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Concordia Council on Student Life

Minutes of the Concordia Council on Student Life Held on September 22nd, 2023 10:00am Hybrid Meeting in SGW-H-655.02 & on Zoom

PRESENT: Andrew Woodall (Chair), Lauren Broad (Secretary), Ashley Allen, Tanou Bah, Elana Bloom, Melanie Burnett, Melissa Calderisi, Alexandrah Cardona, Matthew Fishman, Julie Foisy, Sumaiya Gangat, Nadia Hardy, Cassandra Lamontagne, Kiara Madison Nunes-Mancini, Irene Petsopoulos, Sarah Rahimi, D'Arcy Ryan, Stephanie Sarik, Antoinette Scaringi, Christian Taboada, Masoumeh Zaare.

ABSENT WITH REGRETS: Dianne Cmor.

ABSENT: Paul Blouin, Annette Bowen, Sarah Caille, Darren Dumoulin, Hua Ge, Coco Mariano, Maya Youngs-Zaleski.

GUESTS: Daniel Amico (minutes), Leanne Ashworth (HOJO), Seif Bedair (ECA), Erin Mullins (University Advancement), Robert Padmore (CASA), Lana Silva (ASFA), Adey Singer (FASA), Gayatri Tangudu (GSA), Elsa Younes (ECA).

1. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Julie Foisy moved to approve the agenda, seconded by Antoinette Scaringi.

The motion was put to a vote:

In favour: 15

Against: 0

Abstentions: 0

The motion passed unanimously.

2. REMARKS FROM THE CHAIR & INTRODUCTIONS

The Chair started the meeting with a Territorial Acknowledgement. Andrew Woodall welcomed everyone to the first CCSL meeting of the year and the first ever hybrid meeting of the Council. He reminded the Council of how the meetings usually take place, the membership breakdown of CCSL, and the fact that Robert's Rules of Order would be followed during meetings. The Chair suggested that as we approached Autumn, to take care of one's health and be mindful of those around you. If you had symptoms of COVID-19, you were encouraged to attend CCSL virtually. He congratulated the student leaders for their work over the past month during orientation and frosh, noting its success in turnout and spirit. Andrew Woodall also commended the work of Facilities Management, Campus Safety & Prevention Services, and the Student Success Centre for their roles in ensuring a safe and successful orientation. The Chair shared the success of the Otsenhákta Student Centre's annual Pow Wow that occurred the week prior and encouraged everyone to attend the event next year. He gave a friendly



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reminder to be sure to RSVP to the Council meetings ahead of time to facilitate planning. The Chair invited everyone in attendance to give a brief introduction of themselves.

3. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES FROM THE MEETING OF MAY 5, 2023

Sumaiya Gangat moved to approve the minutes from the meeting of May 5, 2023, seconded by Sarah Rahimi.

The motion was put to a vote:

In favour: 14

Against: 0

Abstentions: 1

The motion passed.

4. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES OF MAY 5, 2023

There was no business arising from the minutes of May 5, 2023.

5. UMBRELLA ASSOCIATION MEET & GREET

Representatives of the four student faculty associations (Arts & Science Federation of Associations, Commerce and Administration Students Association, Engineering and Computer Science Student Association, and the Fine Arts Student Alliance) and the two student unions (Concordia Student Union and Graduate Students' Association) had been invited to the meeting. They were asked to introduce themselves and gave a summary of their plans for the coming year.

6. REPORTS AND ITEMS OF INFORMATION

6.1 HOJO 2022-2023 Year-End Report & 2023-2024 Budget and Request for Funding 2023-2024

Andrew Woodall welcomed Leanne Ashworth, Manager of the CSU's Off-Campus Housing & Job Resource Centre (HOJO), to the meeting. The Chair recalled that the CCSL confirmed its support of HOJO's essential services to students by annually earmarking \$20,000 from the CCSL Special Projects Fund to support its projects. The funding would be contingent on HOJO providing an annual presentation to the Council at the outset of the academic year. Leanne Ashworth gave a presentation to the Council that included the HOJO 2022-2023 Annual Report and Financials, as well as the current year's budget. Leanne Ashworth explained to the Council that HOJO wished to use the annual contribution for the 2023-2024 academic year specifically for the *Fight for fair housing: Discrimination in housing* project, as described in the presentation. The total anticipated budget of the project was \$20,000.00.

The Chair thanked Leanne Ashworth for the presentation and invited the Council to ask questions. Outreach about HOJO was discussed, where it was suggested to reach out to



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professors from the different faculties and to request that HOJO's services be added on their course syllabi. D'Arcy Ryan asked about HOJO's 2022-2023 financial statements and whether the CSU balanced HOJO's budget by injecting funds for the deficit, and if they plan to financially support HOJO for the expected deficit for the current fiscal year. Leanne Ashworth shared that to help relieve the expected deficit, they planned to go to referendum in the current fall semester to increase the student fee levy. Alexandrah Cardona reiterated that HOJO's budget line was under the CSU's overall budget, and that the primary mechanism to increase revenue was to go to referendum to increase the fee levy. Leanne Ashworth also shared that external funding was being sought after in case the fee levy increase was not approved.

It was noted that the Council would discuss the annual financial contribution to HOJO and would communicate with HOJO in the following week with their decision. The Council thanked Leanne Ashworth before she left the meeting.

Sarah Rahimi put forth the following motion, seconded by Christian Taboada:

Be it resolved that:

The Concordia Council on Student Life approve the transfer of the annual contribution of \$20,000.00 to the Off-Campus Housing and Job Resource Centre (HOJO) via the CSU for the "Fight for fair housing: Discrimination in housing" project.

Without the request for further discussion, the motion was put to a vote:

In favour: 13

Against: 0

Abstentions: 2

The motion passed.

6.2 Presentations by Students Services

The Chair invited the Directors of the departments within Student Services to give an overview of their department to the Council. Presentations were shared to the Council by D'Arcy Ryan on behalf of Recreation and Athletics; Julie Foisy on behalf of the Student Success Centre; Stephanie Sarik on behalf of the Financial Aid & Awards Office; Ashley Allen on behalf of Residence Life; Elana Bloom on behalf of Campus Wellness and Support Services; and Andrew Woodall on behalf of the Dean of Students Office.

6.3 Committee Participation Recognition Program: Review of 2022-2023 Recipients

Due to lack of time in the meeting, the Chair said that details on the review of the 2022-2023 recipients of the Committee Participation Recognition Program would be shared after the meeting via email by Lauren Broad.



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6.4 CCSL Sub-Committees:

Due to lack of time in the meeting, information on how to join the Council's various sub-committees would be shared after the meeting via email by Lauren Broad.

7. NEW BUSINESS

7.1 Motion to Update the CCSL Special Projects Application Review Process

The chair explained that previously, the CCSL Special Projects Fund applications requesting \$5,000 and less would go to the Special Projects Sub-Committee, whereas applications of more than \$5,000 would go directly to the Council for approval. It was proposed that all applications go to the Sub-Committee so that they would all be reviewed with an equal procedure. It was also noted that the Sub-Committee may have a deeper understanding of all the projects, considering they were tasked with reviewing each in detail prior to a full-day review meeting. D'Arcy Ryan shared a concern that the rest of the Council would not be able to view the presentations of the applicants to see where major funding was being allocated, in addition to a lost opportunity for applicants to gain valuable experience in presenting. Andrew Woodall understood and responded that the recorded presentations may continue to be shared with the Council-at-large.

Irene Petsopoulos put forth the following motion, seconded by Antoinette Scaringi:

Given that the Concordia Council on Student Life has a sub-committee whose mandate is to review all applications for the CCSL Special Projects Fund for student-life projects;

Given that the CCSL Special Projects Sub-Committee currently makes funding decisions on the projects that are requesting \$5,000 and less, while making recommendations to the Council for requests over \$5,000;

Given that the CCSL Special Projects Sub-Committee membership includes students, staff and faculty, as represented on the Council by its voting members;

Given that the CCSL Special Projects Sub-Committee has a comprehensive understanding of the various types of projects received, permitting its members to allocate funding where it will have the broadest and deepest impact;

Be it resolved that:

Beginning in the 2023-2024 funding year, the CCSL Special Projects Sub-Committee will review and make funding decisions for all applications received for the CCSL Special Projects Fund, regardless of the amount requested.



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The motion was put to a vote:

In favour: 10

Against: 2

Abstentions: 1

The motion passed.

7.2 CCSL Representative for the FAAO Undergraduate Scholarship & Awards Committee

The Chair shared that D'Arcy Ryan would sit as the CCSL Representative for the Financial Aid & Awards Office's Undergraduate Scholarship & Awards Committee.

7.3 CCSL Stakeholder Questionnaire

A questionnaire would be shared amongst all members of CCSL later in the fall semester. The purpose of the questionnaire was to survey members' experiences of sitting on the Council and provide an opportunity to share feedback on the Council.

8. NEXT MEETING

The next meeting was scheduled for October 27, 2023 at 10:00am at LOY-AD-311 or on Zoom.

9. TERMINATION OF MEETING

Antoinette Scaringi motioned to terminate the meeting, seconded by Elana Bloom.

The motion was put to a vote:

In favour: 13

Against: 0

Abstentions: 0

The motion passed.