

CELESTE MELIZE FERRUS vs CSU CLUBS AND SPACE COMMITTEE

Club: Katalis Outreach Concordia

Complaint: Friday, January 31st, 2020

Decision: Sunday, March 8th, 2020

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**Complainant:** Celeste Melize Ferrus

**Interested Parties:**

Marin Algattus

Maha Salina

Ama Sakho

Syed Salman Fahim

Christiane Sakr

**Respondents:** CSU Clubs and Space Committee

**SUMMARY OF THE FACTS DRAWN FROM THE COMPLAINANT'S EVIDENCE:**

On January 31st, 2020, the CSU Judicial Board received a complaint from Celeste Melize

Ferrus (CSU Loyola Coordinator), stating that the Clubs and Space Committee will not approve

Katalis Outreach Concordia's executive list. The Katalis Outreach Concordia executive list was

not approved because of a perceived conflict of interest. This conflict of interest relates to

Celeste's participation in CSU as the Loyola Coordinator and being president of the Katalis

Outreach Concordia club.

Ferrus' first piece of evidence was forwarded email correspondence between Ferrus and CSU Clubs Coordinator Noah Burnett.

#### DECISION:

After carefully reviewing the evidence presented by the parties, the Judicial Board reached a unanimous decision for the case of Celeste Melize Ferrus vs. CSU. The Board maintains that all acting executives of the Concordia Student Union may not hold any presidential or coordinator position on clubs and associations financed by the union or Fee Levy groups. The above decision was reached by taking into account an overbearing conflict of interest that may occur if a CSU executive holds any ranking position on clubs and associations.

The Board's decision is based on the CSU Standing Regulations which presumes a potential conflict of interest for any Judicial Board member to hold an executive position on any club or association funded by the CSU.

#### **Standing Regulations, Book IX, Section 3, 422**

*No Judicial Board Members may serve as executives on any CSU clubs, hold positions on any Concordia student or university associations, or be regular employees of any Concordia student or university associations. Should a Judicial Board member attain one of the aforementioned positions, it shall be considered a resignation from the Judicial Board.*

Our members believe that this presumption should be extended to any CSU executive as the same potential conflict of interest would apply.

Furthermore, the Judicial Board believes this case will create a precedent for future executive members and thus laid out a set of recommendations on the following page.

#### REMEDIES:

The Judicial Board requests that Celeste Melize Ferrus to step down from her Presidential position on the club Katalis Outreach Concordia, due to the above perceived reasons of conflict of interest.

#### RECOMMENDATIONS:

- Adding to CSU Standing Regulation a clause pertaining to the aforementioned conflict of interest when an a member of the CSU executives is a ranking member of a club or association.

EVIDENCE PRESENTED:

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**From:** Rami Khouri <[secretary@katalisoutreach.com](mailto:secretary@katalisoutreach.com)>  
**Sent:** Saturday, November 9, 2019 6:46:43 PM  
**To:** clubsdirector <[clubsdirector@csu.qc.ca](mailto:clubsdirector@csu.qc.ca)>  
**Cc:** clubs <[clubs@csu.qc.ca](mailto:clubs@csu.qc.ca)>; internal <[internal@csu.qc.ca](mailto:internal@csu.qc.ca)>  
**Subject:** Updated List of Katalis's Executives

Hello Noah,

We're Katalis Outreach club at Concordia, and here's our updated list of executives:

President: Celeste-Melize Ferrus Secretary: Rami Khouri PR  
coordinator: Walid Adda Berbara Mentorship: Sami Ibrahim Noun  
VP Finance: Rinrada Puntuleng VP Local Outreach: Sarah-Denise  
Luemba  
VP International Outreach: Stephen Haney Hernandez

Sincerely,  
Rami

---- On Mon, 11 Nov 2019 11:11:40 -0500 **clubsdirector**  
<[clubsdirector@csu.qc.ca](mailto:clubsdirector@csu.qc.ca)> wrote ----

Hi Rami,

Thanks for sending this, however I am going to need a little bit more information in order to re-register your club. To make it easier I've included a table below using the information you've provided as well as the registration information of repeat executives from prior registrations and correspondences.

I've noticed that you have an email for your position in the club. If you would prefer to register your executive team with your @katalisoutreach.com email addresses for each of your positions feel free to replace what I've already included below in your response.

Full Name	Position/Title	Phone Number	Email Address	Student ID Number	Booking Officer (1)	Signing Officer (2)
Celeste-Melize Ferrus	President					Yes
Rami Khouri	Secretary				Yes	
Walid Adda Berbara	Public Relations Coordinator	X	X	X		
Sami Ibrahim Noun	VP Mentorship	X	X	X		
Rinrada Puntuleng	Treasurer	X	X	X		Yes
Sarah-Denise Luemba	VP Local Outreach	X	X	X		
Stephen Haney Hernandez	VP International Outreach					

I've included a red X in every box that needs to be filled. Please supply me with this additional information and I'll have the new registration form ready for you to sign in no time.

Best,

**Noah Burnett Rooney**

**Clubs Director**

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**From:** Rami Khouri <[secretary@katalisoutreach.com](mailto:secretary@katalisoutreach.com)>

**Sent:** Wednesday, November 13, 2019 12:59:41 PM

**To:** clubsdirector <[clubsdirector@csu.qc.ca](mailto:clubsdirector@csu.qc.ca)>

**Subject:** Re: Updated List of Katalis's Executives

Hello Noah,

I apologize for the missing information. I hope everything's good now.

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## Fwd: Re: Updated List of Katalis's Executives

===== Forwarded Message =====

From : clubsdirector@csu.qc.ca  
To : secretary@katalisoutreach.com,President@katalisoutreach.com,Finance@katalisoutreach.com  
Date : Thu, 14 Nov 2019 15:22:16 -0500  
Subject : Re: Updated List of Katalis's Executives  
===== Forwarded Message =====

Hi Katalis executives,

We have received your updated Club registration. Please have the Club's Signing and Booking Officers come to CSU Reception during opening hours (H-711; Monday-Friday, 10am-6pm) to sign the registration form so that it can be sent to the Dean of Students Office and the registration process finalized.

Also, please note that Rami's name has been spelled "Rami Khouri" on your registration. In the prior registration the last name was Khoury however I followed what you sent on the most recent version. If this is incorrect and it is meant to be spelled Khoury please let me know before any of you come to sign the document, as a new form will have to be made.

Let me know if you have any questions.

Thanks,

**Noah Burnett Rooney**

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Marin



Will definitely invite my friends though

JAN. 8 AT 4:41 P.M.

Oh I forgot to let you know that I'm appealing the issue with me being the president of katalis

Nothing in the by laws or standing regs are against it and I'm not on the committee and I was elected so I get to be it

JAN. 8 AT 7:00 P.M.



Oki appeal to committee with details



It might be best to bring it to JB tbh actually

JAN. 8 AT 7:24 P.M.

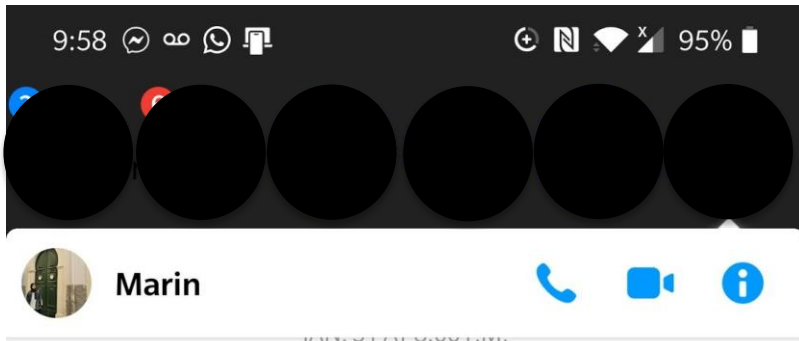
what jb though

JAN. 16 AT 3:30 P.M.

Hey you ever sent me the list of clubs missing a space







Btw I really need this club registration issue to be dealt with, bring it to JB or whatever but it needs to be done soon or I'm bringing it to council

We were denied an event space that we've been planning for months cause of this nonsense

You should have asked them to register without you

You replied to Marin

You should have asked them to register without you

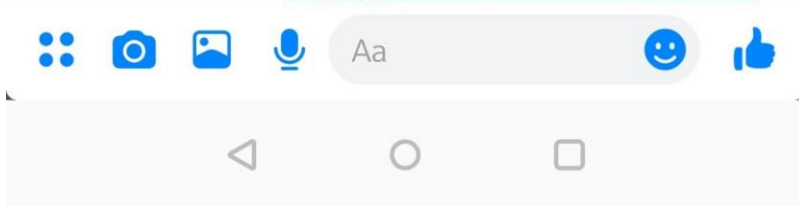
It's not in the bylaws or any where that I can't be an executive

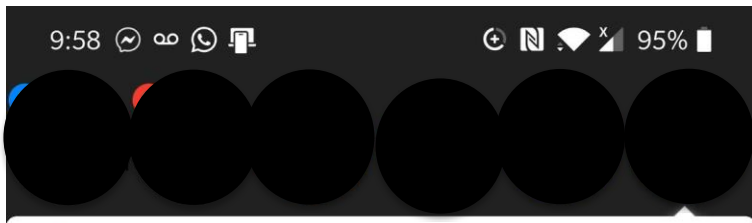
And I'm not on clubs and space

So your justification makes nonsense

No sense

I can come to the next meeting and... a case but this is all stupid





Marin   

nonsense

No sense

I can come to the next meeting and make a case but this is all stupid

And I told you to appeal almost a month ago so this is almost illegal at this point

its your job to appeal to the judicial board not mine

my committee and I made this decision and I stand by it, if you want to appeal to council or JB .. that is your right

Marin replied to you

And I told you to appeal almost a month ago so this is almost illegal at this point

making these claims really doesnt help your cause tbh... it shows you dont know the rules or policies ..

JAN. 31 2024 3:24 P.M.

