



Concordia Student Union - Council of Representatives
CSU Regular Council Meeting
Wednesday, January 12, 2022
Via Zoom, 18h30

1. CALL TO ORDER

The chairperson calls the meeting to order at **18h32**.

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 Minute Keeper: Michelle Lam

Executives present for the meeting were: Eduardo Malorni (General Coordinator), Harrison Kirshner (Internal Affairs Coordinator), Hannah Jamet-Lange (Academic & Advocacy Coordinator), Malcolm Asselin (Student Life Coordinator), Camina Harrison-Chéry (External Affairs & Mobilization Coordinator), Aria Khaksar (Finance Coordinator), S Shivaane (Loyola Coordinator), Faye Sun (Sustainability Coordinator)

Councilors present for the meeting were: Hassan Nabeel (Gina Cody School of Engineering), Olivia Integlia (Arts & Science), Caleb Woolcott (Arts & Science), Christopher Vaccarella (Arts & Science), Lauren Perozek (John Molson School of Business), Katherine Bellini (Gina Cody School Of Engineering), Howard Issley (John Molson School of Business), Olivia Lafreniere (John Molson School of Business), Wan Hua Li (Fine Arts), Edel Kilkenny-Mondoux (Arts & Science), Ikrame Housni (Arts & Science), Paula Colmenares (Independent), Nathaniel Ouazana

(Arts & Science), Tzvi Hersh Filler (Independent), Jeremy Deneault (John Molson School of Business), Lily Charette (Arts & Science)

Councilors absent for the meeting were: Noah Mohamed (John Molson School of Business), Ariane Drouin (Gina Cody School of Engineering), Samuel Thibodeau (Fine Arts), Shania Bramble (Arts & Science), Brandon Grimaldi (Arts & Science), Alina Murad (Arts & Science), Boutaina Chafi (Arts & Science), Marissa Profetto (Gina Cody School of Engineering), Emmanuel Gaisie (John Molson School of Business)

There is a motion to excuse **Alina Murad** and **Harrison Kirshner** from tonight's meeting. Seconded by **Lauren Perozek**. Motion passes.

Hannah Jamet-Lange moves to excuse **Harrison Kirshner** for Winter 2022. Seconded by **Lauren Perozek**. Motion passes.

3. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Hannah Jamet-Lange moves to add CEO's report to the agenda. Seconded by **Nathaniel Ouazana**.

Eduardo Malorni moves to approve the agenda and all items under consent. Seconded by **Hannah Jamet-Lange**.

4. CONSENT AGENDA

Eduardo Malorni motions to approve the agenda and all items under consent. Seconded by **Hannah Jamet-Lange**. Motion passes.

5. PRESENTATIONS AND GUEST SPEAKERS

a) ASFA SSAELC Funding

Amine Ben Arous (Finance Coordinator ASFA): I'd like to request reallocation from funds given to ASFA from the SSAEL Fund on 13 May 2020. Asking for a reallocation from the renovation budget to the IT budget, 10k out of the 30k to be transferred to IT. We need better equipment in the ASFA offices. Since the time we approved this, the pandemic happened and our needs have significantly changed.

Aria Khaksar presents the following motion. Seconded by **Lauren Perozek**. Motion carries unanimously.

WHEREAS the Covid 19 pandemic has affected the amount of time spent working remotely and in person as well as the needs of ASFA

BE IT RESOLVED to re allocate 10,000\$ from the 30,000\$ renovation funds to the IT fund to raise the IT fund total to 15,000\$ with a goal to better equip the executive and paid staff members.

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

Aria Khaksar: This is definitely something we should do. When we did allocate this two years ago, it was when we spent most of our time in the office. Now, we don't anticipate going back in-person because of new variants, and it's good ASFA wants to be more efficient in how they work.

Lauren Perozek: What was the \$5000 originally allocated for? What would the additional money be used for?

Amine Ben Arous: I wasn't part of ASFA so I don't have specifics. This was to renovate some of the IT equipment in the ASFA staff offices, specifically GM and office clerks. Now this has extended for all team members also. Also, we've extended our team.

Aria Khaksar: It was supposed to be spent on computers and hardware and they wanted to replace one projector.

6. APPOINTMENTS

a) Clubs & Space Committee

Kate Soad Bellini: There are about 100 clubs. This committee allocates funding and spaces to these clubs. We compare the club's previous budget to what they're requesting in order to evaluate their proposals. It's a great experience for councillors who want to learn about and support the different clubs on campus.

Chairperson: It meets biweekly.

Paula Colmenares nominates herself. Seconded.

Paula Colmenares: That speech was great.

Malcolm Asselin moves to appoint **Paula Colmenares** to the Clubs & Space Committee.
Seconded by **Aria Khaksar**.

7. RETURNING BUSINESS - SUBSTANTIVE

8. NEW BUSINESS – SUBSTANTIVE

a) Foundation Ad-Hoc Committee

Eduardo Malorni presents the following motion. Seconded by **Hassan Nabeel**. Motion carries unanimously.

WHEREAS the Foundation Referendum Question passed in the 2021 By-Elections with 82% in favour,

WHEREAS the 2021 By-Election had the highest turnout ever achieved in a CSU Election in at least the last 10 years,

WHEREAS the students have shown support for this concept,

BE IT RESOLVED THAT an ad-hoc committee be created to create a concept for the CSU Foundation

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the committee composition be 1 executive acting as chair, 4 councillors and 1 student at large to be appointed.

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

Eduardo Malorni: We have good support to explore this. The goal would be to fund social economies around campus, which have gone well. This is a big project, so I'd like an ad-hoc committee for a more democratic process.

Kate Soad Bellini nominates Self.

Christopher Vaccarella nominates Self.

Nathaniel Ouazana nominates Self.

Caleb Woolcott nominates Self.

Hassan Nabeel nominates Self.

Eduardo Malorni nominates Self.

Kate Soad Bellini: I haven't worked on this before and it's connected to SEIZE. This interests me.

Christopher Vaccarella: I just want to help out with this, help my colleagues and set up something really unique and cool for the students

Nathaniel Ouazana: Sounded very interesting. I've been in another committee with Ed and I enjoyed it. I'm interested in this.

Caleb Woolcott: I'm pretty involved in the solidarity economy with SEIZE, Food solidarity and SCPA.

Hassan Nabeel: I'm not part of any committees now and this looks like a good committee.

Eduardo Malorni: I think this has the chance of having a long-lasting impact.

Tzvi Hersh Filler moves to amend the motion to amend 4 councillor seats to 5. Seconded by **Eduardo Malorni**. Carries unanimously.

Tzvi Hersh Filler moves to appoint **Kate Soad Bellini, Christopher Vaccarella, Nathaniel Ouazana, Caleb Woolcott** and **Hassan Nabeel** as councillors and **Eduardo Malorni** as chair. Seconded by **Lauren Perozek**. Motion carries unanimously.

b) Approval of CEO Report

S Shivaane moves to approve the CEO Report. Second by **Nathaniel Ouzana**. Motion carries unanimously.

9. NEW BUSINESS – INFORMATIONAL

a) UTILE

Eduardo Malorni: UTILE is one of the members behind the Woodnote. They approached us to ask if we want to invest in another Woodnote project. Within the next month we'll be having more conversations and going over the feasibility with more stakeholders and our lawyers. Afterwards, we might propose another referendum.

Lauren Perozek: The Woodnote took many years to accomplish and it's very successful. There's definitely a demand for it.

Christopher Vaccarella: When are they aiming to have this fully built? Especially since developers are buying up lots/buildings non stop as of late, so I hope it will happen

Eduardo Malorni: That's one of the reasons why we're talking about this now. Timeline would definitely be one of our questions. It would be nearer to Loyola and based on the previous project, it might be a 5-year project.

Tzvi Hersh Filler: This is coming from the SSAEL Fund right?

Eduardo Malorni: Yes, if we go through with this it would be a referendum question from the SSAEL Fund and then approved by the students.

Tzvi Hersh Filler: Would this inhibit any other projects?

Eduardo Malorni: At this point, it doesn't look like that would be the case.

Aria Khaksar: It would take a big chunk out of it, but it wouldn't affect any other projects. We would not be able to look at another big, big project for a couple years if we do this.

b) Student Healthcare Plan

Eduardo Malorni: Bad news. CSU offers a healthcare plan. It's one of the best services. In December, we were informed of a change in Quebec healthcare plans. Confirmed Dec 21, AMF sent a directive changing regulations. Change requested is all student healthcare plans change to an opt-in model. Because no health plan is able to support that. Right now our plan is \$225/year. With this new change, it would be impossible to have this rate while keeping the current plan. If we keep the current plan, there would be much much more costs. This is extra problematic because this is a pandemic and changes would take effect this Fall. It's not looking good, a lot of the projections we get, a lot of students across Quebec will lose healthcare plans. We were right in the process of negotiating our healthcare plan because now this expires in May. Meeting on Jan 18 to talk to other student associations in Quebec to plan how to fight this. But now, it doesn't look good. If regulation does go in as planned, all students will lose their healthcare coverage by end of the year.

Tzvi Hersh Filler: Do we know if they're going to do that to other things like RFI?

Eduardo Malorni: Right now, unlikely. Also, AMF wouldn't have jurisdiction over RFI.

10. QUESTION PERIOD & BUSINESS ARISING

11. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Lily Charette: ASFA is having our Academic Week next week! If you need advice on advising, check it out and spread the word

12. ADJOURNMENT

S Shivaane moves to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by **Malcolm Asselin**. Motion carries.

Meeting adjourned at 7:19 PM.