

**Concordia Student Union- Council of Representatives
Special Council Meeting**

Wednesday October 29th, 2025

Zoom, 16h00

1. Call to Order

Meeting called to order at 16h06.

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 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. Ratification of the agenda

Lina Elbakaye (Councilor) motions to ratify the agenda. Norah Finlay (Councilor) seconds. Motion passes unanimously.

3. Returning business

- a. Motion to Reconsider art Matters' Fee levy increase application

Executives explain the rational to reconsider Art Matters' Fee levy increase application due to being provided new information by Art Matters.

Vanessa (General Coordinator) motions to reconsider Art matters' Fee levy increase application. Dave Plant (Councilor) seconds.

Art Matters representative explains the documents provided in the new information pertaining to the mission of Art Matters.

Councilors discuss merit of the new information and whether it is sufficient to reconsider.

Roll call vote:

Kinsey El Tanani: Absent

Lina Elbakaye: For

Dave Plant: For
Basma Khanti: Absent
Noah Hunt: For
Ashley Steinwald: Against
Gabriela Aragon: Absent
Ali Salman: Absent
Saraluz Barton Gomez: For
Maria Chitoroaga: Absent
Anastasia Zorchinsky: Against
Chana Lea Natanblut: Abstention
Salma Benani: Absent
Michael Lecchino: For
Liora Hechel: For
Sarah Wolman: Absent
Diana Levitin: Abstention
Emilie Alexandre: For
Marwan Shalby: For
Nathanael McCooeye: For
Jab Harb: Absent
Hani David Baydoun: For
Orly Wazana: Against
Nadeem El-Charabati: For
Coby Toledano: For
Norah Finlay: For
Sarah Aspler: Against
Alexandra Cardona: For
Lili Daviault Campbell: For

For: 14 Against: 5

Motion passes by majority.

Vanessa Massot (General Coordinator) motions to ratify the Art Matters fee-levy increase application. Lina Elbakaye (Councilor) seconds.

Art Matters representative presents case for Art Matters fee-levy increase to be brought to referendum.

Executives and members of community express that councilors voting against fee-levy increase questions going to referendum at the CSU by-

election would deny the student's democratic right to vote and remind councilors to make this decision on the basis of representing the student body and not personal beliefs.

Orly Wazana (Councilor) expresses concern with Art Matters supporting BDS. Art Matters representative clarifies that Art Matters is bound to BDS as an affiliate to FASA (Fine Arts Student Alliance) due to Fine Arts students voting for BDS at a FASA Special General Meeting.

Roll call vote:

Kinsey El Tanani: Absent

Lina Elbakaye: For

Dave Plant: For

Basma Khanti: Absent

Noah Hunt: For

Ashley Steinwald: Against

Gabriela Aragon: For

Ali Salman: For

Saraluz Barton Gomez: For

Maria Chitoroaga: Absent

Anastasia Zorchinsky: Against

Chana Leah Natanblut: Against

Salma Benani: For

Michael Lecchino: For

Liora Hechel: Against

Sarah Wolman: Against

Diana Levitin: Against

Emilie Alexandre: Against

Marwan Shalby: For

Nathanael McCooeye: Abstention

Jad Harb: Absent

Hani David Baydoun: Absent

Orly Wazana: Against

Nadeem El-Charabati: For

Coby Toledano: Against

Norah Finlay: For

Sarah Aspler: Against

Alexandrah Cardona: For

Lili Daviault Campbell: For

For: 13 Against: 10

Motion fails.

- b. Fee-Levy Increase Applications
 - i. Concordia Recreation & Athletics

Dave motions to ratify the Concordia fee-levy increase application. Lina Elbakaye seconds.

1. Brief Presentation

Concordia Recreation & Athletics representative presents case for fee levy increase.

Nathanael McCooeye (Councilor) expresses concern regarding students' inability to opt out of Concordia Recreation & Athletics fee-levy.

2. Ratification

Roll call vote:

Kinsey El Tanani: Absent

Lina Elbakaye: For

Dave Plant: For

Basma Khanti: Absent

Noah Hunt: For

Ashley Steinwald: For

Gabriela Aragon: Abstention

Ali Salman: For

Saraluz Barton Gomez: For

Maria Chitoroaga: Absent

Anastasia Zorchinsky: For

Chana Leah Natanblut: For

Salma Benani: Abstention

Michael Lecchino: For

Liora Hechel: For

Sarah Wolman: For

Diana Levitin: For

Emilie Alexandre: For

Marwan Shalby: For

Nathanael McCooeye: For

Jad Harb: Absent

Hani David Baydoun: For
Orly Wazana: For
Nadeem El-Charabati: For
Coby Toledano: For
Norah Finlay: For
Sarah Aspler: For
Alexandrah Cardona: For
Lili Daviault Campbell: Abstention

Motion passes unanimously.

ii. Concordia Food Coalition

Dave Plant (Councilor) motions to ratify the Concordia Food Coalition fee-levy increase application. Vanessa Massot (General Coordinator) seconds.

1. Brief Presentation

Concordia Food Coalition representative presents case for fee-levy increase.

Concordia Food Coalition representative clarifies to councilors that no one is discriminated in food distribution, and that the Concordia Food Coalition prioritizes Halal, Kosher and vegan food.

Vanessa Massot (General Coordinator) asks that fee-levy groups only be questioned by councilors on the documents that were presented in their fee-levy increase packages that were submitted to the Concordia Student Union, and not political affiliation.

Councilors deliberate on whether or not discussion should be limited to the documents in the fee-levy increase packages.

2. Ratification

Roll call vote:
Kinsey El Tanani: Absent
Lina Elbakaye: For
Dave Plant: For
Basma Khanti: Absent

Noah Hunt: For
Ashley Steinwald: For
Gabriela Aragon: For
Ali Salman: Absent
Saraluz Barton Gomez: For
Maria Chitoroaga: Absent
Anastasia Zorchinsky: For
Chana Leah Natanblut: For
Salma Benani: Absent
Michael Lecchino: For
Liora Hechel: For
Sarah Wolman: For
Diana Levitin: For
Emilie Alexandre: For
Marwan Shalby: For
Nathanael McCooeye: For
Jad Harb: Absent
Hani David Baydoun: Abstention
Orly Wazana: For
Nadeem El-Charabati: Abstention
Coby Toledano: For
Norah Finlay: For
Sarah Aspler: For
Alexandrah Cardona: For
Lili Daviault Campbell: Absent

Motion passes unanimously.

iii. Queer Concordia

Dave Plant (Councilor) motions to ratify the Queer Concordia fee-levy increase application. Vanessa Massot (General Coordinator) seconds.

1. Brief Presentation

Queer Concordia representative presents case for fee-levy increase.

Chairperson clarifies that discussion will be limited only to questions pertaining the documents in the fee-levy application.

Councilors question Queer Concordia representative on how the money from the fee-levy increase would be used.

2. Ratification

Roll call vote:

Kinsey El Tanani: Absent

Lina Elbakaye: For

Dave Plant: For

Basma Khanti: Absent

Noah Hunt: For

Ashley Steinwald: Abstention

Gabriela Aragon: For

Ali Salman: Absent

Saraluz Barton Gomez: For

Maria Chitoroaga: Absent

Anastasia Zorchinsky: For

Chana Leah Natanblut: Abstention

Salma Benani: Absent

Michael Lecchino: For

Liora Hechel: For

Sarah Wolman: For

Diana Levitin: Abstention

Emilie Alexandre: For

Marwan Shalby: For

Nathanael McCooeye: Abstention

Jad Harb: Absent

Hani David Baydoun: For

Orly Wazana: For

Nadeem El-Charabati: For

Coby Toledano: For

Norah Finlay: For

Sarah Aspler: For

Alexandrah Cardona: For

Lili Daviault Campbell: Absent

Motion passes unanimously.

iv. Legal Information Clinic

Dave Plant (Councilor) motions to ratify the Legal Information Clinic fee-levy increase application. Noah Hunt (Councilor) seconds.

1. Brief Presentation

Legal Information Clinic representative presents case for fee-levy increase.

Legal Information Clinic representative clarifies to councilors that they do not discriminate against students based on political affiliation, and that students do not pay for Legal Information Clinic services with the exception of the fee-levy.

Ashley Steinwald (Councilor) questions why the Legal Information Clinic supports students that have been involved in protests. Legal Information Clinic representative clarifies that their role is not to support certain causes but to help in de-escalation.

2. Ratification

Kinsey El Tanani: Absent

Lina Elbakaye: For

Dave Plant: For

Basma Khanti: Absent

Noah Hunt: For

Ashley Steinwald: Against

Gabriela Aragon: For

Ali Salman: Absent

Saraluz Barton Gomez: For

Maria Chitoroaga: Absent

Anastasia Zorchinsky: Against

Chana Leah Natanblut: Against

Salma Benani: Absent

Michael Lecchino: For

Liora Hechel: Against

Sarah Wolman: Against

Diana Levitin: Against

Emilie Alexandre: Absent

Marwan Shalby: For

Nathanael McCooeye: For

Jad Harb: Absent

Hani David Baydoun: For

Orly Wazana: Against
Nadeem El-Charabati: Absent
Coby Toledano: Against
Norah Finlay: For
Sarah Aspler: Against
Alexandrah Cardona: For
Lili Daviault Campbell: Absent

For: 11 Against: 9

Motion fails.

v. Daycare

Dave Plant (Councilor) motions to ratify the Daycare fee-levy increase application. Vanessa Massot (General Coordinator) seconds.

1. Brief Presentation

Danna Ballantyne (External and Mobilization Coordinator) presents case for Daycare fee-levy increase.

Danna Ballantyne (External and Mobilization Coordinator) clarifies to councilors the recreational activities that take place at the Daycare.

2. Ratification

Roll call vote:

Kinsey El Tanani: Absent
Lina Elbakaye: For
Dave Plant: For
Basma Khanti: Absent
Noah Hunt: For
Ashley Steinwald: For
Gabriela Aragon: For
Ali Salman: Absent
Saraluz Barton Gomez: For
Maria Chitoroaga: For
Anastasia Zorchinsky: For
Chana Leah Natanblut: For
Salma Benani: Absent

Michael Lecchino: For
Liora Hechel: For
Sarah Wolman: For
Diana Levitin: For
Emilie Alexandre: Absent
Marwan Shalby: For
Nathanael McCooeye: For
Jad Harb: Absent
Hani David Baydoun: For
Orly Wazana: For
Nadeem El-Charabati: For
Coby Toledano: For
Norah Finlay: For
Sarah Aspler: For
Alexandrah Cardona: For
Lili Daviault Campbell: Absent

Motion passes unanimously

vi. CSU Clubs

This agenda point was included and voted on despite not being in the original agenda based on the fact that it was part of the motions that were tabled to this SCM and that the requisite documents were included for the meeting. The lack of inclusion of this agenda point in the agenda was taken by councilors as a typo.

Dave Plant (Councilor) motions to ratify the CSU Clubs fee-levy increase application. Nathanael McCooeye (Councilor) seconds.

1. Brief Presentation

Leo Litke (Internal Affairs Coordinator) presents case for CSU Clubs fee-levy increase.

Leo Litke (Internal Affairs Coordinator) clarifies how additional funding from the fee-levy increase Clubs would be allocated, and the determining process of which club budgets were cut due to budget constraints.

2. Ratifications

Roll call vote:

Kinsey El Tanani: Absent

Lina Elbakaye: For

Dave Plant: For

Basma Khanti: Absent

Noah Hunt: For

Ashley Steinwald: For

Gabriela Aragon: For

Ali Salman: Absent

Saraluz Barton Gomez: For

Maria Chitoroaga: Absent

Anastasia Zorchinsky: For

Chana Leah Natanblut: For

Salma Benani: Absent

Michael Lecchino: For

Liora Hechel: For

Sarah Wolman: For

Diana Levitin: For

Emilie Alexandre: Abstention

Marwan Shalby: For

Nathanael McCooeye: For

Jad Harb: Absent

Hani David Baydoun: For

Orly Wazana: For

Nadeem El-Charabati: For

Coby Toledano: For

Norah Finlay: For

Sarah Aspler: For

Alexandrah Cardona: Absent

Lili Daviault Campbell: Absent

Motion passes unanimously.

c. Motion to Change the Start Date of the Fall Reading Week- Councilor

Liora Hechel (Councilor) motions to adjust the start date of Reading Week to Saturday Before Thanksgiving Ashley Steinwald (Councilor) seconds.

Vanessa Massot (General Coordinator) clarifies that CSU does not possess the power to change the dates of reading week, however the CSU does have the ability to advocate for it to Concordia administration.

Vanessa Massot (General Coordinator) suggests a friendly amendment to remove the phrasing from “do you as an undergraduate student support” to “do you support” due to it being redundant. Liora Hechel (Councilor) accepts the friendly amendment.

Roll call vote:

Kinsey El Tanani: Absent

Lina Elbakaye: For

Dave Plant: For

Basma Khanti: Absent

Noah Hunt: For

Ashley Steinwald: For

Gabriela Aragon: For

Ali Salman: Absent

Saraluz Barton Gomez: For

Maria Chitoroaga: Absent

Anastasia Zorchinsky: For

Chana Leah Natanblut: For

Salma Benani: Absent

Michael Lecchino: For

Liora Hechel: For

Sarah Wolman: For

Diana Levitin: For

Emilie Alexandre: For

Marwan Shalby: For

Nathanael McCooeye: For

Jad Harb: Absent

Hani David Baydoun: For

Orly Wazana: For

Nadeem El-Charabati: For

Coby Toledano: For

Norah Finlay: For

Sarah Aspler: For

Alexandrah Cardona: Absent

Lili Daviault Campbell: Absent

Chairperson calls a 5-minute recess.

4. New Business- Substantive

a. Ratification of Referendum Questions

Vanessa Massot (General Coordinator) motions to ratify the referendum questions en bloc. Lina Elbakaye (Councilor) seconds.

1. Anti-Colonial Solidarity:

Preamble: Given that Concordia stands on unceded Kanien'kehá:ka land and that Concordia is a colonial institution. Given the increase in legislation targeting Indigenous lands for extractive nation building projects. Given that the CSU has historically supported anti-colonial struggles such as the Wet'suwet'en land defenders and this positions stands to reaffirm our support of all anti-colonial struggles:

Question: The CSU stands in solidarity with anti-colonial struggles, Indigenous sovereignty movements, and land and water defenders across Turtle Island and beyond. This includes a recognition that Indigenous communities should have sovereignty over their lands and waters and the ability to veto resource extraction projects.

2. Intersectional Disability Justice:

Preamble: Given that most people will experience either a temporary or permanent disability at some point in their lives. Given that the COVID-19 pandemic was a mass disabling event. Given the university's recent anti-mask rhetoric and its subsequent harm to community safety:

Question: The CSU will fight for disability justice practices to be integrated into all systems, policies, and practices, as well as accessibility measures, including masking, without discrimination.

3. Sex Work

Preamble: Sex work is work; many students engage with sex work and are sex workers themselves. Sex workers are actively organizing within their workplaces, such as strip clubs and massage parlors, devising strategies and means of pressure and mobilization to shift the balance of power with employers. The criminalization and surveillance of the sex industry hinders the political and collective organization of sex workers; worsens their working conditions and makes them increasingly precarious. Recognizing sex work as work is the first step towards negotiating better conditions and enabling workers to enforce their rights through existing legal mechanisms;

Question: The CSU supports all initiatives by sex workers aimed at organizing for better working conditions, against criminalization, and will continue to refrain from funding anti-sex work initiatives.

Councilors voice concerns about referendum question 2 due to CSU's previous of encouragement of mask use in political protest. Executives clarify there is no way to determine the reasoning behind each individual's decisions to mask.

Councilors voice concerns about referendum question 3 recognizing sex work as work.

Liora Hechel (Councilor) motions to call the question. Danna Ballantyne (External Affairs and Mobilization Coordinator) seconds.

Roll call vote:

Kinsey El Tanani: Absent

Lina Elbakaye: For

Dave Plant: For

Basma Khanti: Absent

Noah Hunt: For

Ashley Steinwald: For

Gabriela Aragon: For

Ali Salman: Absent

Saraluz Barton Gomez: For

Maria Chitoroaga: Absent

Anastasia Zorchinsky: For

Chana Leah Natanblut: For

Salma Benani: Absent

Michael Lecchino: For

Liora Hechel: For

Sarah Wolman: For

Diana Levitin: For

Emilie Alexandre: For

Marwan Shalby: For

Nathanael McCooeye: For

Jad Harb: Absent

Hani David Baydoun: For

Orly Wazana: For

Nadeem El-Charabati: For

Coby Toledano: For

Norah Finlay: For

Sarah Aspler: For
Alexandrah Cardona: Absent
Lili Daviault Campbell: Absent

Motion passes unanimously.

Roll call vote to ratify the referendum questions:

Kinsey El Tanani: Absent
Lina Elbakaye: For
Dave Plant: For
Basma Khanti: Absent
Noah Hunt: For
Ashley Steinwald: Against
Gabriela Aragon: For
Ali Salman: Absent
Saraluz Barton Gomez: For
Maria Chitoroaga: Absent
Anastasia Zorchinsky: Against
Chana Leah Natanblut: Against
Salma Benani: Absent
Michael Lecchino: For
Liora Hechel: Against
Sarah Wolman: Against
Diana Levitin: Against
Emilie Alexandre: Against
Marwan Shalby: For
Nathanael McCooeye: Against
Jad Harb: Absent
Hani David Baydoun: For
Orly Wazana: Against
Nadeem El-Charabati: For
Coby Toledano: Against
Norah Finlay: For
Sarah Aspler: Against
Alexandrah Cardona: Absent
Lili Daviault Campbell: Absent

For: 10 Against: 11

Motion fails by majority.

5. Announcements

a. November RCM

Vanessa Massot (General Coordinator) announces that the following RCM on November 26th will be in-person with a hybrid option and that they will be sharing information with councilors about sex workers rights.

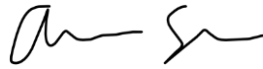
6. Adjournment

Leo Litke (Internal Affairs Coordinator) motions to adjourn. Nathanael McCooye (Councilor) seconds. Motion passes unanimously.

Meeting is adjourned at 21h28.



Council Chairperson



Council Minute Keeper