

## **Minutes from a Meeting of the Concordia Council on Student Life**

**Held on January 24, 2020**

**Loyola AD-311, 10am**

**PRESENT:** Andrew Woodall (Chair), Lauren Broad (Secretary), Ashley Allen, Erin Campbell, Dianne Cmor, Juliet Dunphy, James Hanna, Anne-Marie Lanctôt (replacing Gaya Arasaratnam), Eduardo Malorni, Laura Mitchell, Esther Morand, Shawn Moss, Erin Mullins (replacing Temi Akin-Aina), Keroles Riad, D'Arcy Ryan, Hector Vega, Tori (Haitao) Zhang (replacing Nedgy Augustin).

**ABSENT WITH REGRETS:** Anjali Agarwal, Marie-Josée Allard, Orenda Boucher-Curotte, Stéphanie De Celles, Lauren Farley, Matthew Fishman, Cassandra Lamontagne, Elaine Cheasley Paterson, Nell Perry, Tanya Poletti, Stephanie Sarik.

**ABSENT:** Melanie Burnett, Darren Dumoulin, Christian Durand.

**GUESTS:** Leanne Ashworth, Laurane Beyle, Lisa Ostiguy.

### **1. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA**

The Chair noted that in the absence of quorum, the agenda could not be approved. The Council agreed to continue with the meeting, acknowledging that no formal motions could be voted on.

### **2. REMARKS FROM THE CHAIR**

The Chair opened the meeting with Concordia's territorial acknowledgement. They noted that Graham Carr had been appointed as President and Vice-Chancellor of the university. The Chair noted several events that had taken place at the university, including winter orientation activities by student groups and the Student Success Centre, the CASA Leadership Summit, as well as an academic breakfast to acknowledge student athletes who have also achieved great academic success. The Chair congratulated the Campus Wellness & Support Services, the Multi-faith & Spirituality Centre and the Iranian Students Association for their support to the Concordia community following the Air Ukraine disaster. A new awareness campaign had been launched by the Sexual Assault Resource Centre, featuring the art work of a Concordia student who had won a competition put on by the Centre.

### **3. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES FROM THE MEETING OF NOVEMBER 22, 2019**

The minutes from November 22, 2019 could not be approved without quorum.

### **4. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES OF NOVEMBER 22, 2019**

The Chair reported that there were still several vacant positions on the sub-committees of CCSL: The CCSL Special Projects sub-committee was missing three undergraduate students, one graduate student and one faculty member. The CCSL Awards sub-committee was missing two undergraduate students, one graduate student and one Student Services staff member from CCSL. The Chair asked that members to contact the Secretary of CCSL if they were interested in participating.

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

#### **5.1 Loyola Campus Working Group Presentation**

The Chair welcomed Lisa Ostiguy and Laurane Beyle to the meeting. Lisa Ostiguy, Special Advisor to the Provost on Campus Life and Chair of the Loyola Campus Working Group, gave a presentation to the Council. A brief question and answer period followed the presentation. It was noted that a major finding had been the desire by the Loyola community for more and better food options on campus. The other main priorities identified and that were being discussed in the consultation phase were transportation, facilities, communications and building a community. Lisa Ostiguy encouraged the Council to get involved and emphasized the fact that they were open to any ideas or recommendations as the working group continued the consultation process until June 2020. Lisa Ostiguy noted that a meeting would be held on March 11, 2020 for various stakeholders. They

asked for recommendations from the Council of who they felt should be invited to participate. The Chair noted that the Dean of Students Office was in the process of reviewing the use and potential of the Guadagni Lounge, located on the Loyola campus, and was inspired to see a move towards community building for the entire campus. The Chair thanked Lisa Ostiguy and Laurane Beyle for their hard work and for presenting to the Council.

### **5.2 HOJO 2018-2019 Annual Report & Financial Statement and 2019-2020 Budget**

The Chair welcomed Leanne Ashworth, Coordinator of the CSU Off-Campus Housing & Job Resource Centre (HOJO), to the meeting. The Chair recalled that the CCSL had recognized many years ago that HOJO was a very important service run and led by students at the university by the CSU. The Council confirmed their support of this service with a financial contribution to HOJO in the amount of \$20,000.00, earmarked annually from the CCSL Special Projects Fund. They added that the annual contribution had not been needed and therefore not claimed by HOJO in the past two academic years. Leanne Ashworth presented the HOJO 2018-2019 Annual Report and financial statement, as well as the 2019-2020 budget to the Council. Leanne Ashworth completed the presentation by explaining to the Council how HOJO wished to use the annual contribution for the 2019-2020 academic year specifically for the Homeshare Project, as described in their presentation. The total anticipated budget of the Homeshare Project was \$19,000.00, which is within the annual contribution amount of \$20,000.00.

A brief question and answer period followed the presentation. The Council expressed their support for the services provided by HOJO. It was noted that the Student Success Centre (SSC) offered workshops to students on similar issues facing students that were discussed in the presentation, and that perhaps a collaboration between the two would be beneficial for students. Laura Mitchell agreed to put Leanne Ashworth in touch with Andrea Taylor at the SSC, who was the Project Coordinator of the Future Ready program in the Centre. Leanne Ashworth also spoke about the importance of forming partnerships with external community organizations in order to work with them on initiatives such as the Homeshare Project. Creating strong relationships would be essential for the project's success. The Chair thanked Leanne Ashworth for the presentation. It was noted that the Council would discuss the annual financial contribution to HOJO and would communicate with Leanne Ashworth when a decision had been made at the next Council meeting in March 2020.

### **5.3 Ad-Hoc Committee to Review the Process of Approving New Student Groups**

The Chair recalled that the process to approve new student groups that do not fall under an umbrella group at the university was currently under review. The ad-hoc committee had met and were in the process of writing a proposal for the Council. The ad-hoc committee included David Baker and Andrew Woodall from the Dean of Students Office, Graeme McGravie from Recreation & Athletics, Noah Burnett Rooney from the CSU and Alex Stojda from the Engineering & Computer Science Student Association (ECA). James Hanna asked whether groups would come to CCSL for approval and the Chair responded that this was a point that was under review. James Hanna inquired as to what would happen until the new process was in place if a new student group were to apply to be recognized. The Chair replied that there was a moratorium on all requests until September 2020. The Chair was confident that a new process would be approved before the end of the current CCSL year.

## **6. NEW BUSINESS**

### **6.1 Points of Interest**

- January 20-February 17, 2020: Community Compass Reading Week Volunteering opportunities registration: online through the Dean of Students Office website
- January 24-February 14, 2020: Winterfest 2020 - The Centre for Teaching & Learning (CTL) Annual Teaching & Learning Conference
- January 28, 2020: Campus Wellness & Support Services Mental Health Fair, EV atrium, 10am-3pm
- February 3-7, 2020: First Voices Week
- February 6, 2020: LIVE Centre Volunteer Fair at Loyola, Loyola-SC-200, 3-6pm
- February 8, 2020: Women's hockey "Pink in the Rink" event to raise awareness and funds for breast cancer

- February 10, 2020 at 5pm: CCSL Special Projects application deadline
- February 12-13, 2020: Free rapid HIV testing, SGW, CSU offices H-711, 12-4pm
- February 15, 2020: Concordia Winter Open House, EV, MB (SGW) and SC (Loyola), 10am-4pm
- February 17, 2020 at 5pm: CCSL Outstanding Contribution Awards nomination deadline
- February 24-28, 2020: Reading week
- March 8-12, 2020: 5 Days for the Homeless, corner of Mackay and de Maisonneuve, raising funds for Chez Doris and Dans La Rue

#### **7. NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting was scheduled for March 6, 2020 at SGW MB9 EFG from 10am-1:30pm. The next meeting was extended to allow time for presentations for the Special Projects requests of over \$5,000.00.

#### **8. TERMINATION OF MEETING**

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