

**Minutes from a Meeting of the Concordia Council on Student Life  
Held on January 20, 2023  
Virtual Meeting on Zoom**

**PRESENT:** Andrew Woodall (Chair), Lauren Broad (Secretary), Adèle Benoit (replacing Stephanie Sarik), Melanie Burnett, Sarah Caille, Lauren Farley, Matthew Fishman, Julie Foisy, Sumaiya Gangat, Victoria Gorman, Lawrence Khoury, Abigail Koff, Cassandra Lamontagne, Harley Martin, Laura Mitchell, Sarah Rahimi, D’Arcy Ryan, Amy Sharaf, Masoumeh Zaare.

**ABSENT WITH REGRETS:** Elana Bloom, Dianne Cmor, Margaret Colton, Antoinette Scaringi, Julianna Smith.

**ABSENT:** Paul Blouin, Annette Bowen, Lou Collin, Darren Dumoulin, Hua Ge, Adia Giddings, Nour Shbib.

**GUESTS:** Ashley Allen, Sabrina Catalogna (minutes), Maya Youngs-Zaleski.

**1. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA**

Sarah Rahimi motioned to approve the agenda. Masoumeh Zaare seconded the motion. The motion was put to a vote:

In favour: 11  
Against: 0  
Abstentions: 0

***The motion passed unanimously.***

**2. REMARKS FROM THE CHAIR**

The Chair opened the meeting with Concordia’s territorial acknowledgement. The Chair wished everyone a happy new year and mentioned that January 22<sup>nd</sup> was the Chinese New Year, the year of the rabbit. Andrew Woodall informed the Council that over the winter term, they would continue to provide funds to student led projects and would review the sustainability section on the CCSL Special Projects application form. He noted that several winter orientation activities took place on both campuses and congratulated the CSU and the Student Success Centre on their events. The Chair welcomed Ashley Allen, Interim Director, Residence Life, as Lauren Farley would be going on maternity leave. Andrew Woodall thanked Lauren Farley for her contribution to the Council and wished her all the best.

**3. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES FROM THE MEETING OF DECEMBER 2, 2022**

Sumaiya Gangat motioned to approve the minutes from the meeting of December 2, 2022, seconded by Sarah Rahimi. The Council put the motion to a vote:

In favour: 11  
Against: 0  
Abstentions: 0

***The motion passed.***

**4. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES OF DECEMBER 2, 2022**

There was no business arising from the minutes of December 2, 2022.

**5. REPORTS AND ITEMS OF INFORMATION**

**5.1 Student Services Strategic Planning Presentation**

Laura Mitchell presented the Council with the Student Services Strategic Planning and Priorities 2022-2023, looking at the next 3-5 years and how we serve our students. Once the presentation was completed members of the Council thanked Laura Mitchell for the presentation. Council members discussed the commitment and involvement of the Student Services directors and staff whose priorities were to identify and satisfy students' needs.

## **6. NEW BUSINESS**

### **6.1 CCSL Special Projects Guidelines: Sustainable Event Guide and Certification**

Cassandra Lamontagne presented the Sustainable Event Program to the Council, including the Guide and Certification to help Concordians host more socially and environmentally sustainable events. The presentation considered whether the CCSL should encourage applicants seeking funding from the CCSL Special Projects Fund to obtain Sustainable Event Certification and to make it a requirement for certain events. The Chair thanked Cassandra Lamontagne and opened the conversation with the Council. Many of the Council members expressed that they would prefer to encourage applicants to use the Sustainable Event Guide and Certification versus making it a requirement. They were concerned that making it a requirement could become a barrier for some students to access much needed funding. The Council discussed ways that the program could be implemented into the application form, such as including a link to a video presentation that applicants would be required to view prior to submitting the application. They also considered requiring applicants to complete and include a sustainability checklist with their application. This would provide a sustainability score for their event, whether it was planned for a future date or if it had already taken place. Andrew Woodall thanked the Council and noted that a motion would be put forth for consideration at a future CCSL meeting.

### **6.2 Points of Interest**

- January 23: DNE deadline
- January 25: Student Service fair, EV atrium
- February 2: LIVE Centre Volunteer fair, EV atrium
- February 6: CCSL Special Projects Funds winter deadline
- February 8: CAPS career fair, SGW campus
- February 9: CAPS career fair, Loyola campus
- February 13: Concordia Engagement Awards nomination deadline
- February 18: Concordia Open house
- February 28: Quebec Perspective Bursary fall 2022 term deadline
- February and March: Concordia Sustainable Ambassadors leading a comprehensive waste audit
- June 20-21-22: convocation

## **7. Next Meeting**

The next meeting was scheduled for March 10, 2023 on Zoom from 10:00 am to 1:30 pm. The meeting was extended to allow time for presentations for the Special Projects requests of over \$5,000.00.

## **8. Termination of Meeting**

Masoumeh Zaare motioned to terminate the meeting. Sarah Rahimi seconded the motion. The motion was put to a vote:

In favour: 11

Against: 0

Abstentions: 0

***The motion passed unanimously.***