



Concordia Student Union - Council of Representatives
CSU Regular Council Meeting
Wednesday, April 13, 2022
Via Zoom, 18h30

1. CALL TO ORDER

The chairperson calls the meeting to order at **18h46**.

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: Faye Sun (Sustainability Coordinator), Camina Harrison-Chéry (External Affairs & Mobilization Coordinator), S Shivaane (Loyola Coordinator), Eduardo Malorni (General Coordinator), Hannah Jamet-Lange (Academic & Advocacy Coordinator)

Councilors present for the meeting were: Lily Charette (Arts & Science), Alina Murad (Arts & Science), Caleb Woolcott (Arts & Science), Shania Bramble (Arts & Science), Christopher Vaccarella (Arts & Science), Tzvi Hersh Filler (Independent), Emmanuel Gaisie (John Molson School of Business), Marissa Profetto (Gina Cody School of Engineering), Edel Kilkenny-Mondoux (Arts & Science), Malcolm Asselin (Student Life Coordinator)

Councilors absent for the meeting were: Hassan Nabeel (Gina Cody School of Engineering), Nathaniel Ouazana (Arts & Science), Olivia Integlia (Arts & Science), Boutaina Chafi (Arts &

Science), Calvin Clarke (Arts & Science), Lauren Perozek (John Molson School of Business), Ikrame Housni (Arts & Science), Noah Mohamed (John Molson School of Business), Ariane Drouin (Gina Cody School of Engineering), Katherine Bellini (Gina Cody School of Engineering), Wan Hua Li (Fine Arts), Paula Colmenares (Independent), Samuel Thibodeau (Fine Arts), Jeremy Deneault (John Molson School of Business), Brandon Grimaldi (Arts & Science)

Executives absent for the meeting were: Harrison Kirshner (Internal Affairs Coordinator), Aria Khaksar (Finance Coordinator)

Hannah Jamet Lange motions to excuse Aria Khaksar, Wan Hua Li, Lauren Perozek, Jeremy Deneault, Calvin Clarke, Hassan Nabeel. Seconded. Motion passes unanimously.

3. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

4. CONSENT AGENDA

Lily Charette motions to approve the April 8th Finance Committee minutes. Seconded by **Tzvi Hersh Filler**. Motion passes unanimously.

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

5. PRESENTATIONS AND GUEST SPEAKERS

a) Sustainable Food System Project

Erik Chevrier: I'm Faculty at Concordia and was part of the CSU a while back. I'm presenting a project on a co-op . We're looking to start CultiAction Coop. This is a urban agriculture and education cooperative linking concordia to the community at large for mutual benefit. we are a non-profit solidarity cooperative with worker members and community support members. Our mission is to grow healthy eco-responsible food, cultivate biodiverse urban green spaces and offer urban agriculture education programs to improve local food sovereignty in partnership with community and Concordia stakeholders, contributing to the solidarity economy in Montreal. Our values are food sovereignty, social justice, student and community empowerment, education and research, and have a solidarity economy. Our education projects include a summer course replacing City Farm School – free for concordia students, workshops, experiential learning through concordia classes, volunteer, internship, and work opportunities. we provide immediate value to undergraduate students, such as experiential learning, education programming,

sustainable and healthy food supply, support for new student-run food projects, campus farm to plate, 2 of the 3 co-op worker members are concordia undergraduates, 2 paid student interns this summer, and meaningful employment for students in the future. We have exciting opportunities coming up in the next few years such as 2 acre site in Lachine, building a food-sovereign campus, developing a new food enterprise on campus, living lab, csu greenhouse project. We're asking for \$25K from the SSAELC fund, which will fund education programs, salaries, farm expenses, and administrative costs. We're launching a website in the next few days.

Eduardo Malorni: Will this be \$25,000 in one payment or over the next three years?

Erik Chevrier: We are requesting it in one payment

Lily Charette: I'm happy to see this project and am in support of this

Eduardo Malorni presents the following motion. Seconded by **Tzvi Hersh Filler**. **Caleb Woolcott** abstains. Motion passes unanimously.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Co-op CultivAction is granted \$25,000 from the SSAELC Fund for its Sustainable Food Systems Special Project Fund application;

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

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.

7. RETURNING BUSINESS - SUBSTANTIVE

8. NEW BUSINESS – SUBSTANTIVE

a) AGM Date

Eduardo Malorni presents the following motion. Seconded by **Hannah Jamet Lange**. Motion passes unanimously.

WHEREAS the CSU Bylaws require the CSU to hold its AGM prior to April 30th every year;

WHEREAS the CSU is still dealing with the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the CSU holds its AGM via zoom on Wednesday, April 27th, 2022 at 6:30 PM,

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

Eduardo Malorni: We have to have an AGM, certain things will be presented at it. We're going to do it online as we're still in a pandemic.

b) Woodnote Cooperative

Eduardo Malorni presents the following motion. Seconded by **Caleb Woolcott** Motion passes unanimously.

WHEREAS an investment of 600,000\$ has been agreed upon by the CSU and UTILE,
WHEREAS the Student Body has voted 88.3% in support of investing into the PUSH Fund for the purpose of creating a second housing cooperative,

WHEREAS the Student Body has expressed a strong need for a second housing cooperative due to the ongoing housing crisis,

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the CSU Council approve 600,000\$ from the SSAELC Fund for an investment into the PUSH Fund with the intent of creating a second housing cooperative,

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

Eduardo Malorni: We've had presentations from UTILE, we were involved with the creation of the Woodnote. This building would be closer to Loyola.

9. NEW BUSINESS – INFORMATIONAL

10. QUESTION PERIOD & BUSINESS ARISING

11. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Camina Harrison-Chery: BIPOC bursaries and BIPOC therapy are available.

Lily Charette: ASFA and CSU are coordinating a career fair on May 4th.

S Shivaane: Academic week is happening, tomorrow there is a workshop on how to negotiate your salary.

12. ADJOURNMENT

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

Meeting adjourned at 7:19 PM.