



## Concordia Student Union – Council of Representatives

**CSU Regular Council Meeting – Agenda**  
**Wednesday, December 9<sup>th</sup>, 2015**  
**VA-245, 18h30, S.G.W. Campus**

**1. Call to Order**

**2. Roll Call**

**3. Approval of the Agenda**

**4. Consent Agenda**

- a) Approval of the Minutes – November 25<sup>th</sup> (RCM)
- b) Reports from Committees
- c) Executive Reports
- d) Chairperson's Report
- e) Positions Book

**5. Presentations and Guest Speakers**

- a) Austerity at Concordia – A Primer

**6. Appointments**

- a) Finance Committee
- b) Appointments Committee
- c) Clubs & Space Committee
- d) Sustainability Committee
- e) Loyola Committee

**7. New Business – Substantive**

- a) Student Life Coordinator Report



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b) AVEQ – Next Steps

c) Policy Changes

d) CUSA Centre Inc.

### **8. Question Period & Business Arising**

### **9. Announcements**

### **10. Adjournment**



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### CSU Special Council Meeting – Minutes

Wednesday, December 9<sup>th</sup>, 2015

VA-245, 18h30, S.G.W. Campus

#### 1. CALL TO ORDER

Meeting is called to order at 18h42.

*We would like to acknowledge that Concordia university is on the traditional territory of the Kanien'keha:ka (Ga-niyen-gé-haa-ga), a place which has long served as a site of meeting and exchange amongst nations. Concordia recognizes, and respects the Kanien'keha:ka (Ga-niyen-gé-haa-ga) as the traditional custodians of the lands and waters on which we meet today.*

#### 2. ROLL CALL

Council Chairperson: *Mat Forget*

Council Minute Keeper: *Caitlin Robinson*

Executives present for the duration of the meeting consisted of *Anas Bouslikhane* (Finance Coordinator), *Gabrielle Caron* (Sustainability Coordinator), *Lori Dimaria* (Clubs & Internal Affairs Coordinator), *Marion Miller* (Academic & Advocacy Coordinator), *John Talbot* (Student Life Coordinator), *Gabriel Velasco* (External Affairs & Mobilization Coordinator), *Terry Wilkings* (General Coordinator) and *Chloë Williams* (Loyola Coordinator).

Councillors present for the duration of the meeting consisted of *Sami Beydoun* (ENCS), *Jenna Cocullo* (Arts & Science), *Hayley Currier* (Arts & Science), *Rachel Gauthier* (JMSB), *Charles Gonsalves* (Arts & Science), *Sanaz Hassan Pour* (Fine Arts), *Lucinda Marshall-Kiparissis* (Arts & Science), *Aloyse Muller* (Arts & Science), *Terry Ngala* (Arts & Science), *Marcus Peters* (Arts & Science), *Jason Poirier-Lavoie* (Arts & Science), *Benjamin Prunty* (Arts & Science), *Antoine Rail* (Fine Arts), *Fadi Saijari* (JMSB) and *Michael Wrobel* (Arts & Science).

Councillors absent for the duration of the meeting consisted of *Omar Al Khin* (JMSB), *Joseph Betinjane* (JMSB), *Jana Ghalayini* (ENCS), *Michael Giesbrecht* (Arts & Science), *Hassan Jabri* (ENCS), *Adrian Longinotti* (Arts & Science), *Armani Martel* (Arts & Science), *Geneviève Nadeau-Bonin* (Arts & Science), *Leyla Sutherland* (Fine Arts) and *Rami Yahia* (ENCS).

**Chairperson:** I would like welcome everyone, especially the new faces. I have a bit of administration as far as requests for excusals and regrets. **Michael Giesbrecht** just sent his regrets. He cannot make it due to a combination of being under the weather and time management. **Omar Al Khin** sends regrets and says that he will not be continuing on with the CSU and that he will resign at the end of the semester. **Ben** is running late due to a Board of Governor's meeting. As for the requests for excusal, I received one from **Jana Ghalayini** who cannot attend due to illness. **Armani Martel** has an exam from 19h00 to 22h00, and I have received two (2) requests for excusal from people studying for exams – one from **Rami** and



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one from **Marcus**. **Marcus** would like to recommend that we limit the amount of meetings surrounding exams. **Geneviève Nadeau-Bonin** cannot attend due to work and is asking for an excusal as well.

**Rachel Gauthier** moves to excuse **Armani Martel** and **Jana Ghalayini**'s absences from this meeting of Council.

Seconded by **Aloyse Muller**.

### **VOTE**

In favour : 10

Opposed: 0

Abstentions: 0

*Motion carries.*

### **3. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA**

**Chairperson:** I am working off of the template from last meeting's agenda. Point 4. e) *Positions Book* will be added to the agenda.

**Marion Miller:** Just for the new councillors, the Positions Book is one of our guiding policy documents, so when positions are passed through Council or referendum we integrate them, and whenever it is updated we pass the updates through the Consent Agenda. If you have any opposition to the way I have integrated the positions into the Positions Book, you can pull this from the Consent Agenda. Basically the updating happens every couple months.

**Antoine Rail:** I did not receive an email regarding the scheduling of this meeting.

**Chairperson:** I will have to speak with the IT Coordinator about CSU email addresses.

**Lucinda Marshall-Kiparissis** pulls the Student Life Committee report from 4. *Consent Agenda*, to be placed as 7. a) *Student Life Committee Report*.

**Chairperson:** We are now voting on approving the approval of the agenda and all items under 4. *Consent Agenda*.

### **VOTE**

In favour : 9

Opposed: 0

Abstentions: 0

*Motion carries.*



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### **4. CONSENT AGENDA**

#### **a) Approval of the Minutes – November 25<sup>th</sup> (RCM)**

*Ratified by consent.*

#### **b) Reports from Committees**

*Ratified by consent.*

#### **c) Executive Reports**

*Ratified by consent.*

#### **d) Chairperson's Report**

*Ratified by consent.*

#### **e) Positions Book**

*Ratified by consent.*

### **5. Presentations and Guest Speakers**

**Gene Morrow:** My name is Gene I am the Campaigns and Academic Researcher at the CSU. one of the first documents that i started at the end of summer was primer document on the effects of recent austerity budgets cuts to universities to try and identify concretely the effects that these cuts have had at the university level. I was asked by the CSU executive to give a brief presentation summarizing my research. First, a quick overview of how universities are funded in Quebec: 95% of a university's operations budget is supplied through provincial grants and fees that are charged to students such as obligatory institutional fees and tuition. In terms of grants received, the largest grant is the provincial operating grants which makes up two-thirds (2/3) to three-quarters (3/4) of the university's operations budget based on full-time equivalents (FTEs). In any given department at the university the administration looks at how many credits are being taken in a given year and divides that number by thirty (30), assuming fifteen (15) credits a semester, but they have no idea how many humans make up these credits. The university takes this value and multiplies it by a factor set by the provincial government using a weighting table which goes from 1.0 in a Bachelors of Arts to 10 for a Bachelor's in veterinary medicine for undergraduate students. These are disciplines established by the government and every program given in Quebec is slotted. There are meant to reflect the cost of training a given student in a given program. They multiply the FTEs by weighting factors and then assign the funding based on these values. The operating grant is meant to cover teaching activities and support facilities maintenance. This is the biggest source of funding and expenses. There are a number of smaller grants as well, specifically to support research and capital investment projects like buying new building, facilities, equipment, etc.



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Tuition and obligatory institutional fees are the second biggest source of funding. Every student enrolled in a Quebec university pays base tuition at a rate set at \$76.45 per credit. It is indexed annually and goes up by 1.5% to 2.5% a year. Out-of-province students and international students are charged an additional amount called a “forfaitaire”. For out-of-province students this is 157.90\$ per credit and for international students it is \$447.12 or \$508.37, depending on the program. Tuition and forfaitaire rates are set by decree so the university has no latitude they are told by government how much to charge. It is also important to know that the forfaitaires collected by the university are remitted to the provincial government who redistributes the money through the university network to equal thing out since large urban universities are more attractive to international students than smaller regional ones so this evens out any inequalities. Concordia’s administration calls these clawbacks and sees it as stealing the university’s money. Every student pays the obligatory institutional fees set at \$28.27, which is more than one-third (1/3) of the base tuition rate. It is important to know that although these collected, we have no idea what they are used for and have no access to budgetary information on them or any information on what the fee does. In terms of cuts to Concordia, back in December of 2012, the provincial government told Quebec universities that there would be a one-time cut to absorb. The budgetary year runs from June to May and they were told to cut \$13.2 million for the year already underway. It was supposed to be a one-time thing to balance the books then reinvest in universities. In April of 2013, the \$13.2 million in cuts were recurring and money would never come back to the universities. For the 2013-2014 budgets, Concordia had to cut this amount again. In September of 2014, there were 2014-2015 cuts announced and the universities were no longer allowed to run deficits. Most universities had projected deficits after these rounds of cuts. Concordia had to incorporate \$2.5 million because it could not carry a deficit. In November of that same year, the government announced another round of \$1.5 million cuts. For this year, they announce at the beginning of the fiscal year \$6.2 million in cuts. Over three (3) years, this has totalled \$36.6 million in cuts from the university’s budget, or around 10%. Well over two-thirds (2/3) of the university’s funding comes from provincial grants. In terms of how Concordia as gone about cutting budgets, the most important to students is changes in classes – in 2012-2013 the university made an administrative decision to increase the amount of students in seminar classes to save money on teaching. Based on the data that the CSU has been able to put together, between 2011-2012 and 2013-2014, three (3) of the university’s faculties each lost over 5% of their courses. These are heterogenous changes from department to department, however. Some had small increases and some had cuts like ten (10) to twenty (20) percent of their courses offered over a two (2)-year period. Ninety (90) percent of courses cut were taught by part-time faculty members. This is particularly salient because we know from the Part-Time Faculty Association that between last year and this year, they have seen another seven (7) percent drop in courses being offered to part-time faculty members across the university. Some departments have cuts as high as sixty (60) of courses which are no longer being offered. This is data we cannot verify, but if the trend holds, it is likely that the seven (7) percent cuts in courses will not be replaced by full-time or limited-term appointment professors, so we are looking at a ten (10) to twelve (12) drop in the number of courses being offered. A lot of this is anecdotal, but lots of professors and students are talking about the increasing of class sizes and the dropping of courses. In terms of staff, since 2012-2013, the university announced that they are leaving vacant positions unfilled or eliminating positions. However, they are not forthcoming about the number of positions. They do not know the effects of these cuts and decisions. In 2014-2015 there was a voluntary departure program for the staff which eliminated 65 positions, though the goal was 180. They announced that 40 other positions would remain vacant or unfilled. This program cost \$9 million in buyouts but that in turn has produced \$5.7 million in recurring annual savings. That forms a multi-year



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deficit separate from the deficit of the operations budget. The university also has something called a contingency fund, which is normally set at \$40 million a year. Some funds are used to absorb cuts, with amounts unspecified. In 2013-2014 we know from the minutes of the Board of Governors meetings that they authorized the use of additional funds to absorb \$5.4 million in the budget. Now the contingency fund is reduced to \$1 million. As for the Co-op Program, the university used to receive an envelope of money used to subsidize students' salaries doing work terms at smaller companies. Now this money has been cut and the university has had to drop a lot of organizations that they working with through the Co-op Program. The Art History co-op program was forced to closed because the galleries where students were working did not have the money to pay students. In terms of deficits, Concordia projected an \$8.2 million deficit for 2015-2016 and it is important to note that the government still has zero-deficit policy for universities. If Concordia posts a deficit, there is a real possibility that they will be slapped with sanctions in terms of withholding the operations grants. There is a clear political message here: Concordia University cannot integrate these budget cuts without affecting their academic mission. Fewer class options means more generic and homogenous programs for students, who in turn will be kept on a very straight path. There will be larger classes, less contact time with professors and less ability to engage in collegial and group discussion. The teaching assistants have been forced to take on larger roles and the university is trying to cut their salaries as well. They are exploited workers and not integrated as actual components of the educational experience. There is also increasing pressure to eliminate programs and departments who underperforms or are not bringing in corporate funding and private donors. The University of of Laval just cut three (3) of its smallest programs starting in January of 2016 and it is very clear that they are actively looking at cutting other programs. This says a lot about what could happen if the university is forced to integrate an \$8 million deficit. Another big effect of these cuts is the pressure to increase students' bills. The alleged underfunding of universities was a big driving factor behind the government's intention to raise tuition. After four (4) years of recurring cuts, there has been more or less a consensus that universities are underfunded in Quebec. There is a very real possibility that this serves as a basis to attack post-secondary education in the province. There is a possibility of serious increase in tuitions costs for international students in newly deregulated programs. The John Molson School of Business (JMSB) and Engineering and Computer Science (ENCS) programs have become deregulated. The university no longer has to give *forfaitaires* to the government, but students are not counted within the grant calculations. Fees can be set at anything the university wants. In terms of Increases in corporate interests and the search for private funds, Concordia seeks out private partnerships with corporations and big donations of millions of dollars from private companies. However, this can be problematic – researchers working with public funds can explore fields interesting them. With private money, researchers cannot get funding without serving the needs of corporations. Big donations are given with the purpose of setting up new departments, schools and institutions, and major donors are establishing the university curriculum instead of the university itself. There are also threats to intellectual property rights – many students work on projects funded by private corporations and they almost always give up the rights to their inventions. These issues become graver and graver with more funding problems. There has also been a multiplication of advertising space on campus and an increase in the scale of advertising on campus. This is really problematic when you realize that you are participating financially to the university then resold as eyeballs for advertisements. In terms of the decentralization of decision-making at the university, a lot of measures have been put into place to absorb the cuts which have been adopted at the lower levels of the university at the departmental and faculty levels. Very few of these decisions have been overseen by the centralized bodies of the university like the Senate and Board of Governors where students have relatively good representation and



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information. Most universities see the coming time as disruptive and that they are putting the power down at the departmental levels. I want to finish with a quick appeal to Council – contribute to this research if you are able to. Given the fact that decisions are being made through a decentralized process, I think that it is up to students to reflect these processes. I think that it is really important to get students to collectivize information in their departments and use the lived experience of their peers to build up the comprehensive image that we feed the university. Another thing that we need to do is organize departmentally. The struggles that will be taking place in terms of what a university is, what the structure of programs is and the nature of education, a lot of this will be taking place within the departments. A lot of departments systematically exclude students from meetings and it is important for students to strengthen their departmental associations. I ask that you here, sitting as leader of your respective student constituencies, see how students are being represented at the departmental level. Critical stuff will be happening and if students want to remain a powerful voice, a serious transformations must take place in.

**Jason Poirier-Lavoie:** So in total, the cuts were \$26.4 million?

**Gene Morrow:** Everything after this point was cumulative.

**Jason Poirier-Lavoie:** Did you organize the distribution of those pamphlets in the Hall building?

**Gene Morrow:** I produced the content for them.

## 6. APPOINTMENTS

### a) Finance Committee

**Anas Bouslikhane:** I am the Finance Coordinator and there is one (1) seat available on the Finance Committee. We meet on Tuesdays at 14h00 and sometimes Thursdays at 17h00 once or twice a month. We discuss and review committee budgets which have expenses during the year and review expenses over a considerable amount of money, along with enquiries from student groups and anything related to the finances of student groups. It is tedious at times but interesting and good.

**Chloë Williams:** If you are unsure about nominating yourself now, the point will come up again at the next meeting.

### b) Appointments Committee

**Chloë Williams:** We are the ones who interview people for academic bodies like the Senate, hold interviews for students-at-large on committees and pretty much for any position which does not have to go through Council. If you are interested in doing interviews or have experience doing interviews, this will be a great committee for you.

### c) Clubs & Space Committee





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**Lori Dimaria:** I need people who are dedicated, passionate and not part of a club to sit on the Clubs & Space Committee. If you are a club executive you cannot be on the committee due to a potential conflict of interest. What we do at the Clubs & Space Committee is very fun, we take a look at different properties around the campus and look at how we can increase student involvement in the school and allocate money to different associations. These associations vary and we have quite a bit of money leftover so we are able to give money to students to do things which create involvement. If you know anyone who would be great for this position I would suggest nominating them or yourself because this committee creates an engaged and involved community and you are the leaders of today who can make a difference by offering feedback and support. Please nominate yourself if you think that you have what it takes to be next Clubs & Space Committee member.

**Gabrielle Caron:** How many spaces are available on the committee?

**Lori Dimaria:** There are three (3) open spaces.

**Hayley Currier** nominates herself to the Clubs & Space Committee.  
Seconded by **Lucinda Marshall-Kiparissis**.

**Hayley Currier:** I really like community building and have tried to do it on the level of student associations but it has not gone the way that I planned it to. I like bigger and broader horizons.

### **VOTE**

In favour : 11

Opposed: 0

Abstentions: 0

*Motion carries.*

**John Talbot:** I wanted to make the mention that it is normal for councillors to be on at least one committee. It says so in the Standing Regulations too.

**Lucinda Marshall-Kiparissis:** Not only are councillors expected to sit on one committee, but they can sit on more than one. So if you are interested in more than one committee, you can sit on both.

### **d) Sustainability Committee**

**Gabrielle Caron:** On my committee we have two (2) positions open and we are a committee which meets at least once a month to go over the projects and dossiers that I am working on. It is very fun and I really hope that the people who do nominate themselves are ready to be committed to the community. In the past it has been really difficult to meet all together and I care about this committee and really want us to have a meeting every month and build a relationship and work as a team so that you also have ownership on projects. If people want to have more information about the committee, next semester I will be working on Concordia Transitions and looking at developing a social sustainability workshop series. I am excited about this as it is brand new and I am excited to have people jump on board and



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develop this workshop series. I also worked with **Chloë** on the Greenhouse project. There are two positions open but I am open to having more.

**Charles Gonsalves** nominates himself.

Seconded by **Marcus Peters**.

**Charles Gonsalves:** Sustainability is a big interest of mine. I am a member of the Loyola College for Diversity and Sustainability and attended the sustainability series in the fall and want to be involved more.

### **VOTE**

In favour : 12

Opposed: 0

Abstentions: 0

*Motion carries.*

**Antoine Rail** nominates himself.

Seconded by **Aloyse Muller**.

**Antoine Rail:** This seems like the committee that I am most interested in. Sustainability and the environment are key things that we need to focus on in the next few years and decades, and it is just something that interests me. It is different from other various positions and cool to not just do the same thing.

**Hayley Currier** nominates herself.

Seconded by **Lucinda Marshall-Kiparissis**.

**Hayley Currier:** I really like sustainability and I grew up on a farm, I have tree planted and picked berries, and I like Concordia for the reason that we are so invested in sustainability. That was a motivator to join the CSU.

**Marcus Peters:** There is a Standing Regulation that we would have to notwithstanding in order to have add two (2) more councillors to the Sustainability Committee.

**Marion Miller:** If someone would like to motivate for both to join the committee, we can notwithstanding Standing Regulation 17.

**Aloyse Muller** moves to appoint **Hayley Currier** and **Antoine Rail** to the Sustainability Committee, notwithstanding Standing Regulation 17.

Seconded by **Rachel Gauthier**.

### **VOTE**

In favour : 13

Opposed: 0



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Abstentions: 0

*Motion carries.*

### **e) Loyola Committee**

**Chloë Williams:** We have one (1) seat on the Loyola Committee open and we are working on the Loyola Greenhouse and some events at Loyola in collaboration with **John**. This is a fun committee to sit on.

**Lucinda Marshall-Kiparissis:** If anyone is doubting how much fun the Loyola committee is, it is so much fun that it is my second year on the committee. I love Loyola and it is a great way to give back.

**Charles Gonsalves** nominates himself.  
Seconded by **Lucinda Marshall-Kiparissis**.

**Charles Gonsalves:** I study at Loyola Campus, I think that it is a beautiful campus and would not mind spending more time there.

#### **VOTE**

In favour : 13

Opposed: 0

Abstentions: 0

*Motion carries.*

## **7. NEW BUSINESS – SUBSTANTIVE**

### **a) Student Life Coordinator Report**

**Lucinda Marshall-Kiparissis:** I was just wondering, since the report ends mid-sentence, if there is anything which is supposed to be at the end.

**John Talbot:** No. The last sentence should end with “the account will have no further action”.

**Marcus Peters** moves to approve the Student Life Coordinator Report.  
Seconded by **Sanaz Hassan Pour**.

#### **VOTE**

In favour : 13

Opposed: 0

Abstentions: 0

*Motion carries.*



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**Marcus Peters** moves to enter recess.

Seconded by **Terry Ngala**.

### **VOTE**

In favour : 13

Opposed: 0

Abstentions: 0

*Motion carries.*

*Meeting enters recess at 19h37.*

*Meeting reconvenes at 19h56.*

### **b) AVEQ – Next Steps**

#### **Gabriel Velasco:**

WHEREAS the Fédération Étudiante Universitaire du Québec (FEUQ) is no longer active, no longer holds any political mandates and is in the process of winding down its legal functions, including lease agreements, contractual obligations, and employee settlements;

WHEREAS by being members of the FEUQ, the CSU collected \$2.50 per semester per student for the purpose of provincial representation;

WHEREAS at the Special General Assembly of July 19<sup>th</sup> 2015, the FEUQ unanimously agreed to no longer collect fees from its membership beginning in the fall semester of 2015;

WHEREAS at the Regular Council Meeting of October 28<sup>th</sup> 2015, the CSU adopted the following two mandates;

*“That the CSU advocate for an equitable redistribution of the remaining financial assets, once all of the FEUQ’s legal and contractual obligations have been fulfilled, to its member associations”;*

*“That the CSU work towards the FEUQ’s official dissolution in collaboration with its remaining member associations in a responsible and collegial manner”.*

WHEREAS part of the CSU’s mandate is to engage in the dissolution process of the FEUQ and there remains existing financial obligations that are being settled;

WHEREAS currently under the CSU’s internal account there remains a total sum of \$164,502.97 which has been collected by the CSU for the FEUQ and is purposed for the provincial student representation of our membership;

WHEREAS following the results of the fall 2015 By-elections, Concordia undergraduate students voted with a near 60% majority to affiliate with the Association for the Voice of Education in Quebec (AVEQ);

WHEREAS AVEQ is a provincial-wide representative body with a mission to bring together the university student population of Quebec with the goal of defending their pedagogical, political, social, and economic interests, primarily by means of research, representation, and mobilization;



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BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council approve the release of \$60,000 from our internal account which currently holds earmarked FEUQ fees to AVEQ for provincial student representation;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT a report be prepared by the External and Mobilization Coordinator to Council following the formal dissolution of the FEUQ, which outlines all the remaining FEUQ fees held under the CSU.

Seconded by **Sanaz Hassan Pour**.

**Gabriel Velasco:** The “whereas” clauses encompass the situation of where we are at. The FEUQ is in the process of legally dissolving and winding down. At the Board of Governor’s of the university, they just officially cancelled the fee of the FEUQ and students will not be paying the \$2.50 in the Winter semester. We already received a mandate from the CSU to go forward with this at last Regular Council Meeting. We still have some obligations to the FEUQ, however. In order to remain fiscally responsible, it is important that not all the fees collected be transferred. For those wondering, **Terry** has already spoken with the lawyer who agrees with this course of action, especially considering that this only happens once every twenty-five years or so. Lastly, the \$60 000 amount is based on analysis we made based on the short- and medium-term needs of AVEQ. These include hiring interim coordinators, ensuring that legal fees are paid, translating documents and ensuring strong legal communication with students in Quebec, as well as developing stronger media relations at AVEQ.

**Aloyse Muller:** Regarding the \$60 000, I gather that the CSU will be paying AVEQ fees for the winter semester. Will the \$60 000 be deducted from that or will it be from something else? I was wondering about the fees which did not get paid to the FEUQ in the Fall. Where is this money going?

**Gabriel Velasco:** The fees of the FEUQ of the Fall semester are included in the \$168 000 you see in the document. It is hard to say precisely when it ended, but essentially a small portion of the Spring fees, and the entire Summer and Fall fees are there. The Winter fees of AVEQ will start being collected and will be between now and that point.

**Terry Wilkings:** I just wanted to add on to this one point - it is really important to evaluate the unique situation that we are in. Although the CSU is the arbiter of the fee today and has been since the FEUQ no longer decided to collect fees, that money is not in the possession of the CSU because the students paid that money to have provincial representation. We are in this nebulous circumstance where we need to adjudicate on the allotment of the funds.

**Aloyse Muller:** In the eventuality of an excess of funds left after those \$60 000 are taken out and some money has to be spent on FEUQ to settle the account, what happens to money leftover?

**Gabriel Velasco:** As soon as we know what is left, we will create a report and Council can decide what to do with it.

**Rachel Gauthier:** Is the CSU the only entity, or are other schools giving this amount?

**Terry Wilkings:** Up until now, three (3) other associations have given funds to AVEQ in an interim sense, however a lot of those associations are not still members of the FEUQ right now so they do not have any



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funds in purgatory. There are other associations which are still part of the Student Union of Quebec and have been using these funds in same manner as the CSU. It is just a matter of when each association left.

### **VOTE**

In favour : 14

Opposed: 0

Abstentions: 0

*Motion carries.*

### **c) Policy Changes**

**Marion Miller** moves to approve the new Standing Regulations.

Seconded by **Aloyse Muller**.

**Marion Miller:** Before the By-elections when putting together the Bylaw changes, we approved them pending confirmation from the membership. Since the Bylaw changes passed in the November By-elections, I just updated the Standing Regulations with help of Policy Committee. I would like to thank **Aloyse**. They reflect the changes to the Bylaws, namely the names of the executive positions and the minute keeper have been updated. It is not worth going through them all and reading them, but we changed the titles so that they are consistent. The tracked changes are in red.

### **VOTE**

In favour : 14

Opposed: 0

Abstentions: 0

*Motion carries.*

### **d) CUSA Centre Inc.**

**Marcus Peters** moves to enter closed session.

Seconded by **Benjamin Prunty**.

### **VOTE**

In favour : 14

Opposed: 0

Abstentions: 0

*Motion carries.*

*Meeting enters closed session at 20h08.*

**Terry Wilkings:**



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BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council approve the cost of \$5606.36 to be expensed from the Student Space, Accessible Education and Legal Contingency (SSAELC) Fund in accordance with special by-law I & J for the legal fees associated with BLG in their assessment of CUSA Centre Inc. and its amiable dissolution.

Seconded by **Jason Poirier-Lavoie**.

*Motion carries.*

**Marcus Peters** moves to enter open session.

Seconded by **Terry Ngala**.

*Motion carries.*

*Meeting enters open session at 20h21.*

**Marcus Peters** moves to ratify the motions made in closed session.

Seconded by **Jason Poirier-Lavoie**.

### **VOTE**

In favour : 15

Opposed: 0

Abstentions: 0

*Motion carries.*

## **8. QUESTION PERIOD & BUSINESS ARISING**

**Aloyse Muller:** I was wondering if there have been any updates about the asbestos report.

**Terry Wilkings:** So there has been more coverage of John Ayles' misrepresentation of facts in The Gazette and people have made enquiries, including myself, about the topic. The internal committee within the university community has been relatively alright so we may try and use the adequate opportunities at our disposal to have a broader conversation about this topic, given the severity of what took place. I think that since the university has removed the document and recognized certain problems, I have reached out yesterday to the Luc Beaugard Centre of Excellence in Communications Research to have a conversation about our issues with them.

**Aloyse Muller:** So this has not been disallowed by Concordia University?

**Terry Wilkings:** The university is taking the position that they do not want to act as a filter for academic freedom, though I think that it is more effective for our efforts to have the document fully disassociated from university and I think that there are others who agree with that. It will be interesting to see how things develop.



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**Marcus Peters:** I am just hoping to make the point that, for the future, perhaps we should limit the amount of Council meetings occurring around this particular time of year since we are all pretty sunk down with exams. We have had a higher frequency of meetings this year than last year and there has been a lot of material, but if there were some way to examine that to redistribute when they come around, I would all be in favour of that.

**Terry Wilkings:** October, November and January are the three (3) months where we are required to hold two (2) Regular Council Meetings, so December, February, March, April and May we have only one (1) meeting per month. Given that there is only the requirement to have two meetings once in the Winter and twice in the fall, perhaps if Council is interested we could explore having a parallel where in the Fall semester we have the same number of two (2)-meeting months, which would be one (1) instead of two (2).

**Benjamin Prunty:** If I recall correctly, the additional meetings were added to the schedule back when meetings would last until 2h00 to 3h00, so there was a need for additional meetings. That has not happened in two (2) years so it is possible that this needs to be revised. It might not be necessary to have these extra meetings.

### 9. ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Benjamin Prunty:** Burrillville is doing a crowdfunder right now to help with its start-up costs. They have been working on this for five (5) months and were looking to launch before but it was not the right time. They are having a party Friday as a way to contribute to the crowdfunder. You could give money or send funds via Facebook.

**John Talbot:** Tomorrow there is a show at Reggies and it will be the first one. CJLO will be there and CUTV is coming. Electronic Music at Concordia (EMAC) has two DJs and there will be visual projections outside through the window while the DJs are playing. It is free and definitely will fill up and reach maximum capacity by 22h00 so come by 21h00. We are all going to go to Reggies after this meeting too.

**Gabrielle Caron:** For new councillors, if you have any dietary restrictions please let us know. You can approach any of the executives. My second announcement is to all of the new Sustainability Committee members, if you could just maybe wait after this meeting we can have a five-minute meeting.

### 10. ADJOURNMENT

**Marcus Peters** moves to adjourn.  
Seconded by **Terry Ngala**.

#### VOTE

In favour : 14  
Opposed: 0  
Abstentions: 0

*Motion carries.*





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*Meeting is adjourned at 20h30.*



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**CSU Special Council Meeting  
Wednesday, December 9<sup>th</sup>, 2015  
VA-245, 18h30, S.G.W. Campus**

### **Summary of Motions Carried**

#### **2. ROLL CALL**

A motion was carried to excuse Jana Ghalayini and Armani Martel's absences from this meeting of Council.

– *Chloë Williams (Terry Wilkings)*

#### **6. APPOINTMENTS**

##### **c) Clubs & Space Committee**

A motion was carried to appoint Hayley Currier to the Clubs & Space Committee.

– *Hayley Currier (Lucinda Marshall-Kiparissis)*

##### **d) Sustainability Committee**

A motion was carried to appoint Charles Gonsalves to the Sustainability Committee.

– *Charles Gonsalves (Marcus Peters)*

A motion was carried to appoint Hayley Currier and Antoine Rail to the Sustainability Committee, notwithstanding Standing Regulation 17.

– *Aloyse Muller (Rachel Gauthier)*

##### **e) Loyola Committee**

A motion was carried to appoint Charles Gonsalves to the Loyola Committee.

– *Charles Gonsalves (Lucinda Marshall-Kiparissis)*

#### **7. NEW BUSINESS - SUBSTANTIVE**

##### **a) Student Life Coordinator Report**

A motion was carried to approve the Student Life Coordinator Report.

– *Marcus Peters (Sanaz Hassan Pour)*



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### **b) AVEQ – Next Steps**

*The following motion was carried:*

WHEREAS the Fédération Étudiante Universitaire du Québec (FEUQ) is no longer active, no longer holds any political mandates and is in the process of winding down its legal functions, including lease agreements, contractual obligations, and employee settlements;

WHEREAS by being members of the FEUQ, the CSU collected \$2.50 per semester per student for the purpose of provincial representation;

WHEREAS at the Special General Assembly of July 19<sup>th</sup> 2015, the FEUQ unanimously agreed to no longer collect fees from its membership beginning in the fall semester of 2015;

WHEREAS at the Regular Council Meeting of October 28<sup>th</sup> 2015, the CSU adopted the following two mandates;

*“That the CSU advocate for an equitable redistribution of the remaining financial assets, once all of the FEUQ’s legal and contractual obligations have been fulfilled, to its member associations”;*

*“That the CSU work towards the FEUQ’s official dissolution in collaboration with its remaining member associations in a responsible and collegial manner”.*

WHEREAS part of the CSU’s mandate is to engage in the dissolution process of the FEUQ and there remains existing financial obligations that are being settled;

WHEREAS currently under the CSU’s internal account there remains a total sum of \$164,502.97 which has been collected by the CSU for the FEUQ and is purposed for the provincial student representation of our membership;

WHEREAS following the results of the fall 2015 By-elections, Concordia undergraduate students voted with a near 60% majority to affiliate with the Association for the Voice of Education in Quebec (AVEQ);

WHEREAS AVEQ is a provincial-wide representative body with a mission to bring together the university student population of Quebec with the goal of defending their pedagogical, political, social, and economic interests, primarily by means of research, representation, and mobilization;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council approve the release of \$60,000 from our internal account which currently holds earmarked FEUQ fees to AVEQ for provincial student representation;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT a report be prepared by the External and Mobilization Coordinator to Council following the formal dissolution of the FEUQ, which outlines all the remaining FEUQ fees held under the CSU.

*– Gabriel Velasco (Sanaz Hassan Pour)*



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### **c) Policy Changes**

A motion was carried to approve the new Standing Regulations.

– *Marion Miller (Aloyse Muller)*

### **d) CUSA Centre Inc.**

*The following motion was carried:*

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council approve the cost of \$5606.36 to be expensed from the Student Space, Accessible Education and Legal Contingency (SSAELC) Fund in accordance with special by-law I & J for the legal fees associated with BLG in their assessment of CUSA Centre Inc. and its amiable dissolution.

– *Terry Wilkings (Jason Poirer-Lavoie)*