



Concordia Student Union – Council of Representatives

CSU Council-Elect Meeting – Agenda
Wednesday, May 29, 2019
H-441, 18h30, S.G.W. Campus

Agenda

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1. CALL TO ORDER

Meeting is called to order at **1840h**.

Chairperson: I'd like to welcome all the new councillors. It's really great to see more people getting involved. There might be a little bit of rehashing of some of Robert's Rules. Any questions?

Jarrad Haas: Will we be given two-minute speaker turns?

Chairperson: Yes. For the people here for interviews, we'll start in about 10 minutes after a few points we need to discuss. All councillors have three absences before they're deemed resigned from council. If ever you have to miss one, you can request an excusal.

2. ROLL CALL

Council Chairperson: Caitlin Robinson

Council Minute Keeper: -

Executives present for the meeting were: Patrick Quinn (Academic & Advocacy Coordinator), Isaiah Joyner (External & Mobilization Coordinator), Désirée Blizzard (Finance Coordinator), Christopher Kalafatidis (General Coordinator), Marin Algattus (Internal Affairs Coordinator), Celeste-Melize Ferrus (Loyola Coordinator), Eduardo Malorni (Student Life Coordinator).

Councillors present for the meeting were: Hannah Jamet-Lange (Arts & Science), Ahmadou Sakho (Arts & Science), Elias Huckel-Fidalgo (Arts & Science), Maha Siddiqui (Arts & Science), Victoria Pesce (John Molson School of Business), James Hanna (Gina Cody School of Engineering & Computer Science), Salman Fahim Syed (Gina Cody School of Engineering & Computer Science), Naomi Barney Purdie (Arts & Science), Jarrad Haas (Fine Arts), Nicholas Hamel (Arts & Science), Leigh Kusaj (Arts & Science), Amman Houara (Arts & Science)

Executives absent for the meeting were: Selena Mezher (Sustainability Coordinator)

Councillors absent for the meeting were: Christiane Sakr (Arts & Science), Elizabeth Tasong (Arts & Science), Esther Morand (Arts & Science), Arad Andrew Banis (John Molson School of Business), Lindsay Surerus (Arts & Science)

Jarrad Haas moves to excuse **Selena Mezher, Esther Morand, Christiane Sakr, Lindsay Surerus** and **Elizabeth Tasong**. Seconded by **James Hanna**.

James Hanna moves to excuse those who missed training. Seconded by **Jarrad Haas**.

3. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Jarrad Haas moves to approve the agenda. Seconded by **Elias Huckel-Fidalgo**.

4. GENERAL COORDINATOR'S REMARKS

Chris Kalafatidis: Welcome to the CSU. We are an open-minded team with many different views and opinions. We will not always agree but will make sure we reach a compromise. We hope

council feels similarly where we may disagree but do so kindly. We are here for you to resolve issues. We care. Let's have a great year of CSU.

5. Setting the Time of Regular Meetings

Jarrad Haas: I'm going to suggest ending at 2300h because that's when the last shuttle to Loyola leaves.

Chairperson references By-Law 6.6.1 "Regular meetings of the Council of Representatives shall be held on the second Wednesday of every month, except September where the meeting will take place on the third Wednesday. There shall be no regular meeting during the months of July and August and two regular meetings during the months of October, November and January where the second meeting will be held on the fourth Wednesday of those months."

Chairperson: It's up to council to determine the ending times for meetings. Last year, they decided to end meetings at 2330h.

James Hanna: Council does not sit for two months in summer. Last year, Council didn't get a lot of updates from the executives. By September, everything was organised and Council wasn't aware. I suggest special meetings for July and August for executive updates.

Isaiah Joyner: I would suggest meetings start at 2030h. Most classes end by 2015h and everyone will be able to attend. We can also book classrooms in advance.

James Hanna: We had council end at 2330h. Every meeting, we had returning business. If we push it to 2000h, we will end late. In that case, 2030hpm will be too late a starting time.

James Hanna moves to set all the dates according to by-laws, beginning at 1830h and ending at 2300h, and two special meetings in July and August.

Chairperson: You will need three councillors or the GC to call special council meetings.

Jarrad Haas: This is a lot in one motion. We could split it up and vote on them separately. I feel like these are separate conversations.

Chairperson: I suggest deciding on times now and settling SCMs later.

Chairperson presents the motion on the table.

BE IT RESOLVED to set all the dates according to the by-laws, with meetings beginning at 1830h and ending at 2300h.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT council mandates the General Coordinator to call Special Council Meetings in July and August.

James Hanna: I think it's a good idea. If people live near Loyola, they'd need to be able to catch the bus.

Amman Houara: I don't quite understand. There is no predetermined reason to have two extra special meetings if we don't yet know if we need them.

Hannah Jamet-Lange: I see the point in having an actual meeting in the summer. But having written reports would be a good idea instead of a meeting because councillors are likely to miss it.

James Hanna: At least for last year, a lot of organisation happens during the summer behind the veil and we didn't know about them. In-person updates would be useful instead of written reports.

Chris Kalafatidis: I think it's important for executives to be in communication with its Board of Directors, which is you. I support the idea for summer meetings.

Victoria Pesce: Could we add to that motion that reports would be sent at the end of the month in case we don't have Special Council Meetings?

Chairperson: I would encourage making that motion after this one.

Patrick Quinn: Having monthly reports is a good idea.

VOTE

For: 11

Opposed: 0

Abstentions: 0

Motion carries.

Victoria Pesce presents the following motion. Seconded by **Salman Fahim Syed**.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT that if meetings do not meet quorum that monthly reports will be sent during the months of July and August

Victoria Pesce: During the summer, a lot of us are busy, so it would be good to still get an update.

VOTE

For: 11

Opposed: 0

Abstentions: 0

Motion carries.

Isaiah Joyner: Could we have it start at 1930h? Between 1830h and 2030h?

Chairperson: Someone from prevailing side would have to make that motion.

James Hanna: If you miss 90 minutes, you wouldn't be counted as absent.

Jarrad Haas: Today, the meeting started after 1830h. If the meeting were to be at 1930h, really it would only start at 1945h.

6. APPOINTMENTS

Patrick Quinn moves to appoint **Chris Kalafatidis** as temporary chair. Seconded by **Jarrad Haas**.

Motion carries.

Patrick Quinn moves to go into closed session. Seconded by **Amman Houara**.

VOTE

For: 11

Oppositions: 0

Abstentions: 0

Motion carries.

Council moves into Closed Sessions.

Council moves out of Closed Sessions.

James Hanna moves to ratify minutes from closed sessions. Seconded by **Jarrad Haas**.

a) Council Chair

James Hanna moves to approve the following questions. Seconded by **Elias Huckel-Fidalgo**.

1. Why did you choose to apply for this position?
2. Do you have any experience chairing or facilitating?
3. Are you familiar with Robert's Rule of Order? If so, can you tell us when and in what circumstances you last used it?
4. Are you familiar with the Concordia Student Union's Bylaws, Standing Regulations, and the Position Book? Are there any parts that you disagree with?
5. Do you have experience with conflict resolution? What would be your approach to resolving a conflict during a council meeting?
6. What is a conflict of interest? Can you give us an example?
7. Are you involved in any way within the Concordia Community? (Clubs, Student Associations, Fee-Levy groups, etc.)
8. Question on availability for Wednesday at 6:30 PM.
9. Do you know anyone in this room?

With a five-minute additional question period.

VOTE

For: 12

Oppositions: 0

Motion carries.

Jarrad Haas moves to mandate **Chris Kalafatidis** to ask the questions. Seconded by **Maha Siddiqui**.

VOTE

For: 12

Oppositions: 0

Motion carries.

Maha Siddiqui moves to allocate two minutes per answer for each interview. Seconded by **Victoria Pesce**.

VOTE

For: 12

Oppositions: 0

Motion carries.

The following motion is presented. Seconded by **James Hanna**.

WHEREAS it may be illegal to appoint Joseph whereas Nicholas didn't come to the interview, be it resolved Caitlin and Maurice are the only candidates.

VOTE

For: 12

Oppositions: 0

Motion carries.

By secret ballot, Caitlin Robinson is appointed chair for the 2019-2020 Council.

b) Council Minute-Keeper

Amman Houara moves to appoint minute-keeper. Seconded.

By secret ballot, S Shivaane is appointed minute-keeper.

James Hanna moves to place contested appointments at the end.

Chairperson: Would you want to break Robert's Rules to do that?

Jarrad Haas: I don't think it changes anything,

James Hanna moves to appoint **Ahmadou Sakho, Christiane Sakr, Salman Fahim Syed** and **Maha Siddiqui** to Clubs and Spaces Committee. Seconded by **Salman Fahim Syed**.

Jarrad Haas: Do we assume this is friendly?

Chairperson: They nominated themselves.

Eduardo Malorni: If anyone didn't get to see the excel sheet before it was filled. this is informal and you should nominate yourselves while you have the chance.

Désirée Blizzard: Should we introduce each committee?

Chairperson: Yes. Person from each committee explain the role of your committee and what time you'll meet. We'll use the motivations only if there's contestations.

c) Councillors to Standing Committees of Council

i) Clubs & Space Committee

Marin Algattus: We give money to Clubs. Clubs will present their budget, we'll see what they're spending it on. If their budget is adequate, we'll check our budget if it fits and give them the money. We meet on the Wednesday nights we don't have Council Meeting at 1830h. The time is amendable, but I've already booked the rooms.

James Hanna moves to appoint **Ahmadou Sakho, Christiane Sakr, Salman Fahim Syed** and **Maha Siddiqui** to the Clubs & Spaces Committee. Seconded by **Jarrad Haas**.

ii) Appointments Committee

Chris Kalafatidis: I'll be chairing appointments committee this year. We fill the member-at-large seats on every committee and find senators. We assist in finding judicial board members, and the CEO. We can help find someone for any university body that needs a seat filled. We do interviews. It's a lot of HR and learning how to craft questions. I love being able to bring someone with passion into a position they want.

James Hanna moves to nominate **Salman Fahim Syed, Elizabeth Tasong, Naomi Barney Purdie, Victoria Pesce, Hannah Jamet-Lange,** and **Christiane Sakr** for Appointments Committee. Seconded by **Elias Huckel-Fidalgo**.

Chairperson: We'll move to motivations.

Ahmadou Sakho for **Elizabeth Tasong:** As a hiring body, Appointments plays a large role in the face of the CSU. I would be a valuable addition by bringing an impartial perspective and diverse cultural background. It is imperative that an eclectic group of individuals sits on this committee, so various perspectives are seen.

Salman Fahim Syed: I have a wide experience with clubs and associations outside of the CSU. Appointing people gives me the unique experience of knowing and meeting new people fast.

Naomi Barney Purdie: Every student needs a fair chance. I am a good judge of character, honest in my conflict of interests, able to put personal biases aside, and I consider how different individuals have different experiences and cultural backgrounds. Minorities might not get the same opportunities in life. We appoint very important positions and having a non-biased opinion is important.

Naomi Barney Purdie for **Christiane Sakr:** Biggest reason I want to be part of this committee is that I would be appointing student senators who will determine whether universities divest from fossil fuels. I have good judgement and understand that this is a big responsibility. Given my dedication, I believe I would be able to fulfill my role on this committee.

Victoria Pesce: As someone who has criticized the people we have hired in the past, I believe I would be in a good position to do this. I'm good at judging people, and I love meeting new people. One thing I would love to do is to allow new students to get involved.

Hannah Jamet-Lange: I am committed to getting the best student representatives on all universities bodies. I am also good at character judgement. I have done a lot of writing and journalism in the past, so I would be good at coming up with questions. Appointments wants to involve more diversity in these committees, and I would like to help create that diversity.

Victoria Pesce: I also want to add that I'd like to help the appointed students through their mandates.

Jarrad Haas: Gender parity in more contested seats should be something we keep in mind since that's a stance the CSU holds.

Through secret ballot, **Salman Fahim Syed, Naomi Barney Purdie, Victoria Pesce** and **Hannah Jamet-Lange** are appointed to Appointments.

iii) Policy Committee

James Hanna moves to nominate **James Hanna, Elizabeth Tasong, Maha Siddiqui, Naomi Barney Purdie, Salman Fahim Syed,** and **Hannah Jamet-Lange** for Policy Committee. Seconded by **Jarrad Haas.**

Ahmadou Sakho for **Elizabeth Tasong:** This is the core of why I ran. I would be best suited for this due to my proven strong interest shown through my being a Public Affairs and Policy Student that has worked for the US Federal Government specifically doing policy research helping constituents. As a councillor, I am dedicated to being able to pass comprehensive policies that provide protection for students, especially the most marginalized ones. This would be the best chance for me to practice what I will do for the rest of my life.

Patrick Quinn: I sit on Policy Committee. We pass policies, and we examine fee levies in January and February when they come in. We meet once a month.

Chris Kalafatidis: What do you personally want to accomplish this year?

Patrick Quinn: There are a few things we are mandated to do. We will be doing an executive bonus mandate at the end of the year. I want to push and change the way elections are done. There have been a few instances of people getting disqualified and I want to deal with that.

James Hanna: I was on Policy last year. I enjoyed it. I want to work on fixing this pattern of having groups disqualified and then reinstated. The CEO has too much discretionary power without any checks. I'd like to look over the Positions Book and outline some modifications on Positions that are very old and specific to their contexts. I'd also like for you to vote for either me or Salman because we are the only Engineering Students.

Hannah Jamet-Lange: I have experience in writing and journalism. I have experience in Policy. In my High School, I was involved in making all our policies gender neutral, because that was not the case at the time. I want to make the best policies for our Student Union.

Maha Siddiqui: During elections, when executives would approach me with their very lofty ideas, I would ask them what their actual, concrete policies were going to be and what their specific approaches were. They told me nothing would be done until you are in Council and Senate. That's why I ran. I have various experiences in other organisations and non-profits. I have experience with resolution writing and policy writing to hold administrations accountable. I know what a key role infrastructure plays. I have a specialty in loopholes.

Naomi Barney Purdie: I was a coordinator on SASU, I am now the incoming President. This has helped me understand by-laws and policymaking. I personally worked on amending some of the policies. If I were to be on Policy, I would like to hold all members accountable. I have familiarized myself with all the CSU documents. I understand how significant policymaking is. I'm quick on my feet, think logically and entertain a diverse and open mindset. I want to continue the work done on Sexual Harassment and Code of Conduct.

Salman Fahim Syed: I've been involved in starting new clubs. I started two clubs, so I have experience in writing their policies and constitutions. I founded an NGO three years ago and sit on the Board of Directors. I take care of their policies. Presently, I am sitting on the Policy Chair on an organization. I know how to make changes and how to amend them by respecting current laws.

Jarrad Haas: I'd like to say that we should give chances to vote for people who are not yet on committees.

Désirée Blizzard: Make sure you don't overstuff your plate. We need councillors to be able to show up for meetings.

Through secret ballot, **Maha Siddiqui, Salman Fahim Syed, Naomi Barney Purdie and Elizabeth Tasong** are appointed to Policy Committee.

iv) Finance Committee

Désirée Blizzard: We meet once a month. We will review the budget, actuals. We need attention to detail; This is a lot of responsibility. We have to approve any expense or asset above \$10k. It's making sure we show up and keeping our union accountable for everything.

Victoria Pesce moves to appoint to **Arad Andrew Banis, Elias Huckel-Fidalgo, Amman Houara,** and **Nicholas Hamel** to Finance Committee. Seconded by **Naomi Barney Purdie.**

v) Student Life Committee

Eduardo Malorni: Our main priority is giving money to people who deserve it. We meet once a month. People apply to us for funding from all over the school, we look over their proposal and give them money. In previous years, the committee also got involved in the day to day affairs of the Student Life Coordinator. If you want that, that can happen. We're mainly a funding body.

Elias Huckel-Fidalgo moves to nominate **Ahmadou Sakho, Esther Morand, Amman Houara** and **Christiane Sakr** to Student Life Committee. Seconded by **Salman Fahim Syed**.

James Hanna moves to appoint **Ahmadou Sakho, Esther Morand, Amman Houara** and **Christiane Sakr** to Student Life Committee. Seconded by **Jarrad Haas**.

vi) External & Campaigns Committee

Isaiah Joyner: This committee oversees my budget and has a hand in guiding the Annual Campaign. Last year was Sexual Violence, and the year before that was Divestment. In the near future, I would want the suggestions of all councillors and executives to pick a Campaign. The committee will discuss what the best campaign will be for the year. Once the campaign is set, we will be giving out money to different organisations. As long as they go by our Positions Book, we can give them money.

James Hanna moves to nominate **James Hanna, Esther Morand, Leigh Kusaj** and **Hannah Jamet-Lange** to External and Campaigns Committee. Seconded by **Victoria Pesce**.

Victoria Pesce: Is it possible to attend meetings without a vote?

Chairperson: Yes. They're all open sessions.

James Hanna moves to appoint **James Hanna, Esther Morand, Leigh Kusaj** and **Hannah Jamet-Lange** to External and Campaigns Committee. Seconded by **Salman Fahim Syed**.

vii) Sustainability Committee

Chris Kalafatidis: Selena couldn't make it today. I'll read the official description in the Standing Regulations. The Sustainability Committee is responsible for fostering and supporting a culture of sustainability for undergraduate students and the Concordia community. It shall oversee and may make recommendations to Council, regarding the effect of the Student Union or University's practices and operations on the environment and the community. They also give out money to projects that further sustainability at Concordia.

Celeste-Melize Ferrus: I'm the interim chair for the Committee.

Jarrad Haas: There is going to be a by-election. If someone were to run and all the committee seats be filled, they would not be able to sit on it.

Chris Kalafatidis: There's one empty spot on Sustainability. Selena isn't in the country so there is a short of hands to help the community. If there's a committee you should be nominating yourself for, it's this. We would really appreciate it.

James Hanna moves to nominate **Lindsay Surerus, Esther Morand** and **Leigh Kusaj** to the Sustainability Committee. Seconded by **Salman Fahim Syed**.

viii) Loyola Committee

Celeste-Melize Ferrus: Reading from the Standing Regulations, the Loyola committee is responsible for advising the CSU on how best to serve students at Loyola. It will also make reports and recommendations to council regarding all CSU events, activities and projects at Loyola. In addition, the committee is responsible for ensuring more food options and Loyola events. I am planning on working on more events at Loyola, including a concert budget. You would help me pick what artists would be there. There is a Speaker's Series, as there are seven departments represented at Loyola. If you would like to help me with the allocation of specific speakers, that would be great. I plan on having more than one meeting a semester.

James Hanna moves to nominate **Nicholas Hamel, Victoria Pesce, Elias Huckel-Fidalgo** and **Jarrad Haas** to Loyola Committee. Seconded by **Amman Houara**.

James Hanna moves to appoint **Nicholas Hamel, Victoria Pesce, Elias Huckel-Fidalgo** and **Jarrad Haas** to Loyola Committee. Seconded by **Jarrad Haas**.

Chairperson: BIPOC doesn't go through council. The rationale when the committee was formed was that it was inappropriate for a predominately White council to appoint the BIPOC committee. The BIPOC committee self-appoints and then submits a report to Council.

Isaiah Joyner: Désirée and I will be overseeing that committee. We will let you know when applications go out.

d) Councillors to University Senate (Academic Caucus)

Patrick Quinn: Senate deals with academic issues concerning the University, such as course changes. You need to be available on fridays for Academic Caucus. Senate is 2 hours starting at 1400h.

James Hanna moves to send the appointments of the three unelected faculty seats to the respective faculty associations. There are no seconds

Patrick Quinn: I wanted to do this motion. We didn't get any senators. Every faculty gets a senator, but people don't necessarily run.

Patrick Quinn presents the following motion. Seconded by **Maha Siddiqui**.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the three Senate seats left open at the General Elections under Standing Regulations 239 (f) (g) and (h) for the faculties of Fine Arts, Gina Cody School of Engineering & Computer Science and John Molson School of Business be appointed from each respective faculty through the Appointments Committee with the appropriate consultation with each respective faculty association.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT under Standing Regulation 239 (e) be appointed from the faculty of Arts and Science through the Appointments Committee with the appropriate consultation with Arts and Science Federations of Associations.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the three remaining seats under Standing Regulations 239 (d) also be appointed by the Appointments Committee and must be a student at large as defined by the Standing Regulations.

Patrick Quinn: The problem with Senate is that we don't have information passing through faculty council. The point of this is to bring ourselves closer to the faculty associations to get better representation inside Senate. The agreement among faculty associations and the CSU is that we appoint to Senate and they deal with faculty stuff so it's harder for us to know what's going on in faculty councils. Also, we want students who are not necessarily involved with the CSU appointed to Senate.

Eduardo Malorni: Those three seats are elected in the Elections. If we are now appointing people who should have been elected...

Chairperson: There's a Standing Regulation that allows for that.

Chris Kalafatidis: Why are we appointing one Senator from ASFA?

Patrick Quinn: I don't think Miriam is on faculty council.

Chris Kalafatidis: Patrick wants more people on Senate from faculty associations. Your options is to give them to yourselves or students at large. I like this because I feel like the CSU doesn't work with larger associations on campus and it works to our disadvantage when there's a protest, and we can't depend on the people from those associations. Our bargaining power is weaker. It's good to have a close alliance in places like Senate.

Victoria Pesce: I think the motion is strong. Having people on these associations involved is good. Having people at CASA will get them more interested in our Campaign. We would get better exposure.

James Hanna: Please vote yes.

VOTE

For: 10

Opposed: 0

Motion carries.

Chairperson: The Standing Regulations note that we will appoint to Senate at the June meeting from Council. It's up to Council to not withstand that and do it today.

Patrick Quinn: Wouldn't doing it today and getting it ratified technically be the same thing?

Chairperson: Yes.

James Hanna nominates **James Hanna, Elizabeth Tasong, Salman Fahim Syed, Jarrad Haas, Maha Siddiqui, Naomi Barney Purdie** and **Amman Houara** for Senate. Seconded by **Jarrad Haas**.

James Hanna: My schedule was severely played with by the administration last year. Engineering tends to get the short end of the stick with schedules and rearrangements. Sometimes professors change their minds and sequences from first year are no longer valid by third year. Senate is the place to bring these concerns up. I believe I'll be doing a good job there. I have complaints and having a strong presence from the Engineering Faculty would be good.

Ahmadou Sakho for **Elizabeth Tasong:** Academic Caucus is central to the functioning of the CSU. As a body made to advocate on behalf of students, I would be a great asset to the Senate. As an African woman, people of colour are rarely offered a seat at the table at Concordia. The combination of my background and passion to represent student's interests makes me a good candidate. As a body that communicates directly with the administration, I would be eager to open dialogue and address their accountability. I will ensure students are represented at the level they deserve.

Salman Fahim Syed: I have past experience in Student Life such as the Success Centre, Welcome Centre and faculty associations. I have represented ENCS at different platforms. I would like to represent myself on behalf of Council at Senate, bringing all the questions we raise within our mandate. I will do my best to fulfill all the requirements.

Jarrad Haas: I'm the only Fine Arts person here. I was going to run for Senate before realising no one was running for Council. I would like to thus represent Fine Arts at Senate. This would be my third mandate. I've been here the longest besides Caitlin. I will be loud if students get the short end of the stick. I am here to make change. The best way is to go to Senate.

Maha Siddiqui: We need to remind the administration that they work for us and I have zero qualms on reminding them that they need to be accountable to us. Having someone who knows how to speak to administrators and getting our agenda across as to what favours students. It is imperative that we have some minority representation there. We need to make sure no student is discriminated against and that there are policies in place to protect them. We need to tackle issues and concerns that have been affecting students for years. This is about electing someone who knows the policies in and out, knows how to deal with the administration, will know how to speak to them and write enforceable policies.

Naomi Barney Purdie: I recognise I am on three committees. But I work full time, go to school full time and last year I was involved with SASU. I'm very committed. Senate is the highest decision-making body. I want to push for stronger student representation, more just and fair representation permitting all students the opportunity to sit on Senate. I would want to push for students voting directly on their syllabuses. Senators don't get to properly analyse and explore syllabi. I would like to change that.

Amman Houara: I'm very active on campus. I was VP internal of an organization, worked on ASFA, was a Sustainable Ambassador, and I have good connections with my department. I'm taking courses across a lot of faculties, so I know a lot of students. I know the academic problems faced by students and I have plans to work on them. Some majors are not accredited, and I want to work towards them changing that. I want to create a body that connects different departments so students can easily register for courses out of their department. I am informed of challenges of students from Engineering and Business students like funding and summer courses.

Ahmadou Sakho: I'd like to motivate on behalf of Elizabeth, Jarrad and Maha. I think it's a tragedy that there is such low representation for Fine Arts. It would be good to have someone in that faculty there to renegotiate for that faculty. Elizabeth would also be great. Her experience working in the US would be wonderful. She was a wonderful President of the African Association. A lot of people recognise and appreciate the work she did. She's very hardworking. Maha would be great alongside Jarrad and Elizabeth, as well. They will bring their negotiating power onto Senate. They are people of good character and are expressive enough to do what they're planning to do.

Chris Kalafatidis: I heard a lot of passionate speeches. I'm confident in working with anyone who's vying for this position.

Through secret ballot, **Maha Siddiqui** and **Jarrad Haas** are appointed to Senate.

Patrick Quinn moves to appoint **Patrick Quinn** and **Chris Kalafatidis** to Senate. Seconded by **Jarrad Haas**.

Patrick Quinn: I want to do Fall Reading Week. A lot of work has been done already by the current academic caucus. My main focus is that. I'm interested in collaborating with Maha and Jarrad.

Chris Kalafatidis: When I got into Senate, I felt very excited to do this. I am very passionate about it. We're going to change things at Concordia like tuition, sexual violence and bathrooms.

e) Signing Officers

James Hanna moves to nominate **Chris Kalafatidis**, **Salman Fahim Syed** and **Christiane Sakr** for Signing Officers.

Chris Kalafatidis: The CSU has a \$2.5m Annual Budget and a \$10m Investment Fund. As such a large organisation, we need to keep track of things. We have a general manager, and every time money needs to be given out, we need people who are authorised to sign the checks. Two councillors are needed to sign executives' checks. All contracts require the signature of two signing officers, with the exception of honorariums under \$500 which can be signed off by the authorized approver. All cheques issued from a bank account or internal account requires the signature of two signing officers. A signing officer cannot sign a document which is in their name.

Désirée Blizzard: Signing Officers will have to meet in the next few days to have a meeting at the bank.

Patrick Quinn: How often do signing officers need to be at the CSU?

Désirée Blizzard: It's an hour's commitment every week. Two people will have to sign every check. The executive will be one of the people signing the checks, one signing officer would come every Thursday. It's very important that checks be signed. If not we can't give them out to the community.

James Hanna moves to appoint **Chris Kalafatidis, Salman Fahim Syed** and **Christiane Sakr** for Signing Officers. Seconded by **Nicholas Hamel**.

VOTE

For: 11

Oppositions: 0

Motion Passes.

f) Concordia Council on Student Life (CCSL)

Eduardo Malorni: Dean of Students takes care of it. CCSL gives out money. I have excellent projects. It's once a month, twice in October and March. We meet up with a person from every area of school and decide where to spend money.

Chairperson: It's a parity committee. There are as many students as there are administrators.

James Hanna nominates **James Hanna** and **Ahmadou Sakho** for CCSL. Seconded.

James Hanna to appoint **James Hanna** and **Ahmadou Sakho** for CCSL. Seconded by **Amman Houara**.

James Hanna nominates **Eduardo Malorni** for CCSL. Seconded by **Amman Houara**.

g) Library Services Fund Committee (LSFC)

Celeste-Melize Ferrus: I'm running for Library Service Committee. There needs to be an equal distribution of books at both campus libraries. A lot of Loyola students currently need to pay \$8 to bring book out of the Library. I want to change that.

James Hanna moves to appoint **Celeste-Melize Ferrus** and **Eduardo Malorni**. Seconded by **Victoria Pesce**.

h) CSU Community Action Fund

Isaiah Joyner: CAF is another granting body. It comprises councillors, me, a community representative, a fee levy representative. We take applications to give out money to different initiatives in the community, whether Concordia or Greater Montreal.

Ahmadou Sakho for **Elizabeth Tasong**: CAF is vital for the livelihood of students. I want the chance to give opportunities to those who need funding for initiatives that would help Concordia students.

James Hanna moves to appoint **Elizabeth Tasong**. Seconded by **Elias Huckel-Fidalgo**.

Ahmadou Sakho: Isaiah, when does BIPOC appoint?

Isaiah Joyner: The mandate doesn't start until June 1. Akira will pass the torch; we need to put out job descriptions. We don't give out money until September. We're going to try to recruit by June.

Désirée Blizzard: It says two councillors but there could be more if there's interest.

7. COUNCIL RETREAT AND TRAINING

Marin Algattus: We came to an agreement on the date. We can approve the second weekend of September.

Victoria Pesce: It would be the weekend of the 13, 14, 15 September.

Marin Algattus moves to have Council Retreat from 13-15 September. Seconded.

Marin Algattus: A lot of people are going to be out of the country. Everyone will be back in Montreal by September. We have Council meeting the week after. It's a reasonable date.

Ahmadou Sakho: What's going to happen?

Marin Algattus: It's unplanned. It depends on what Council wants. We could get an Airbnb or a chalet or a cabin. We do bonding, communication training, workshops. We brainstorm on how to make proceedings more efficient. We long to create a smooth entrance.

Leigh Kusaj: What happens if we can't make that? I have a work retreat on that weekend.

Marin Algattus: You could amend the date to the weekend before?

Chris Kalafatidis: How does that correlate with Orientation?

Eduardo Malorni: I won't be able to make that, but it's the Council's retreat. Focus on yourselves first.

Chairperson: I get the impression that we don't need to set a date now. How important is it to set a date?

Victoria Pesce: Summer is going to be hectic. If we do it now, we can deal with it now. Why not we do it the weekend after September's Council meeting?

Marin Algattus amends the dates to 20, 21, 22 September.

James Hanna: I really hope we can make the retreat this year. Last year, everyone exploded, and I think it's because we didn't get to have one.

Maha Siddiqui: I love the idea of a retreat. We should also do an end of the year spa retreat.

Patrick Quinn: I suggest we come up with a date now. We have a track record of pushing things away.

Jarrad Haas: When I first came to council, there was a Winter Retreat. It was a good way to understand and get comfortable with the environment. It builds trust with others but also confidence in oneself. It's very valuable.

Marin Algattus: This is mandatory. If you have any concerns, I'll be happy to discuss them with you to ensure you can come. After this, we can discuss campground or Airbnb.

Chris Kalafatidis: I went to the ASFA retreat last year and it was a great experience. We might not get the chance to make friends outside of council if we don't make the time. I am in favour of what Jarrad said.

Victoria Pesce calls to question. Seconded by **Salman Fahim Syed**.

VOTE

For: 11

Opposed: 0

Abstentions: 1

Motion carries.

8. CSU EMAIL ADDRESSES AND COUNCIL COMMUNICATIONS

Chris Kalafatidis: This year we want to get everyone a CSU email. Also, we have a Facebook group for Council.

Jarrad Haas: I didn't think councillors were allowed emails. I never got one.

Chairperson: A couple of years ago everyone got a CSU email, but no one checked it. Council then went back to regular personal emails.

9. QUESTION PERIOD

Isaiah Joyner: I was going to ask who I send documents to for meetings. But now I know it's to Chair. I might get everyone to submit an idea for the Annual Campaign. So External can bring it to June.

10. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Jarrad Haas: When we're in closed session, say you're leaving. When you're coming back, knock on the door. In case we're discussing something a lot more confidential, we should make sure no one will get the opportunity to hear what we're saying.

Marin Algattus: There's a conference called Canadian Organisation of Campus Activities. It's being held from 16-20 June. I propose some of the executives also go. I wanted to be as transparent as possible. They will have Education Sessions, Negotiating Contracts, etc. It teaches you how to manage clubs and conferences. It's \$2800 for two executives. Does anyone have concerns if I go to this conference? I will compile this information and funnel this into a workshop for students. You can see me in my office starting June.

11. ADJOURNMENT

James Hanna moves to adjourn. Seconded by **Jarrad Haas**.

Council adjourns.