

**Minutes from a Meeting of the Concordia Council on Student Life
Held on April 8, 2016
Loyola AD-308 10am**

PRESENT: Mr. Andrew Woodall (Chair), Ms. Lauren Broad (Secretary), Mr. Jeremy Blinkhorn, Mr. Patrick Boivin, Ms. Katrina Caruso, Ms. Jenna Cocullo, Mr. Théo Denieul, Ms. Lori-Marie Dimaria, Ms. Sabrina Hickey (replacing Ms. Temi Akin-Aina), Mr. Steve Houde (replacing Mr. Darren Dumoulin), Dr. Laura Mitchell, Dr. Lisa Ostiguy, Ms. Tanya Poletti, Mr. Keroles Riad, Ms. Dale Robinson, Ms. Stephanie Sarik, Ms. Brigitte St-Laurent, Ms. Lorraine Toscano.

ABSENT WITH REGRETS: Ms. Claudie Boujaklian, Ms. Jana Ghalayini, Dr. Brad Nelson, Dr. Cameron Skinner, Mr. Bradley Tucker.

ABSENT: Ms. Marie-Josée Allard, Ms. Annette Bowen, Ms. Julie Gagné, Mr. Daniel Houde, Ms. Sharon Hunter, Mr. Howard Magonet, Ms. Emma Saboureau, Mr. John Talbot, Mr. Rami Yahia.

1. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Mr. Blinkhorn moved to approve the agenda. Ms. Robinson seconded the motion.

The motion passed unanimously.

2. REMARKS FROM THE CHAIR

The Chair congratulated the student associations that had successfully completed their elections, noting that the GSA's elections were still to come. Mr. Woodall commended the students who organized the 5 Days for the Homeless campaign, an annual event including students, staff and faculty who inhabit the corner of de Maisonneuve and Mackay to raise awareness and funds for two local organizations that address homelessness.

3. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES FROM THE MEETING OF MARCH 4, 2016

Mr. Blinkhorn moved to approve the minutes from the meeting of March 4, 2016 and Ms. Cocullo seconded the motion.

The motion passed unanimously.

4. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES OF MARCH 4, 2016

There was no business arising from the minutes of March 4, 2016.

5. REPORTS AND ITEMS OF INFORMATION

5.1 Big Hairy Ideas Competition

The Chair reported that there had been 23 applications submitted for the Big Hairy Ideas Competition. The quality of the proposals was remarkable and Mr. Woodall considered the competition a success. The CCSL Special Projects sub-committee had been given the difficult task of reviewing all the applications and had narrowed them down to three projects, as they had been mandated to do by the Council. These applications had been circulated by email to the Council prior to the meeting for review. The sub-committee gave their full support for each project. The Chair noted that the short-listed projects would each give a maximum ten minute presentation, followed by a five minute question and answer period. After all presentations had concluded, the Council would begin discussion on the funding.

The Chair recalled that the original goal of the competition was to fully fund the approved project(s), but that the Council could determine what they thought was merited. Mr. Woodall said that there was \$123,456.44 available in unused funds for the competition, and that the total amount requested from the three short-listed projects was \$132,056.00. Ms. Broad confirmed that there would likely be more funds remaining from the 2015-2016 CCSL Special Project Fund, however this amount would not be known until all projects had claimed their funding. Mr. Woodall pointed out that Mr. Riad, a voting member of CCSL, was an applicant for one of the projects, therefore he would not participate in any discussion of the funding. Without Mr. Riad's vote on Council, quorum would be lost, therefore Mr. Woodall suggested that the Council proceed with their discussion and if quorum was not achieved at some point during the meeting, a vote by email may be necessary. The Council agreed.

Presentations from short-listed applicants

***“Waste Not, Want Not: A Complete Composting Cycle for the Concordia University Community”*, presented by Mr. Keroles Riad, Dr. Peter Stoett and Ms. Isabelle Mailhot-Leduc. Amount requested: \$45,000.00**

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

The Council was very supportive of the project and acknowledged that it had already secured buy-in from university administration for access to suitable composters and for implementing a complete bin system across Concordia. However, they questioned whether or not certain budget items were inflated, specifically the food festival. Members worried that the funding provided by CCSL would only support the educational campaign for the first year and wondered how it would be sustainable in future years, other than the planned signage. Some members also expressed their concern that the comedy aspect of the educational campaign may cause students to feel apprehensive and they requested that the applicants be given cautionary feedback to this point. The Council agreed that approving an amount of funding lower than the asking amount might encourage the project organizers to reduce the costs of the food festival.

After much discussion and with several amounts of funding proposed, the Council agreed to put forth a motion and to have a straw vote, given that quorum had still not been achieved.

Ms. Cocullo put forth the following motion, seconded by Ms. Robinson:

Be it resolved that the project “Waste Not, Want Not: A Complete Composting Cycle for the Concordia University Community” be approved for \$35,000.00 of funding from the Big Hairy Ideas Competition.

For: 7

Against: 1

Abstentions: 2

The motion was approved in the straw vote. Absent, voting Council members would be contacted by email for their vote in order to make a definitive decision on the motion.

***“Hairy Like A Unicorn: A genders, sexuality and learning diversity audit”*, presented by Ms. Lucy Anacleto and Ms. Mireille Paquet. Amount requested: \$42,056.00**

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

The Council supported the project however concern was raised as to the uncertainty of how many participants there would be in a voluntary audit. Council members felt that the proposal was missing a strong marketing campaign. It was agreed that widespread promotion of the project would be necessary to ensure participation on a meaningful level. The Council was hopeful following the presentation that the project would be expanded to include race in its audit. The suggestion would be made for a Coop student to be hired for the Project Coordinator position.

Mr. Blinkhorn put forth the following motion, seconded by Mr. Boivin:

Be it resolved that the project “Hairy Like A Unicorn - A genders, sexuality and learning diversity audit” be approved for \$42,056.00 of funding from the Big Hairy Ideas Competition.

For: 9

Against: 0

Abstentions: 1

The motion was approved in the straw vote. Absent, voting Council members would be contacted by email for their vote in order to make a definitive decision on the motion.

“Concordia University’s Centre for Creative Reuse”, presented by Ms. Anna Timm-Bottos. Amount requested: \$45,000.00

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

Although the Council agreed the project would have a significant impact at the university, it was very concerned that a space had not been secured for the Centre. It was noted that space at the university was not easy to come by, especially a large location on the downtown campus.

Ms. Caruso put forth the following motion, seconded by Ms. Dimaria:

Be it resolved that the project “Concordia University’s Centre for Creative Reuse” be approved for \$45,000.00 of funding from the Big Hairy Ideas Competition. Council may disburse a maximum of \$15,000.00 and any additional funds may only be disbursed once there is confirmation of a space for the Centre.

For: 9

Against: 0

Abstentions: 1

The motion was approved in the straw vote. Absent, voting Council members would be contacted by email for their vote in order to make a definitive decision on the motion.

The Chair assured the Council members that they would be informed of the final decisions and that all the applicants would then be notified.

6. NEW BUSINESS

Points of Interest

Ms. St-Laurent reported that phase two of the Webster Library Transformation was complete. During phase three, the staircase would have to be closed temporarily beginning on May 7th. An emergency staircase would be accessible via Mackay, with clear and obvious signage to help guide people. Ms. St-Laurent added that they had initiated a student poetry contest and had received 123 submissions from 81 poets. The winning poems would be posted on the Library’s website and displayed on the wrap-around of the Library staircase, as well as in several other Library locations. She encouraged the Council to go see the poems.

The Chair reminded the Council that the CCSL Awards Night would be held on Thursday, April 14th at 5pm in the Loyola Chapel. He hoped that Council members would attend to show support of the students, staff and faculty who had been chosen to receive an award for their contribution to student life at Concordia. Mr. Woodall noted that the Volunteer Recognition Awards and the Engaged Scholar Awards would also be distributed that evening.

7. NEXT MEETING

The next meeting was scheduled for May 6, 2016 at SGW, H-769 at 10am.

8. TERMINATION OF MEETING

In the absence of quorum, the Council members agreed to terminate the meeting without an approved motion.