

**Minutes from a Meeting of the Concordia Council on Student Life
Held on January 19, 2018
Loyola GE-110, 10am**

PRESENT: Andrew Woodall (Chair), Lauren Broad (Secretary), Gaya Arasaratnam, Amy Caron, Andrea Cartile, Dianne Cmor, Roberto Del Papa (replacing Darren Dumoulin), Théo Denieul, Andres Diaz (replacing Annette Bowen), Christian Durand, Lauren Farley, Chantal Forgues, Leo Dixon A. Irudhayaraju, Paul Joyce, Terry Kyle, Lisa Ostiguy, Irene Petsopoulos, Jonathan Roy, Veronika Rydzewski, Stephanie Sarik, Julia Suter Sardo, Leyla Sutherland, Andrea Taylor (replacing Laura Mitchell), Lorraine Toscano, Mark Underwood, Peter Zhuang.

ABSENT WITH REGRETS: Cameron Skinner, Tanya Poletti, D'Arcy Ryan, Daniel Therrien.

ABSENT: Temi Akin-Aina, Marie-Josée Allard, Melanie Burnett.

GUESTS: Ribal Abi Raad, Keroles Riad.

1. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Veronika Rydzewski moved to approve the agenda. Jonathan Roy seconded the motion.

The motion passed unanimously.

2. REMARKS FROM THE CHAIR

The Chair began the meeting with Concordia's territorial acknowledgement and wished Council members a happy new year. They recognized the recent accusations of inappropriate behaviour within the English Department at the university. The Chair said that the work done by Council members and others involved in student life was so vital in these times in order to help students feel that they are part of a caring, supportive and engaging community. The Chair was firm in saying that the university wanted individuals affected to come forward with complaints, stories or concerns, so that action could be taken. They reminded the Council of the services available in this regard:

- Sexual Assault Resource Centre (with many great resources available on their website)
- Office of Rights and Responsibilities
- Counselling & Psychological Services
- Health Services
- Security Services
- CSU Advocacy Centre
- CSU Legal Information Clinic
- Centre for Gender Advocacy

3. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES FROM THE MEETING OF NOVEMBER 24, 2017

Irene Petsopoulos moved to approve the minutes from the meeting of November 24, 2017 and Leyla Sutherland seconded the motion.

The motion passed unanimously.

4. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES OF NOVEMBER 24, 2017

4.1 Annual Funding for HOJO

The Chair recalled that at the last CCSL meeting, Leanne Ashworth, Coordinator of the CSU Off-Campus Housing and Job Resource Centre (HOJO), confirmed that the CSU would not be asking the CCSL for its annual contribution for the 2017-2018 fiscal year. An unanticipated increase in other sources of revenue had put HOJO in a favourable financial position, allowing them to proceed as planned without the CCSL's contribution. The Chair said that because of this, the Council would have to decide what to do with the additional \$20,000.00 now available from the CCSL Special Projects Fund.

The Council suggested several ideas for how to use the funding, including the following:

- another large-scale competition similar to the Big Hairy Ideas competition held in 2015-2016;
- a targeted competition focused on projects related to experiential learning on campus, with a partnership between students and staff/faculty;
- identify large-scale projects that have received funding from CCSL in the past that would greatly benefit from continued financial support, such as the “Waste Not, Want Not” project or the “Concordia University Centre for Creative Reuse (CUCCR)” project;
- add the additional funding to the amount available for the winter 2018 CCSL Special Projects applications. It was confirmed that the current amount available in the CCSL Special Projects Fund for the winter 2018 applications was just over \$74,000.00.

Terry Kyle put forth the following motion, seconded by Jonathan Roy:

Be it resolved that the annual contribution of \$20,000.00 to HOJO for the 2017-2018 fiscal year from the CCSL Special Projects Fund be held in trust with the remaining unused funds from previous years. The CCSL will discuss and determine the use of the additional funds at a future Council meeting.

The motion passed unanimously.

The Chair agreed to reach out to Council members throughout the remainder of the semester for ideas of how to use the funding. Following this, they would put together a document summarizing the suggestions for the Council to discuss at a future meeting.

5. REPORTS AND ITEMS OF INFORMATION

5.1 Presentation from the Big Hairy Ideas Competition: Waste Not, Want Not: A Complete Composting Cycle for the Concordia University Community

The Chair welcomed the project organizers, Keroles Riad and Ribal Abi Raad, to the meeting and they proceeded to give a presentation on the “Waste Not, Want Not” project. Following the presentation, Council members expressed their continued support of the project and congratulated the organizers on a job very well done. A concern raised by the Council was the frequency with which the compost bins were emptied by Facilities Management throughout the university. Keroles Riad assured the Council members that it was done at least every few days, but was supposed to happen every day. Some Council members worried about the Concordia community’s knowledge of what items can and cannot be composted. Keroles Riad agreed to circulate a helpful diagram from their website that Council members could use to promote proper composting within their areas.

Chantal Forgues encouraged Council members to contact Facilities Management by calling extension 2400 to report any compost bins that needed to be emptied, or to request a compost bin for an area. They recognized the important role that the CCSL played in furthering the educational component of the project with its financial support. It allowed a partnership with Environmental Health and Safety to continue to educate the Concordia community and encourage composting on both campuses. Chantal Forgues acknowledged that they might need more support in the future to ensure a lasting impression on the university. The Chair noted that they would compose a letter of support on behalf of the Council that would be given to the Vice-President, Services as a means of encouraging further support from the administration.

6. NEW BUSINESS

6.1 Points of Interest

Several upcoming events at the university were noted:

- January 19, 2018: “Ignite Sustainability” event, micro-talks about sustainability, at the Bronfman Centre, 3-5pm.
- January 19, 2018: women’s hockey vs. Université de Montréal in the battle for first place. The women and men’s wrestling teams were ranked 7th in Canada; and both men and women’s basketball teams were in playoff contention.

- January 21, 2018: women's hockey vs. Carlton at Concordia, 3pm. The men's hockey team was on a winning streak and was headed for the playoffs.
- January 29-February 2, 2018: First Voices Week. Information on all events could be found on the Concordia website, including the Opening Ceremony on January 29th and the Closing Ceremony on February 2nd.
- January 31, 2018: Mental Health Awareness Fair by Campus Wellness & Support Services, 10am-3pm in the EV atrium.
- February 1, 2018: Launch of SHIFT, Concordia's social innovation hub, and talk with Muhammad Yunus, 3-5pm at the D.B. Clarke Theatre.
- February 2, 2018: CCSL Special Projects deadline at 5pm.
- February 2-4, 2018: Concordia Food Coalition's (CFC's) annual Transitions Conference about sustainable food systems. Upcoming programming could be found on the CFC's website.
- February 10, 2018: Concordia Open House.
- February 12, 2018: CCSL Outstanding Contribution Awards deadline at 5pm.
- March 31, 2018: deadline for Forces Avenir. For more information contact Alex Oster, Coordinator of Student Engagement, Dean of Students Office.

The Chair noted that the deadline of February 12, 2018 at 5pm for the CCSL Outstanding Contribution Awards nominations was shared with the following other awards: the Volunteer Recognition Awards; the Engaged Scholar Awards; the Sustainable Champions Awards; and the Safety Awards. All recipients would be celebrated at the Concordia Engagement Awards Night on April 12, 2018 at the Loyola Chapel. They added that there were still vacancies on the CCSL Awards sub-committee: two undergraduate representatives and one faculty member. The Chair asked anyone interested in joining the sub-committee to contact Lauren Broad and that the review meeting, chaired by Stephanie Sarik, would take place sometime in late February or early March.

The Chair said that the CCSL Special Projects sub-committee was also still missing three undergraduate representatives, as well as one faculty representative. They encouraged anyone interested to contact Lauren Broad and said that the full-day review meeting was confirmed for February 19, 2018.

Lauren Farley noted that the application process for hiring Residence Assistants for the following year had begun. They directed the Council members to the Residence Life website and asked them to encourage potential student candidates to apply online. Lauren Farley added that the position would provide students with great experience and training.

Chantal Forgues announced that there would be a sustainability literacy survey circulated to first year students and staff and faculty at the university. They asked the Council to watch for it in their inboxes and said there would be an announcement in the NOW as well. The survey would be distributed again in three years, in hopes of providing data on what the same community members will have learned about sustainability during their time at Concordia.

7. NEXT MEETING

The next meeting was scheduled for March 2, 2018 at SGW MB 9CD, 10am-1:30pm. The next meeting was extended to allow time for presentations by applicants to the CCSL Special Projects Fund requesting over \$5,000.00.

8. TERMINATION OF MEETING

Paul Joyce motioned to terminate the meeting. Julia Sutera Sarido seconded the motion.

The motion passed unanimously.