



Concordia Student Union - Council of Representatives  
CSU Regular Council Meeting  
Wednesday, March 09, 2022  
Via Zoom, 18h30

## 1. CALL TO ORDER

The chairperson calls the meeting to order at **18h33**.

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**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.**

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## 2. ROLL CALL

Council Chairperson: Caitlin Robinson

Council Minute Keeper: Michelle Lam

**Executives present for the meeting were:** 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), Harrison Kirshner (Internal Affairs Coordinator), Faye Sun (Sustainability Coordinator)

**Councilors present for the meeting were:** Katherine Bellini (Gina Cody School of Engineering), Alina Murad (Arts & Science), Boutaina Chafi (Arts & Science), Caleb Woolcott (Arts & Science), Christopher Vaccarella (Arts & Science), Calvin Clarke (Arts & Science), Wan Hua Li (Fine Arts), Olivia Integlia (Arts & Science), Lauren Perozek (John Molson School of Business), Tzvi Hersh Filler (Independent), Jeremy Deneault (John Molson School of Business)

**Councilors absent for the meeting were:** Noah Mohamed (John Molson School of Business), Ariane Drouin (Gina Cody School of Engineering), Emmanuel Gaisie (John Molson School of Business), Paula Colmenares (Independent), Nathaniel Ouazana (Arts & Science), Lily Charette (Arts & Science), Samuel Thibodeau (Fine Arts), Shania Bramble (Arts & Science), Edel Kilkenny-Mondoux (Arts & Science), Ikrame Housni (Arts & Science), Hassan Nabeel (Gina Cody School of Engineering), Marissa Profetto (Gina Cody School of Engineering)

**Executives absent for the meeting were:** Eduardo Malorni (General Coordinator)

**Christopher Vaccarella** motions to excuse Paula Colmenares, Nathaniel Ouazana, Aria Khaksar, and Eduardo Malorni. Seconded by **Tzvi Hersh Filler**. Motion passes.

**Tzvi Hersh Filler** motions to excuse Ikrame Housni. Seconded by **Malcolm Asselin**. Motion passes unanimously.

### **3. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA**

### **4. CONSENT AGENDA**

**Malcolm Asselin** motions to approve the agenda and all items under consent. Seconded by **Christopher Vaccarella**. Motion passes.

### **5. PRESENTATIONS AND GUEST SPEAKERS**

### **6. APPOINTMENTS**

#### **a) External Committee**

**Camina Harrison-Chery:** We get together on Monday's at 1:30pm once a month to approve funding and decide where to allocate budgets for external activities.

**Wawa Li** nominates themselves. Seconded by **Tzvi Hersh Filler**.

**Wawa Li:** I'm new to this and can ask a lot of questions. This committee has a direct relationship with initiatives and I'm interested in that

**Tzvi Hersh Filler** motions to appoint **Wawa Li** to the **External Committee**. Seconded by **Christopher Vaccarella**. Motion passes unanimously.

## 7. RETURNING BUSINESS - SUBSTANTIVE

## 8. NEW BUSINESS – SUBSTANTIVE

### a) General Elections Seat Allocation

**Tzvi Hersh Filler** presents the following motion. Seconded by **Hannah Jamet-Lange**. Motion passes unanimously.

*WHEREAS* the seat distribution for the General Election 2022 was not allocated in a previous motion due to the University not sending us the student list in time,

*BE IT RESOLVED THAT* the seat distribution be as follows

13 Seats for Arts and Science

7 Seats for John Molson

5 Seats for Gina Cody

3 Seats for Fine Arts

2 Seats for Independent Students

*BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED* the budgetary impact of the motion is nil

VOTE:

10 YES

0 NO

1 ABSTAIN

**Tzvi Hersh Filler:** Are these the same breakdowns as previously?

**Caitlin Robinson:** Eduardo did the math for it

**Tzvi Hersh Filler:** The motion may be out of order based on the bylaws

**Caitlin Robinson:** The student list wasn't available. As the Chairperson, it's such a minor issue that it isn't a big issue but a formality. I understand where you're coming from, but the election has already been called

**Tzvi Hersh Filler:** I'll abstain on this

**Caitlin Robinson:** I don't like breaking bylaws either but nothing else could have been done

**Hannah Jamet-Lange:** We don't like that this happened but it was outside of our control, as it wasn't the fault of anyone in the CSU. If we don't pass this, we would have to cancel the election which would also violate some bylaws. Since this was outside of anyone's control, we need to pass this now or else the election can't happen and people are already campaigning. We would also run into time issues if we recalled the election now. Given this context, we should pass this motion right now

**Caitlin Robinson:** This is similar to when COVID happened and we had to cancel the April RCM, which was also in violation of the bylaws. That's another situation where things were outside of our control.

## **b) Preamble**

**Hannah Jamet-Lange** presents the following motion. Seconded by **Christopher Vaccarella**. Motion passes unanimously.

*WHEREAS* there was no preamble previously

*BE IT RESOLVED THAT* the following preamble be added to the question.

The Concordia Student Union (CSU) is the student association representing all 30,000+ undergraduate students at Concordia University. The main mission of the CSU is to serve students, defend their rights, and act as their highest representative body at Concordia. Two things are essential: that we are beholden to our membership, and that our funds are used responsibly. In the past 10 years, the CSU has launched and supported initiatives such as Reggies, the Hive, and the Woodnote as well as services like the Daycare and Diversity Services on top of already preexisting services such as the Advocacy Center, the Housing and Job Resource Centre (HOJO) and the Legal Information Clinic. Other prominent ways the CSU supports students is through providing a Healthcare Plan to all students, financially supporting students through grants and bursaries and supporting over 100+ student clubs while also holding events for students to enjoy such as our yearly Orientation events. The CSU is able to develop and launch all of the above from its operational fee levy funded by students. Due to the growth the CSU has experienced over the past years, we are now asking for an increase to this fee levy so that we can continue providing the best services possible to students and increase direct support to students. The additional money will be used to support all of these new projects and to further create more fairly paid opportunities for students to get involved in student life. This will benefit students directly through additional support services and new opportunities.

*BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED* the budgetary impact of the motion is nil

**Hannah Jamet-Lange:** During the SCM, it was asked whether there would be a preamble which Eduardo didn't have at the time but would add one later. This provides background on the CSU and context to why the CSU is asking for more money in the fee levy.

**Tzvi Hersh Filler** motions amend the motion to strike mention of Diversity Services, Advocacy Centre, HoJo, LIC, Clubs. Motion fails to receive a second.

**Tzvi Hersh Filler:** Some of these services listed aren't supported by the operations fee.

**Hannah Jamet-Lange:** The reason why they're included is because they aren't only supported by their own fee levy. I oversee many of these services, and the operational budget does support these services. In order to start a project when there isn't a fee levy, a lot of work is being done through the operation budget. That's why it's important to keep it in there and give context to all that the CSU does.

**Tzvi Hersh Filler:** This implies that a vote for this directly increases the funding for these clubs. I don't think any of those were new projects

**Hannah Jamet-Lange:** There are a lot of projects, and there are discussions of creating Woodnote 2 which would be new.

**Tzvi Hersh Filler:** Diversity Services has its own budget line and Woodnote 2 would come from the SSAELC budget, not operations.

**Hannah Jamet-Lange:** We now have a fee levy for Diversity Services, but until that was voted on, all the work that went into creating this service was supported through the operations budget. The Clubs Coordinator and supporting 100+ student clubs does come from the operations budget. This preamble is not misleading, it represents what the operational fee levy does

**Tzvi Hersh Filler:** The line "the additional money will be used to support a lot of these projects" is misleading, 80% of the services listed before would not be funded with this new fee levy increase

**Hannah Jamet-Lange:** This represents the work and the context of the CSU and the work that is done with the operations budget. It's too easy to say while they have separate fee levies, they don't receive support from the operations budget, but that wouldn't be true. The fact that the amendment didn't receive a second shows we don't have to fight over specific words in the way this was written

**Hannah Jamet-Lange** motions to amend the preamble to the following. Seconded by **Christopher Vaccarella**. Motion passes unanimously.

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**Tzvi Hersh Filler:** I am withdrawing my opposition, not because I believe this preamble is a representative preamble, but to save time on a roll call vote.

## **9. NEW BUSINESS – INFORMATIONAL**

## **10. QUESTION PERIOD & BUSINESS ARISING**

## **11. ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Olivia Integlia:** Sustainability committee is creating a cookbook that is student made. We're desperate for recipes.

**S Shivaane:** BIPOC Therapy Series has launched today. Here are all events on March 18

1. Tamil Club, CUTAM has a South Asian Healing Series
2. Filipino club, FOCUS also has a community-oriented event
3. IA ECC has a cultural gala with a bunch of Concordia cultural events performing/attending
4. McGill African Student Society has a gala event at the SSMU ballroom

**Malcolm Asselin:** Chris Boucher and the co-founder of BLM Toronto are coming on a panel on March 23 to speak. On the 30th there is a mental health speaker panel.

## **12. ADJOURNMENT**

**Hannah Jamet-Lange** moves to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by **Malcolm Asselin**. Motion carries.

Meeting adjourned at 7:17 PM.