

**Minutes from a Meeting of the Concordia Council on Student Life
Held on March 15, 2019
SGW MB -CD, 10am**

PRESENT: Andrew Woodall (Chair), Sabrina Catalogna (Secretary), Jad Abi Semaan, Boshra Arghavani, Nora Amar, Gaya Arasaratnam, Amy Caron, Dianne Cmor, Orenda Boucher-Curotte, Caroline Danis (replacing Laura Mitchell), Lauren Farley, Matthew Fishman, Terry Kyle, Eduardo Malorni, Hamed Molaei, Tanya Poletti, D'Arcy Ryan, Alice Wei.

ABSENT WITH REGRETS: Temi Akin-Aina, Marie-Josée Allard, Christian Durand, Cassandra Lamontagne, Elaine Cheasley Paterson, Michele Sandiford, Stephanie Sarik.

ABSENT: Nedgy Augustin, Melanie Burnett, Erin Campbell, Darren Dumoulin, Paige Keleher, Ilze Kraulis, 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 welcomed back the Council members from reading week. They addressed the action plan for Indigenous Directions, to be released in April, which included data collected from Indigenous staff, faculty and students over the past two years. They noted students from Montreal, including Concordia University students, would walk-out and gather on Mount-Royal, participating in a global movement which stemmed from a Swedish student who decided not to attend classes on Fridays in order to bring awareness to climate change. Andrew Woodall informed the Council that Health Services now has physicians who are able to meet the needs of transgendered students, thus adding another resource and support at the university.

3. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES FROM THE MEETING

Lauren Farley moved to approve the minutes from the meeting of January 25, 2019 and Orenda Boucher-Curotte seconded the motion.

The motion passed unanimously.

4. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

There was no business arising from the minutes of January 25, 2019.

5. REPORTS AND ITEMS OF INFORMATION

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 \$10,000.00 earmarked annually for the Committee Participation Awards Program (CPAP). \$20,000 was earmarked for HOJO however, as they were in surplus and did not require the funds this year, these funds could be used towards the special projects for the winter applications.

The winter 2019 review meeting was held on February 15th. After the fall 2018 project allocations, the balance remaining for all winter 2018 requests was \$66,871.80.

- There were 64 applications requesting \$5,000.00 and less that were considered with a total amount requested of \$83,738.84.
- The review committee approved 51 projects for a total of \$47,993.37.
- \$23,878.43 remained in the fund to fully cover the one request for over \$5,000.00, should the Council wish to approve them in full.
- There was one application to review by the entire Council, requesting \$10,100.

- Any funds that were not allocated during this funding year would be held in trust with past years' unused funds.

Presentation by applicant requesting over \$5,000.00

Andrew Woodall stated ConcordAI had presented in fall 2018 and was granted funding, however the project submitted in the current round was different. They should consider the overall impact on student life at Concordia and the budget and other sources of funding.

“ConcordAI”, presented by Timothy Pereira, Laura Boivin & Raphaelle Giraud. Amount requested: \$10,100.00

Following the presentation the Chair began a discussion on whether to fund the project, noting that ConcordAI had been approved in the amount of \$2,500 for a project in fall 2018. They recalled that there was \$23,878.43 remaining in the 2018-2019 fund, more than enough to fully fund the request, should Council decide to do so. The Council deliberated and expressed their support for the project, admiring the approach and how it embodied the idea of next gen.

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

Be it resolved that the project “ConcordAI” be approved for requested funding of \$10,100.00 from the CCSL Special Projects Fund.

The motion was put to a vote without further discussion.

For: 9

Against: 0

Abstentions: 2

The motion passed.

6. NEW BUSINESS

Andrew Woodall reported the new sub-committee for accepting student groups had been formed and would meet within the month. Amy Caron showed interest and asked to be part of the sub-committee.

Tanya Poletti informed the Council the deadline to submit a nomination for a non-academic medals and awards for graduating students was April 8, 2019.

Amy Caron encouraged members of the Council to complete the annual facilities management survey, which had been sent out to the Concordia community, to rate their experience with Concordia's facilities and customer-service performance.

7. NEXT MEETING

The next meeting was scheduled for April 5, 2019 at Loyola GE-110, 10am.

8. TERMINATION OF MEETING

The Council unanimously moved to terminate the meeting.