clubs and whatnot.

Noor Al Afranji nominates herself

Motivation: I am a political science student with friends sfriends in different types of clubs and I know that most of the clubs are made-up of students who are passionate about a message. Having a platform and contributing to that for me is something that would make me happy and something that I would love to be a part of.

Guillermo Sebastian Anderson-Diaz nominates himself

Motivation: I'm in my 4th year now. I can honestly say in the last three years, clubs have defined my experience here at Concordia. I'm a part of many of them and I've previously held executive and board positions and countless other student fee levy organizations or clubs. I have seen first-hand what they can do for me as a student as well as an executive. I am excited to have the opportunity to join this community so that I can kind of bridge the gap between CSU and these clubs that are so important in making students feel at home on campus and enjoy their time at university.

Salma Abuaysheh nominates herself

Motivation: I want to run because I want to learn more about student life here at Concordia . It's my first year, so I feel like I could learn a lot in this committee.

Diana Levitin nominates herself

Motivation: I would love to join the clubs committee. I'm part of a ASFA club and JMSB club , so I know how it goes and I'd love to contribute to the clubs that are under the CSU.

Nizar Sukah nominates herself

Motivation: This my second semester and I really enjoy getting to know more people and contribute in any way that I can.

Seconded by Harley Martin

Chairperson: There are 12 committees that we are appointing for tonight. So do not worry if you don't get elected for this one, there are 11 more. I would like to entertain a secret vote. Please message me with two of the coucillors you would like to appoint.

Congratulations to Salma Abuaysheh and Zina Chouaibi, they have been appointed to Clubs and Spaces Committee

c) External Committee (1)

Hannah Jackson: We work on the External Committee Fund, which is for groups that are sometimes Concordia affiliated, but often groups and community. Groups that do anything that's in line with the CSU mandate. So we help a lot of people, people we help a lot of grassroots organizations

Ken.dra Downe nominates herself

Motivation: I think there's a lot of really cool organizing happening in Montreal and I'd like to help the CSU support this. I have a lot of connections in the organizing community around Montreal. I have connections with organizers in the trans community, I have connections with organizers who are working on decolonial solidarity with indigenous people, and I also work as a program coordinator. So through my work there, I've gotten to know a lot of the

different organizations around Concordia and Montreal. So I think I'm a well-connected person for this position.

Abdullah Al-Kabra nominates himself

Motivation: I have some experience in event planning and I think this is a very good way to get even more real life experience in event planning for my future job.

Dave Plant nominates himself

Motivation: I have experience with the community volunteering, including in political parties, First Nations support, and my local community. I feel like this role is going to be important in the upcoming tuition rallies and strikes and organizing with different unions around the city. I would love to work with Hannah who is very organised and professional

Seconded by Hannah Jackson

Chairperson: Abdullah Al-Kabra has been appointed to the External Committee

d) Fee Levy Review Committee (1)

Kareem Rahaman: This committee reviews all the fee levies. We review and approve club's audits and their policies. There is a lot of document reading that's goes on in this committee since we have to approve and review things.

Omar Hassanein nominates himself

Motivation: I am a computer engineering student I always see the fee levies on the CSU voting site. I am interested on being on this committee, sharing my opinions and helping Kareem with this committee.

Giancarlo Laurieri nominates himself

Motivation: I would like to be on this committee because I'm political science student. I am efficient and organized in my work. Also, I think the fee levies are very abstract. It could use a lot of clarification and simplicity and standardization, so I'd like to lend my hand.

Guillermo Sebastian Anderson-Diaz nominates himself

Motivation: I really understand the importance of the levies. That allows student groups to have opportunities on campus. I really want to get involved so that I can make the levies more accessible to groups and we can maybe see in the future having some paths through elections and stuff. Like I personally feel very connected to this issue as my fee levy also failed.

Seconded by Kareem Rahaman

Chairperson: Congratulations **Omar Hassanein and Guillermo Sebastian Anderson-Diaz** you have been appointed to the Fee Levy Review Committee

e) Finance Committee (2)

Kareem Rahaman: All the larger objects come to the finance committee before it comes to council. So anything that's going to cost us more than \$10,000 goes to the committee.

Baskaran Abishana nominates himself

Motivation: I would like to join this committee to learn more about financial literacy and strategic decision making. I do have some experience in finance. I have been VP Finance and Treasurer for organisations in my previous schools. I want to learn more about like Concordia's Finance Committee.

Carleen Loney nominates herself

Motivation: I have handled the finances of different organisations that I have been a part of. I feel like as a Fine Arts student, I'm more aware of the financial struggles of other Fine Arts students. There's a higher degree of like food insecurity within our program, within our faculty. And I feel like I'll keep this in mind as I would act as a Finance Committee member.

Omar Hassanein nominates himself

Motivation: I have taken two economic courses and would love to apply them to this committee. I also would like to gain some experience in working in the finances of an organisation like this.

Nizar Sukah nominates himself

Motivation: Finance is a huge part of the CSU, so being in such an important committee would mean a lot to me. I would like to be a part of the team that distributed funds and manages budgets. I am always on campus and readily available for urgent meetings.

Giancarlo Laurieri nominates himself

Motivation: I am the secretary for an association. We have to deal with the projects of our own. So I understand the nuances and dealing with financial transactions especially when people come with an idea for projects. I have the experience and patience to be on this committee. I'll be really happy to help out.

Congratulations Nizar Sukah and Omar Hassanein you have been nominated to the Finance Committee

f) Loyola Committee (2)

Talya Diner: We deal with all things pertaining to the Loyola campus. Increasing the CSU presence on the campus.

Giancarlo Laurieri nominates himself

Chairperson: Congratulations Giancarlo you have been nominated to the Loyola Committee

g) Mental Health Committee (3)

Alexandra Cardona: This committee mainly has students at large now. So we would very much welcome some new councillors on board. The first meeting of the year should be this

coming Friday and there's several potential service providers for mental health that we'd like to review.

Baskaran Abishana nominates himself

Carleen Loney nominates herself

Seconded by Adam Mills

Chairperson: IS there anyone else that would like to nominate themselves for Mental Health Committee? If not, there are three open seats.

Chana Leah Natanblut nominates herself

Chairperson: Congratulations Chana Leah Natanblut, Baskaran Abishana and Carleen Loney have been automatically appointed.

h) Policy Committee (1)

Alexandrah Cardona: The first meeting should be this coming Monday, and there will be a subsequent meeting in the next couple of weeks or so pending, but like votes from the members. Basically we're looking for one councillor to join us and what you can look forward to here is reviewing a list of policies.

Chana Leah Natanblut nominates herself

Motivation: I have taken a lot of social policy classes and I have worked within the special needs community for around 9 years now. I just want to make sure that all policies are inclusive to every single minority group and that everybody feels represented and heard. And I just feel that it's so important, especially with the amount of diversity that we have in Concordia.

Noor Al Afranji nominates herself

Motivation: I'm a political science student. I'm really passionate about policy. I want to go into policy analysis. And essentially what that is, is they collect data and analysis and they presented to policymakers and show how they impact the community and the environment. Policy is essentially the blueprint of the world we live in and it affects every single part of our lives, whether it's education, healthcare, the environment. And it can either impact it negatively or positively. And I think that having the right people in these platforms is important.

Guillermo Sebastian Anderson-Diaz nominates himself

Motivation: I have spent the last two years of my time here in involved in Model United Nations. I've been able to travel and write policy for hypothetical international issues or historical international issues. Now I want to make sure the policy on campus is representative of all communities. I'm very passionate about policy and I hope you vote for me because I really want to be on this committee.

Diana Levitin nominates herself

Motivation: I'd be very interested to join and learn more how it works and of course make sure that all the policies are reinforced and as many have mentioned inclusive.

Seconded by Harley Martin

Chairperson: Congratulations Noor Al Afranji have been appointed to the Policy Committee

i) Student Life Committee (2)

Tanou Bah: What we do is give special project funding for students. We also plan events throughout the year to just help keep the students engaged and entertained.

Omar Hassanein nominates himself

Motivation: As an engineer student, I feel like engineers don't have a student life. So as an engineer student, I would like to work in this committee, maybe make engineers happier.

Giancarlo Laurieri nominates himself

Motivation: I am charismatic and will love to be a part of this committee to make sure student life and engagement is lively throughout the year.

Gabriel Makinde nominates himself

Motivation: I have experience planning student life. I have experience planning out events not only in the school setting but outside too. So I've been very hands on in planning events. I think it would be nice to have somebody motivated and active in this committee.

Salma Abuaysheh nominates herself

Motivation : I believe the student life is boring and if you vote for me, I will make it fun.

Seconded by Tanou Bah

Chairperson entertains a secret vote

Omar Hassanein and Gabriel Makinde have been appointed to the student life committee

j) Sustainability Committee (3)

Hannah Jackson: I chair the sustainability committee and the main responsibilities of the committee are handing out bursaries. We hand out 36 bursaries every year. There are 10 awards and I also handle sustainability project funding, so I need councillors to join the committee and vote on applications and look through all of that. So, if helping students is something that interests you, then you should join. It's a fun time. The meetings are on a regular basis, maybe biweekly.

Omar Hassanein nominates himself

Motivation: . So as you can see outside, there's no snow, but usually there's snow at this time. So I think climate change is real and we need to work hard in this committee to make a green earth.

Ken.dra Downe nominates herself

Motivation: I'm a fourth year student in the Human Environment program and I'd really love to join this community to help support projects that have both the social and environmental

impacts in the community. I have the background to make informed decisions in this regard. I've done research on food sovereignty, coordinated programs around food sovereignty and public transit. And like I said, I'm well connected in the community.

Carleen Loney nominates herself

Motivation: I am also an Human Environment student. Sustainability and food safety is also super important to me. The grocery handouts intrigued me with this committee. That's what I've done in the past for a group I once worked with. That was important to me then and I would like to continue with that now.

Diana Levitin nominates herself

Motivation: Sustainability is very important to me and I would love to contribute to all the projects and ideas that students have in mind.

Chairperson entertains a secret vote

Chairperson: **Carleen Loney, Ken.dra Downe, and Omar Hassanein** have been appointed to the Sustainability Committee

k) Sustainability Action Fund (1)

Hannah Jackson: What the staff does is they gets applications every month from student groups, sometimes faculty, staff, admin with a variety of sustainability projects or initiatives that they have. And then we meet once a month, and we basically get a presentation of the applications that we have and we vote on them. Or if we want to amend the funding, we can also vote on that too.

Guillermo Sebastian Anderson-Diaz nominates himself

Motivation: There's no snow outside and there used to be snow during this time of year. I think sustainability is an incredibly important issue and we need to act on it and that's why I think that I am going to be a very action prone member of this committee. I would like to see a lot more action being taken by Concordia on the in the pursuit of sustainability.

Isabella Providenti nominates herself

Motivation: I don't think that there's any room for leniency on sustainability or the environmental crisis that we're in right now. I am a huge advocate for being radical about environmental issues and environmental solutions. So I think it's important that we're putting our money where our mouth is on that kind of stuff

Seconded by Hannah Jackson

Chairperson: Congratulations **Isabella Providenti** has been appointed to the Sustainability Action Fund Committee

8. NEW BUSINESS - SUBSTANTIVE

Talya Diner The mayor of NDG asked of the CSU would endorse the proposed bike path, which is super close to Loyola University. The mayor asked that the CSU write a statement I support of the bike path and I wanted to get that statement approved by council. We want to

support the bike path because of the safe route and the benefit it offers to students who are commuting from downtown campus to Loyola campus.

Taly Diner motions to approve endorsement of bike path

Seconded by Adam Mills

Motion passes unanimously

9. NEW BUSINESS – INFORMATIONAL

10. QUESTION PERIOD & BUSINESS ARISING

11. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Hannah Jackson: I just wanted to ask people that tomorrow there is an event that I really want people to come out to part of. We did a November speaker series that had a specific mandate of abolition and migrant labour justice. The event will be a launch of a book called *Solidarity Beyond Bars*, which is about the effort to create prison unions for prisoners inside Canadian prisons because people in prison are exploited badly in the work that they do. So, this exciting event is happening at Shift Concordia which is the library building at I want to say 7:00 PM

12. ADJOURNMENT

Tanou Bah motions to adjourn meeting at 21h16

Seconded by Harley Martin