

**Minutes from a Meeting of the Concordia Council on Student Life  
Held on April 13, 2018  
Loyola GE-110, 10am**

**PRESENT:** Andrew Woodall (Chair), Lauren Broad (Secretary), Gaya Arasaratnam, Andrea Cartile, Andres Diaz (replacing Nedgy Augustin), Chantal Forgues, Leo Dixon A. Irudhayaraju, Patrick Magallanes, Irene Petsopoulos, Tanya Poletti, D'Arcy Ryan, Stephanie Sarik, Andrea Taylor (replacing Laura Mitchell), Lorraine Toscano, Mark Underwood, Peter Zhuang.

**ABSENT WITH REGRETS:** Amy Caron, Dianne Cmor, Lauren Farley, Paul Joyce, Terry Kyle, Lisa Ostiguy, Veronika Rydzewski, Leyla Sutherland, Daniel Therrien.

**ABSENT:** Temi Akin-Aina, Marie-Josée Allard, Melanie Burnett, Théo Denieul, Darren Dumoulin, Christian Durand, Aliénor Lougerstay, Cameron Skinner, Julia Sutera Sardo.

**GUESTS:** Anna Timm-Bottos, Arrien Weeks.

**1. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

The Chair noted that in the absence of quorum, the agenda could not be approved. The Council agreed to continue with the meeting, however acknowledged that no formal motions could be voted on. The Chair made an addition to the agenda under item 4, Business Arising from the Minutes: 4.2 Update on the Question of Safety Around Space Concordia.

**2. REMARKS FROM THE CHAIR**

The Chair began the meeting with Concordia's territorial acknowledgement. They noted that student elections had begun: the CSU, ASFA and CASA had all completed their elections, while other associations would do so the following week. The Chair said that the Concordia Engagement Awards Night had taken place at the Loyola Chapel the evening before and that it had been a great success in honouring many outstanding Concordia students, staff, faculty and community partners. They mentioned the opening of the new Webster Library and encouraged Council members to visit and have a tour of the cutting-edge facilities. The Chair congratulated the 5 Days for the Homeless event that raised over \$6,000.00 for Dans la Rue and Chez Doris, and raising awareness of homelessness in Montreal. The Chair also commended the Student Success Centre for its Pop-up Against Procrastination event held on March 28<sup>th</sup>, giving students advice on how to manage their time, de-stress and to prepare for exams and final papers.

**3. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES FROM THE MEETING OF MARCH 2, 2018**

The minutes from March 2, 2018 could not be approved without quorum.

**4. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES OF MARCH 2, 2018**

**4.1 Discussion on the Reallocation of Annual Funding for HOJO**

The Chair said that at the March CCSL meeting Council members were reminded to send their suggestions for what to do with the \$20,000.00 of annual HOJO funding to Lauren Broad by March 29<sup>th</sup> and they would put together a summary for discussion. The Council provided several ideas for how to use the funding, including the following:

- to hold another large-scale competition similar to the Big Hairy Ideas competition held in 2015-2016;
- to hold a targeted competition focused on projects related to experiential learning on campus, with a partnership between students and staff/faculty;
- to 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.

The Chair recalled that the funds were currently being held in trust in an internal account with the balance of unused funds from previous years' CCSL Special Projects Fund, which on its own was just under \$40,000.00. The Chair asked Council members for their feedback and for any other suggestions for how to use the funds. Chantal Forgues proposed that the CCSL consider using the funds to create a framework at the university for

student or research projects to navigate the university structure. They reflected on the fact that many large-scale projects, such as the CUCCR and the Waste Not, Want Not Compost Campaign, had helped address important issues not met by the university. Some Council members worried that perhaps this type of framework would remove a valuable learning experience for student involved in coordinating such projects. Mark Underwood countered that the purpose would be not to lose the learning experience, but to help make important connections and build relationships between project organizers and key departments and administration at the university. The name of the “Living Lab” was proposed, and Chantal Forgues stated that they had already started presenting this idea to university administration and Facilities Management. They were clear that the idea was in its preliminary phase and hoped that Council members who were interested could help develop a more concrete proposal. The Chair said that they would call a meeting with Chantal Forgues, Mark Underwood and themselves to start the discussion and would then reach out to the Council if others were interested in joining the conversation.

#### **4.2 Update on the Question of Safety Around Space Concordia**

The Chair stated that at the March CCSL meeting, the presentation by the student group Space Concordia had raised questions about the safety requirements and procedures for members of the Concordia community when working and studying on campus, specifically in labs and when performing tests for similar projects. The Chair noted that a meeting to discuss the issue was still pending, as key individuals to be included at the meeting were still to be identified. They would provide the Council with an update as it became available.

### **5. REPORTS AND ITEMS OF INFORMATION**

#### **5.1 Presentation from the Big Hairy Ideas Competition: Concordia University’s Centre for Creative Reuse (CUCCR)**

The chair welcomed Anna Timm-Bottos and Arrien Weeks, organizers of the project “*Concordia University’s Centre for Creative Reuse (CUCCR)*”, who then gave a final presentation to the Council for the project approved under the CCSL Big Hairy Ideas Competition. The Council agreed that the project had been a huge success and congratulated the organizers for all their work. Andres Diaz asked for clarification regarding the fee levy that had been approved under ASFA to provide financial support to the CUCCR. Anna Timm-Bottos believed that there would be no additional fee imposed on students, but rather the current fee levy collected under ASFA would be restructured to include a contribution to the CUCCR. It was later confirmed by Andrew Woodall that there would be an additional amount of \$0.04 per credit charged to students under ASFA to go towards the CUCCR. Anna Timm-Bottos confirmed that they would submit the final written report to the Council for the May meeting.

### **6. NEW BUSINESS**

#### **6.1 Update to the CCSL Special Projects Guidelines and Application Form: Sustainability Requirements**

The Chair reported that the CCSL Special Projects sub-committee had met to review the guidelines and application form for funding in order to put a focus on sustainability. An updated version of the guidelines and the application form had been circulated to the Council prior to the meeting for review. The Chair pointed out that the changes reflected an effort to strongly encourage students to make their project more environmentally, socially and economically sustainable and to provide them with the resources available to them at the university. In the absence of quorum, no formal motion could be put forth and passed to accept the changes to the documents, therefore the Chair said that a motion would be prepared and circulated to the Council prior to the May meeting so that it could be put forth at that time. Any approved changes to the guidelines and application form would be put into effect in the 2018-2019 funding year.

#### **6.2 Points of Interest**

Several upcoming events at the university were noted:

- April 17<sup>th</sup>: the Annual General Meeting for Sustainable Concordia, 5:30-7:30pm
- April 24<sup>th</sup>: Workshop & networking event “Careers in Innovation and Impact”, 2:30-6pm, MB 9<sup>th</sup> floor. A joint collaboration between the Student Success Centre and Sultan Akif.
- June 11<sup>th</sup>-13<sup>th</sup>: convocation at Place des Arts. A new policy would require that all guests have a ticket to enter the venue. Graduates would be limited to a maximum of four tickets. It was noted that students were required to apply for graduation. If any students were unsure of their status, they should be advised to contact Birks Student Service Centre or the Office of the Registrar.

**7. NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting was scheduled for May 4, 2018 at SGW MB-9D, 10am.

**8. TERMINATION OF MEETING**

In the absence of quorum, the Council members agreed to terminate the meeting without an approved motion.