



**STUDENT SERVICES**

Concordia Council on Student Life

**Minutes of the Concordia Council on Student Life  
Held on March 21, 2025 10:00am  
Meeting held at SGW H-655**

**PRESENT:** Katie Broad (Chair), Lauren Broad (Secretary), Moad Al Hjooj, Anna Barrafato, Melanie Burnett, Philippe Caignon, Maria Chitoroaga, Margaret Colton (on behalf of Julie Foisy), Darren Dumoulin, Adelina Feo (on behalf of Elana Bloom), Matthew Fishman, Megan Fitzgibbons, Nadia Hardy, Cassandra Lamontagne, Erin Mullins, Irene Petsopoulos, Sarah Rahimi, D'Arcy Ryan, Maria Safos, Christina Soulière-Gagliardi (on behalf of Sarah Caille).

**ABSENT WITH REGRETS:** Annette Bowen, Lauren Farley.

**ABSENT:** Leen Al Hijjawi, Rushin Makwana, Maya Youngs-Zaleski.

**GUESTS:** Arwen Fleming (STEP Forward Program, Dean of Students Office).

**1. Approval of the Agenda**

Katie Broad noted that the presentation by Arwen Flemming on the STEP Forward Program was moved to Item 4 on the agenda. Philippe Caignon motioned to approve the agenda with the change, seconded by Sarah Rahimi.

*The motion passed unanimously.*

**2. Remarks from the Chair**

Katie Broad started the meeting and welcomed everyone, noting how quickly the semester was going and that the spring exam period was quickly approaching. The Chair let the Council know that the Women and Men's hockey teams would be at Nationals over the weekend and she wished them good luck.

**3. Approval of the Minutes from the Meetings of November 29, 2024 and February 21, 2025**

Maria Chitoroaga motioned to approve the minutes from the meetings held on November 29, 2024 and February 21, 2025, seconded by Philippe Caignon.

*The motion passed with one abstention.*

**4. STEP Forward Program Presentation**

The Chair invited Arwen Fleming, STEP Forward Program Coordinator, to give a presentation to the Council about the STEP Forward program. The Council was invited to ask questions and share comments. The Chair thanked Arwen Fleming for her time and encouraged Council members to contact her to explore the possibility of future collaboration.

**5. Business Arising from the Minutes of February 21, 2025****5.1 Motion to fund CUCCR**

The Chair recalled that there had been a presentation given at the last meeting by the Project Coordinator of the Concordia University Centre for Creative Reuse (CUCCR), along with three students. A request had been made for \$25,000 from the CCSL to help support the Centre, specifically to fund student staff and student programming in the next fiscal year, FY26. Katie Broad noted that a motion had been prepared and circulated to the Council members prior to the meeting for consideration. She read the motion in full to the CCSL.

Irene Petsopoulos motioned to approve the following motion, seconded by Sarah Rahimi:

Given that the Concordia University Centre for Creative Reuse (CUCCR) was a pilot project supported financially completely by the CCSL Big Hairy Ideas Competition in 2015-2016;

Given that the CUCCR has provided invaluable services to the Concordia community since its inception;

Given that the University confirmed its commitment to meaningful sustainability through its Sustainability Action Plan;

Given that student employment is beneficial for engagement in student life and experiential learning opportunities on campus;

Given that the CUCCR is currently seeking long-term financial support from the University and other sources;

Given that the Concordia student population has voiced its support for the CUCCR through the *Save the CUCCR* Campaign;

**Be it resolved that:**

*The Concordia Council on Student Life approve \$25,000 from the CCSL Special Projects unused funds for the Concordia University Centre for Creative Reuse for the fiscal year 2025-2026. The funds are to be allocated as follows: \$23,460.00 for student staff and \$1,540.00 for student programming. Any unused funds will be returned to the CCSL at the end of the fiscal year 2025-2026.*

Approved: 7

Opposed: 2

Abstained: 2

***The motion passed.***

## **6. Reports and Items of Information**

### **6.1 CCSL Sub-Committees**

#### **6.1.1. CCSL Special Projects Sub-Committee**

The Chair reported that the Special Projects sub-committee, including herself as Chair, Anna Barrafato, Maria Chitoroaga, Leen Al Hijjawi, Moad Al Hjooj and Lauren Broad as voting Secretary, had met on March 6, 2025 to decide on the winter 2025 applications for funding. 70 projects were reviewed, 59 of which were approved for funding, for a total amount allocated of \$72,797.05. All applicants had been notified of the decisions by email.

#### **6.1.2. CCSL Awards Sub-Committee**

Katie Broad said that the Awards sub-committee, including Maria Chitoroaga, Irene Petsopoulos, Philippe Caignon and Lauren Broad as Chair, had met on February 26, 2025 to review the 21 nominations that had been received. The sub-committee had chosen a total of eight Concordians to receive the CCSL Outstanding Contribution to Student Life Award: 3 undergraduate students; 1 graduate student; 1 faculty; and 3 staff members. The Chair confirmed that the Concordia Engagement Awards Celebration, including the CCSL Awards, the LIVE Centre Volunteer Recognition Awards and the Sustainable Champion Awards, would be held on Tuesday, April 22, 2025 at 4pm at that Loyola Chapel. Each member of the CCSL would receive their own invitation by email in the coming weeks and Katie Broad encouraged everyone to attend.

#### **6.1.3. CCSL Student Groups Sub-Committee**

The Student Groups sub-committee, including Elana Bloom, Irene Petsopoulos, Matthew Fishman and Lauren Broad as Secretary, had met on March 10, 2025 to review an application from the student group Delta Phi Epsilon. The Chair noted that Delta Phi Epsilon was currently a registered student group under the Greek Letter Council (GLC), however they wished to become independent as they did not feel that the GLC was active enough and wanted to ensure the integrity and longevity of their group. The sub-committee agreed to recommend to the Dean of Students Office to approve the request.

## **7. New Business**

There was no new business.

## **8. Points of Interest**

The following items were shared with the Council:

- Men's hockey team beat Toronto Metropolitan University on March 14, 2025 to take home the 113<sup>th</sup> Queen's Cup for the first time in the program's history. Both the Women and Men's Hockey teams would be competing at the Nationals that weekend.

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- The strike by the Concordia Research and Education Workers Union (CREW), including teaching assistants and research assistants, had ended and so operations would resume as of March 21, 2025.
- April 1, 2025: the Student Success Centre Rhodes Scholarship information session was taking place from 3-4pm online for students to learn more about the application process.
- April 1, 2025: the Student Success Centre Pop-up Against Procrastination in the LB Atrium from 10am-4pm.
- April 9, 2025: The Dean of Students Office is hosting a Thank You event for student leaders.
- April 22, 2025: The Engagement Awards will be held at the Loyola Chapel: all CCSL members would receive an invitation by email.
- It is election time for the student associations, with posters around campus. The CSU and CASA elections have already happened and were finalized, with ASFA taking place the day before. Elections for FASA, ECA and GSA are still to come.
- The Office of Sustainability was currently accepting applications for the 2025-2026 Student Sustainability Ambassadors Program. It was seeking 20-30 students from September 2025 until April 2026 for the program.

**9. Next Meeting**

The next meeting was scheduled for April 25, 2025, 10am at Loyola, location to be confirmed.

**9. Termination of Meeting**

Moad Al Hjoor motioned to terminate the meeting, seconded by Sarah Rahimi.

***The motion passed unanimously.***