

**Minutes from a Meeting of the Concordia Council on Student Life
Held on January 27, 2017
Loyola GE-110, 10am**

PRESENT: Andrew Woodall (Chair), Lauren Broad (Secretary), Leo Dixon A, Gaya Arasaratnam, Anca Baban, Théo Denieul, Lauren Farley, Chantal Forgues, Julie Gagné, Laura Gallo, Rachel Gauthier, Emeric Guerrand-Anderson, Stavroula Karigiannis (replacing Annette Bowen), Alexandre Klaponski, Christina Massaro, Brad Nelson, Lisa Ostiguy, D'Arcy Ryan, Stephanie Sarik, Cameron Skinner, Brigitte St-Laurent, Robert Taliano (replacing Laura Mitchell), Lorraine Toscano, Rami Yahia.

ABSENT WITH REGRETS: Temi Akin-Aina, Marie-Josée Allard, Claudie Boujaklian, Jana Ghalayini, Tanya Poletti, Daniel Therrien.

ABSENT: Darren Dumoulin, Armani Martel.

GUEST: Leanne Ashworth, Jessica Glavina, Judy Lashley.

1. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

D'Arcy Ryan moved to approve the agenda. Stephanie Sarik seconded the motion.

The motion passed unanimously.

2. REMARKS FROM THE CHAIR

The Chair welcomed the Council members to the first meeting of 2017. Andrew Woodall congratulated the CSU, GSA and ASFA for their Orientation/Frosh activities and noted the importance of these events to the students. The Chair acknowledged the success of the ConUHacks event the previous weekend, where 601 students from 55 universities from across Canada gathered at Concordia for the student-run event. The project received funding from the CCSL Special Projects Fund in the fall of 2016. Andrew Woodall noted that Terry Kyle was unable to give the presentation on the services and programs of the Dean of Students Office at the previous meeting, however they would give the presentation at the April 7th Council meeting.

3. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES FROM THE MEETING OF NOVEMBER 25, 2016

Rachel Gauthier moved to approve the minutes from the meeting of November 25, 2016 and Alexandre Klaponski seconded the motion.

In favour: 16

Against: 0

Abstentions: 2

The motion passed.

4. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES OF NOVEMBER 25, 2016

There was no business arising from the minutes of November 25, 2016.

5. REPORTS AND ITEMS OF INFORMATION

5.1 HOJO Annual Report & Financial Statement

The Chair welcomed Leanne Ashworth, Coordinator of the CSU Off-Campus Housing and Job Bank (HOJO). Leanne Ashworth gave a presentation of the HOJO 2015-2016 Annual Report and a summary of its financial statement from 2015-2016 and budget for 2016-2017. Both documents had been circulated to the Council prior to the meeting, however Leanne Ashworth circulated an updated document of HOJO's financials to the Council members.

Two items noted by Leanne Ashworth were the bilingual website, and the goal to be tri-lingual whenever possible for Mandarin-speaking students. They pointed out an increase in the number of students who connected with HOJO, linking the increase to HOJO's exposure at Discover Concordia, as well as the use of social media such as Facebook and a Chinese application called *WeChat*.

Leanne Ashworth said that an additional administrative staff member in 2016-2017 would explain the increase in the budget for salary from the previous year. Leanne Ashworth said that HOJO would be moving across the hall from their current location on the second floor of the Hall building, sometime in the summer of 2017.

When asked if HOJO partnered with other departments or programs at the university, such as the Career & Planning Services or the Co-op program, Leanne Ashworth said yes, however they wished that there could be more collaboration. One of the major services HOJO provided was giving referrals to students and general information on other services available to them on campus. When encouraged by the Council to connect with students living in residence, Leanne Ashworth confirmed that they were working with the department and that future workshops were scheduled.

The Chair thanked Leanne Ashworth for the presentation and for all of the amazing work done at HOJO. Andrew Woodall cited HOJO as a wonderful example of collaboration between university services and a student-run organization.

5.2 Presentation from the Big Hairy Ideas Competition: Hairy like a unicorn – A genders, sexualities and learning diversity audit

The Chair welcomed Jessica Glavina, the Genders, Sexualities and Learning Diversity Project Mapping Coordinator at the Centre for Gender Advocacy. Jessica Glavina gave a presentation on the progress of the project, which had been approved for \$42,056.00. The project was one of three approved for funding in the CCSL Big Hairy Ideas Competition in March 2016.

A brief question and answer period followed the presentation. Lisa Ostiguy congratulated Jessica Glavina on all the work to date and believed that the data that would be gathered in speaking with members of the Student Services sector would be very informative. Lisa Ostiguy asked how they would decide whom to speak with in the sector, given its size. Jessica Glavina listed several key departments, such as Campus Wellness & Support Services, Financial Aid and Awards, the Student Success Centre and the Sexual Assault Resource Centre. They hoped to connect with as many staff in the sector as possible, given time and resource constraints. Gaya Arasaratnam highlighted the importance of directing the university towards adaptation instead of accommodation. They were encouraged to see this point in the presentation and agreed that there was a need to shift the dialogue and to think more broadly in adapting the institution's environment. Judy Lashley from the Financial Aid & Awards Office hoped that this project would help identify underlying issues that students face and give staff more knowledge about the resources available at the university.

Jessica Glavina requested that the mid-term written report required by CCSL be submitted early in the fall 2017 semester rather than at the end of the 2016-2017 academic year. This would give them more time to move forward with the project and to provide a detailed analysis of its progress. The Chair agreed that this would be considered and a decision would be communicated to them in the near future.

5.3 Report from the Financial Aid & Awards Office

Stephanie Sarik, Director of the Financial Aid & Awards Office (FAAO), and Judy Lashley, FAAO Advisor, gave a presentation on the services and programs under their department. They highlighted several of the department's many services, such as budget planning and financial literacy training, managing bursaries, scholarships and academic awards and managing the university's work-study program. Following the presentation, Council members shared their enthusiasm for the progressive, student-centered programming and services provided by the FAAO. Stephanie Sarik requested that Council members spread the word that there were many bursaries and awards available and relatively accessible for the majority of students.

6. NEW BUSINESS

Points of Interest

The Chair noted several upcoming events at the university:

- February 3, 2017: CCSL Special Projects deadline, 5pm. Projects requesting \$5,000 and less would be reviewed on March 1st by the sub-committee and projects requesting over \$5,000 would be reviewed at the March 3rd Council meeting.
- February 12, 2017: Open House

- February 13, 2017: CCSL Outstanding Contribution Awards nomination deadline, 5pm.
 - Volunteer Recognition Awards, Engaged Scholar Awards and Sustainable Champions Awards deadlines were also February 13, 2017 at 5pm.
 - Stephanie Sarik would chair the CCSL Awards sub-committee, which would meet on March 2nd for review of the nominations.
 - The awards night, renamed the *Student Life & Community Engagement Awards Night*, would take place on April 13, 2017, 5pm at the Loyola Chapel.

Brigitte St-Laurent reported that the new entry to the Webster Library would open during reading week. In order to prepare the area, the Webster Library would be closed on February 20th and 21st. They informed the CCSL that the collections usually housed on the fourth floor of the library, which remained under renovation, were being held in storage. These collections were accessible, however it could take a few days to get out of storage. With parts of the third and fourth floors of the library also under renovation, Brigitte St-Laurent anticipated that the Webster Library renovations would be complete in approximately ten months.

7. NEXT MEETING

The next meeting was scheduled for March 3, 2017, 10am at SGW TBC.

8. TERMINATION OF MEETING

Cameron Skinner motioned to terminate the meeting. Alexandre Klaponski seconded the motion.

The motion passed unanimously.