

**Minutes from a Meeting of the Concordia Council on Student Life
Held on October 26, 2018
Loyola PC 2.115, 10am**

PRESENT: Andrew Woodall (Chair), Sabrina Catalogna (Secretary), Nora Amar, Boshra Arghavani, Erin Campbell, Dianne Cmor, Amy Caron, Andres Diaz (replacing Nedgy Augustin), Darren Dumoulin, Lauren Farley, Terry Kyle, Anais Loriston (replacing Temi Akin-Aina), Hamed Molaei, Laura Mitchell, Elaine Cheasley Paterson, D'Arcy Ryan, Michele Sandiford, Stephanie Sarik, Alice Wei

ABSENT WITH REGRETS: Marie-Josée Allard, Gaya Arasaratnam, Orenda Boucher-Curotte, Christian Durand, Tanya Poletti, Lorraine Toscano

ABSENT: Melanie Burnett, David Ferraria, Paige Keleher, Jad Abi Semaan, Ilze Kraulis, Anne Whitelaw

1. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Elaine Cheasley Paterson moved to approve the agenda. D'Arcy Ryan seconded the motion.

The motion passed unanimously.

2. REMARKS FROM THE CHAIR

The Chair welcomed the Council members and wished to acknowledge that Concordia University is located on unceded Indigenous lands. Andrew Woodall mentioned during the meeting an update would be provided in regards to the CCSL sub-committee meeting which has taken place earlier that week and there would be students presenting their special project for funding.

3. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES FROM THE MEETING OF SEPTEMBER 29, 2017

3.1 Approval of the Minutes from Meeting of May 4, 2018

Lauren Farley moved to approve the minutes from the meeting of May 4, 2018 and D'Arcy Ryan seconded the motion.

The motion passed unanimously.

3.2 Approval of the meetings from the meeting of September 14, 2018

D'Arcy Ryan moved to approved the minutes from the meeting of September 14, 2018 and Laura Mitchell seconded the motion.

The motion passed unanimously.

4. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

4.1 Business Arising from the Minutes of May 4, 2018

There was no business arising from the minutes of May 4, 2018.

4.2 Business Arising from the Minutes of September 14, 2018

4.2.1 CCSL Representative for the Undergraduate Scholarship Awards Committee

Stephanie Sarik spoke about the CCSL representation of the Undergraduate Scholarship & Awards Committee (USAC). They explained that the USAC was responsible for overseeing the awarding of all merit-based and needs-based awards for the undergraduate students at the university. Lauren Farley volunteered to be the CCSL representative on the Committee.

4.2.2 CCSL Representatives for the CCSL Awards Sub-Committee

The Chair explained that the CCSL Outstanding Contribution Awards required members of the Council to be a part of the sub-committee. The awards recognized Concordia staff, faculty, and students who have gone above and beyond their expected role at the university. Council members interested were asked to notify Sabrina Catalogna.

5. REPORTS AND ITEMS OF INFORMATION

5.1 Committee Participation Awards Program: Updated on 2017-2018 Recipients.

The Chair noted the Committee Participation Awards Program (CPAP) was a financial award given annually to eligible students for their participation on any of the university's governing bodies. Andrew Woodall mentioned that \$10,000.00 was earmarked annually from the CCSL Special Project Fund for the CPAP. The award is calculated based on the Quebec resident tuition rate to a maximum of six credits per year of participation.

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

Andrew Woodall gave an overview of the sub-committee's review of Special Project applications requesting \$5,000.00 or less. They explained the CCSL Special Projects Fund had \$165,000.00 annually with \$20,000.00 earmarked for the CSU Off-Campus Housing & Job Bank (HoJo); \$10,000.00 earmarked for the Committee Participation Awards Program (CPAP); \$135,000.00 remaining to be allocated to student projects over two submission deadlines.

Andrew Woodall reported the following from the CCSL Special Projects sub-committee review meeting of projects requesting \$5,000.00 and less that had taken place on October 24, 2018:

- The sub-committee considered the breadth and depth of applications.
- New projects were considered first, and then recurring projects were considered.
- There were 79 applications requesting \$5,000.00 and less to be considered, with a total amount requested of \$112,913.45.
- 59 projects were approved, with a total amount allocated of \$52,128.20.
- 20 projects were declined; some will be asked to re-apply in the winter semester if they are able to address various issues.
- There were six applications requesting over \$5,000.00, with a total requested amount of \$69,857.42.
- Total amount available for the projects requesting over \$5,000.00 and for all winter 2018 applications was \$82,871.80.

The Chair advised the committee an additional question had been added to the application form, noting Mark Underwood's recommendation from last year. The question asked students if and how they have implemented elements of environmentally sustainable practices into their projects.

Presentations by applicants requesting over \$5,000.00

Applicants requesting over \$5,000.00 presented their projects one after the other to the Council. A brief question and answer period followed each presentation. After all the presentations were done, the Council began with discussion of each project individually, giving their comments and concerns. The Chair suggested that the Council should not concern itself with the amount remaining in the fund until after they had fully reviewed each project.

***“John Molson School of Business Conference”*, presented by Jeremy Rutman and Claudio Vigano. Amount requested: \$12,000.00**

While the Council appreciated the benefits that such a conference could have on students at Concordia, they felt the budget did not provide enough details of expenses. It was mentioned that the project was reoccurring and has had been funded in the past. Members of the Council remarked that they were pleased to see more diversity in the speakers this year and hope it would continue at future conferences. Members of CCSL further discussed the budget and questioned the sustainability of the event.

D'Arcy Ryan put forth the following motion, seconded by Michele Sandiford:

Be it resolved that no funding for the CCSL Special Project Fund be allocated to the project “John Molson School of Business Conference”.

For: 9

Against: 1

Abstentions: 2

The motion passed.

“ConcordAI”, presented by Laura Boivin, Timothy Pereira, Mehul Prajapati, Kamil Legault, Farah Bendahmane. Amount requested: \$5,5357.42

Council members were very interested in the project and saw a great need for supporting social initiatives at the university. Although the Council supported the project, there was a concern that such workshops currently existed in Montreal at other organizations. CCSL members noted the events are offered and tailored to all levels of knowledge at no cost. The Council discussed the amount requested and decided to allocate enough funds to show their support and to help the project get started.

Lauren Farley put forth the following motion, seconded by D’Arcy Ryan:

Be it resolved that funding for the project “ConcordAI” be approved for \$2,500.00 of funding from the CCSL Special Projects Fund.

For: 12

Against: 0

Abstentions: 0

The motion passed unanimously.

“Base 11 – Space Concordia”, presented by Oleg Khalimonov and Celeste Melize Ferrus. Amount requested: \$25,000.00

The Council was supportive of the project and noted its success the previous year, when CCSL has approved \$6,000.00 from the fund. The Council believed there was great potential for partnership on many levels to help bring the project to life however was discouraged to see a lack of willingness of the Faculty to collaborate. Discussion continued on how much to allocate to the project in support. Members noted they were impressed with the goal to continue to have a future impact on student life.

Terry Kyle put forth the following motion, seconded by Stephanie Sarik:

Be it resolved that funding for the project “Base 11 – Space Concordia” be approved for \$20,000.00 of funding from the CCSL Special Projects Fund.

For: 6

Against: 3

Abstentions: 3

The motion passed.

“Waste Not, Want Not”, presented by Ribal Abi Raad Amount requested: \$5,500.00

The Council acknowledged that WNW had successfully used all the funds (\$35,000.00) received from CCSL’s Big Hairy Idea Competition in 2015-2016. They were supportive of the project and noted its success in the previous year. The Council was discouraged to see a lack of willingness to collaborate with the university to share ideas and recourses. They believed there was a great potential for partnership on many levels to sustain the project.

D’Arcy Ryan put forth the following motion, seconded by Terry Kyle.

Be it resolved that funding for the project “Waste Not, Want Not” be approved for \$1,500.00 of funding from the CCSL Special Projects Fund.

For: 3

Against: 8

Abstentions: 1

The motion did not pass.

Discussion continued, Dianne Cmor stated the project had been impactful at the university. Some members felt the initiative should still be supported whereas others felt funds could be attained from other sources.

Stephanie Sarik put forth the following motion, seconded by Hamed Molaei.

Be it resolved that funding for the project “Waste Not, Want Not” be approved for \$3,500.00 of funding from the CCSL Special Projects Fund.

For: 4
Against: 7
Abstentions: 1

The motion did not pass.

The motion was put to a vote without further discussion.

Michele Sandiford put forth the following motion, seconded by Erin Campbell.

Be it resolved that funding for the project “Waste Not, Want Not” be approved for \$2,500.00 of funding from the CCSL Special Projects Fund.

For: 11
Against: 0
Abstentions: 1

The motion passed.

“Model UN”, presented by Gabriel Guppy and Bilal Gomdah. Amount requested: \$7,000.00

Members of the Council were supportive for this project considering it was a new initiative and CCSL support would help bring success this year. They felt the conference would benefit students across all Faculties and admired their dedication.

D’Arcy Ryan put forth the following motion, seconded by Michele Sandiford.

Be it resolved that funding for the project “Model UN” be approved for 3,000.00 of funding from the CCSL Special Projects Fun.

For: 9
Against: 0
Abstentions: 3

The motion passed.

“Les Jeux de la Science Politique”, presented by Mallory Vigier, Rosa Martinez & Sarah Lilia. Amount requested: \$15,000.00

The Council was supportive of the work the group was doing, however members were very concerned of the reputation from previous years. They questioned the budget; noting funds requested from other sponsors, venue location, the applicants had not been in discussion with university departments such as Recreation and Athletics for space rental, and finally, specifics of socials. Some members of CCSL admired the drive the applicant’s presented in improving and implementing changes to the event from past years.

D’Arcy Ryan put forth the following motion, seconded by Stephanie Sarik.

Be it resolved that funding for the project “Les Jeux de la Science Politique” be approved for \$3,000.00 of funding from the CCSL Special Projects Fun.

For: 8
Against: 3
Abstentions: 1

The motion passed.

6. NEW BUSINESS

6.1 Points of Interest

Terry Kyle reported the Dean of Students Office have trained many student groups on consent and are still working to do more training this academic year.

Several upcoming events at the university were noted:

- October 27: Men's ruby team, last home game
- October 28: Women's hockey, currently ranked number one in the country, home opener
- November 7: UCS and CUSP Baby & Kids Clothing Swap
- November 16: CSU Rapid HIV Testing Clinic
- November 30: The Aboriginal Student Recourse Centre Artisanal Fair, LB Lobby

7. NEXT MEETING

The next meeting was scheduled for November 23, 2018 at MB 9th floor, Conference Room EGF, 10am.

8. TERMINATION OF MEETING

Terry Kyle motioned to terminate the meeting. Michele Sandiford seconded the motion.

The motion passed unanimously.