



## STUDENT SERVICES

Concordia Council on Student Life

### **Minutes of the Concordia Council on Student Life Held on October 27, 2023 10:00am Hybrid Meeting at Loyola AD-311 & on Zoom**

**PRESENT:** Andrew Woodall (Chair), Lauren Broad (Secretary), Alexandrah Cardona, Dianne Cmor, Matthew Fishman, Sumaiya Gangat, Victoria Gorman, Charbel Hachem, Kiara Madison Nunes-Mancini, Irene Petsopoulos, Sarah Rahimi, Maria Safos, Antoinette Scaringi, Christian Taboada, Masoumeh Zaare.

**ABSENT WITH REGRETS:** Ashley Allen, Elana Bloom, Sarah Caille, Julie Foisy, Emma Girgis, Nadia Hardy, Cassandra Lamontagne, D'Arcy Ryan.

**ABSENT:** Tanou Bah, Paul Blouin, Annette Bowen, Melanie Burnett, Melissa Calderisi, Darren Dumoulin, Hua Ge, Coco Mariano, Maya Youngs-Zaleski.

**GUESTS:** Daniel Amico (minutes), Cheyenne Henry (Otsenhákta Student Centre), Sophie Mailloux (Francophone Student Centre), Lisa White (Equity Office).

#### **1. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA**

Irene Petsopoulos moved to approve the agenda, seconded by Sarah Rahimi.

The motion was put to a vote:

In favour: 10

Against: 0

Abstentions: 1

***The motion passed.***

#### **2. Remarks from the Chair**

The Chair started the meeting with a Territorial Acknowledgement. The Chair acknowledged the current global events and how they were deeply affecting members of our community. After many years of hard work by student leaders, the Office of the Provost and Vice-President, Academic and Senate, Concordia had its inaugural Fall reading week in October. *Headlight Anthology*, a student project by graduate students in English and Creative Writing department, won the *Arts, lettres et culture* award from Forces Avenir. The project had received funding from the CCSL Special Projects Fund over many years. The LIVE Centre held its annual Fall Volunteer Fair, which saw a strong turnout with tabling from student groups and community organizations. The Dean of Students Office hosted its annual Orientation/Frosh Leadership Thank You Event to celebrate the hard work that students and staff from various departments put into organizing Orientation/Frosh. The 34<sup>th</sup> Shuffle was held, with 905 participants and over \$200,000 raised for scholarships, bursaries and services for students. Open House was held the weekend prior, and though some visitors from outside of the province had concerns about the recent announcement by the government to significantly increase the tuition fees for out of province students, they were still happy to visit and learn about the University. The Chair



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encouraged the Council to get involved with the remaining events held for Sustainability Month and acknowledged the hard work that Cassandra Lamontagne and her team at the Office of Sustainability put into the impressive offerings this year. Finally, the Faculty of Arts & Science held its annual Scholars Evening celebration to recognize the outstanding academic achievements of their scholars.

### **3. Approval of the Minutes from the Meeting of September 22, 2023**

Sarah Rahimi moved to approve the minutes from the meeting held September 22, 2023, seconded by Christian Taboada.

The motion was put to a vote:

In favour: 10

Against: 0

Abstentions: 1

***The motion passed.***

### **4. Business Arising from the Minutes of September 22, 2023**

There was no business arising from the minutes of September 22, 2023.

### **5. Reports and Items of Information**

#### **5.1 CCSL Sub-Committees:**

##### **5.1.1 CCSL Special Projects: update on applications received**

The Chair reminded the council that there was \$165,000 available in the Special Projects Fund each fiscal year. \$20,000 was earmarked annually for HOJO, and \$20,000 was earmarked for the Committee Participation Recognition Program (CPRP). The remaining \$125,000 was for the CCSL Special Projects Fund, with two application deadlines per year. There were 65 projects submitted at the fall 2023 deadline through the new application form online: 6 projects were deemed ineligible, some of which will be encouraged to reapply in the winter semester.

The Chair shared the total amount requested for the 59 projects to be reviewed was \$284,412.81: 44 applications were for projects requesting \$5,000 or less (for a total of \$112,389.58) and 15 applications were for projects requesting over \$5,000 (for a total of \$172,023.23). The Chair confirmed that the sub-committee would meet on November 1<sup>st</sup> to review the applications and will report back to the Council at the meeting in November with the results. Andrew Woodall said that all applicants will be contacted by email from the Dean of Students Office with a decision by November 6<sup>th</sup>.

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The Chair informed the Council that the sub-committee was missing a faculty member and three undergraduate student representatives. He encouraged interested members to reach out to Lauren Broad, Secretary of CCSL. Andrew Woodall noted that perhaps a few of the larger projects that were approved for funding could be invited to present at the next meeting in November to share some details of their projects.

**6. New Business****6.1 Presentations from Departments Serving Students**

Andrew Woodall explained that they would hear presentations from several departments service students to give an overview of their department to the Council. Presentations were shared to the Council by: Lisa White, Executive Director of the Equity Office; Cheyenne Henry, Manager of the Otsenhákta Student Centre; Sophie Mailloux, Manager, Student Experience and Francophone Student Centre; and Dianne Cmor, Associate University Librarian, Teaching & Learning at the Library. After each presentation, the Council was invited to ask questions and share comments. The Chair thanked them for their time and for their commitment to students at the University.

**6.2 Points of Interest**

The Chair shared some upcoming events on campus:

- The free seasonal flu vaccines were available to students, staff and faculty through Health Services by appointment and a limited number of walk-in appointments.
- Students from many different institutions were expected to join a walk-out the following Monday in response to the tuition increase that the provincial government has proposed.
- The Concordia Food Coalition hold the Farmers Market at Loyola and SGW on Tuesdays and Wednesdays, respectively. Two more were scheduled for the year.
- Student Services will host a *Trick and Treat* event on October 31<sup>st</sup> for students to visit the different departments for a candy and to learn something about the service.
- The Otsenhákta Student Centre will host its annual Indigenous Holiday Market on November 30<sup>th</sup>.
- The Fall convocation will be on November 28<sup>th</sup>, and the deadline to register is November 13<sup>th</sup>.

**8. NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting was scheduled for November 24, 2023 at 10:00am in-person at SGW-H-655.02 or virtually on Zoom.

**9. TERMINATION OF MEETING**

With the absence of quorum, the Council agreed to terminate the meeting without a motion or a vote.