

**Minutes from a Meeting of the Concordia Council on Student Life
Held on January 25, 2019
Loyola AD - 311, 10am**

PRESENT: Andrew Woodall (Chair), Sabrina Catalogna (Secretary), Nora Amar, Gaya Arasaratnam, Erin Campbell, Amy Caron, Dianne Cmor, Orenda Boucher-Curotte, Kaeleigh D'Ermo (replacing Lauren Farley), Matthew Fishman, Terry Kyle, Eduardo Malorni, Hamed Molaei, Andrea Taylor (replacing Laura Mitchell), D'Arcy Ryan, Michele Sandiford.

ABSENT WITH REGRETS: Temi Akin-Aina, Marie-José Allard, Boshra Arghavani, Christian Durand, Cassandra Lamontagne, Elaine Cheasley Paterson, Stephanie Sarik,

ABSENT: Nedgy Augustin, Melanie Burnett, Darren Dumoulin, David Ferraria, Paige Keleher, Tanya Poletti, Jad Abi Semaan, Ilze Kraulis, Alice Wei, Anne Whitelaw.

1. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Terry Kyle moved to approve the agenda. Gaya Arasaratnam 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 addressed the news of the President, Alan Shepard, who would be leaving the university in July. There would be a shift in movement through certain positions and Laura Mitchell, would be appointed as Director of Student Services. The Chair mentioned the Dean of Student Office has temperately relocated to GM-210 as the office would be renovated due to a water leak. They congratulated the student leaders on the success of their winter Orientation. AACSB International accreditation held a breakfast for student athletes who's GPA is greater than 3.7 and admired their success on and off the field.

Andrew Woodall addressed members of the Council of the day's presentation in hopes to start a conversation around student life. The three pillars of postsecondary education is based upon teaching and learning, research and student life. They note staff from the Dean of Students Office would present the ways in which they supported student life.

3. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES FROM THE MEETING

3.1 Approval of the Minutes from Meeting of October 26, 2018

Terry Kyle moved to approve the minutes from the meeting of October 26, 2018 and Kaeleigh D'Ermo seconded the motion.

The motion passed unanimously.

3.2 Approval of the meetings from the meeting of November 23, 2018

D'Arcy Ryan moved to approved the minutes from the meeting of November 23, 2018 and Gaya Arasaratnam seconded the motion.

The motion passed unanimously.

4. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

4.1 Business Arising from the Minutes of October 26, 2018

There was no business arising from the minutes of October 26, 2018.

4.2 Business Arising from the Minutes of November 23, 2018

The Chair addressed the Council on the decision of moving forward to create a sub-committee regarding student group selection. The mandate of the sub-committee would be to propose ideas to CCSL on structures

and processes for accepting new student groups that do not fall under an umbrella association. Members of the Council interested in joining the sub-committee or know of a student or colleague whom they think would be interested was asked to notify Sabrina Catalogna.

5. REPORTS AND ITEMS OF INFORMATION

Andrew Woodall reminded the Council each year \$20,000 from the budget was allocated to HOJO. The Chair noted they would not be giving HOJO their fund for the year, as they were in surplus and do not require the funding. This allowed for the funds to be used towards the special projects for the winter applications.

6. NEW BUSINESS

6.1 Presentation by the Dean of Students Office and Discussion on Student Life

Katie Broad, Paige Hilderman & Alex Oster's presentation was based on the meaning and importance of student life and the roles of the Dean of Students Office and their units.

Once the presentation was completed the presenters asked members of the Council if they would like to share how student life was being promoted in their departments. Dianne Cmor began the conversation by thanking the presenters for their presentation and addressed ways the library contributed to student life. They valued physical and social spaces and were constantly looking for ways to provide learning practices, such as multi-disciplinary, allowing the opportunity for students across faculties to share skills and practices. They also recognized the importance of personalized services and continue to have librarians on campus.

Michele Sandiford noted the Dean of Students Office has a lot of institutional knowledge and has been very supportive to students. As a member of CSU, they explained the ways they were involved in student life, such as the seventh floor lounge in the Hall Building and providing funds for student led projects.

Andrea Taylor thanked the presenters for their presentation and addressed the Council by listing the many ways the Student Success Centre contributed to student life. They've developed a peer to peer program, they hire many students, they have established a strong relationship between students and staff, and continue to build a strong community for students where they are provided with opportunities and encouraged to get involved.

Gaya Arasaratnam began by congratulating the presenters for creating a strong connection with students. Gaya Arasaratnam stated they mentored health related clubs and was part of a committee, with D'Arcy Ryan, which focused on wellbeing.

Eduardo Malorni expressed the concern of professors who were interested in their own research and questioned what approaches were being taken to provide more student and professor interaction. Alex Oster replied their aim was to provide presentations and to enter classrooms, as Spark! has been successfully doing. The faculty's main priorities stem from either academic admission or research, therefore non-course learning among students was not seen as a priority. Their objective is to enter in order to release some pressure and thus creating a discussion in classrooms allowing students to follow-up should it be of interest to them. The Centre for Teaching and Learning also provides support to faculty on effective teaching practices.

Orenda Boucher-Curotte noted the Aboriginal Student Recourse Centre began conducting a survey in order to determine the needs of students. The centre is viewed as a 'home away from home' for students where they can retreat and socialize, ultimately providing a positive outcome to their university experience.

D'Arcy Ryan noted recreations and CSU were working to create a committee to determine the needs and wants of students in order to reengage students on campus and in the community. Varsity was working in partnership with FutureReady to create a program for athletes post grad.

Matthew Fishman stated life is a transition. The Birks Student Service Centre supports and aids students in resolving issues they may experience. Lastly, Kaeleigh D'Ermo explained Residence Life assisted students to prepare for life after residence and they were conducting a survey of students and staff in order to understand the needs and wants from their experience in order to assist with future residents.

The Chair acknowledged the Council's comments, noted connections are the importance of wellbeing and thanked everyone for their remarks

6.2 Points of Interest

Andrea was happy to inform the Council of FurtreReady, a new skill development program, for undergraduate students. The program offered students workshops and events, where they could develop their skills. A certificate is also available which would be awarded to students who completed four activities in a module. There has been a lot of collaboration cross departments. They circulated information cards and said should anyone have questions or suggestions, they were open to speaking with them.

Kaeleigh D'Ermo said that Residence Life was in the process of hiring Residence Assistants for the 2019-2020 academic year.

D'Arcy Ryan noted the men's hockey team were heading to the playoffs and the men's and women's basketball team were top of their league.

Several upcoming events at the university were noted:

- January 25: Mental Health Fair, EV lobby
- February 1: CCSL Special Project Fund winter deadline 5pm.
- February 2: Annual Corey Cup Ice Fest.
- February 4-8: First Voices Week
- February 7: International Woman's Day
- February 9: Pink in the Ring, breast cancer fundraiser
- February 15: Community Compass registration deadline
- February 15: CCSL Outstanding Contribution Awards deadline at 5pm.
- February 24 to March 1: Reading week
- March 10: Start of 5 days for the homeless

7. NEXT MEETING

The next meeting was scheduled for March 15, 2019 at MB 9th floor, Conference Room CD, 10am.

8. TERMINATION OF MEETING

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