



Concordia Student Union – Council of Representatives

**CSU Regular Council Meeting – Agenda
Wednesday, December 14th, 2011
Room H-763, Time 6:30 PM, S.G.W Campus**

- 1. Call to Order**
- 2. Roll Call**
- 3. Approval of the Agenda**
- 4. Approval of the Minutes and Business Arising**
- 5. CVAP Presentation – 5 Year Review**
- 6. Chairperson’s Report**
 - a. New Councillors – Welcome!**
 - b. Agenda Item Deferred to Committee**
- 7. New Business**
 - a. Motion Regarding Damaged Property at Occupy Montreal**
 - b. Appointments – Financial Committee (1 Councilor)**
 - c. Appointments – Events Committee (1 Councilor)**
 - d. Appointments – Judicial Board**
- 8. Mid-Term Executive Report Presentation**
- 9. Report from University Bodies – Consent Agenda**
- 10. Reports from Committees – Consent Agenda**
 - a. Appointments Committee Report**
- 11. Question Period & Business Arising**
- 12. Announcements**
- 13. Adjournment**



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1. The meeting is called to order at 6:46 pm.

2. Roll Call

Councillors:

Kyle Mchloughlin

Lina Saigol

Ariel Dabora

Eduardo Alves Dos Anjos

Ali Moenck

Anaii Lee-Ender

Michaela Manson

April Underwood

Simon-Pierre Lauzon

Bruno Joyal

Irmak Bahar

Melanie Hotchkiss

Cameron Monagle

Emran Ghasemi

Nadine Atallah

Tally Shaaked

Anthony D'Urbano

Executives:

Melissa Fuller

Lex Gill

Chad Walcott

Gonzo Nieto

Hasan Cheikhzen

Morgan Pudwell

Laura Glover

3. Approval of the agenda

Michaela Manson: Add a motion after CVAP presentation. Will now be point 6.

Gonzo Nieto: Under point 8 add appointment to Ad-Hoc Student Space Committee.

Kyle Mchloughlin: Seconds.

Gonzo Nieto: Moves to approve the agenda.

Ali Moenck: Seconds.

4. Approval of the Minutes and Business Arising

Chairperson: Frequency of meetings has resulted in back log in minutes.



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Chad Walcott: Moves to approve the minutes.

Sabrina D’Ambra: Seconds.

Vote:

All in favour of approving the minutes: unanimous. Irmak Bahar abstains..

5. CVAP Presentation- 5 Year Review

Jamie Robertson: Executive of CVAP. Gives presentation summarizing the last 5 years

Question Period:

Emran Ghasemi: Where can we get more information?

Jamie Robertston: The website is currently being redone. Any questions may be to emailed to her.

6. BENZ Motion

Michaela Manson: The exact wording of this motion as voted on by Council will be included in the final version of the minutes.

Ben: Started working on this project about 2 years ago when he first started at Concordia. Prepared a document to contextualize the project, which he read aloud.

Gabrielle: In presenting this to the Senate, there might be resistance

Lex Gil: Thanks Ben for presenting. Generally the university is not sensitive to naming issues- might feel ambushed at the January meeting, but they have a good team to make it happen. These changes can be made, but the university is very resistant to change.

Morgan Pudwell: This is the sort of thing that the CSU should be doing. It's their job to do it.

Vote:

All in favour of the motion as it is currently worded: unanimous.

7. Chairperson's Report

a. New Councillors

Chairperson: Extends warm welcome to all of the new Councillors. Also extends opportunity for basic training for Robert's Rules.

b. Agenda Item Deferred to Policy Review Committee

Chairperson: In accordance with article 37 of the Standing Regulations, an item was deferred to Policy Review Committee. This would most likely require changes to the Standing Regulations and By-laws. Policy Review Committee will report back at the start of the New Year.



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Morgan Pudwell: We will be meeting in the first few weeks of January.

Lex Gil: Brings up Jordan's absence- he's in a final. Moves to excuse his absence.

Kyle Mcloughlin: Seconds.

Vote:

All in favour of the motion as it is currently worded: unanimous.

Motion carries.

8. New Business

a. Motion Regarding Damaged Property at Occupy Montreal

Nadine Atallah: Reads motion.

Emran Ghasemi: Seconds.

Nadine Atallah: An executive borrowed the tent in question.

Kyle Mcloughlin: When you bring something to a political protest, there is always the possibility that it will be damaged. I don't know the circumstances under which the tent was damaged.

Simon-Pierre Lauzon: Uncomfortable with procedure. Opens the door for future reimbursements. Would like a more detailed procedure.

Morgan Pudwell: Understands that the tent was damaged by people throwing paint at it and leaning on it.

Sabrina D'Ambra: Not sure whether there was a mandate for the CSU to occupy the tent or if they were there on a personal level.

Morgan Puwell: There was a meeting where there was a motion to support the movement. The CSU had 2 tents available for students to use. Concordia students stayed there almost every night.

Michaela Manson: Did the person, upon lending the tent, know that it was going to be used at a protest? The motion is too unclear. Does not feel comfortable voting on this. Too ambiguous, no evidence.

Anthony D'Urbano: If the CSU ruined the tent, it's their responsibility to pay the person back.

Emran Ghasemi: Supports what Anthony said. If an event is thrown, the CSU is responsible for the damages.

Nadine Atallah: This isn't very expensive.

Morgan Pudwell: It was a 6 person tent, they look like they are between \$200-300.



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Nadine Atallah: Can the executive perhaps address Michaela's concerns?

Morgan Pudwell: Recommends that this be tabled until Jordan can speak to it.

Bruno Joyal: Wants the motion to be amended to include the person's name and a cap on the amount spent on the tent.

Ariel Dabora: Would like to see documentation from the owner of the tent asking for a reimbursement.

Lex Gil: Moves to refer it to FINCOM.

Ali Moenck: Seconds.

Vote:

All in favour of the motion as it is currently worded: unanimous.

Motion carries.

b. Appointments- Financial Committee (1 Councillor)

Nadine Atallah: Nominates Eduardo.

Eduardo Alves Dos Anjos: Respectfully declines.

Kyle Mcloughlin: How often do they meet?

Irmak Bahar: So far there have been 3 meetings this semester, would guess that there will be 4-5 next semester.

Morgan Pudwell: They usually meet based on need.

Kyle Mchloughlin: Nominates himself.

Irmak Bahar: Ariel hasn't been to many meetings. Perhaps he would like to resign so that another Councillor could take his place.

Ariel Dabora: Has been keeping up to date and has been in contact with Jordan in regards to missing meetings. Respectfully declines Irmak's suggestion.

Kyle Mcloughlin: Schedule is open, can meet time commitment.

Chad Walcott: Moves to appoint Kyle Mcloughlin to FINCOM.

Iain Meyer-Macaulay: Seconds.

Vote:



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All those in favour of appointing Kyle to FINCOM: unanimous.
Kyle McLoughlin is appointed to Financial Committee.

c. Appointments- Events Committee (1 Councillor)

Lina Saigol: Nominates April Underwood.

April Underwood: Accepts. Has been working closely with the Events Committee, enjoys doing it. Something she's already doing.

Lina Saigol: Motivates for April. She's been very helpful.

Nadine Atallah: Moves to appoint April to Events Committee.

Melanie Hotchkiss: Seconds.

Vote: all in favour of appointing April Underwood to Events Committee: unanimous. April Underwood abstains.

April Underwood is appointed to Events Committee.

Bruno Joyal: Has noticed that Anthony has not attended many meetings.

Anthony D'Urbano: Events Committee is very time consuming, he did not realize how much time it would actually take to be on the committee. At the moment, his status on the committee is being dealt with by appointments committee. By next Council meeting you can probably expect to appoint another Councillor.

Bruno Joyal: If Anthony feels that it is too time consuming and he assumes that next meeting there will be a spot open, why don't we just appoint someone right now?

Anthony D'Urbano: Would like to have a more formal resignation from the committee, there are also some people not present at the meeting who may want to be appointed.

Melanie Hotchkiss: Winter orientation. If you do not feel you have the time to do that, it would be worth considering giving the spot to someone else who does have time.

Anthony D'Urbano: Resigns from the Events Committee.

Morgan Pudwell: Recommends that a Councillor nominate themselves in order to help out for Winter Orientation and then resign if they need to.

Melanie Hotchkiss: Nominates herself.

Michaela Manson: Moves to appoint Melanie Hotchkiss to Events Committee.

Lina Saigol: Seconds.



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Vote:

All in favour of appointing Melanie Hotchkiss to Events Committee: Unanimous. Melanie Hotchkiss abstains.

Melanie Hotchkiss is appointed to Events Committee.

d. Appointment to Ad-Hoc Student Space Committee

Gonzo Nieto: Nominates Michaela Manson.

Michaela Manson: Committee that she really wants to be on. If she is appointed, she would like to resign from Clubs Committee to make room for another Councillor.

Chad Walcott: Moves to appoint Michaela to Student Space Committee.

Vote: All in favour of appointing Michaela Manson to Ad-Hoc Student Space Committee: unanimous. Michaela Manson is appointed to Ad-Hoc Student Space Committee.

Michaela Manson: Moves to suspend the rules.

Iain Meyer-Macaulay: Seconds.

Vote: All in favour of suspending the rules: unanimous.

Michaela Manson: Resigns from Clubs Committee and moves to amend the agenda to appoint someone else.

Chad Walcott: There are other things we could be doing. We can do this in January.

Melanie Hotchkiss: This is Bruno's last meeting, and he sits on 2 committees. So, there will be 3 spots that the new Councillors can think about over the break. Wishes to end debate on this matter.

Nadine Atallah: Calls the question.

Ariel Dabora: Seconds.

Vote: All in favour of calling the question: unanimous.

Vote: All in favour of the motion as it is currently worded: 3, 11 opposed.

Motion to add appointment to the agenda has been defeated.

Melanie Hotchkiss: Moves to reinstate Robert's Rules.

Chad Walcott: Seconds.

Vote: All in favour: 16, 1 opposed.

e. Appointments- Judicial Board

Melissa Fuller: Moves to go into Closed Session.



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Melanie Hotchkiss: Seconds.

Vote: All in favour of going into Closed Session: unanimous.

Alliah (JB Candidate): Wants to be a lawyer, plans on applying next year. She would make a good candidate because she is passionate about law and has considerable knowledge on law and would like to increase her experience.

Morgan Pudwell: How did you hear about the position?

Alliah: On the CSU website.

Kyle Mcloughlin: How familiar are you with the CSU Standing Regulations and By-laws.

Alliah: Not very familiar, but is enthusiastic to learn about them .

Melanie Hotchkiss: Are you able to commit the time?

Alliah: Capable of giving 10-15 hours a week.

Irmak Bahar: How familiar are you with the CSU?

Alliah: Knows the structure but is not too familiar with the CSU or JB cases.

Lex Gil: Do you know what the CFS is?

Alliah: Has heard of it but does not know exactly what it is.

Melissa Fuller: When do you intend to graduate?

Alliah: In Winter 2012.

Morgan Pudwell: Do you know any members or former members of the JB?

Alliah: A former TA of hers is chair of JB, but she did not know this until tonight.

Vote:

All in favour of appointing Alliah: 16, Kyle Mcloughlin opposed.

Emran Ghasemi: Moves for a 10 minute recess.

All in favour: Sabrina Ali Tally abstain. Everyone else is okay with it.

The meeting is reconvened at 9:16 pm.



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8. Mid-term Executive Report Presentation

Laura Glover: Executive decided it was important to report to Council and make a document available to students- coherent and direct explanation of what we're doing. They decided as a team to produce a similar report in the new year focused on challenges and things they want to do better.

Lex Gil: This is exciting report. It is a particularly strong document. The baseline of what went in are original campaign promises. We reflect on where we're at, and what we want to do going forward.

Morgan Pudwell: CUSACORP By-laws were sent to the lawyer.

Jordan Lindsay: Finances are looking good. Thursday nights are not as profitable as years past, but the other days were higher. Shift in drinking patterns.

Morgan Pudwell: Laura had mentioned the things we want to improve on. If you have things you think we should be doing, email them to us.

Chad Walcott: A campaign promise was to put the Finances online. They have almost accomplished this.

Jordan Lindsay: About 1% away from being done, but there are still some minor bugs. Miscommunication between himself and the accountant. Want to wait until January before fixing these things. Also, it will not be perfectly live, but will be updated every Tuesday and Thursday.

Kyle McLaughlin: Commends Swap Shop and Loyola Luncheon. Passing of Special By-Law I. The CSU can't cause the fee to go up, but could the administration do it?

Lex Gil: In brief, the QC government produces a document every year with a section regarding the changing of mandatory institutional fees. Universities are put into brackets based on how much they charge. Concordia is in the middle range (\$4.99-\$6.99). The 25\$ is how much they can increase it annually. To increase the fee beyond regulated amount, the university would need the CSU's consent. The consent to give an increase is called an entente, previously it's been approved by CSU council. We felt very strongly about this- students should be aware that they are being charged more than the regular amount and make an informed decision.

Simon-Pierre Lauzon: What will be done to attract more people to speak?

Chad Walcott: One of the major obstacles has been his dedication to Nov. 10 and also not being able to physically advertise (but they now have 2 graphic designers). Speakers coming in the 2nd half of the year will be centralized under awareness campaigns.

Morgan Pudwell: We are planning on collaborating more with other organizations.

Melanie Hotchkiss: In terms of the Bottled Water-Free campus campaign update- What corporate



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organizations will be involved?

Laura Glover: They plan to improve water structures as they update the buildings.

Morgan Pudwell: All the information regarding bottled water is available on the university's website.

Tomer Shavit: Could the lack of interest in speakers have to do with calibre of speakers?

Chad Walcott: The calibre is the same as it usually is, but the turnout was my fault. Advertising was off. Due to my time constraints I was not able to advertise.

Morgan Pudwell: Thanks Tomer for his input. They will include this as a concern to be addressed in the new year.

Melanie Hotchkiss: Last year we booked a party at Reggies and then the day of the party the person working in Reggies decided they could not have the party.

Morgan Pudwell: We are excited to make it more accessible.

Nadine Atallah: Asks about the new clubs budget system.

Gonzo Nieto: This is a pretty simple but significant improvement.

Kyle Mcloughlin: Draws attention to 101's and skill-shares- a lot of them are being done by students, which is a positive thing.

Emran Ghasmei: Question to Gonzo regarding the Club Electronic Music Association. It was not accepted last year because there is an opportunity for people to earn money off of it. Under the Dean of Students' rules, any person working in a student club can't make money

Gonzo Nieto: A similar complaint was recently submitted to the C&S committee. You can send any other info via email.

Cameron Monagle: When will website redesign be done?

Lex Gil: Supervising that. It is currently being worked on from afar. A few things have changed in the last few weeks. It's been a torch and burn strategy. She is hoping to see visible changes by February.

Cameron Monagle: Would it be a whole new website by February?

Lex Gil: This is an ongoing debate.

Nadine Atallah: Question for Gonzo. Is Clubs Council something you will go forward with?



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Gonzo Nieto: A meeting of Clubs Council has already been held. It was during the first or second week of November. He asked the about 25 representatives who showed up what they wanted in terms of meetings. They wanted twice a semester starting next semester.

Kyle Mchloughlin: Asks a question about Social Justice Days at Loyola.

Michaela Manson: This is the work of the Library Committee. They are changing their photocopy system that will increase the cost for students.

Nadine Atallah: Not aware of that. Not sure if it falls under their mandate.

Anthony D’Urbano: As of next semester, print cards aren't going to be around. Printing will be done through student ID’s.

Nadine Atallah: There are a few projects going on and lots of money left.

9. Report from University Bodies- Consent Agenda

Lex Gil: A change being recommended to grading system that is quite significant. Less than a C- in some classes would require students to repeat before moving on to the more advanced classes. It's not clear that this is the right course of action.

Chuck Wilson: Date provided was not clear. We will be getting more data.

Andy Filipowich: They are redoing the Academic Code of Conduct.

10. Reports from Committees- Consent Agenda

a. Appointments Committee Report

11. Question Period and Business Arising

Announcements:

Bruno Joyal: Will be resigning as a CSU Councillor because he's going to Grad school. He regrets having apologized to his constituents and other councillors.

Tomer Shavit: Brings up instances where CSU executives acted dishonourably. They wrote things on a public Facebook debate pages that weren't correct. All of these issues make the CSU as a whole and the Councillors look bad. Council should have a meeting with their executives and ask them to stop lying.

Morgan Pudwell: I have emails from Amir outlining the situation with the Bylaws. He had misunderstood.

Laura Glover: Apologizes if anyone feels misrepresented by her comments on Facebook and thanks Tomer for bringing these concerns forward.



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Lex Gil: Would like to clarify a few things. She said a couple of really inappropriate things about last year's ASFA executive. It was something she did not mean. It does not matter what one means to say, it matters what one says. She is sorry. It was a stupid thing to say. What she said on Facebook is that she felt it was taken out of context, she never accused the journalist of malice or incompetency.

Kyle McLoughlin: Doesn't like the format of having someone read Facebook quotes at a meeting, it was not on the agenda. He is concerned that this is turning into a vendetta against members of the CSU. There are legitimate concerns and complaints to be brought against the CSU, but this is not an appropriate way of doing it.

Cameron Monagle: Calls for the orders of the day.

Emran Ghasemi: Thanks Bruno for his work this semester, and wishes him good luck in the future.

Melissa Fuller: Apologizes for the gym passes not having been organized. Email her if you want one with name and student ID.

Tomer Shavit: Got an email from JB. They will be dealing with his appeal in January (it was submitted in November). Does not think CSU would have been happy if the CEO complaint was heard three months later.

Bruno Joyal: Moves to adjourn.

Melanie Hotchkiss: Seconds.

All in favour of adjournment: unanimous.

Meeting is adjourned at 10:44 pm.