

**Minutes from a Meeting of the Concordia Council on Student Life**  
**Held on May 4, 2018**  
**SGW MB 9 D, 10am**

**PRESENT:** Andrew Woodall (Chair), Lauren Broad (Secretary), Gaya Arasaratnam, Nedgy Augustin, Amy Caron, Andrea Cartile, Christian Durand, Lauren Farley, Chantal Forgues, Leo Dixon A. Irudhayaraju, Paul Joyce, Terry Kyle, Patrick Magallanes, Laura Mitchell, Irene Petsopoulos, Olivia Piccirelli (replacing Temi Akin-Aina), Tanya Poletti, D'Arcy Ryan, Stephanie Sarik, Cameron Skinner, Lorraine Toscano, Mark Underwood.

**ABSENT WITH REGRETS:** Dianne Cmor, Aliénor Lougerstay, Lisa Ostiguy, Daniel Therrien, Peter Zhuang.

**ABSENT:** Marie-Josée Allard, Melanie Burnett, Théo Denieul, Darren Dumoulin, Veronika Rydzewski, Julia Sutura Sardo, Leyla Sutherland.

**GUESTS:** Andres Diaz, Andrea Taylor.

**1. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

D'Arcy Ryan 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.

**3. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES**

**3.1 Approval of the Minutes from the Meeting of March 2, 2018**

D'Arcy Ryan moved to approve the minutes from the meeting of March 2, 2018 and Irene Petsopoulos seconded the motion.

In favour: 11

Against: 0

Abstentions: 2

*The motion passed.*

**3.2 Approval of the Minutes from the Meeting of April 13, 2018**

Andrea Cartile moved to approve the minutes from the meeting of April 13, 2018 and Mark Underwood seconded the motion.

In favour: 10

Against: 0

Abstentions: 3

*The motion passed.*

**4. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES**

**4.1 Business Arising from the Minutes of March 2, 2018**

There was no business arising from the minutes of March 2, 2018.

**4.2 Business Arising from the Minutes of April 13, 2018**

**4.2.1 Motion to update the CCSL Special Projects Guidelines and Application Form**

The Chair recalled that the CCSL Special Projects sub-committee had reviewed the guidelines and application forms in an effort to bring them in line with the university's priority for sustainability. The changes to the

documents reflect the Council's desire to persuade student projects to be more environmentally, economically and socially sustainable, working towards making these more formal criteria in future years.

Mark Underwood put forth the following motion, seconded by Leo Dixon A. Irudhayaraju:

*Given that environmental, social and economic sustainability is a priority at the university; and*

*Given that the CCSL wishes to encourage sustainable practices amongst the student population; and*

*Given that the CCSL believes that, when given the opportunity and resources, students at Concordia will make sustainability a priority in planning a student life project:*

***Be it resolved that:***

*The \*CCSL Guidelines and Application Form be updated to include the following text:*

*Guidelines:*

1. *The environmental, social and economic sustainability of a project is of great importance to the CCSL. The Council encourages all applicants to do their utmost to inform themselves of the many useful resources available to them at the university in order to ensure that the project is as sustainable as possible. These include:*
  - *Sustainable Events at Concordia University*
  - *The Sustainable Event Guide*
  - *The Dish Project*
  - *The Concordia University Centre for Creative Reuse*
  - *The Waste Not, Want Not Composting Campaign*
2. *Non-compostable dishware is not an allowable expense to claim with the CCSL.*

*Application Form:*

3. *Click [here](#) for information on how to make your project/event more sustainable.*
4. *If you have implemented elements of environmentally sustainable practices into the project, please provide examples. If none, how could you incorporate them in the future?*

*\*See attached documents*

Chantal Forgues requested that point 2 under the guidelines be updated to read: “Non-compostable *and/or disposable* dishware...”. The amended motion was put to a vote.

In favour: 13

Against: 0

Abstentions: 0

***The motion passed unanimously.***

#### **4.2.2 HOJO Funding: Discussion of the Living Lab**

The Chair said that they had met with Chantal Forgues and Mark Underwood to explore the idea of using the 2017-2018 funds unused by HOJO to create a “Living Lab” at the university. The idea would be to establish a hub where the Concordia community could go for guidance on how to bring their innovative projects to life and to possibly institutionalize them at the university. The concept was in its infancy and the Chair said that there was much more brainstorming required before any formal proposal could be put forth for the Council to consider. They said that the idea would be tabled for further discussion at the September 2018 CCSL meeting

and the Council agreed. The HOJO funds from 2017-2018 would remain held in trust in the unused funds account under the Dean of Students Office.

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

### **5.1 Presentation from the Student Success Centre: Next Generation Skills**

Andrea Taylor, Project Coordinator at the Student Success Centre, gave a presentation to the Council about the Next Generation Skills project. Andrea Taylor explained that Next Generation Skills was something that students would be able to sign up for outside of their courses, not for credit. The program's mission was "to support students to develop the competencies they need to successfully navigate from university to professional life and thrive in the workplace of tomorrow."

The presentation was followed by an interactive session where Council members were asked to consider different aspects of the project: program design; program name; incentives/rewards/recognition; and accessibility. A brief question and answer period ensued. The Council acknowledged their surprise at the number of careers future graduates could expect to have over the course of their professional life. The Council was very encouraged to see the project's development and were hopeful that it would succeed in helping students think more broadly about their career. Andrea Taylor encouraged Council members to share their input and to contact them if they were interested in learning more or becoming involved.

### **5.2 Student Services and Recreation & Athletics 2017-2018 Financials**

The Student Services and the Recreation & Athletics Projected Year-End Statements for 2017-2018 were circulated to the Council. Tanya Poletti confirmed that the university year-end was April 30<sup>th</sup>, however the books would not be officially closed until mid-May. They added that the 2018-2019 budgets would only be approved at the June Board of Governors meeting. They offered to present the actual year-end statements for 2017-2018 and the approved 2018-2019 budgets at the September 2018 meeting. Tanya Poletti gave an overview of the report for Student Services. They said that the fee per credit paid by students for Student Services and Recreation & Athletics had not increased since 2009. Considering this and that the Ministry's total contribution could not be guaranteed each year, the sector was working on a budget from year to year instead of a three-year budget as had been done in the past. Tanya Poletti explained that additional revenue from unanticipated government funding was put into an account to cover any future year's deficit. As salaries continued to rise and without any increase in the Student Services fee per credit, units would be in jeopardy of closing without this safety net. Some of the surplus would also go towards innovative projects to support students that would otherwise not be possible.

D'Arcy Ryan gave an overview of the Recreation & Athletics Projected Year-End Statement for 2017-2018, noting that its revenue was similarly made up from a government grant and the Recreation & Athletics fee per credit, as well as a contribution from the university and departmental revenue. There was an overall increase in expenses in 2017-2018, with a slight increase in recreation expenses and a slight decrease in athletics expenses. D'Arcy Ryan explained that the department was keen to invest in new equipment and activities and/or programmes that were more in line with what the Concordia community was demanding, however a lack in funding and space would not allow them to expand as they would like. D'Arcy Ryan added that the department was still very competitive in terms of what they could offer students for their dollar, however they wished to go beyond what was currently being offered.

### **5.3 Update on the Big Hairy Ideas Competition Projects**

The Chair gave an update on the three projects that received funding from the CCSL for the Big Hairy Ideas Competition.

#### Concordia University Centre for Creative Reuse (CUCCR):

The project organizers had given a presentation at the April 13, 2018 Council meeting and the final written report had been circulated to the Council for review. All funding had been claimed.

#### Waste Not, Want Not: A Complete Composting Cycle for the Concordia University Community:

The project organizers had given a presentation at the January 19, 2018 Council meeting and the final written report would be circulated to the Council prior to the September 2018 meeting. The project had a small amount of funds remaining, which would be spent in the fall 2018 semester on a continued educational campaign.

### The Mapping Project:

Due in large part to staffing issues, the project had been put on hold over the past several months. The deadline for the funding was extended to March 15, 2019. A new coordinator was recently hired and they were hopeful that the project would be renewed over the summer months. The project organizers would provide an update to the Council at the September 2018 meeting.

## **6. NEW BUSINESS**

### **6.1 Points of Interest**

- Tanya Poletti noted the upcoming convocation ceremonies at Place des Arts from June 11-13, 2018 and congratulated those students who would be graduating.
- Terry Kyle welcomed the new student executives for the 2018-2019 academic year and noted that the recent Prep for Leadership event hosted by the Dean of Students Office had seen a better turn out than in past years.
- Andrew Woodall recalled the success of the Concordia Engagement Awards Night held at the Loyola Chapel on April 12, 2018.
- Chantal Forgues reported that the CUCCR Reclaim-A-Thon had been very successful, with many items to be re-used by Residence and others to be donated. The event further confirmed the need for the CUCCR and they were hopeful for the Centre to be more formalize at the university in the upcoming year.
- Andrea Taylor said that they had attended one of the consultation opportunities held by the Task Force on Sexual Misconduct and Sexual Violence and they wanted to note how well run and inclusive it had been. The Chair added that Lisa Ostiguy led the task force, which met every Friday morning for the past several months.

## **7. NEXT MEETING**

The first meeting of the 2018-2019 academic year would be scheduled for September 2018, date to be confirmed.

## **8. TERMINATION OF MEETING**

D'Arcy Ryan motioned to terminate the meeting. Lauren Farley seconded the motion.

*The motion passed unanimously.*