



Concordia Student Union - Council Of Representatives
CSU Council-Elect Meeting
Wednesday, May 17, 2023
H655.03 OR Via Zoom, 18h30

1. Call To Order

The chairperson calls the meeting to order at **18h43**.

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.

Tanou Bah motions to appoint **Harley Martin** as interim chair until the end of Chairperson interviews. Seconded by **Kareem Rahaman**. Motion passes unanimously.

2. Roll Call

Council Chairperson: Michelle Lam
Council Minute Keeper: Afrooza Nabizada

Executives present for the meeting were: Kareem Rahaman (Finance Coordinator), Alexandrah Cardona (Academic & Advocacy Coordinator), Hannah Jackson (External Affairs & Mobilization Coordinator), Christian Taboada (Internal Affairs Coordinator), Talya Diner (Loyola Coordinator), Tanou Bah (Student Life Coordinator), Harley Martin (General Coordinator), Maria Chitoroaga (Sustainability Coordinator)

Executives absent for the meeting were:

Councillors present for the meeting were: Haru Noda (John Molson School of Business), Mohamad Abdallah (Gina Cody School of Engineering), Michael Lecchino (John Molson School of Business), Moad Alhjoor (Arts & Science), Adam Mills (Arts & Science), Riley Cooke (Arts & Science), Nassim Boutalbi (John Molson School of Business), Salma Bannani Khir (Arts & Science), Kareem Abdeen (Independent)

Councillors absent for the meeting were: Sona T Sadio (Arts & Science), Yanira Margarita Coulson (Arts & Science)

3. Approval Of The Agenda

Tanou Bah motions to move agenda point 5b) Council Chairperson to 5a). Seconded by **Kareem Rahaman**. Motion passes unanimously.

Hannah Jackson motions to approve the agenda. Seconded by **Christian Taboada**. Motion passes unanimously.

Christian Taboada motions to enter closed session. Seconded by **Kareem Rahaman**. Motion passes unanimously.

4. General Coordinator's Report

Harley Martin: Welcome everyone and to the incoming councillors, I'm excited to have you here and look forward to working with you. As much as these things can be stressful, we can do a lot at the CSU as a political and legal entity and that's exciting but also kind of daunting. We represent 35 000 people which is three times the size of the town I grew up in. This is a big job and it's important that we do it to the best of our abilities. The main thing of the general coordinator's report is to serve as a welcome but also to lay out some broad goals on behalf of the incoming executive team. When we discussed this last week, the main thing that everyone agree on was student engagement and that we need to increase it. The fact that there is so few of us here and that most of us ran uncontested speaks to this point. The ways to address that is many and will be evolving, but this is kind of our main point as a slate coming in. Secondly, the other main thing that we want to do is clarify the things that we do as executives and councillors. There are a lot of things to keep track of and I think there are many ways in terms of basic organization within the CSU structure, that will make us function more effectively. I'm excited to work with everyone here from the meetings we have had as an executive team. I think everyone brings a lot of different things to the table which is great because we have to address a lot of different things at the CSU.

Discussion:

Mohamad Abdallah: What do you think is the first point we need to address right away?

Harley Martin: The first point we need to address is how are we going to get councillors in the by-elections. We have a lot of committees to staff, and we can't actually function as it stands right now with 11 councillors, so we need to work on that engagement.

5. Appointments

a) Council Chairperson

Christian Taboada motions to remove **Harley Martin** as interim Chairperson and have **Michelle Lam** as Chairperson for the remainder of the meeting. Seconded by **Riley Cooke**. Motion passes unanimously.

Riley Cooke motions to ratify the minutes of closed session. Seconded by **Hannah Jackson**. Motion passes unanimously.

Michelle Lam is appointed as Council Chairperson the CSU 2023-2024 mandate.

b) Council Minute-Keeper

Christian Taboada motions to enter closed session. Seconded by **Riley Cooke**. Motion passes unanimously.

Mohamad Abdallah motions to ratify the minutes of closed session. Seconded by **Riley Cooke**. Motion passes unanimously.

Kyla Jallow is appointed as the Minute Keeper for the CSU 2023-2024 mandate.

c) Councillors to Standing Committees

i Academic Caucus:

Hannah Jackson motions to appoint the Academic & Advocacy Coordinator and General Coordinator to Academic Caucus. Seconded by **Riley Cooke**. Motion passes unanimously.

ii Appointments Committee:

Mohamad Abdallah motions to appoint **Harley Martin** as Chair of Appointment Committee. Seconded by **Kareem Rahaman**. Motion passes unanimously.

Mohamad Abdallah nominates himself to the Appointments Committee. Seconded by **Riley Cooke**.

Adam Mills nominates himself to the Appointments Committee. Seconded by **Riley Cooke**.

Sona T Sadio nominates herself to the Appointments Committee. Seconded by **Riley Cooke**.

Kareem Rahaman motions to appoint **Mohamad Abdallah, Adam Mills** and **Sona T Sadio** to the Appointments Committee. Seconded by **Riley Cooke**. Motion passes unanimously.

iii BIPOC Committee:

Tanou Bah motions to appoint herself and **Christian Taboada** as Co-Chairs of the BIPOC Committee. Seconded by **Riley Cooke**. Motion passes unanimously.

iv Clubs and Spaces Committee:

Kareem Rahaman, Moad Alhjooj, and Mohamad Abdallah nominate themselves to the Clubs and Spaces Committee. Seconded by **Riley Cooke**.

Harley Martin motions to appoint **Kareem Rahaman, Moad Alhjooj, and Mohamad Abdallah** to the Clubs and Spaces Committee. Seconded by **Riley Cooke**.

v External Committee:

Riley Cooke, Adam Mills, and Kareem Rahaman nominate themselves to External Committee. Seconded by **Tanou Bah**.

Moad Alhjooj motions to appoint **Riley Cooke, Adam Mills, and Kareem Abdeen** to the External Committee. Seconded by **Tanou Bah**. Motion passes unanimously.

vi Fee-Levy Committee:

Harley Martin motions to appoint **Kareem Rahaman** as Chair of the Fee-Levy Committee. Seconded by **Riley Cooke**. Motion passes unanimously.

vii Finance Committee:

Moad Alhjooj, Mohamad Abdallah, and Adam Mills nominate themselves to the Finance Committee. Seconded by **Riley Cooke**.

Kareem Rahaman motions to appoint **Moad Alhjoor, Mohamad Abdallah,** and **Adam Mills** to the Finance Committee. Seconded by **Riley Cooke**. Motion passes unanimously.

viii Loyola Committee:

Riley Cooke nominates herself to the Loyola Committee. Seconded by **Hannah Jackson**.

Kareem Rahaman motions to appoint **Riley Cooke** to the Loyola Committee. Seconded by **Hannah Jackson**. Motion passes unanimously.

ix Mental Health Committee:

Alexandrah Cardona motions to table this agenda point to the next meeting. Seconded by **Kareem Abdeen**. Motion passes unanimously.

x Policy Committee:

Moad Alhjoor, Salma Bannani Khir, and Adam Mills nominate themselves to the Policy Committee. Seconded by **Riley Cooke**.

Alexandrah Cardona motions to appoint **Moad Alhjoor, Salma Bannani, and Adam Mills** to the Policy Committee. Seconded by **Tanou Bah**. Motion passes unanimously.

xi Student Life Committee:

Riley Cooke nominates herself to the Student Life Committee. Seconded by **Harley Martin**.

Harley Martin motions to appoint **Riley Cooke** to the Student Life Committee. Seconded by **Hannah Jackson**. Motion passes unanimously.

xii Sustainability Committee:

Mohamad Abdallah nominates himself to the Sustainability Committee. Seconded by **Riley Cooke**.

Harley Martin motions to appoint **Mohamad Abdallah** to the Sustainability Committee. Seconded by **Riley Cooke**. Motion passes unanimously.

d) Signing Officers

Riley Cooke nominates herself to be a Signing Officer. Seconded by **Mohamad Abdallah**.

Kareem Rahaman motions to appoint **Harley Martin, Mohamad Abdallah and Riley Cooke** to be the signing officers for the CSU. Seconded by **Moad Alhjoor**. Motion passes unanimously.

e) Concordia Council on Student Life

As no present councillor was interested, this has been tabled to the next meeting.

f) Library Services Fund Committee

Alexandrah Cardona, Maria Chitoroaga, Adam Mills and Michael Lecchino nominate themselves to the Library Services Fund Committee. Seconded by **Riley Cooke**.

Harley Martin motions to appoint **Alexandrah Cardona, Maria Chitoroaga, Adam Mills and Michael Lecchino** to the Library Services Fund Committee. Seconded by **Riley Cooke**. Motion passes unanimously.

g) CSU Community Action Fund

As no present councillor was interested, this has been tabled to the next meeting.

h) Board of Governors

Harley Martin motions to table this agenda point to the June RCM. Seconded by **Kareem Rahaman**. Motion passes unanimously.

6. Setting the Time and Location of Regular Meetings

Riley Cooke motions to set the time of Regular Meetings to be 6:30PM EST. Seconded by **Kareem Rahaman**. Motion passes unanimously.

Riley Cooke motions to amend the previous motion to include the regular meetings to be in a hybrid format. Seconded by **Kareem Rahaman**. Motion passes unanimously.

7. Council Retreat and Training

Harley Martin: We're mandated as representatives, both executives and council, to attend certain trainings mainly by October 1st. **Christian Taboada** has booked facilitators for the anti-oppression training, anti-islamophobia training, he has two people booked for the antisemitism training but he hasn't decided yet, LGBTQIA2S+, Robert's Rules of Orders is TBD, Conflict

Resolution training is to be provided by Dean of Students Office in June and July, and the executive and director training will be provided by legal professionals which is usually provided by the CSU. The facilitators are stipulated by the by-laws so Christian is reaching out to the appropriate people as per our policy on Sexual Violence and Safer Spaces. As per the retreat, we're to hold a council retreat with the executives, councillors, judicial board, minute keeper and Chairperson, before October 1st. Christian is looking to host this in September just before school starts as usually then people are back from vacation. Overall, Christian is doing well in preparing us for the things we out to be prepared for in terms of training and retreat.

8. CSU Email Addresses and Council Training

Harley Martin: Make sure you check your CSU emails as you will be receiving all your documents from Michelle through that email address. 7

9. Question Period & Business Arising

10. Announcements

11. Adjournment

Moad Alhjoor motions to adjourn the meeting at 11:18pm. Seconded by **Riley Cooke**. Motion passes unanimously.