

**Minutes from a Meeting of the Concordia Council on Student Life
Held on March 2, 2018
SGW MB 9D, 10am**

PRESENT: Andrew Woodall (Chair), Lauren Broad (Secretary), Gaya Arasaratnam, Amy Caron, Andrea Cartile, Dianne Cmor, Théo Denieul, Juliet Dunphy (replacing Laura Mitchell), Christian Durand, Doug Gardhouse (replacing Stephanie Sarik), Michelle Grostern (replacing Lauren Farley), Leo Dixon A. Irudhayaraju, Terry Kyle, Aliénor Lougerstay, Irene Petsopoulos, Tanya Poletti, D'Arcy Ryan, Veronika Rydzewski, Cameron Skinner, Lorraine Toscano, Mark Underwood, Peter Zhuang.

ABSENT WITH REGRETS: Marie-Josée Allard, Annette Bowen, Chantal Forgues, Paul Joyce, Lisa Ostiguy, Jonathan Roy, Daniel Therrien.

ABSENT: Temi Akin-Aina, Melanie Burnett, Darren Dumoulin, Julia Sutura Sardo, Leyla Sutherland.

GUESTS: Oleg Khalimonov.

1. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Veronika Rydzewski moved to approve the agenda. Andrea Cartile seconded the motion.

The motion passed unanimously.

2. REMARKS FROM THE CHAIR

The Chair began the meeting with Concordia's territorial acknowledgement and welcomed the Council members back from reading week. They noted that the task force on Sexual Misconduct and Sexual Violence would meet on a weekly basis to begin their work. There were many ways for students, staff and faculty to be involved, including consultations with the Concordia community. The Chair was confident that with input from the community, the university would be able to improve on addressing issues and concerns.

3. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES FROM THE MEETING OF JANUARY 19, 2018

Irene Petsopoulos moved to approve the minutes from the meeting of January 19, 2018 and Mark Underwood seconded the motion.

For: 13

Against: 0

Abstentions: 1

The motion passed.

4. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES OF JANUARY 19, 2018

4.1 Annual Funding for HOJO

The Chair recalled that at the last CCSL meeting, the Council had passed a motion that the 2017-2018 annual contribution of \$20,000.00 to the CSU Housing and Job Resource Centre (HOJO) would be held in trust with the remaining CCSL Special Projects unused funds from previous years until the CCSL decided on an alternative use of the funds. The Chair reminded Council members to send their suggestions for what to do with the funding to Lauren Broad by March 29th and they would put together a document for discussion at the next Council meeting.

5. REPORTS AND ITEMS OF INFORMATION

5.1 CCSL Special Projects: Update on review of projects requesting \$5,000.00 and under

The Chair reminded the Council that there was \$165,000.00 in the fund, with \$20,000.00 earmarked annually for HOJO, which would be held in trust as per the approved motion previously mentioned. \$10,000.00 was earmarked for the Committee Participation Awards Program (CPAP). After taking this into consideration the CCSL Special Projects Fund had a balance of \$135,000.00 to be allocated over two submission deadlines.

The winter 2018 review meeting was held on February 19th. After all fall 2017 project allocations and considering several cancelled projects, the balance remaining for all winter 2018 requests was \$79,498.50.

- There were 73 applications requesting \$5,000.00 and less that were considered, with a total amount requested of \$127,259.17.
- The review committee approved 64 projects for a total of \$62,998.50.
- \$16,500.00 remained in the fund to fully cover the two requests for over \$5,000.00, should the Council wish to approve them in full.
- One of the applications for over \$5,000.00 has since been withdrawn.
- There was one application to review by the entire Council, requesting \$7,500.00.
- Any funds that were not allocated during this funding year would be held in trust with past years' unused funds.
- The sub-committee would be meeting in the near future to come up with suggestions for the Council regarding sustainability requirements that they would like to see added to the guidelines for funding.

Presentation by applicant requesting over \$5,000.00

The Chair reminded the Council that they should consider both the breadth and depth of the project and its overall impact on student life at Concordia. They should consider the budget and other sources of funding as well.

“Space Concordia Rocketry Division”, presented by Oleg Khalimonov. Amount requested: \$7,500.00

Oleg Khalimonov from Space Concordia gave a presentation to the Council, followed by a brief question and answer period. The Chair began a discussion on whether to fund the project, noting that Space Concordia had been approved for two projects requesting under \$5,000.00 this year, for a total approved amount of \$3,010.00. The previous year, Space Concordia had been approved for \$3,000.00. The Chair recalled that there was \$16,500.00 remaining in the 2017-2018 fund, more than enough to fully fund this request, should the CCSL decide to do so. The Council deliberated over whether they should continue to provide funding year after year to this student group, when other, smaller groups, may be struggling to secure funding. The sub-committee members responded that they had not withheld funding any of the lesser requests in order to leave enough available for the larger request. Another concern that was raised was that Space Concordia was not reaching out to the other faculties at the university as much as they could, which limited their range of impact on the Concordia community. The Council discussed the importance of safety with this and similar projects, where machinery and equipment could pose a safety concern to students, staff and/or faculty. The CCSL noted that a better transfer of knowledge between the outgoing and the incoming members of Space Concordia would greatly improve the productivity and success of its projects.

Andrea Cartile put forth the following motion, seconded by Terry Kyle:

Be it resolved that the project “Space Concordia Rocketry Division” be approved for \$5,000.00 of funding from the CCSL Special Projects Fund.

Discussion continued with members of the Council voicing their concerns about providing more funding than in previous years and whether or not this would discourage the group from becoming more autonomous. The argument was made that the project was aiming to bring Space Concordia to another level, higher than they had been previously. The motion was put to a vote.

For: 3

Against: 10

Abstentions: 1

The motion did not pass.

Peter Zhuang put forth the following motion, seconded by Irene Petsopoulos:

Be it resolved that the project “Space Concordia Rocketry Division” be approved for \$3,000.00 of funding from the CCSL Special Projects Fund.

Discussion continued, with some Council members saying that the student group was capable of getting more external sponsorship. Others argued the opposite, that financial support from the external community was not easy to secure and that the burden of finding sources of funding would often fall on one or two students involved in the project. Some members of the CCSL questioned why the Council was against funding the full asking amount of \$7,500.00 considering that there remained well over that amount in the fund. Others replied that funding should be based on merit and necessity and that if a balance remained in the fund, it could be put to use in future years, perhaps for another “Big Hairy Ideas” competition. The motion was put to a vote.

For: 4
Against: 8
Abstentions: 2

The motion did not pass.

The following motion was put forth by Terry Kyle, seconded by Mark Underwood:

Be it resolved that the project “Space Concordia Rocketry Division” be approved for \$7,500.00 of funding from the CCSL Special Projects Fund.

The motion was put to a vote without further discussion.

For: 6
Against: 7
Abstentions: 2

The motion did not pass.

The following motion was put forth by Leo Irudhayaraju, seconded by Théo Denieul:

Be it resolved that the project “Space Concordia Rocketry Division” be approved for \$6,000.00 of funding from the CCSL Special Projects Fund.

The motion was put to a vote without further discussion.

For: 7
Against: 2
Abstentions: 6

The motion passed.

The Chair confirmed that in the approval email to the group, the Dean of Students Office would suggest that Space Concordia focus on more outreach to other faculties, as well as noting the Council’s concern regarding the transfer of knowledge between outgoing and incoming students within the group. The Chair would also talk to Environmental Health & Safety about how to move forward on concerns around safety for this and other similar projects at the university.

5.1 CCSL Awards: Update on nominations

As a member of the CCSL Awards sub-committee, Terry Kyle provided a summary of the review meeting, noting that there had been 31 nominations for 26 individuals. They reported that one undergraduate student, four graduate students, one faculty were chosen to receive a CCSL Outstanding Contribution Award and one staff member was chosen to receive the Lina Lipscombe Staff Award. The Concordia Engagement Awards Night would take place on April 12th at 5pm at the Loyola Chapel. Four other awards would be given out at the ceremony, namely the Volunteer Recognition Awards, the Engaged Scholar Awards, the Sustainable Champions Awards and the Safety Awards. Members of the Council would receive an invitation by email to attend.

6. NEW BUSINESS

6.1 Points of Interest

Several upcoming events at the university were noted:

- March 2nd: Men's hockey game vs. McGill at Loyola, 7:30pm.
- March 3rd: Men's basketball at McGill, 3pm. Women's hockey at Loyola, 3pm.
- March 8-9th: 2nd Annual Concordia Sustainability Across Disciplines Conference at the Jesuit Hall and Conference Centre (March 8th) and the MB building (March 9th).
- March 28th: the Student Success Centre would be hosting the Pop-up Against Procrastination event, 11am-10pm in the LB Atrium. The event would provide students with tips on time management, exam preparation, study strategies and stress-reduction techniques.
- March 31st: deadline for Forces Avenir. For more information contact Alex Oster, Coordinator of Student Engagement, Dean of Students Office.
- April 12th: Concordia Engagement Awards Night at the Loyola Chapel.

7. NEXT MEETING

The next meeting was scheduled for April 13, 2018 at Loyola GE-110, 10am.

8. TERMINATION OF MEETING

Irene Petsopoulos motioned to terminate the meeting. D'Arcy Ryan seconded the motion.

The motion passed unanimously.