



CSU Regular Council Meeting – Agenda

Wednesday, December 13th, 2017

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

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. The Concordia Student Union 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.

1. Call to Order

2. Roll Call

3. Approval of the Agenda

4. Consent Agenda

- a) Reports from Committees
- b) Approval of Minutes – November 8th (RCM), November 22nd (RCM)
- c) Executive Reports
- d) Chairperson's Report
- e) Student Status Check

5. Presentations & Guest Speakers

6. Appointments

- a) External & Mobilization Committee (1 spot)
- b) Loyola Committee (1 spot)
- c) Policy Committee (1 spot)
- d) Finance Committee (1 spot)

e) Appointments Committee (1 spot)

f) AVEQ Committees

g) Senate

h) Finance Coordinator

7. New Business – Informational

a) Living Wage

8. New Business – Substantive

a) Mid-Mandate Reports

b) BDS Occupation

c) Library Services Fund Referendum

d) Inappropriate Use of CSU Credit

9. Question Period & Business Arising

10. Announcements

11. Adjournment

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at: 18h45

2. Roll Call

Executives present for the duration of the meeting were:

Omar Riaz (General Coordinator), Asma Mushtaq (Academic & Advocacy Coordinator), Veronika Rydzewski (Internal Affairs Coordinator), Maria Gabriela Polanco (Loyola Coordinator), Leyla Sutherland (Student Life Coordinator), Ahmed Badr (External Affairs and Mobilization Coordinator)

Executives absent for the duration of the meeting were:

Devon Ellis-Darity (Sustainability Coordinator)

Councillors present for the duration of the meeting were:

Rim Hamila (Engineering and Computer Science), Sally Younis (Engineering and Computer Science), Camille Thompson-Marchand (Arts and Science), Julia Sutura Sardo (Arts and Science), Dylan Applebaum (John Molson School of Business) Jeremy Laxer (Arts and Science), Patrick Magallanes (Arts and Science), Rowan Gaudet (Arts and Science), Ali Sherra (Arts and Science), Aouatif Zebiri (Arts and Science), Tabea Vischer (Arts and Science), Eamon Toohey (Arts and Science) Ahmed Jemma (Engineering and Computer Science), Rory Blaisdell (John Molson School of Business), Mikaela Clark-Gardner (Fine Arts), Mustafa Bokesmati (Arts and Sciences), Marco Rossi (John Molson School of Business), Alexis Searcy (Arts and Sciences), Jonathan Roy (Arts and Sciences), Sophie Hough-Martin (Arts and Sciences), Daniel Abrams (John Molson School of Business), Kathy Khánh Trân Du (John Molson School of Business).

Councillors absent for the duration of the meeting were:

Peter Zhuang, Kadijah Komah, Charlotte Genest, Alienor Lougerstay

Chair: I would like to welcome all of the new Councillors and the fine Arts building. As tradition we have the meeting here in December, and we've never had this many Councillors! I promise you our future meetings will be held in bigger spaces. That being said, I am going to go over the introduction for the new Councillors: Meetings are filmed and sometimes student media is taking pictures. Let me or them know if you don't want to be in any pictures and they'll respect that request.

I would like to impart the seriousness of being a Councillor. You're part of a Board of Directors that is incorporated; you're on the board of a registered corporation. We do deal with doling our sums of money, it's students' tuition, every decision you make represents your faculty and the students. Keep that in mind for every vote and decision that you take. At the CSU we deal with respect, when we address each other we do so in gender-neutral pronouns. The person with the speaking rights is the only one who is speaking at a time.

We will keep each other accountable, and I will shut down any negative personal remarks. Address people in the third person. When you speak of your colleagues, do not refer to them directly, (We do not use the word 'you', it goes against Parliamentary procedure).

Don't be afraid to ask questions, not everyone is fluidly familiar with Robert's rules. Raise your placard and ask for a point of order if you're unsure. We have a Facebook group, if you haven't been added yet reach out to either myself or Omar and we'll add you to the group.

A. Zebiri moves to excuse the absent Councillors and the absent Executive.

R. Blaisdell: Councillors who are not here but who have not submitted an excusal?

Chair: If you have not been excused, it will be considered an absence.

If you don't want your absence to count, contact me beforehand. Everyone has two allotted absences.

In Favor: 17

Opposed: 0

Abstention: 0

The excusals are approved.

3. Approval of the Agenda

P. Magallanes moves to approve the Agenda and Consent Agenda

C. Thompson-Marchand seconds the motion

In Favor: 18

Opposed: 0

Abstention: 1

The motion carries.

5. Presentations & Guest Speakers

A) Waste Not, Want Not

Kora: Good evening everyone. Thank you for the opportunity to present today about the Waste Not Want Not collaboration.

How many people know what a rocking unicorn is? It's a lot of movement and no progress. We're here to demonstrate that our sustainability program is going somewhere. 74% of Concordia's waste goes to landfills, and 50% of that is compostable. We ship our organic waste to a facility in Ontario, which contributes to the carbon footprint overhead. Investing in local composting would eliminate this offset.

The University of Sherbrooke does their own on-site composting, and it increases consistently annually. They do not have a facility for plastics, so those need to be sent off-site.

Our collaboration began on the ground in September, and since the previous year we have consistently increased the amount of composting done at Concordia. We work together with Faculty, Administration and Staff. In the second year we merged with the Sustainability Ambassadors Program.

In terms of infrastructure, we began with nine bins. Now we have 25 locations, and in January there will be 13 new bins available for 75 in total.

For on-site Composting we held a public consultation, and Concordia bought two small composters. The scale is negligible compared to what Concordia ships out of Province.

We want these composters to be as available as possible, for all events where food is served. We have been involved with events from every Faculty and would like to continue with all teams possible. CSU has their own Wastebusters team, but if you need us elsewhere all you need to do is email us.

The process to get bins at Concordia should be automated. When you have an event it should be an automatic assignment of a compost bin. Those policies and procedures should reflect our values here at Concordia. We had our own food festival over the first two weeks of classes, fully catered by The Hive and popcorn donated by local farms.

We introduce people to the composting at campus by offering them brownies, apples, popcorn and other compostables and invite people to put their waste in the bins we've provided.

We started with 62 volunteers, in the second year we had over 110. We have 47 staff members and 20 professors gave in-class presentations to help students learn to become more sustainable by composting on campus. You can sign up yourself; we already have one volunteer at Council. Concordia is a 50,000 member community. We'd like to contribute a change. Our funding finishes at the end of winter and we need to find ways to sustain collaboration in different ways. We need policies and procedures that can outlive this campaign.

All Faculties and Associations need to develop their Sustainability Policies. We should be able to teach students to develop a sustainability mindset. We want all of these initiatives to merge with the Sustainability Ambassadors program should Waste Not Want Not disappear as a program down the line.

We would like to automate as much of these processes as possible. The Dean of students has helped us get compost bins at Orientation and Frosh and volunteers at those events without me having to find people.

We hope for this progress to be maintained, and to maintain this type of presence at events for the next few years. This collaboration should be maintained for a few more years. Our budget is estimated at 15,000 annually for the next three years. We're proposing matching funding between the CSU and the Services sector (EH&S).

We need your help to continue moving forward. Thank you very much!

O. Riaz moves that the CSU 2017-2018 supports the Waste Not Want Not collaboration in matching funding for the next three years

J. Roy seconds the motion

O. Riaz: Devon has been working on this for a long time and I would like to present this motion on her behalf

D. Applebaum: Has the other 7.5K been pledged by the University?

Kora: No, this is a new program so we're making a budget request right now from the University and our budget is part of it. We haven't gotten a final answer but we have the support of the EH&S.

A. Zebiri: Does the Executive know which budget line this would come from?

R. Blaisdell: Based on our discussions at Finance Committee, we have a surplus we can use we can use for this.

A. Zebiri: I would like to encourage Executives to let us know when this has been decided so we can discuss it at a later meeting.

R. Blaisdell: The "Matching amount", does that language make it conditional?

O. Riaz: I think that is open for Council to decide. I read it as it was offered. But yes I agree we should distinguish that. Not only do we have a surplus we also have a large misc. budget for this type of project.

D. Applebaum: There is a misunderstanding, is that 7,500\$ for the next year? Isn't the budget line for current students? Maybe there should be an addition to this to require approval, just like we do for Club Space.

A. Zebiri: Isn't this money requested for this coming year, next semester? Or is it for the next year forward?

Kora: The next funding would be for fall of 2018

R. Blaisdell: To interpret from what Dylan has said, we can pledge money. This is us approving a sponsorship that would stand in the future. It doesn't mean it would come from this year's budget.

O. Riaz: The budget we had seen, was that for the whole year?

Kora: Yes, the whole year.

O. Riaz: Would it be fair to assume you'd need half of that for winter specifically?

Kora: 2/3 for fall and 1/3 for winter. There's less orientation in winter and in terms of our Food festival (our major cost) we wouldn't be outside in the winter.

Chair: If there are no more questions we can move to a vote.

R. Blaisdell: We should clarify if it is conditional to the matching amount.

R. Gaudet moves to amend to remove the word 'matching'

T. Vischer seconds the motion

D. Applebaum: I would prefer it to be conditional on the Administration's 7.5K. If they don't believe they need a full 15K, we should only match accordingly.

Chair: There is opposition to the wording.

R. Gaudet: It speaks for itself.

Kora: I did the draft for this motion, when I wrote 'matching' I wanted it to be explicit that the CSU expect the university to match it, to encourage the university. I didn't intend for it to be conditional per-se.

S. Hough-Martin: The CSU already has a Sustainability policy that is pro-compost so I don't see a problem with unconditional funding.

R. Blaisdell: I agree with that. But the word 'matching' would require the larger amount in total. We need to know if they need that 15K total to 'make things happen'. There's no point paying for half of something if there is no outcome. We need to know how much you actually need.

Anna: I can see it being done with 7.5 but it would be significantly compromised, just the Food Festival for example. It's 5 days, less funding means less days, and less impact.

R. Blaisdell: To clarify, if you got less money you'd still do the initiative but on a smaller scale.

Anna: If I had to, that's how we would do it. But we also want to make sure that it is impactful.

D. Applebaum: The idea about it being conditional is for that full effect and that oversight. Right now no conditions on how that funding would be spent exist. Maybe a condition that the Sustainability Coordinator oversees it?

Chair: I would encourage someone to suggest wording

R. Blaisdell: I move to amend this motion to read that "In the event that this initiative does not fundraise its full amount that they be mandated to come back to Council with another request".

R. Blaisdell: It would ensure them the full intended effect.

Chair: There's a motion to amend the amendment on the table to remove the word 'matching' and then the amendment to that is what Rory presented.

R. Gaudet seconds the amendment.

R. Blaisdell: We add a clause to cover us so we remove the restrictive covenant “matching”.

L. Sutherland: I am concerned about if they were to receive slightly under half, they’d have to come back to secure that funding. We should consider that as funding for that project and not set a bunch of conditions. They’ve been successful with funding preciously.

R. Hamila: Can I have the full motion read?

Chair: / Goes over the motions, and two amendments, the first being to remove the word matching

R. Blaisdell: To follow up on Leyla’s point. What I want in my amendment:

If you don’t raise what you need, come back and ask us for more. We want to support it, it mandates them to come back and get more if they don’t get enough.

Karo: One thing I was discussing with Devon is that if Council decides to approve this, she can write letters confirming the funding from the CSU, saying that Council expects matching funding from H&S. Maybe it can be just in the letter and not in the motion to remove these restrictions.

O. Riaz: If Councils’ okay with it, why not just remove that as a condition?

Chair: Because we have to motions to amend, that’s the limit.

R. Hamila: To echo Omar’s point, we don’t have to mandate them to ask us for money.

Chair: “In the event that this initiative does not raise this full amount that they be mandated to come to Council.”

R. Blaisdell: It has to be considered separately. We’re voting on the amendment now so we can add that after.

Sally: To be clear this is for more than one year? Three years. For now we’ll want to support it, next year they might not find it feasible. I don’t think it’s such a good idea.

Chair: I’m going to reject the wording of this motion because we can’t mandate other groups to act on this. I hadn’t realized it in the original amendment.

R. Blaisdell: What if it’s a condition? We can add the restrictions, mandating them to provide a report?

Chair: That’s a request, not a mandate.

R. Blaisdell: Yes, it would be a request.

Chair: Is everyone alright with the wording of ‘request’ instead of ‘mandate’? Good.

In Favor: 17

Opposed: 0

Abstention: 1

The second motion to amend carries

Chair: We are back on the first amendment to remove the word ‘matching’

In Favor: 17

Opposed: 0

Abstention: 2

The motion carries

R. Blaisdell moves to amend to add ‘Be it further resolved the CSU strongly encourages other groups at the University to support this initiative’

S. Hough-Martin seconds the motion

R. Blaisdell: It’s important that we call upon other funding groups for support.

Chair: Can we accept this via unanimity? Yes, good.

D. Applebaum moves to add “Be it further resolved that funds only be dispersed after the spending is approved by the Finance Committee”

A. Zebiri seconds the motion

D. Applebaum: The idea is that there’s some oversight that the spending is according to plan

R. Blaisdell: We do this all the time. We’re supporting their initiative to do what they plan to do with it. This isn’t like a CSU club that’s under our umbrella. This is us just giving the money out so I don’t think that amendment is required.

Chair: Any further discussion? We can move to a vote to Dylan’s Amendment

In Favor: 2

Opposed: 12

Abstention: 6

The amendment fails to be adopted

Chair: We’re back on the main speaker’s list

R. Blaisdell: I would like to call the question

Chair: The motion as a whole, as amended

“The CSU support the Waste Not Want Not compost collaboration with a 7,500\$ funding for the next three years,

In the event the funding is not matched that they be requested to come to Council;

Be it further resolved that the CSU strongly encourages other groups to fund this initiative”

In Favor: 18

Opposed: 0

Abstention: 0

The motion carries unanimously

Chair: I would like to thank you for presenting. There are hard documents being handed out for the next point. We are now on 5B, Anna will present the CUCCR

B) CUCCR:

Anna: Thank you.

I am presenting a project that I am working on: The Concordia University Center for Creative Re-Use

We collect materials for reuse by the whole community. Our project opened this past March; we've donated over 4.5 tonnes of material since. We've collected materials, requesting student organizations, departments, businesses, and offices within the university think about the materials they are discarding and seeing if it is still usable by other groups.

We also ask our members (you can join for free), asking about what faculty you're from when you come and take materials. It's like binders, materials, folders, never buy that stuff again. So much here is available. We provide materials for a wide range of initiatives. What we've realized is that we need more space to do more. We're working with Environmental Health and Safety Services to renovate a space allocated in the Grey Nun's Building. Our dream with the new space is to have a much bigger impact. It's not just a depot of materials, but a making space. Tables, tools and materials. If you wanted to repurpose wood to make a shelf, you would have the means to do so here. If you're a Fine Arts or Engineering student you have those kinds of spaces, but an average student would not. The "shed" is part of our 2.0 expansion will be a Tool Library and woodworking Co-Op, offering special training. It is in collaboration with the Shed Initiative aimed at tool literacy, encouraging people to have more confidence with using tools themselves. The reason that 2.0 had been pushed so fast was because we had an opportunity to apply for a Recyc-Quebec grant of 75,000\$. We dialed up the speed of our programming for the future and put together a comprehensive plan with the Environmental Health and Safety, the Board of Governors of Concordia (they applied on our behalf which is really wonderful) and we made this whole plan and did the planning workup for the Grey Nun's space. As with everything, it was much more expensive than we thought it would be. The total cost would be 231,000\$. EHS and VP services are putting together the capital funds request. They're concerned we don't have enough multi stakeholder funding security. If many groups fund a little bit we can keep costs low for each of them. There's a list on the back of the hand-out of our many stakeholders.

Things are moving full-tilt, and I'm excited to be here to plant the seeds of this initiative with you here. Please bring it to your departments and networks, and open the floor to discussion about where those bits of support can come from. The University hasn't done a great deal of that yet, but it is part of the Zero-Waste initiative and other bigger pushes on campus. Our metrics are crazy, and the most updated live metrics are

on our sites .We've saved over 50,000\$ in purchasing by diverting materials. We held a reclaim-a-thon at the end of the Semester.

R. Blaisdell: So I'm writing an email to my dean, where can I get a digital copy?

Anna: I can send that to all of you if you'd like.

Chair: To me, and I can send it out to the group.

Anna: Your dean should already have a copy, as well. The more places this comes from the stronger it will be.

M. Clark-Gardner: I've been to the center and it's super awesome. I'm really happy you're expanding. As a fine Arts student it is amazing. It keeps us from salvaging around, and for it to be accessible for people not in Fine Arts is great. My question is, can anything be taken out of the space?

Anna: That's all part of our 2.0, there's big legal liability with a student checking out a tool. But ideally yes, you're probably not going to haul everything to the space every time you use it.

P. Magallanes: I was wondering if this is the only location you're considering?

Anna: this is the one currently available to us, identified by facilities as a furniture manager. It meets the needs of a furniture re-use space. The Space isn't 100% ideal, there are accessibility issues we're working out, but it is our best option.

J. Roy: I like the idea, what if several funding sources not contribute what would happen to the expansion?

Anna: It is moving ahead as planned, I want to say Concordia agreed to fund at least 50% of this. It's not pledged, but there is flex room and for people to change their contributions.

D. Applebaum: What is the timeline for coming back and asking for the capital from the CSU?

Anna: We hear from Recyc-Quebec in March, and we need to know if we have at least an additional half of that funding before then. Between January and March we would return with a new request.

S. Younis: Any student can go there and work?

Anna: Yes, that's what we want to use. Even if you graduate.

S. Younis: Even if they're not a student?

Anna: Yes.

R. Hamila: I see here for the ENCS faculty, there's 5% for both capital funding and contributions? Has it been approved by the faculty?

Anna: Not yet, we're only three weeks into our networking and meeting. We have a meeting with the dean of Fine arts and Arts and Sciences but Engineering is a faculty we'd like help contacting. Due to scheduling mostly.

O. Riaz: This is a projection for what you would like and not the actual Projection? Okay, would it be possible to see where you're at with funding?

Anna: Four of those lines have been confirmed, all but one are student associations or groups. It's still to-be confirmed. The year-end for Faculty is in May so closer to then they'd know if they have discretionary funding available. We're working with many different funding timelines.

D. Abrams: What happens to the money already raised if you don't get the grant?

Anna: We've done so much work putting into place all of the requirements for the grant, I believe it will move forward regardless if only at a different timeline. We'd have 18 months to spend that grant if we receive it, but if we don't receive it we would operate on a longer timeframe.

R. Blaisdell: What's the deadline for this expansion?

Anna: Ideally we have at least 50% of our funding by March. The timeline for actual renovations and spending wouldn't begin until fall of 2018, but due to the planning and construction schedule no construction can start until the fall of 2018 so we aren't looking for an opening until summer 2019 as a soft launch date.

R. Blaisdell: Specifically which grant?

Anna: Recyc-Quebec, a waste management program of the Provincial Government.

R. Blaisdell: And the meeting with JMSB, has it been scheduled?

Anna: They have told us their funds have been allocated for this year. So we'd be talking with them about future allocations. We'd need more connections to be made. I contacted the Dean and it was passed on to their Finance person.

S. Younis: I could try to move that ahead for you.

Anna: Thank you.

K. Khánh Trân Du: Is there a staffing system for this, like a Library?

Anna: we're open Tuesday Wednesday Thursday, three afternoons a week. We have a check-out station and we weigh it and ask you what you think you would have spent if it weren't free. With this expansion plan we will need a full time and two part time positions at the minimum. It's complimented by three internships and 10-12 volunteers.

Chair: We have a cap of two-follow up questions, after you can go back on the Speaker's list

D. Applebaum: What is your current operating budget? Is it complete?

Anna: We're operating at half our operating budget, we're figuring out how it can take us through the end of winter. This has come up so fast that it would dovetail perfectly and we'd be fine.

D. Applebaum: Who funds the other half?

Anna: Sustainability Action fund and student grants.

Marco (NEW): You track the usage of each member? That can be used as an argument for funding from each faculty.

Anna: Yes, you can see the live metrics. Out of our 1000 members it's primarily Fine Arts, which is fair. We're trying to reach out to other departments to see how they can connect to it for their own needs.

M. Rossi: Maybe a marketing campaign online.

R. Blaisdell: A comment for everyone. This is an opportunity where we can impact outside of Council. You're a representative. If you think your faculty could benefit from this, you ought to take action. It shows that we've been voted in by people who voted us in and we're taking action on their behalf.

R. Hamila: You share the space? Have you contacted the association for collaboration?

Anna: Natural collaborations have happened; we have great working relationships with them but not on a formal level. I have informal contacts but maybe more formal ones would be great.

M. Rossi: Sitting on similar committees at JMSB, it's kind of lacking. It would be an opportunity for recognition internationally.

Anna: It's a great opportunity for other groups to contribute and assist in a creative way. Please feel free to share this with anyone you come across. There's a great deal of possibility.

O. Riaz: Have you considered a fee levy?

Anna: We decided against it. We're looking for diverse funding structure; it is the strongest and gives multiple stakeholders a voice in the process.

D. Abrams: You said earlier that four of those lines were secure, which ones?

Anna: There's some waiting that goes into that, they're mostly student groups and one faculty (Fine Arts). Confirmations and our operating funds are distinct.

R. Blaisdell: From my experience on senate, when you write to any university administrator, you include the connection to the strategic directions and they get excited. If you're trying to argue something to them and refer to the strategic directions they love it.

M. Rossi: Do you show reports on your spending?

Anna: We follow the sustainability action fund model; we haven't had an end-of-year report yet.

Ahmed Jemma: Do you have a facebook page?

Anna: Yes, Facebook, Instagram, website, it's all available.

Ahmed Jemma: Maybe post your pages on the club sites at Concordia? I can do it for the ENCS.

Anna: That would be great.

Chair: You can send me documents to disseminate to Council.

Chair: Thank you Anna and Caro for presenting!

V. Rydzewski moves to call recess

L. Sutherland: If you have any dietary restrictions, let me know, do not bring clementines or peanuts to Council please.

O. Riaz moves to go into closed session

A. Sherra seconds the motion

In Favor: 19

Opposed: 0

Abstention: 0

The motion to go into closed session carries.

The meeting is in CLOSED SESSION as of 8:21pm

Kamden has been appointed to the position of Finance Coordinator.

O.Riaz moves to take a recess. 10:54pm

Recess ends at 11:05pm

L. Sutherland moves to return to open session

R. Gaudet seconds the motion

In Favor: 16

Opposed: 0

Abstention: 0

The motion to move back into open session passes

The Meeting returns to Open Session

Chair: We have a motion to ratify the decisions made in closed session by R. Blaisdell.

Seconded by A. Zebiri

In Favor: 13

Opposed: 0

Abstention: 0

The motion passes.

6. B) Committees

Chair: Committees are where the ‘experts’ are found, to help us avoid lengthy discussions in Council specialized issues are dealt with.

R. Gaudet moves to table all Committee appointments until next Council meeting

S. Hough-Martin seconds the motion

R. Gaudet: I doubt any meetings will happen before next Council meeting and there are a lot of remaining points on the agenda.

Chair: Senate is not a committee, it is a shuffle. Did you want to blanket table everything under six?

R. Gaudet: Yes.

R. Blaisdell: I would recommend we remove Senate from that tabling, it would allow us to open a callout to Appointments to let Students at large to apply if we were to choose that option versus other committees which are filled straight from Council.

A. Zebiri: External was supposed to meet before the term ends, I’m afraid it will not make quorum if we don’t appoint someone.

A. Badr: We meet next week, that is true.

A. Sherra moves to amend to remove Senate appointments from Rowan’s blanket tabling motion, to except 6. G).

R. Blaisdell seconds the motion.

S. Younis: I am travelling then, they can’t meet at that time?

Chair: That can be resolved internally? Does External need someone?

A. Badr: We need one person.

Chair: Can you function until next meeting without filling it?

A. Badr: I don't think it will take more than three minutes. Can we do it?

Chair: External committee needs an extra member.

A. Zebiri moves to amend the motion to remove External from Rowan's blanket tabling motion.

Chair: All in favor?

In Favor: 16

Opposed: 1

Abstention: 1

The motion carries.

6. B) External and Mobilization Committee

Chair: Anyone want to nominate themselves?

A. Zebiri moves to nominate Mustafa Bokesmati to External committee.

A. Searcy moves to nominate themselves to External Committee.

C. Thompson-Marchand seconds the motion.

S. Younis moves to resign from the External Committee.

E. Toohey moves to nominate themselves to External Committee.

Chair: We will proceed to a secret ballot vote.

M. Bokesmati: Hello this is my first meeting at Council. I was already on the Committee but I was elected here so I am no longer a student at large. I lost my seat on External. I have attended all the previous meetings, I know what the position entails. The reason I am interested is because of my experience with student activism. I am the coordinator for Solidarity for Palestinian Human rights. I am also the student rep for the Poli-Sci student Association on Asma's Council, I am aware of the different dealings of student politics. Going back to external committee, I am aware of the functions.

A. Searcy: I want to become involved, my background is in community organizing in student politics. I've worked with a lot of different groups. I am in touch with the Montréal political scene on a community level. I am a member of many activist groups on campus and in Montréal and am familiar with the needs of many different communities.

E. Toohey: I'd like to rescind my candidacy. I feel it important that the two new Councillors have the opportunity to take this role.

R. Gaudet moves to appoint both candidates.

R. Gaudet: They both seem very qualified and implicated.

Chair: The motion on the table is to omnibus the vote.

In Favor: 18

Opposed: 0

Abstention: 0

The motion to appoint both candidates carries.

6. G) Senate

R. Blaisdell: I want to disclose to Council a potential for a potential conflict of interest. The document submitted was submitted by my partner. What they are proposing in this letter in this way no benefit them or myself so I will not be withholding my comments on this matter.

D. Applebaum: Who stepped down? What are the normal procedures for these seats to be filled?

Chair: Evan Pritchie, they sent me an email and I included it in my report. The procedure is that there are some seats selected through the general election and some are appointed. In the standing regulations in the CSU, you can appoint someone else.

D. Applebaum: Seeing how it is only a moving of positions, it wasn't made available to everyone. Shifting it over does not give other people the chance for others to bring their candidacy forward and as they are already on the Senate they are not making it accessible to the student at large.

A. Sherra: I sit on Senate, and their letter was to point out that there is an over-representation of JMSB students than any other faculty at Concordia. The idea wasn't about shifting seats, but "since there are already this many out of the total" it should be available to more students, and I agree with that.

M. Clark-Gardner: To summarize more clearly, this came from a senator who sits on Academic Caucus. Due to Evan's resignation, typically the seat is appointed by Council. Given as it came as a resignation of someone who was elected, the concern was raised that the person appointed to a seat vacated by resignation typically goes to the same faculty. The concern of representation came

from a person who is from JMSB. It's not pushing people out; the desire was to make that seat available to all faculties, given that there isn't equal representation. To make the playing field more level at Senate and I want to advocate again for that. We review so many documents to do with course changes and there is only so much insight you can get if you get only the perspective of one main faculty. We rely on one another to get input. It's also part of us being able to do our job correctly.

R. Gaudet moves to send the seat to Appointments Committee, to be open to all faculties.

C. Thompson-Marchand seconds the motion

R. Gaudet: There has been a lot of discussion about balance between faculties, it shouldn't be appointed from Council. There's currently four Councillors on senate which is double the amount stipulated in standing regulations. Opening this up to all students is the best option.

O. Riaz: There are currently seven members who sit on Council on senate, out of ten. Every faculty has a minimum of two. ENCS only has one, so it should be amended to designate them.

D. Applebaum: The seat that was vacant was of a JMSB member of the board. Can I say "give preferential treatment to JMSB" applicants?

Chair: It is not considered friendly.

D. Applebaum: the student in question is representing students at large. Their faculty does not represent their views. The position that was vacated is for JMSB students. I do not see how they would not be fulfilling their role. The person who submitted this letter ran for that position and lost.

R. Blaisdell: To clarify based on elections, they lost by less than ten votes. They were runner-up for that same position. I want to draw your attention to the second paragraph of that letter, highlighting their confidence to represent all faculties. Their experience is directly related to JMSB. They sat on a series of Councils and committees and their expertise is completely JMSB. It would be better for all of Concordia if it were available for all of Concordia's student body.

A. Sherra: Does it matter whether they lost or not? It has nothing to do with this conversation. This conversation is about the underrepresentation of other faculties. Senate is the academic body of Concordia where students work collectively to represent students as a whole, and need members from all faculties. We have worked together well in Senate and if we were to get a voice from a different major it would complete us and we need that. That is why it should be open to all faculties.

L. Sutherland: To clarify that the person who resigned was not the Senator who wrote the letter. We should not be calling into question their ability to serve in their seat. Ultimately what students

represent are the needs of all students and their expertise is their own faculty, this argument being presented is not very sound.

D. Applebaum: The makeup of the board is specific so that those specialties are included; it's considered fair representation to specify the number of representatives from each faculty. It is specifically to stay in line with our bylaws and making up our boards.

O. Riaz: I would move to amend the motion to make the position available to EMSC students.

Chair: It would change the nature of the motion.

O. Riaz: If we want equal representation on senate we should at least have equal representation from each Faculty.

C. Thompson-Marchand moves to call the amendment to question.

M. Clark-Gardner seconds the motion.

Chair: All in favor of calling the question on the amendment

In Favor: 18

Opposed: 0

Abstention: 1

The question has been called.

Chair: We will move to a vote to “with preferential treatment to JMSB students”.

In Favor: 2

Opposed: 12

Abstention: 4

D. Applebaum's FOR Vote has been noted

The amendment is defeated.

Chair: We move back to the main motion of sending it to appointments committee and open it to all students.

R. Hamila: Can we confirm the composition of the Senate?

A. Sherra: It's on the CSU website.

O. Riaz: ASFA 4, FASA 2, 3, ENCS 1.

Chair: Can we confirm the faculties?

D. Applebaum: students who are appointed to faculty seats versus students at large. How many are supposed to be there according to bylaws?

O. Riaz: One from each faculty, by appointments.

C. Thompson-Marchand: Are we turning the JMSB seat to a student at large position?

Chair: No, just for the vacant seat to be sent to Appointments Committee.

D. Applebaum: One seat is available and it was held by someone specifically designated to represent JMSB students. And now it is open to all.

Sophie moves to amend the motion to include preferential treatment for ENCS students

O. Riaz seconds the motion

D. Applebaum: As a representative of JMSB I am opposed to this because the seat was intended for a JMSB student. Every student can apply for it, but it was intended as a JMSB seat.

J. Roy: I sit on senate and one of the issues we've been dealing with this year is certain professors in the ENCS department either not being engineers...that whole problem. We're having a hard time to find students to talk about this issue. Opening this seat to ENCS would help with issues plaguing ENCS students.

A. Sherra: JMSB has four seats out of twelve. The idea that they're not represented is false. Priority should be given to ENCS but if no one from ENCS applies it would be open to everyone which is more than fair.

R. Hamila: The position from the JMSB is it from Council or general elections?

Chair: General elections. If someone quits then Council can appoint to the position.

M. Clark-Gardner would like to call the question

O. Riaz seconds the motion

In Favor: 18

Opposed: 0

Abstention: 1

The question has been called

Chair: All in favor of the amendment to prefer ENCS applicants?

In Favor: 18

Opposed: 0

Abstention: 0

The motion carries, the amendment will be added to the motion

R. Hamila: When is the application deadline

V. Rydzewski: There hasn't been one set, but the appointment will be carried out prior to the next Senate meeting. Usually the timeframe is two weeks. Since it is finals I will extend it to the first week of classes.

A. Sherra moves to call the question

R. Hamila seconds the motion

In Favor: 16

Opposed: 0

Abstention: 1

The question has been called

Chair: The current motion is to send the seat to Appointments and give preferential treatment to ENCS students

In Favor: 17

Opposed: 1

Abstention: 2

Dylan's NO vote has been noted.

The motion carries.

C. Thompson-Marchand: I would like to move that the current person sitting on the Student at Large seat is transferred to JMSB.

A. Sherra: It makes no difference, it's not possible.

Chair: The way the Senate is done in standing regulations. Any resignations leave an open seat, it's how the standing regulations are.

D. Applebaum: wouldn't they have to resign from their current position as student at large because they can't hold two seats?

Chair: That was in the letter, we have their written consent that this is what they wanted to do.

A. Sherra seconds the motion.

CMT: We decided we wanted to encourage people from different faculties to apply and to keep one faculty from becoming privileged.

A. Sherra: The only elected member not elected from Council then we would have to elect someone. I don't find there's a difference but if you want to formalize it, it really doesn't make a difference. The point was to open the seat up to other students.

R. Hamila: What is the motion?

Chair: Shamea wanted their seat switched from Student at Large to JMSB.

A. Mushtaq: Although it won't make a difference, the clarity for some in terms of what the seat represents is important. That is why it was put in the letter, to recognize their representation. It's important to recognize the thought that went into it and it is coherent. They are still a senator, they are still credible, and they are doing something that makes more sense in terms of coherence.

In Favor: 12

Opposed: 0

Abstention: 7

The motion carries.

R.Hamila moves to rescind the previous motion to move the appointment to appointments committee.

M. Clark-Gardner: Point of personal privilege, it's very late and this might not be the best time to do this kind of thing.

R. Hamila: I am an ENCS student and I am involved with what's happening with students in software engineering. I think I would be a good candidate for this position.

Chair: The motion on the table is to reverse a position taken by Council.

A. Sherra: As great as it is that an engineering student wants to appoint themselves, it would be good for other students to apply. As you are an engineering student you would be prioritized, but it's bombarding senate with Councillors. We should remove Senate from Council a little bit.

A. Zebiri: Can a Councillor apply for Appointments Committee to sit for that seat?

V. Ryzewski: Any Councillor can apply to Appointments if they want to sit on a seat. In this case if we don't want to vote today the Councillor could send their application to appointments committee.

A. Zebiri: I would recommend that to Rim.

R. Hamila: I would like to rescind that.

Chair: It was seconded. So can we move in unanimity to lay this aside? Perfect.

7. A) Living Wage

V. Rydzewski moves to table Living Wage until January

S. Hough-Martin seconds the motion

In Favor: 16

Opposed: 0

Abstention: 0

The tabling of the motion carries.

Chair: People are looking into tabling things. If anyone wants to table more than one thing or state as executives what you'd like to table let me know.

V. Rydzewski moves to table 8F, Interim Finance Coordinator Pay.

R. Blaisdell seconds the motion.

In Favor: 18

Opposed: 0

Abstention: 2

The motion is tabled.

Chair: Can anyone table more than one thing at once?

A. Zebiri moves to table 7B and 8H ,Clubs and Internal and Clubs report

R. Hamila seconds the motion

In Favor: 18

Opposed: 0

Abstention: 0

The motion is tabled.

7 C) Email sent to Louise

A. Zebiri: Louise isn't notified about the rooms booked and has expressed their concerns. I am letting the Chair and Executives know about that. They do not have access to the internet this week because of issues at CUTV. It would be best if someone could make that information available to her.

Chair: We can give her a print out schedule.

7D) Election

M. Clark-Gardner: I want to change election process and procedures. This is informational. If anyone is interested I want to make an ad hoc committee. We'll come back to it in January

8A) Mid-Mandate Reports

R. Gaudet: Whereas Point 402 of the CSU standing regulation states:

402.The Executives must submit a joint written mid-mandate report to Council no later than the first January regular meeting. This report must include but is not limited to the objectives of the annual work plan. This report must provide an overview of all events, projects, campaigns, and services provided by the Union. Any executive that does not submit their portion of the report for the mid-mandate report shall be deducted 350\$ from their next paycheck. Council can waive the penalty for exceptional reasons by a majority vote.

Be it resolved that point 402 of the CSU standing regulations be amended to state:

The Executives must submit a joint written mid-mandate report to Council no later than the second January regular meeting. This report must include but is not limited to the objectives of the annual work plan. This report must provide an overview of all events, projects, campaigns, and services provided by the Union. Any executive that does not submit their portion of the report for the midmandate report shall be deducted 350\$ from their next paycheck. Council can waive the penalty for exceptional reasons by a majority vote

C. Thompson Marchand seconds the motion

R. Gaudet: This has been done several times in the past and was lost in Policy committee. Executives deserve a holiday break; there are no negative effects of postponing the reports to the second January meeting.

Chair: Standing regulations changes, a two -thirds majority is required

In Favor: 18

Opposed: 0

Abstention: 0

The motion carries.

8.B) BDS Occupation

E. Toohey:

WHEREAS the Concordia Student Union has, by referendum, adopted a position to “endorse the Boycott, Divestment and Sanctions movement against Israel's occupation of Palestine” (CSU Positions Book 8.1);

WHEREAS the United States has acted to recognize Jerusalem as the capital of Israel;

BE IT RESOLVED that the Concordia Student Union condemn this action and any similar ones in Canada;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Concordia Student Union support efforts in Montreal and abroad against the occupation of Palestine organized in response to this action and any of a similar nature.

J. Roy seconds the motion.

E. Toohey: While we have a blanket position on the books, there have been demonstrations organized in response to the US government’s recognition of Jerusalem as the capital of Israel. This conflicts with our political stances, and this move impacts many students at our University.

A. Zebiri moves to amend:

“Be it resolved that the CSU in collaboration with other student unions in Montréal writes a letter of condemnation of these actions and sends it to the Foreign Minister of the Federal Government”

R. Hamila seconds the amendment.

A. Zebiri: As the motion says that the CSU will condemn this action, and making it substantive by writing a letter in collaboration with other unions with the same positions will have a bigger impact than just the CSU condemning the action in isolation. The movement mobilized in Montreal against the American government calling Jerusalem the capital of Israel is growing, and this letter would support the movement.

The amendment is considered friendly.

S. Younis: Thank you for bringing this up. I feel sad for Palestine and that the CSU should always be engaged with these issues.

E. Toohey moves to amend the motion:

“Be it further resolved that the External Coordinator is mandated the one to reach out to other unions.”

A. Mushtaq: Is this for a working group or campaign? This changes the nature of what's proposed.

E. Toohey: our standing positions would allow for this

R. Blaisdell: I've made this mistake a few times myself, but we're able to give action items to Executives without going through the process of making motions. It's consensual decision making.

R. Hamila seconds the amendment.

The amendment is considered friendly.

S. Younis moves to amend the motion:

Be it resolved that the CSU proposes BDS to the AVEC congress in January

The motion and the three amendments:

In Favor: 13

Opposed: 0

Abstention: 2

c) Library Services Fund Referendum

V. Ryzewski: This is for a general election which is very early, so this would be to move the deadline to February. The Library Service Fund is extremely important for all students.

In Favor: 15

Opposed:

Abstention: 3

The motion carries

8D) Inappropriate Use of CSU Credit Card

S. Hough-Martin:

Whereas there has been \$972.06 in Uber Trip Expenses and \$34.25 in Uber Eats Expenses on the CSU Credit Card since June 1st.

Whereas the CSU credit card is attached to the General Coordinator's personal Uber account, bypassing the CSU policy on cheque reimbursement.

Whereas point 17 of the CSU Ethics and Sustainability policy states:

When sponsoring the travel of CSU members to events in other cities, the CSU shall encourage the use of train and bus transportation, whenever possible.

Be it resolved that the CSU limit their use of Uber as much as possible;

Be it further resolved that 100% of the expenses be moved to the General Coordinator's discretionary fund unless proven to be relevant to another budget line;

Be it further resolved that Omar Riaz's personal uber account remove the CSU credit card as a method of payment;

Be it further resolved that the CSU credit card not be used for Uber until a proper procedure is put in place;

Be it further resolved that CSU Council of Representatives encourages the sole use of the credit card for expenses where reimbursement is not a practical option;

Be it further resolved that Omar Riaz be warned against inappropriate use of the CSU credit card.

A. Sherra seconds the motion.

S. Hough-Martin: I was interested in Finance Committee when we got the November credit card statement and found a tonne of Uber expenses which didn't make sense to us. A bit of sleuthing resulting in whose account was connected to the credit card. Our sustainability policy applies to travel to other cities; I do not see why it would not apply to our own city. When you have an expense to be overseen there is a check reimbursement policy. By attaching the card to Uber they have circumvented the reimbursement policy.

V. Rydzewski: In the last few days I have tried to track these transactions down. Some of which have been successfully tracked down, but it's not a significant number. It's been used by our General Manager and someone else at a time. But it does not explain this bulk of charges.

A. Sherra: How much is the discretionary budget line?

V. Rydzewski: 600\$.

A. Zebiri: When this process of finding those details and writing this motion and investigating staff and finding it was the General Coordinator's account related to the card, by any chance did they speak to the General Coordinator about this before being brought to Council?

V. Rydzewski: I did, and sent out an email inquiring everyone with access to the card. The General Coordinator did admit to it being attached to their Uber account. We submitted this motion as quickly as we did to avoid a repeat of the SUDS issue, which resulted in a lot of confusion. The motion is open to amendment should more information emerge.

S. Younis: Can you go further into the money information?

V. Rydzewski: What we've requested to the bank is contesting the transactions in order to get more information as to where they came from. Soulay the previous coordinator implemented the policy for attaching receipts, and it was only followed twice: by the IT director and the General Manager.

S. Hough-Martin: There is an Excel transcript detailing the Uber transactions between June and October, November wasn't yet available.

S. Younis: How much in Uber transactions are we talking about?

S. Hough-Martin: In November there were 14 transactions under Uber, totalling just under 200\$, and over 900\$ since the beginning of the mandate, but over 1000\$ including Uber Eats. We can't find the proper budget line because procedures weren't followed.

V. Rydzewski: So far only Omar and the GM are on these charges.

O. Riaz: I was asked about the charges and I said they were from NASCO. And I had been printing those receipts, and Soulay has those receipts. No one has contacted Soulay to get those receipts. It does come out to approximately 400\$. From those 450\$, several were for Council purposes such as Councillors leaving meetings or going back to the CSU offices. For personal use it was maybe 125\$ to arrive to meetings. I am able to provide this to you by tomorrow morning but I found it a bit disrespectful that these were sent to Council without. Any I can't provide should be claimed as fraud to the credit card company. I've gone through my Uber account, and I didn't use the CSU credit card to bypass check requisition. I submitted the receipts to Soulay.

S. Hough-Martin: normally you don't submit a check requisition every single time, so this excuse of it being simpler to print after the fact does not detract from the fact that they side-stepped the procedure. They could have used their own credit card and made the same submissions appropriately.

R. Hamila: The previous finance coordinator has not been contacted yet, and we have this motion on the table. Council could have been notified without this motion. More investigation should have been put into this; there should be more due diligence.

R. Blaisdell: As a signing officer maybe I can help here. My interpretation of this motion is that the charges will be moved to their discretionary budget line. If receipts are submitted they will be moved after the fact. It's not blaming one person for all these charges, but it is acknowledging that

the credit card was placed on a personal Uber account, all those charges have been racked up and no one else has claimed them. When I came in as a signing officer I got a giant credit card statement for the CSU. I had no form for what budget line it came out of. The old finance coordinator said they didn't have to submit the receipts afterwards. The credit card allows you to incur an expense without proving it is a relevant expense. So the issue is that until those receipts are provided, they should be moved into the fund where they are most appropriate until proven otherwise as a discretionary measure.

M. Bokesmati: Do we have access to all of this information? Can I as a Councillor get the information regarding the bank statements and such?

V. Rydzewski: Yes. Anyone can walk into the office and request those statements. This is student money and we're a public company.

R. Blaisdell: And it's our job to do so.

A. Badr: I have an experience using the CSU credit card once, twice. I wanted to rent a car and book a hotel. I sent an email asking for clarification regarding charges for 60\$ and we weren't sure who it was. It was in October and it was for a parking ticket I got travelling to an AVEC conference. It was charged to my discretionary budget. I'm not sure about the November transactions. Anyone can go to Robert and ask him for the credit card and justify it. In my experience Soulay tracked these expenses.

S. Younis: We took a lot of measures, but is this what the CSU wants to be? Instead of having real motions like about Palestine and stuff, but every meeting I come to it's about picking on people and micromanaging mistakes. Instead of pointing fingers, make your investigation and make sure before bringing any of that here.

R. Gaudet: I'd like to say a few things. I want to make clear we're talking about a thousand dollars of student money, with discontent about how that money is managed. We're a board of directors of a legal corporation. This is a big part of our responsibility. Getting a hotel room where you have to pay 300\$ up front, we can't expect an executive to drop cash that instant. It's for those instances where the Executive can't front that expense. It's not for 18\$ uber rides which is what we see right here. A lot of the 'be it resolved's encourage sustainability, a warning of inappropriate use of the credit card, and so on. The 100% of expenses as touched on is that we move it into discretionary and then the General Coordinator approximates 450\$ with receipts, and then we find out what else was charged to the card. This is the process for doing checks. If this had gone through the due process of check requisitions and not just filed under local travel we wouldn't have to do this.

O. Riaz: It's not about what's being done, it's about how it's being done. It's starting to get misleading, it is accusatory even if it has been clarified that it is not the intention. Most of the time two signing officers aren't around. I've waited up to three months for 5000\$ of personal expenses to be reimbursed, and I still incurred the interest for that. I haven't sought any of that out. A lot of it is for Council food that is in my discretionary budget. The card was used from July to August,

with over 20 Uber charges. I added the card to my account for the SUDs visit in mid-August. What about all the charges from May to Mid-August?

O.Riaz moves to amend the motion to contain a policy to cease the use of the CSU credit card, for the credit card use to be transparent, and for the use of the credit card to be sent to Policy Committee.

S. Hough-Martin: As the motion states, it is to be proven first and then moved. I agree about the usage not being stated, it is assumed. I am recently elected and I followed a thread, I spoke with many members here, and we began our investigation because of the scale of the expenses. We don't have receipts for everything. It was mentioned by the General Coordinator that not going through the check requisition procedure would inconvenience them, that is part of the job.

A. Zebiri: I would like to echo the sentiments by Rim that more investigation should have been carried out before being brought forward. When you have a concern about an executive it should be taken up with that executive before it being brought here. Moving everything to the discretionary fund of the Executive isn't right, because I heard that some of the expenses were for Councillors and not their personal use. Moving it fully to the discretionary fund is arbitrary. The motion doesn't stand strong because some of the things mentioned here are incorrect. It looks like the General Coordinator has used 972.06 dollars for Uber and they are saying they did not. I would encourage Council to vote this down. Some of the be it resolved's are important, and I agree with them separately. But the beginning of the motion is accusatory, unfortunately.

A. Jemma: Every month we have a couple of meetings and every time there is an investigation and we're investing a lot of time by doing this. We have a lot of points we are unable to cover, this is not productive. Maybe it would be better to consult Policy, it would be better than making people feel accused.

D. Applebaum moves to amend the motion to what Omar had suggested

“Be it further resolved that the CSU ceases the use of the credit card until Policy determines a better method of moderating use of the credit card”.

D. Applebaum: We can see that there were good intentions in this investigation of discrepancies, and until the CSU has better oversight for use of this credit card. Until those measures have been adopted we should not use it.

O. Riaz:

“Be it further resolved that the CSU credit card not be used at all until (other than monthly subscription charges) a CC usage policy is created by Finance Committee, which includes the amount and type of transactions.”

A. Zebiri: The Whereas makes it look like the Executive has done things they did not do. I recommend that the Whereas content of the original motion be removed or edited. This is a recommendation from me.

R. Blaisdell: Point of order, we're discussing Dylan's amendment?

A. Zebiri: Just a recommendation.

R. Blaisdell: This amendment cannot pass. As a signing officer we use the credit card for paying regular bills. Automatically saying "stop using the card" is an issue. I tried to do that when I came on as a signing officer and I was confronted with a check I didn't feel comfortable with. We couldn't do that, we had to pay it and then find out after the fact.

O. Riaz: The motion clarifies what was just said.

R. Blaisdell: As I understand it is to limit the use of the card.

O. Riaz: The motion includes the regular expenses, in writing.

Chair: Let's try to avoid amending things on the fly, but it was made in good faith with the intention of clarifying the motion.

A. Sherra: I recommend removing the last "Be it further Resolved", if we table it for further investigation for next Council.

A. Jemma: We are a team and if every time we single people out for mistakes, we will not move forward. We should have trust in the intentions of our members here.

R. Gaudet moves to table the motion in its entirety

R. Hamila seconds the motion

In Favor: 16

Opposed: 0

Abstention: 2

The motion is tabled.

R. Hamila: Lessons learned: This is what we're here for, to hold each other accountable. There are unvoiced concerns from Omar about how hard it is to follow the in-place procedure. That means we have communication problems. I appreciate the good intention of this, and we've learned to communicate and start a conversation and get them involved. Maybe they can see something that was missed. Be a bit more thorough with your communication as much as your investigation.

R. Gaudet: A lot of people agree that this discussion needed to happen, this allows us to return to it in January with the information needed. I don't think any motion has been specifically resolved, but I'd like it to be in the minutes.

R. Gaudet: I know that these ‘investigations’ are unpleasant, but there are two main duties of us all in this room, to manage and to grow. Duty two, growing is productive initiatives, but duty number one is making sure everything is running as it should. It isn’t fun, but if a student came to you and asked you about how you were spending their money, we would need an answer for them, whether it is fun or not. It is part of our legal obligations.

S. Younis: Do you remember when all the candidates applying to the Finance coordinator, what they all said? They said we all need awareness, that we don’t reach out to students. We should bring Concordia forward and have more awareness and give them what they need. We have a big budget to move forward with.

O. Riaz: I recognize this was done by Councillor for the first time, and we’re all here to grow but not at anyone’s expense. It puts to question my integrity, and it’s not done in good faith. This could be closed by tomorrow, it’s a clarification not an investigation. Every single charge is here. The excel sheet, this is the credit card, these are the uber receipts. I wasn’t asked anything but “Is the uber linked to your credit card”? I didn’t dodge the question, and I will remain forthcoming. Is this really being done to teach executives or to allow them to grow? We’re not fixing mistakes, we’re fixing them as if out to get someone.

K. Khánh Trân Du: To touch on that, we wasted an hour and a half. Veronika looked into finance because Soulay resigned and found discrepancies; Sophie was working in conjunction with Veronika. You work full time together, how difficult would it have been to inquire directly?

The motion specifically targets one person. Their team had the knowledge that other people were using the card, and they ought to have had the time to question the team member.

A. Zebiri: I would appreciate more cooperation between the Executive Team. I suggested a weekly meeting between the Executive Team to foster collaboration and collaboration.

C. Thompson-Marchand: I would like to touch on something I’ve heard from Councillor Sally. I am here to work and pass positions and represent students and move forward, and nobody enjoys dealing with this kind of thing but it’s something that has to be done.

E. Toohey: As a procedure moving forward, naming an executive in a motion isn’t in and of itself a bad thing. Sometimes we need to do that, it’s part of our job. If someone hands in a report that’s faulty or we need more information, naming them is kind of important for our jobs.

A. Zebiri: Naming executives in motions, I appreciate it when it is done factually. When it’s done with uncertainty I do not appreciate that.

O. Riaz: It’s not necessarily a problem, but it is when it’s not fact-checked. Because we have such small reach, it can be perceived badly as a large conflict within the CSU. It does matter if the names are used.

E. Toohey: I am not talking about the specific motion. In this instance naming people was bad and it didn't have to be.

D. Applebaum moves to call for the orders of the day.

8F) CSU Archives Agreement

O. Riaz:

Sir George William University and Loyola College have an agreement going back to 1941 until CUSACORP was dissolved (SP), a lot of archives were held onto by Concordia. Those have been filed by an archived by an archivist who went through all of them. We make sure we're in compliance with the law, and confidential documents have been destroyed. But they need to be transferred to archives Concordia, but only if there is a motion brought forward. Part of the agreement is that we retain the copyrights to these documents, as a formality. That's pretty much it, if this motion is approved we will go forward and close this 10 year project.

C. Thompson-Marchand: What kind of documents are these?

O. Riaz: 140 boxes of reports from previous projects, minutes that go back to the 1970's, our involvements with the CFS, and so on. It has the day-to-day operations of the CSU and the archives are a record of that.

C. Thompson-Marchand: I am worried about the university owning those documents? Can they use them against the CSU at one point or another?

O. Riaz: There are no controversial documents. It's more for historical purposes as a service for the whole community. The documents are so old it doesn't really involve the CSU.

In Favor: 13

Opposed: 0

Abstention: 1

The motion carries.

9. Question Period and Business Arising

O. Riaz: I feel there is a lack of clarity as to how we record our expenses, be it resolved that the Finance Coordinator prepare a document documenting line by line what each budget line is designated for.

The motion as amended is considered friendly.

In Favor: 14

Opposed: 0

Abstention: 0

A. Sherra moves to adjourn

A. Badr seconds the motion

The meeting ends at 12:56pm

Appendix



**Waste Not, Want
Not- Student assoc. -**



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