

CONCORDIA COUNCIL ON STUDENT LIFE

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Authority and mandate

Operating on the principle that the University is a dynamic, evolving community, the Concordia Council on Student Life shall hear and act upon social and educational issues affecting student life through recommendations to appropriate University bodies. The Council is the highest non-academic advisory committee in the University making recommendations regarding the quality of student life. The Council derives its authority from the University Board of Governors, and reports to the Board through the President.

In particular, the Council shall:

- a. study all aspects of student life for the purpose of enhancing relationships between the student and the total educational environment;
- b. establish clear priorities for student life and services in the University. It shall also monitor and evaluate existing priorities and programmes in Student Services;
- c. initiate necessary research, and establish the necessary committees for its proper functioning;
- d. receive and consider items dealing with the quality of student life from University members or groups;
- e. develop and evaluate the Student Services budget and recommend it to the Board of Governors.

Membership of the council

1. Principles

The Council shall be composed of students, faculty, student service administrators and staff. Apart from the Chair, which is held by the Dean of Students, there shall be parity between student and non-student representation. Serious attention shall be given to maintaining appropriate distribution in terms of campus affiliation and part-time/full-

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time student status. One-half of the student membership shall be chosen from outside the administrative and legislative bodies of the recognized student associations.

2. Membership

The Council membership shall consist of:

- the Dean of Students, as Chair (with the right to vote in the case of a tie)
- the Director of Support Services
- the Director of Counselling and Development
- the Director of Health Services
- the Director of Recreation and Athletics
- the Director of Financial Aid and Awards
- the Executive Director, Enrolment and Student Services
- two (2) full-time Student Services staff members
- two (2) full-time faculty members (one of whom must be a Vice/Associate/Assistant Dean for Student Affairs of a Faculty or the School of Graduate Studies)
- seven (7) undergraduate students
- two (2) graduate students
- one (1) Continuing Education student

Method of appointment and duration of terms

3. Student Services Staff

Staff members shall be elected by the full-time staff of the Student Services directorates and shall serve a two-year term, from September 1 to August 31. In order to stagger the terms, one staff member shall be elected initially for one year only.

4. Students

The student associations will name their respective student members for a renewable term of one year, beginning on September 1 and ending on August 31. The inclusion of a student member from Continuing Education shall be contingent upon the Centre for Continuing Education maintaining its financial contribution to Student Services. In the

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absence of an association for Continuing Education students, the Concordia Student Union shall appoint this student. Should an association come into existence, this method of appointment shall be revisited by CCSL.

5. Faculty

Senate shall name two faculty members for renewable terms covering two academic years, beginning on 1 September and ending on 31 August of the second following year. In order to stagger the terms, one faculty member shall be elected initially for one year only.

Procedures

6. The Council is deemed to be a committee, and shall establish its own procedures and its own quorum.

Committees of council

7. The Council shall have the power to establish such committees as it deems necessary and delegate any of its duties and responsibilities to them. Membership on committees shall not be limited to members of the Council. The Council may also, from time to time, establish standing or ad hoc committees to facilitate input from specific constituencies or to deal with particular issues.