

**Minutes from a Meeting of the Concordia Council on Student Life
Held on November 22, 2019
SGW GM 340.10, 10am**

PRESENT: Andrew Woodall (Chair), Lauren Broad (Secretary), Anjali Agarwal, Ashley Allen, Gaya Arasaratnam, Orenda Boucher-Curotte, Juliet Dunphy, Christian Durand, Lauren Farley, Matthew Fishman, Cassandra Lamontagne, Eduardo Malorni, Laura Mitchell, Esther Morand, Shawn Moss, Erin Mullins (replacing Temi Akin-Aina), Nell Perry, Keroles Riad, D'Arcy Ryan, Tori (Haitao) Zhang (replacing Nedgy Augustin).

ABSENT WITH REGRETS: Marie-Josée Allard, Dianne Cmor, Stéphanie De Celles, James Hanna, Elaine Cheasley Paterson, Tanya Poletti, Ahmadou Sakho, Stephanie Sarik, Hector Vega.

ABSENT: Melanie Burnett, Darren Dumoulin, Lindsay Surerus.

GUESTS: Valerie Brave (Mapping Project), Aurora Knaut (Mapping Project), Tey Cottingham (Future Ready, SSC), Andrea Taylor (Future Ready, SSC).

1. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

D'Arcy Ryan moved to approve the agenda. Keroles Riad seconded the motion.

The motion passed unanimously.

2. REMARKS FROM THE CHAIR

The Chair opened the meeting with Concordia's territorial acknowledgement.

3. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES FROM THE MEETING OF OCTOBER 25, 2019

Lauren Farley moved to approve the minutes from the meeting of October 25, 2019 and Esther Morand seconded the motion.

In favour: 9

Against: 0

Abstentions: 3

The motion passed.

4. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES OF OCTOBER 25, 2019

There was no business arising from the minutes of October 25, 2019.

5. REPORTS AND ITEMS OF INFORMATION

5.1 Presentation by the Mapping Project: BHI Competition Winner

The Chair reminded Council members that the Mapping Project had been approved for funding in the CCSL Big Hairy Ideas Competition that took place in the 2015-2016 academic year. As the balance of the funds had been claimed, two of the project's organizers, Valérie Brave and Aurora Knaut, were in attendance to give a progress report to the CCSL. Following the report, many Council members expressed their gratitude for the work that had been done to help remove barriers to LGBTQ2S+ students and students with disabilities at Concordia. Several Council members noted that they had consulted with project organizers within their own departments and were appreciative of the collaboration. It was acknowledged that the original scope of the project had been narrowed down to exclude the review of syllabi due to time constraints and the sheer volume of work to be done. Aurora Knaut recommended that departments, such as Campus Wellness & Support Services, make their inclusive services known on their websites so that students are well aware of their offerings.

5.2 Presentation by the Student Success Centre: Future Ready

Andrea Taylor and Tey Cottingham from the Student Success Centre (SSC) gave a presentation to Council members on Future Ready, a skill development program for undergraduate students to help them transition successfully from university into the workplace. The Council members were encouraged to see that such a

program was now available to undergraduate students, similar to GradProSkills that was offered to graduate students. Furthermore, Future Ready was an opportunity for staff at Concordia to access professional development of their own. When asked about accessibility to the program for students with disabilities, Andrea Taylor explained that they had been trying to make it more accessible from the beginning, aiming to make Future Ready as inclusive as possible. They welcomed any recommendations and feedback that may help them achieve this. A calendar of events was distributed to the CCSL and it was noted that the calendar and online registration was available on the SSC website.

5.3 CCSL Sub-Committees

5.3.1 CCSL Special Projects: Update on the review of projects requesting \$5,000.00 and less

The Chair reported that the sub-committee had met on November 8, 2019 to review all applications requesting \$5,000.00 and less. The Chair recalled that of the \$135,000.00 total available in the fund for the academic year, the Council had approved \$30,000.00 at the October 25, 2019 meeting for the projects requesting over \$5,000.00. The Chair gave the following summary of the review meeting:

- The sub-committee considered the breadth and depth of applications.
- New projects were considered first, then recurring projects were considered.
- There were 87 applications requesting \$5,000.00 and less, with a total amount requested of \$169,251.62.
- 72 projects were approved, for a total of \$53,746.48.
- 15 projects were declined: some will be asked to re-apply in the winter semester if they are able to address various issues.
- A balance of \$51,253.52 remains for all winter 2020 application.
- The winter deadline to apply for funding is Monday, February 10, 2020 at 5pm.

5.3.2 CCSL Awards

The Chair reported that the following positions still needed to be filled on the CCSL Awards sub-committee: three undergraduate students, one graduate student and one Student Services staff member from CCSL. They asked for anyone interested to contact the secretary of CCSL. The review meeting would take place sometime in late February or early March 2020. The deadline for nominations for the CCSL Outstanding Contribution Award was Monday, February 17, 2020 at 5pm.

5.4 Ad-hoc Committee to Review the Process of Approving New Student Groups

The Chair said that the ad-hoc committee had not yet met, but they were hopeful to have movement on this committee soon. The Chair would provide an update to the Council at the January 2020 Council meeting.

6. NEW BUSINESS

6.1 Student Services Mission and Vision

The Chair referred Council members to the motion that had been circulated prior to the meeting for review. Laura Mitchell spoke to the motion, explaining that the Student Services Directors had worked very hard for some time to bring the Student Services Mission up to date. The Mission had not been reviewed since 2001 and there had been no Vision Statement at all. The purpose of updating the Mission Statement and to add a Vision Statement was to properly reflect the many changes in the sector since that time, including the resources offered and the way that students were currently served by the sector. Laura Mitchell added that the Mission would aim to describe the very reason for the existence of Student Services and would be used to guide decisions about the priorities of the sector. The Vision Statement was meant to be future oriented, yet realistic in its description of what Student Services perceives as success and the very reason for the sector's existence. By approving the motion, Laura Mitchell wished to confirm the Council's endorsement of the new Mission and Vision of Student Services, using them to promote the sector at the university.

Keroles Riad put forth the following motion, seconded by Eduardo Malorni:

Given that the current Student Services Mission statement was adopted by CCSL in November 2001; and since that time, the nature and scope of Student Services' role in the student experience has developed considerably; and

Given that the Mission statement features in the University Undergraduate Calendar, online and print outreach materials; and pairing this with a clear Vision statement allows us to describe the inspirational long-term desired change resulting from our sector's work; and

Given that the Mission and Vision we share with the Concordia community should accurately befit the role Student Services has at present within the University and how we aspire to support our students in the next five years:

Be it resolved that:

The Concordia Council on Student Life vote to adopt the updated Mission and Vision as stated below:

Mission: We support academic success, skills development, health and wellness, meaningful community connections, and an outstanding student experience.

Vision: We envision a Concordia in which every individual is building the values and agency to contribute to a thriving world.

The motion passed unanimously.

6.2 Points of Interest

- November 22, 2019: Stingers Men's Rugby at 2:30pm National semi-finals vs. UBC
- November 22, 2019: Stingers Women's Hockey at 7:30pm vs. Carleton University
- November 29, 2019: Creative Native Artisan Fair in the EV Atrium 11am-5pm
- Until November 29, 2019: Concordia's 4th Space is hosting "NextGenCities" sustainability workshops
- December 2, 2019: Waste Not, Want Not Campaign offering free coffee in the EV Atrium

7. NEXT MEETING

The next meeting was scheduled for January 24, 2020, 10am at Loyola, AD-311.

8. TERMINATION OF MEETING

Orenda Boucher-Curotte motioned to terminate the meeting. Juliet Dunphy seconded the motion.

The motion passed unanimously.