

**Minutes from a Meeting of the Concordia Council on Student Life**  
**Held on May 3, 2019**  
**SGW MB 9-CD, 10am**

**PRESENT:** Andrew Woodall (Chair), Sabrina Catalogna (Secretary), Jad Abi Semaan, Boshra Arghavani, Nora Amar, Gaya Arasaratnam, Orenda Boucher-Curotte, Erin Campbell, Amy Caron, Christian Durand, Lauren Farley, Terry Kyle, Cassandra Lamontagne, Hamed Molaei, Michele Sandiford.

**ABSENT WITH REGRETS:** Temi Akin-Aina, Marie-Josée Allard, Stephanie de Celles, Dianne Cmor, Matthew Fishman, Elaine Cheasley Paterson, Laura Mitchell, Tanya Poletti, D'Arcy Ryan, Stephanie Sarik, Alice Wei.

**ABSENT:** Nedgy Augustin, Melanie Burnett, Darren Dumoulin, Paige Keleher, Eduardo Malorni, Anne Whitelaw.

**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.

**2. REMARKS FROM THE CHAIR**

The Chair began the meeting with Concordia's territorial acknowledgement and noted it was the last council meeting of the academic year. They thanked everyone for their time and commitment. Andrew Woodall informed those present that an amount of \$141,400 was awarded to student projects over the past year. The Engagement Awards Night, which recognized individuals who have contributed to the community in various exemplary ways, had taken place April 10<sup>th</sup> at the Loyola Chapel and was a wonderful event. The Chair noted that there had been several presentations throughout the year and that this practice would continue to be part of the meetings for the next council year. The meeting for the sub-committee on group registration would be a priority for the next council. Orenda Boucher-Curotte asked to be part of this committee.

**3. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES FROM THE MEETING**

The minutes from March 15, 2019 and April 5, 2019 could not be approved without quorum.

**4. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES**

There was no business arising from the minutes of March 15, 2019 and April 5, 2019.

**5. REPORTS AND ITEMS OF INFORMATION**

**5.1 Presentation from Students: Overview of Special Projects funded by CCSL**

Andrew Woodall explained to the council that several projects that received Special Project funding were invited to present an overview of their project and how they used the funds. A brief question and answer period followed each presentation.

***“Colours of Activism” presented by Camina Harrison-Chery, Josie Fomé, Thomas Prince and Hawa Keita.***

CCSL Special Projects funds were provided in order to support a panel discussion which focused on ways activists could mobilize communities for social justice and how identity, intersectionality and diversity played a role in the process. The objective was to inspire community members and students to get involved in a cause, be it environmental, social or political.

The Chair began the conversation and asked if the event would occur annually and if changes described by the presenters would be implemented. Presenters stated that the event would occur the following year as attendees benefited from the networking sessions, facilitation between speakers and tabling. The topics would be similar as they were of interest to everyone. They would work on building a stronger volunteer team, create more connections with external partners in the Montreal community and, should budget allow, they would lengthen the event.

***“Base 11 - Space Concordia”, presented by Oleg Khalimonov***

The Space Concordia Rocketry Division received CCSL Special Projects funds in order to design and build a liquid fuel rocket with the goal of winning the Base 11 challenge: being the first university worldwide to get a rocket into outer space (100 km). Oleg Khalimonov provided visuals and examples of materials which were passed around. The first being a part of the liquid fuel rocket and second, a manual. The manual documented not only instructions on specifics to build a rocket but their entire work and safety measures. Safety is their highest priority and in order for students to be involved in the design a mandatory training would need to be completed which consisted of roughly fifty hours. They noted nine to forty students, across all faculties, had been involved and would soon be on the verge of testing the rocket engine. Members of the council congratulated them on being resourceful and on their achievements thus far.

***“Concordia Precious Plastic Project, CP3”, presented by Breno Hoelz Coscarelli***

CCSL Special Projects funds were provided in order to provide support to Concordia Precious Plastic Project (CP3), a recycling project with the goal of reducing 3D printed waste on campus by repurposing it into new recycled filament. Breno Hoelz Coscarelli explained that, due to the grant, they were able to acquire software and hardware.

Cassandra Lamontagne asked how the material would be collected and it was explained that in order to reduce cross-contamination, professors were willing to place bins by the 3D printers. In addition, they were currently in the process of creating a device that would test the plastics in order to know the make up of each component.

**5.2 Presentation from the Dean of Students Office: Spark! Campaign by Alexander Oster**

Alexander Oster presented to the council an overview of the Spark! campaign from the past two years. They had hired ambassadors, they were creating a web and social media presence, and continue to build networks within the Concordia community. One of their main findings was that classroom visits generated the most engagement and this would be something they would continue throughout the upcoming academic year. They were also sharing stories of students on their website, to not only showcase student engagement but also to inspire others.

**6. NEW BUSINESS**

Andrew Woodall addressed the council that Terry Kyle’s two-year mandate as the Student Services Staff Representative on CCSL has ended and an election would take place over the summer in order to appoint a new representative. They also acknowledged the undergraduate and graduate students who had completed their term for the 2018-2019 academic year.

**7. NEXT MEETING**

The first meeting of the 2019-2020 academic year would be scheduled for September 2019, date to be confirmed.

**8. TERMINATION OF MEETING**

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