



Concordia Student Union - Council of Representatives
CSU Special Council Meeting
Wednesday, December 01, 2020
Via Zoom, 18h30

1. CALL TO ORDER

The chairperson calls the meeting to order at **18h34**.

We would like to begin by acknowledging that Concordia University is located on unceded Indigenous lands. The Kanien'kehá:ka Nation is recognized as the custodians of the lands and waters on which we gather today. TiohEá:ke/Montreal is historically known as a gathering place for many First Nations. Today, it is home to a diverse population of Indigenous and other peoples. We respect the continued connections with the past, present, and future in our ongoing relationships with Indigenous and other peoples within the Montreal community.

2. ROLL CALL

Council Chairperson: Caitlin Robinson
Council Minutes Keeper: Michelle Lam

Executives present for the meeting were: Isaiah Joyner (General Coordinator), Sarah Mazhero (Academic & Advocacy Coordinator), Daniel Amico (Internal Affairs Coordinator), Amy Nguyen (Sustainability Coordinator), Eduardo Malorni (Student Life Coordinator), Holly Mark-Hilton (Finance Coordinator), Victoria Pesce (External Affairs & Mobilization Coordinator) and Malcolm Asselin (Loyola Coordinator)

Councillors present for the meeting were: Christopher Vaccarella (Arts & Science), Sarah Bubenheimer (Arts & Science), Debra Irabor (Arts & Science), Shlomo Tanny (John Molson School of Business), Phineas Ambrose Savchenko (Fine Arts), Sean Howard (Gina Cody School of Engineering), Shaun Sederoff (Arts & Science), Margot Berner (Arts & Science), Lauren Perozek (John Molson School of Business), Howard Issley (John Molson School of Business), Marlena Valenta (Arts & Science), Diana Lukic (Fine Arts), Tzvi Hersh Filler (Gina Cody School of Engineering), Arie Barak (Independent), Anais Gagnon (Gina Cody School of

Engineering), Jarrad Haas (Fine Arts), Chealsea Okankwu (John Molson School of Business), Matthew Benzrihem (Arts & Science), S Shivaane (Arts & Science), Jeremy Deneault (John Molson School of Business),

Executives absent for the meeting were: N/A

Councillors absent for the meeting were: Roman Zelensky (Arts & Science), Yasmine Yahiaoui (Arts & Science), Harrison Kirshner (John Molson School of Business), Zachary Williams (Independent), Alexander Stojda (Gina Cody School of Engineering), James Hanna (Gina Cody School of Engineering), Wyatt Niblett-Wilson (John Molson School of Business), Brandon Grimaldi (Arts & Science), Nicole Nashen (Arts & Science)

3. PERMISSION FOR CSU HR FIRM TO REVIEW DECISION

Margot Berner motions to enter closed sessions with Walter and Robert invited. Seconded. Motion passes.

Daniel Amico presents the following motion. Seconded by **Margot Berner**. Motion passes. *WHEREAS* the CSU'S Judicial Board has rendered a majority decision on November 21st, 2020 in the matters involving :

1. Councilor Hersh Filler V. Academic and Advocacy Coordinator Sarah Mazhero & General Coordinator Isaiah Joyner; and
2. Councilor Matthew Benzrihem V. General Coordinator Isaiah Joyner;

WHEREAS the Judicial Board's majority decision of November 21st, 2020 was rendered under the certain provisions of the CSU's Code of Conduct;

WHEREAS, under section 7 of the Code of Conduct, the Respondent and the Complainant have a right to appeal the decision within 10 business days of the transmission of the final decision;

WHEREAS Complainant-Respondent Sarah Mazhero has exercised her right of appeal of the decision of the Judicial Board within the prescribed delay provided for at section 7 of CSU's Code of Conduct;

WHEREAS, in accordance with section 7 of CSU's Code of Conduct, it is required for the CSU to appoint a Third Party Ombudsperson, namely to decide if there are sufficient grounds for appeal and, if applicable, to review the decision of the Judicial Board;

WHEREAS the CSU's Code of Conduct defines that the Third-Party Ombudsperson is "A neutral third party who is well versed in all Concordia Student Union documentation and is duly appointed by Council for the purposes outlined in this Code in order to investigate and resolve complaints."

WHEREAS the CSU wishes to appoint the law firm of Robinson, Sheppard, Shapiro, LLP to act as the Third-Party Ombudsperson in the context of the appeal of the decision;

BE IT RESOLVED that the law firm of Robinson, Sheppard, Shapiro, LLP henceforth be mandated by the CSU to act as the CSU's Third-Party Ombudsperson in the context of the appeal of Complainant-Respondent Sarah Mazhero of the CSU's Judicial Board's majority decision rendered on November 21, 2020.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the budgetary impact of this motion is nil.

VOTE:

10 YES

6 NO

4 ABSTAIN

Tzvi Hersh Filler presents the following amendment to the motion. Seconded by Daniel Amico. Motion passes.

BE IT RESOLVED that the law firm of Robinson, Sheppard, Shapiro, LLP henceforth be mandated by the CSU to act as the CSU's Third-Party Ombudsperson in the context of the appeal of ~~Complainant-Respondent Sarah Mazhero~~ of the CSU's Judicial Board's majority decision rendered on November 21, 2020.

Tzvi Hersh Filler motions to amend the motion to the following. Seconded. Motion passes.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the budgetary impact of this motion is **not exceeding \$5000**.

Margot Berner calls the question. Seconded by **Jarrad Haas**.

Margot Berner motions to return to the open session. Seconded. Motion passes.

Margot Berner motions to ratify the minutes of the closed session. Seconded by **Jarrad Haas**.

Motion passes

4. ADJOURNMENT

Margot Berner motions to adjourn the meeting. Seconded. Motion carries.

Meeting adjourned at 19h49.