

**Minutes from a Meeting of the Concordia Council on Student Life
Held on March 4, 2016
SGW H-769 10am**

PRESENT: Mr. Andrew Woodall (Chair), Ms. Lauren Broad (Secretary), Mr. Jeremy Blinkhorn, Ms. Katrina Caruso, Ms. Jenna Cocullo, Mr. Théo Denieul, Mr. Doug Gardhouse (replacing Ms. Stephanie Sarik), Ms. Jana Ghalayini, Mr. Damian Gleason (replacing Ms. Annette Bowen), Mr. Daniel Houde, Dr. Laura Mitchell, Dr. Brad Nelson, Mr. Keroles Riad, Ms. Dale Robinson, Ms. Emma Saboureau, Dr. Cameron Skinner, Ms. Lorraine Toscano, Mr. Rami Yahia.

ABSENT WITH REGRETS: Ms. Marie-Josée Allard, Dr. Guylaine Beaudry, Mr. Patrick Boivin, Ms. Claudie Boujaklian, Mr. Darren Dumoulin, Ms. Julie Gagné, Ms. Sharon Hunter, Mr. Howard Magonet, Dr. Lisa Ostiguy, Ms. Tanya Poletti, Mr. Bradley Tucker.

ABSENT: Ms. Temi Akin-Aina, Ms. Lori-Marie Dimaria, Mr. John Talbot.

1. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Ms. Saboureau moved to approve the agenda. Ms. Robinson seconded the motion.

The motion passed unanimously.

2. REMARKS FROM THE CHAIR

The Chair noted that Ms. Annette Bowen would be replacing Ms. Mary-Ann Jirjis as a permanent observer representing Student Accounts on the CCSL. As Ms. Bowen was unable to attend the meeting, Mr. Damian Gleason was present on her behalf. Mr. Woodall welcomed Mr. Doug Gardhouse who was present at the meeting on behalf of Ms. Sarik. He also noted that Ms. Genevieve Nadeau Bonin and Ms. Heather Nagy were at the meeting to present their request for funding from the CCSL Special Project Fund.

The Chair congratulated the men's wrestling team who placed third at nationals. He also congratulated Ms. Caroline Gagné of the women's hockey team for being named to the all-star team.

Mr. Woodall noted that the student group HackConcordia hosted the first ever hackathon at Concordia at the end of January, with great success. The event gave teams 24 hours to create and complete a project in new technology development.

3. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

3.1 Approval of the Minutes from the Meeting of November 27, 2015

Ms. Saboureau moved to approve the minutes from the meeting of November 27, 2015 and Mr. Blinkhorn seconded the motion.

For: 10

Against: 0

Abstentions: 2

The motion passed.

3.2 Approval of the Minutes from the Meeting of January 22, 2016

Ms. Saboureau moved to approve the minutes from the meeting of January 22, 2016 and Mr. Blinkhorn seconded the motion.

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstentions: 4

The motion passed.

4. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

4.1 Business Arising from the Minutes of November 27, 2015

There was no business arising from the minutes.

4.2 Business Arising from the Minutes of January 22, 2016

4.2.1 Motion to Approve HoJo Annual Funding

The Chair recalled that at the last CCSL meeting Ms. Leanne Ashworth, Coordinator of the CSU Off-Campus Housing & Job Bank (HoJo), had presented their 2014-2015 Financial Statement and Annual Report. He noted that HoJo received an annual contribution of \$20,000.00 from the CCSL, dependent upon these reports. Mr. Woodall referred to the motion that had been circulated to the Council prior to the meeting.

Dr. Nelson moved to approve the following motion, seconded by Ms. Robinson:

Whereas the Coordinator of the CSU Off-Campus Housing & Job Bank (HoJo) presented the 2014-2015 Financial Statement and Annual Report at the January 22, 2016 CCSL meeting; and

Whereas HoJo continues to provide valuable services to both undergraduate and graduate students at Concordia; and

Whereas the annual funding provided to HoJo by CCSL is crucial for maintaining and improving the essential and unique services it provides to students at Concordia;

Be it resolved that CCSL approve the transfer of its annual contribution of \$20,000.00 to the Off-Campus Housing and Job Bank to the CSU.

The motion passed unanimously.

5. REPORTS AND ITEMS OF INFORMATION

5.1 CCSL Special Projects

Update on review of projects requesting \$5,000 and under

The Chair reminded the Council that there was \$165,000 in the fund, with \$20,000 earmarked annually for the CSU Housing and Job Bank (HoJo) and \$10,000 earmarked for the Committee Participation Awards Program (CPAP). After taking into consideration the annual contribution to HoJo and the CPAP, the Special Projects Fund had a balance of \$135,000 to be allocated over two submission deadlines. After the fall 2015 allocations, there was \$62,634.56 available for all winter 2016 applications.

The Chair provided a summary of the review meeting:

- New projects were considered first, then recurring projects were considered.
- There was a renewed focus on need, as per the recommendations approved at the last CCSL meeting.
- 70 applications requesting \$5,000 or less were considered, with a total amount requested of \$119,295.30.
- 55 projects were approved, with a total amount allocated of \$53,279.38.
- 15 projects were declined.
- There was one application requesting over \$5,000, with a request amount of \$10,000.
- Total amount remaining in the fund for the request over \$5,000 was \$9,355.18.

Mr. Woodall noted that with unclaimed amounts from the fall semester, there would be enough available in the fund to approve the full asking amount for the request before them, if they so desired.

Presentation by applicant requesting over \$5,000

“Le Frigo Vert Accessibility Project”, presented by Ms. Genevieve Nadeau Bonin and Ms. Heather Nagy. Amount requested: \$10,000.00

A brief question and answer period followed the presentation. The Council proceeded with a discussion of the project.

The Chair said that the Special Projects sub-committee had considered the application at their review meeting and were recommending to approve it for the full asking amount. A concern was raised about the project having almost reached completion without having secured all of its funding. However, it was noted that the applicants had been very disciplined by saving money over the years for such a situation. The Council believed that the members of Le Frigo Vert had taken every measure to resolve on-going issues with their landlord, but were never able to make the necessary improvements without his support. The CCSL admired their initiative to ensure that the space would be accessible to those with mobility issues and added that the new location provided it with much more exposure.

Mr. Riad put forth the following motion, seconded by Dr. Nelson:

Be it resolved that the project “Le Frigo Vert Accessibility Project” be approved for \$10,000.00 of funding from the CCSL Special Projects Fund.

The motion passed unanimously.

5.2 CCSL Awards: Update on nominations

The Chair reported that the CCSL Awards sub-committee had met on March 3rd to review the nominations for the Outstanding Contribution Awards. He recalled that these awards were given annually to Concordia students, staff and faculty for an exceptional contribution to student life or services at the university. Mr. Woodall said that thirteen nominations were received. The sub-committee decided on six winners: three undergraduate students, one graduate student, one staff and one faculty. The Chair reminded the Council that the awards night would be held on April 14th at the Loyola Chapel. All members of CCSL would receive an invitation by email later in the month.

6. NEW BUSINESS

Points of Interest

The Chair recalled that the deadline for the CCSL Big Hairy Ideas Competition was March 7th at 5pm. He encouraged Council members to apply and to spread the word. The Special Projects sub-committee would review all applications and short-list two or three projects to present at the April 8th CCSL meeting. Mr. Woodall added that the review committee would need two more student representatives, not necessarily from CCSL, and asked that anyone interested notify Ms. Broad.

Mr. Woodall said that the Sexual Assault Resource Centre (SARC) had orchestrated a photo exhibition, “Dialling up dialogue”, of work by survivors of sexual assault to help inform the conversation around providing support. The closing reception was on March 10th in the EV lobby from 5-7pm.

The annual fund raising campaign, “5 Days for the Homeless” was to begin on March 13th. The Chair said that he would be joining students for one night on the corner of Mackay and de Maisonneuve to help raise money for two local charities: Chez Doris and Dans La Rue.

The Chair noted several other upcoming events/deadlines:

- The Sustainability & Safety Champions Award Gala on March 17th from 3-5pm at the Loyola Chapel.
- The ASB Showcase on April 8th from 3-5pm in H-767.
- The deadline for nominations for the Special Graduation Awards, non-academic awards distributed at convocation, was March 31st.
- The Forces Avenir is a competition for student social entrepreneurs from Québec cégeps and universities with projects that contribute to the development of active, responsible and socially

conscious citizens. The Dean of Students Office would assist any Concordia students interested in applying for the competition.

- Student elections were coming up during March and most would have concluded before the next CCSL meeting.

Mr. Blinkhorn announced that the Art Matters Festival would take place over the next three weeks, featuring Concordia students work in galleries all over Montreal.

Dr. Nelson said that the 2016 Concordia Three Minute Thesis Competition would be held on March 16th. Graduate students would be challenged to communicate their research in an informative and entertaining manner in the limited time allotted. The winners from Concordia would participate in the Eastern competition and those winners would go on to the nationals.

Ms. Caruso noted that Gorilla Girl would be the keynote speaker on March 12th at the Art History Graduate Student Association (AHGSA) Conference, “Vitriol: Art and its Discontents”.

7. NEXT MEETING

The next meeting was scheduled for April 8, 2016 at Loyola, AD-308 at 10am.

8. TERMINATION OF MEETING

Ms. Caruso motioned to terminate the meeting. Ms. Ghalayini seconded the motion.

The motion passed unanimously.