



Concordia Student Union – Council of Representatives

CSU Special Council Meeting – Agenda
Wednesday, September 17th, 2014
MB 5.215, 18h30, S.G.W Campus

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- c) Ratification of Standing Committee Reports
- d) Report from CUSACorp
- e) Reports from University Bodies

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1. CALL TO ORDER

Meeting is called to order at 18h40.

We would like to acknowledge that Concordia university is on the traditional territory of the Kanien'keha:ka (Ga-niyen-gé-haa-ga), a place which has long served as a site of meeting and exchange amongst nations. Concordia recognizes, and respects the Kanien'keha:ka (Ga-niyen-gé-haa-ga) as the traditional custodians of the lands and waters on which we meet today.

2. ROLL CALL

Council Chairperson: *Mat Forget*

Council Secretary: *Caitlin Robinson*

Executives present for the duration of the meeting consisted of *Katherine Bellini* (VP Clubs & Internal Affairs), *Charles Bourassa* (VP Student Life), *Jessica Cabana* (VP Sustainability), *Anthony Garoufalis-Auger* (VP External Affairs & Mobilization), *Heather Nagy* (VP Finance), *Benjamin Prunty* (President), *Gabriel Velasco* (VP Loyola), and *Terry Wilkings* (VP Academic & Advocacy).

Councillors present for the duration of the meeting consisted of *Gemma Acco* (Arts & Science), *Jeremy Blinkhorn* (Fine Arts), *Jenna Cocullo* (Arts & Science), *Emily Fisher* (Arts & Science), *Lucinda Marshall-Kisparissis* (Arts & Science), *Caroline Messier-Gemes* (JMSB), *Marion Miller* (Fine Arts), *Nicholaos Mouzourakis* (ENCS), *Terry Ngala* (Independent), *Angelica Novielli* (Arts & Science), *Matthew Palynchuk* (Arts & Science), *Marcus Peters* (Arts & Science), *Thomas Radcliffe* (Arts & Science), *Vicky Rodgers* (JMSB), *John Talbot* (Arts & Science), *Jeremy Tessier* (Arts & Science), *James Tyler Vaccaro* (Arts & Science), *Chloe Williams* (Arts & Science) and *Emma Wilson* (Fine Arts).

Councillors absent for the duration of the meeting not granted reprieve consisted of *Kabir Bindra* (JMSB), *Paul Jerajian* (Arts & Science), *Virginia Law* (JMSB), *Anita Sarkissian* (ENCS), *Alanna Stacey* (Arts & Science), and *Rami Yahia* (ENCS).

Councillors absent for the duration of the meeting granted reprieve consisted of *Michael Richardson* (JMSB).

3. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Terry Wilkings removes the Appointment Committee minutes from 4. e) *Ratification of Standing Committee Reports* to be titled 6. b) *Senate Appointments*.

Seconded by **Vicky Rodgers**.



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Terry Wilkings: The minutes were only sent out recently so for transparency it is better not to have them in the Consent Agenda.

Vicky Rodgers removes the September 11th External and Campaigns Committee Minutes from 4. e) *Ratification of Standing Committee Reports* to be titled 8. i) *External and Campaigns Committee Minutes* Seconded by **Charles Bourassa**.

Vicky Rodgers: I would like to do this to enrich one of the motions suggested in the report.

Lucinda Marshall-Kisparissis moves to approve the agenda as amended, and all points under 4. *Consent Agenda*.

Seconded by **Jeremy Blinkhorn**.

VOTE

In favour: 14

Opposed: 0

Abstentions: 1 (**Nicholaos**)

Motion carries.

4. CONSENT AGENDA

a) Executive Reports

Ratified by consent.

b) Executive Work Plans

Ratified by consent.

c) Ratification of Standing Committee Reports

Ratified by consent.

d) Report from CUSACorp

Ratified by consent.

e) Reports from University Bodies

Ratified by consent.



5. APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

a) May 14th Regular Council Meeting Minutes.

VOTE

In favour: 11

Opposed: 0

Abstentions: 4 (**Nicholaos, Caroline**)

Motion carries.

b) May 21st Council-Elect Meeting Minutes.

VOTE

In favour: 14

Opposed: 0

Abstentions: 0

Motion carries.

c) June 18th Special Council Meeting Minutes.

VOTE

In favour: 11

Opposed: 0

Abstentions: 4 (**Caroline, Jeremy B., Marion**)

Motion carries.

d) July 23rd Special Council Meeting Minutes.

VOTE

In favour: 10

Opposed: 0

Abstentions: 4 (**Caroline, Jeremy B., Marion, Vicky**)

Motion carries.

e) July 31st Special Council Meeting Minutes.

VOTE



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In favour: 8
Opposed: 0
Abstentions: 6 (**Caroline, Jeremy B., Marion, Emma, Gemma**)

Motion carries.

f) August 13th Special Council Meeting Minutes.

VOTE

In favour: 10
Opposed: 0
Abstentions: 4 (**Nicholaos, Jeremy B., Marion, Emma, Caroline**)

Motion carries.

6. CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT

Chair: The Special Council meetings during the summer were really instructive and it was good to get familiar with the CSU process. I think your courtesy and ability to be clear and concise left me with no doubt that we will have a productive, courteous and respectful year. In a recent email, I sent an update with the documents attached for this meeting but the original send-out was pretty sloppy and some documents were in Word format not PDF, and some had ambiguous titles. I could make excuses about deadlines but the point is that it is my job to make sure that the material is attached and clear and sent out on time so I apologize. I will definitely see to it that this type of last minute scramble does not happen again, and call-out preparation is given adequate time. Thank you for your understanding and I am in the process of collecting student ID numbers now that drop deadline is passed. For those who have not gotten a chance, that would be much appreciated.

Heather Nagy: We now have the detailed receipts and disbursements for councillors to look at and it is in accordance with section 13 (1) (e) of *Books and Records* in the Bylaws

Caroline Messier-Gemes moves to excuse **Michael Richardson's** absence.
Seconded by **Vicky Rodgers**.

Caroline Messier-Gemes: **Michael** has a mandatory JMSB class on Wednesday nights.

Chair: I would like to talk to him about this, but today it should go to a vote.

VOTE

In favour: 14
Opposed: 0
Abstentions: 1 (**Chloë**)

Motion carries.



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7. PRESENTATIONS AND GUEST SPEAKERS

No presentations or guest speakers to report for this meeting.

8. APPOINTMENTS

a) Appointments to Standing Committees

Lucinda Marshall-Kisparissis: In consideration of our first Council-Elect meeting, we appointed one more councillor than was necessary to the Policy Committee and that was made a special case so now with **Paul Jerajian's** resignation we are at the normal number for that committee.

b) Senate Appointments

Terry Wilkings: The situation at hand currently is that we have six (6) Senators appointed to the Senate for the undergraduate students. Six (6) seats are open and at a Special Council meeting in the summer we moved to have a member recommended from each of the Faculty Associations and that process has been completed, however the Arts & Science Federation of Student Associations (ASFA) requires additional time to appoint a member. The CSU made its own call-out and the Appointments Committee has interviewed applicants and made recommendations.

Gabriel Velasco: As is outlined in the report from the Appointments Committee, we recommend unanimously to appoint Stephen A.J. Brown and Carlos Fuentes Velasco to the Senate. If you want further details as to how the interviews went, please read the report.

Vicky Rodgers: I know that this is very technical, but one of the recommended candidates' family names is Velasco and I want to know if you are related to that person.

Gabriel Velasco: No.

Vicky Rodgers: Can we know the people who were recommended by the Commerce & Administration Students Association (CASA), the Engineering & Computer Science Association (ECA) and the Fine Arts Student Association (FASA), if you have that information?

Terry Wilkings: Four individuals were recommended from three (3) Faculty Associations – **Marion Miller**, a councillor from FASA, Emma Sabreau, the ECA president, and the two last individuals were Emma Alguire, the VP Academic of CASA, and Scott Carr who was also recommended from CASA. Seeing as we have four (4) openings for Senate members and we take into account the Appointments Committee recommendations and members from the Faculty Associations, I am confident in Emma and **Marion**. With regards to the CASA recommendations we do need to discuss the two individuals considering that we need to allow ASFA additional time to make their recommendations.

Vicky Rodgers: Do you know when ASFA will be able to recommend us a person?



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Terry Wilkings: I have been in discussions with **Paul Jerajian** and the time in mind is by the following Senate meeting on October 31st. We will have a recommendation made to Council by September 29th or October 2nd.

Vicky Rodgers: Concerning the Senate appointments made by the CSU, could you justify why all these people are from the same faculty and why there was no faculty diversity in the six (6) senators nominated?

Gabriel Velasco: Everyone has access to the Dropbox so they can go see the CVs. This round of applications, all of the Senate applicants were from Arts & Science. There was no malicious intent, just no members of other faculty applied. The call went out to all faculties though.

Vicky Rodgers: Is there an outreach issue to non-Arts & Science students?

Gabriel Velasco: This could potentially be an issue, but we are doing our best. We sent out a newsletter to all faculties, posted on the CSU's website, the Facebook page and tried to use all means available for the Senate, Judicial Board, etc. For the moment, the majority applying are from Arts & Science. The majority of Concordia students are from Arts & Science too though.

Terry Wilkings moves to ratify the recommendations made by the Appointments Committee to appoint Stephen A.J. Brown and Carlos Fuentes Velasco to the Senate.
Seconded by **John Talbot**.

VOTE

In favour: 15

Opposed: 1 (**Vicky**)

Abstentions: 1 (**Caroline, Nicholas**)

Motion carries.

Terry Wilkings:

BIRT the CSU appoint Emma Alguire, Marion Miller and Emma Sabreau to the Senate, as per their respective Faculty Associations;

BIFRT the CSU seek a recommendation from ASFA for an Arts & Science Senator.

Seconded by **Lucinda Marshall-Kisparissis**.

Terry Wilkings: Each of these individuals have been very eager to get involved in terms of Senate and academic governance and have come to the caucus meetings as preparation for the Senate. We had our last meeting last Friday and I was surprised to see each of them come as observers. I do not believe a single undergraduate student came last year to observe who were not media. They have many ideas and content on a body such as the Senate which reviews many high-level documents, according to Alan Shepard, would be beneficial for all undergraduates. I recommend the ratification of these recommendations.

Vicky Rodgers: Could you explain why you favoured Emma Alguire over Scott Carr?



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Terry Wilkings: Emma is the VP Academic of CASA JMSB. With that in mind she is involved in the academic portfolio of her faculty and sits on Faculty Council. She has reached out to me, showed up to Academic Caucus and Senate. The same cannot be said for the other individual.

Lucinda Marshall-Kisparissis: I echo that as someone who has no input on this. I sit on Senate and am one of the councillors and I was at the last Senate meeting and Academic Caucus. All of the people have shown really great initiative and Emma was so enthusiastic about being there.

VOTE

In favour: 16

Opposed: 0

Abstentions: 2 (**Marion, Nicholaos**)

Motion carries.

9. RETURNING BUSINESS

No returning business was discussed at this meeting.

10. NEW BUSINESS – SUBSTANTIVE

Charles Bourassa moves for recess fifteen (15) minutes.
Seconded by Vicky Rodgers.

VOTE

In favour: 16

Opposed: 0

Abstentions: 1 (**Nicholaos**)

Motion carries.

Meeting enters recess at 19h21.

Meeting reconvenes at 19h38

a) Engineers Building Project

Benjamin Prunty moves to approve \$5 000 from the Student Space, Accessible Education and Legal Contingency Fund (SSAELC) to support the ECA in their initiative to improve the B-Annex.
Seconded by **Terry Wilkings**.

Benjamin Prunty: This is an exceptional case and this kind of subsidy will not reoccur until sufficient policy is established, if at all. Emma Sabreau, the president of the ECA, approached me awhile ago and



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asked if the CSU could support the construction project on is the B-Annex. I was not feeling overly nit-picky and the ECA feels it will benefit students. The budget could have been more detailed but I do not think this is too big of a deal. The reason why it comes from the SSAELC fund is that it is an improvement to student space. The reason for the exception is because policy is not developed and we have not had this kind of discussion. We ran on the creation of an incentive structure for student projects and it would not be an incentive if this is a blanket structure for applications for funding. I think that this would directly counteract a promise I made during the elections and something I have worked on since my mandate.

VOTE

In favour: 12

Opposed: 0

Abstentions: 0

Motion carries.

b) Student Services

Benjamin Prunty moves to send the issue of Student Service and FIOs related to referendum questions to Policy Committee for policy to be developed.

Seconded by **Nicholaos Mouzourakis**.

Benjamin Prunty: Basically the university approached me initially about a desire to increase the Student Services fee. Years ago during Lex Gill's year they had the foresight to create a Bylaw to make it mandatory that we cannot decide on this increase ourselves and it must go to referendum. Previously it was just decided that students had to pay this fee and there is a Bylaw that states that it has to go to referendum, but we have no policy for this – there are no increases to our fees and no fee levy so no regulations around this issue. I told the university that I would come to Council and do this and I do not know that we need to get into a lengthy discussion of the merits of this increase, but in the meantime Policy Committee should convene to discuss this.

Vicky Rodgers: Can we make these kinds of votes at the same time as the CSU elections to basically adopt a similar approach?

Benjamin Prunty: That is how it would unfold. We have no choice in the Bylaws that it must go to referendum, not General Assembly or anything.

Terry Wilkings: The FIOs are ancillary fees on your student fees in the myconcordia.ca portal. At the education summit which took place in 2013 the students negotiated a way for them to be increased at approximately 2%. This would be an increase of more than this, tied to inflation. The policy would be discussing the impacts of accessibility to education for an increase above and beyond what the government regulates.

VOTE

In favour: 11



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Opposed: 1

Abstentions: (Nicholaos, James, Emma)

Motion carries.

c) Board of Governors

This point is rescinded by Benjamin Prunty.

d) Council Retreat

Katherine Bellini: I have great news – the retreat is all organized and I am looking forward to it. It will be held September 26th which is not this Friday but next Friday and I will need everyone to confirm their attendance. It will be two (2) and two (2) nights. The goal of the retreat is to meet each other and to train and to have some workshops and socialize. We would be leaving September 26th at 19h00 in a bus and would be coming back around 17h00-18h00 on Sunday. The location is a bit further than Mont Tremblant, two (2) hours away, and we will go by bus. It is a very nice place with a lake, place to have a bonfire, bunk-beds, and we will figure out the food together as there is kitchen. What you need to bring is a sleeping bag, a pillow, sheets and a towel. It is heated and other than that, you will receive the actual agenda eventually. My question is that it is about two (two) hours away and we are leaving from the location at 16h00 by bus. Some people approached me saying that this is too late. Do you have deadlines that you have to be here in Montreal by Sunday? At noon we would have lunch then a workshop then pack up and leave. I said 16h00 but it could be at 15h00 or 14h00 for leaving. Is anyone not comfortable leaving at 16h00?

Katherine Bellini moves to adopt the following schedule – leaving at 19h00 on Friday and leaving the location on Sunday at 16h00.

Seconded by **Nicholaos Mouzourakis**.

Jenna Cocullo: I have to make work for 17h00 and would rather not take off an entire six-hour shift, but if I am the only one in that boat, I guess it is fine. I would prefer to leave at 24h00.

Benjamin Prunty: I do not know if we need to address this formally, but to give more information for councillors, the general format is that every executive is given an equal opportunity to discuss a project that they are working on and that they feel Council needs to be more informed about. Whatever amount of time that equals to, if we stayed until 16h00, we could maybe have another workshop but this is not necessary. Maybe it would be better idea to leave a bit earlier. Is there any kind of workshop that councillors think that we should do or discuss? I am spearheading the programming and you can approach me with ideas.

Matthew Palynchuk: I know that nothing has been set in stone with activities, but is there going to be lots of time to get our own schoolwork done or is it packed-in days? If not, I would prefer to leave earlier.

Benjamin Prunty: There will be no time.



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Vicky Rodgers: I live in the North Shore of Montreal and having gone to that area on a regular basis, I think that leaving at 16h00 is a good idea given the fact that there is a big rush hour around 14h00 or 15h00 with people leaving their cottages to go back to the city. I think that we should leave at 16h00.

John Talbot: Having a confirmation of the date less than nine (9) days in advance sucks for people who have jobs.

Benjamin Prunty: We definitely did not give enough time for this partially because it just got lost in the fray of the madness of the first two weeks. Definitely we could have approached Council with the dates earlier.

Seconded by **John Talbot**.

VOTE

In favour: 13

Opposed: 0

Abstentions: 1 (**Marcus**)

Question is called.

VOTE

In favour: 5

Opposed: 6

Abstentions: 6 (**Lucinda, Nicholas, Caroline, Jeremy B.**)

Motion is defeated.

Terry Wilkings moves to table this discussion and put a poll on Facebook about when we want to leave
Seconded by **Charles Bourassa**.

Benjamin Prunty: I think that we should figure this out. We told Council that we would do this in September as opposed to before September. We can always revisit this if Council wants more time, though it is still possible to cancel. It sounds like we should leave at 14h00 or maybe do this retreat a bit later, or maybe have an informal poll. I think that we should discuss this now, however.

Terry Wilkings: I am really excited about this idea of taking a poll, but I think that we should table the motion and then immediately proceed to a poll.

Vicky Rodgers: as **Kate** mentioned earlier, we need to have an answer on this topic in a short-term manner which is why I think that we should vote on it tonight.

Katherine Bellini: I have two suggestions – either we leave at 14h00 with the same date, or I will reschedule this for another time and contact everyone and figure out another weekend.

Benjamin Prunty calls the question.



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Seconded by **Chloë Williams**.

VOTE

In favour: 11

Opposed: 0

Abstentions: 3 (**Nicholaos, Emily, Jeremy B.**)

Question is called.

VOTE

In favour: 15

Opposed: 0

Abstentions: 1 (**Chloë**)

Motion carries.

Terry Wilkings moves to suspend Robert's Rules.

Seconded by **John Talbot**.

VOTE

In favour: 16

Opposed: 0

Abstentions: 0

Motion carries.

Robert's Rules are suspended at 20h05.

Benjamin Prunty: So that we can add some order to the situation, people who do not care either way maybe just do not vote so that we get an idea who has an inability to come at some point. Options are the weekend of September 26th or any weekend afterwards. We are not in a gigantic hurry although it would be better to have the retreat sooner than later. How many people have negative feeling about having it the 26th?

Eight (8) councillors respond in affirmative.

Benjamin Prunty: Who would be opposed to having it at later date?

Three (3) councillors respond in affirmative.

Terry Wilkings moved to reinstate Robert's Rules and continue with the agenda.

Seconded by **James Tyler Vaccaro**.

VOTE

In favour: 14



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Opposed: 1
Abstentions: 1

Motion carries.

Robert's Rules are reinstated at 20h10.

Benjamin Prunty: Now we need a motion saying that this is okay and to extend the deadline to the end of October.

Vicky Rodgers: The issue is that we have midterms coming up in October and the two weekends I could come would be from October 3rd to the 5th and from October 24th to the 26th.

James Tyler Vaccaro: BIRT the Council retreat take place no later than December 31st, 2014.
Seconded by **Vicky Rodger**.

James Tyler Vaccaro: I do not really care when it takes place and this gives the executive time. They are probably extremely busy in September and we can figure it out

Terry Ngala: I suggest having it sooner than later, but once mid-october hits., everyone will be in the middle of what they are doing. I would maybe suggest the weekend of October 4th.

Charles Bourassa calls the question
Seconded by **John Talbot**.

VOTE

In favour: 14
Opposed: 2
Abstentions: 1 (**James**)

Question is called.

VOTE

In favour: 16
Opposed: 0
Abstentions: 1 (**Lucinda**)

Motion carries.

Katherine Bellini: So it is officially cancelled for September 26th. I will re-contact everyone to find another date and time.



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e) CEO

Benjamin Prunty: The gist of this is that the Chief Electoral Officer approached us and let us know of an inconsistency in our behaviour. He was told that he would be paid a total amount and that taxes would be on top. We paid him that amount but taxes were deducted so I wanted to return to Council and give him a certain amount. We reduced the specificity of our minutes last year and I am returning to Council to see if they will pay him the difference and correct this. The President last year told him that he would be receiving this amount, and the finance person did as well. It would be good for us to do this. It is around \$1 000 and we would have to incur the taxes on this.

Vicky Rodgers: BIRT the CEO of the CSU shall be paid the gross amount that was promised to him in the 2013-2014 mandate.

Seconded by **Terry Wilkings**.

James Tyler Vaccaro: How much was he allocated?

Benjamin Prunty: \$5 000 was the net amount, but he was taxed on that so we would be paying the amount taxed from that.

James Tyler Vaccaro: Following last year By-Elections the CEO was paid in the way that he wants to be paid now. If we issue him a check through payroll then that amount is taxed. The conversation which took place between myself, the CEO and the VP Finance was that we would not be doing this again. The amount would be issued like all checks to CSU employees, deductions would be incurred, and we would not be retroactively paying him these taxes. The fact that he is coming back seems a little odd and I do not think that we should be paying this despite the fact that he did an incredible job.

Heather Nagy: I was included in this conversation with the CEO and he was told that he would be paid a certain amount and we have corroborating emails to this, and the check to rectify this will be under \$1000.

Benjamin Prunty: It is possible that he was told different things by different people. At the same time, we told him that it was already corroborated by Melissa Kate Wheeler, so it would be a weird and sticky situation. Next time we should put our foot down but we can avoid a messy situation by doing what he was told would be done. If he was told two different things, we should make a choice.

Gemma Acco: What is the difference?

Benjamin Prunty: He is either paid gross \$5 000 or net \$5 000. We do not know the exact amount, but we are probably looking at \$1 000 more.

Vicky Rodgers: I have taken ACCO 340 which is Income Taxation in Canada, and according to my knowledge it would be approximately \$1 300.

Charles Bourassa calls the question.

Seconded by **James Tyler Vaccaro**.



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VOTE

In favour: 11

Opposed: 0

Abstentions: 4 (**Nicholaos, James, Marion Jeremy B.**)

Question is called.

VOTE

In favour: 7

Opposed: 2

Abstentions: 7 (**Caroline, Emily, Marion, Matthew, Gemma Jeremy B.**)

Motion carries.

f) Orientation Post-Mortem

Charles Bourassa: I was going to ask for an extension for the report then I looked at the date and realized that I was misinformed and it is due in October. I guess this point is me saying that everything will be in by then.

g) Research Proposal (Daycares)

Terry Wilkings: BIRT the CSU approves funding for the daycare feasibility study to be incurred by the SSAELC fund.

Seconded by **Benjamin Prunty.**

Terry Wilkings: I hope that everyone has had the opportunity to read the documents sent out, specifically the CUSP report which outlines the struggles that student parents face at Concordia University, and some recommendations. I have had a motion put forward in the Council Facebook page. and the amount is up to \$1500. Concordia has not done enough to support student parents and other universities provide childcare services for their students. If Concordia does have a higher number of older students, I feel that the CSU should at least look into the feasibility of providing this kind of support.

James Tyler Vaccaro: Is the reasoning behind this report to pressure the administration to look into a daycare service?

Terry Wilkings: If you look at the scope of the research and deliverables, ideally the university would be implementing a daycare service. The CUSP report was produced in 2011 and the university has made no statements about supporting student parents. I feel that we have arrived at a situation where students may need to act. Before we can make any kind of formal decision, however, I feel that a feasibility study should be produced and brought to the administration.



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Terry Ngala: Is this to prioritize the idea of having a student daycare? Are we trying to make it a priority for the administration to look into this to at least get it on their agenda that way if they see something can be done they can do something about it?

Terry Wilkings: Not necessarily. The CUSP report sent out to Council outlines the multitude of barriers which exist to student parents succeeding at Concordia along with a clear set of recommendations, including the need to produce flexible and affordable childcare services. For example, exams can happen on weekends, there are evening classes, and the traditional daycare hours are not enough to provide this. The purpose of the study is to see whether or not the CSU can make recommendations to the university and its own student body on how to ameliorate the situation.

Benjamin Prunty: The idea would be for the CSU to ideally do something with this. The university knows that this is an issue already, though this is not necessarily about pressuring them.

Vicky Rodgers: First of all, I have a personal comment on this issue. I was raised by a single mother who was a student parent who found out that she was pregnant and I am extremely sensitive to the cause of student parents and this is why I endorse the fact that we should give more to help them. The only problem I have with **Terry's** motion is that the amount is up to \$1 500 and not specific enough in terms of the budgeting of the SSEALC fund.

Terry Wilkings: I am not going to change the amount, but if you look at the payment section, it says that the researcher will receive \$17 per hour for approximately 88 hours. It seems clear enough and I am sure that Council is aware of the financial ramifications if we move forward with this.

VOTE

In favour: 17

Opposed: 0

Abstentions: 1 (**Nicholaos**)

Motion carries.

h) Research Proposal (UTILE)

Terry Wilkings: I hope that people have had the chance to read these documents sent out. UTILE has been working with the CSU Housing and Jobs Bank (HoJo) for a year now. Last year the CSU supported a survey on housing conditions facing students in Quebec and this is kind of a continuation of the advocacy work done with this group. The research proposal is quite detailed.

Terry Wilkings:

BIRT the CSU approves funding for the CSU-funded Student Housing Co-op UTILE feasibility study, to be incurred by the SSAELC fund

Seconded by **Vicky Rodgers**.



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Charles Bourassa: Terry brought this to the executives a couple of weeks ago and we all think it is a great project and he has put a lot of work into the research. It is a good initiative to get started and I think that we should move ahead with it.

VOTE

In favour: 16

Opposed: 0

Abstentions: 2 (**Nicholaos, James**)

Motion carries.

(i) External & Campaigns Committee Report

Vicky Rodgers moves to amend the following motion:

Be it Resolved that the CSU formally endorse the call to have Concordia University institute mandatory consent workshops for all students living in residence, and that these workshops must cover:

Myths and facts about sexual assault.

What is consent? How do we communicate about personal boundaries?

What is rape culture and how can we create a culture of consent?

How can we support survivors?

Where to go for support

In order to add that these mandatory consent workshops shall cover basic contraception issues.

Seconded by **James Tyler Vaccaro**.

Vicky Rodgers: The point that I would love to add is the fact that these workshops should cover basic sexual education such as the usage of condoms and contraception issues. Mandatory sex education was abolished in Quebec a few years ago and Concordia students come from all around the globe and unfortunately many countries do not offer any type of sexual education whatsoever and in order to talk about consent it is necessary to have somewhat of a basic notion concerning condoms and their usage.

Jenna Cocullo: We are really just endorsing something the Centre for Gender Advocacy (CGA) wants to do, so can we really tell them what they are supposed to teach?

Charles Bourassa: This was a petition being circulated by the CGA so what **Vicky** is actually asking cannot really be added because I do not know if we can really change their petition. It was really just an endorsement.

Benjamin Prunty: I think that this point is negligible in the sense that in the over all campaign it will make little difference. I think it is an important type of education but I want to caution away from what the CGA is already doing. I do not think that this will have an impact and this is what they study and is the group that the students voted for. I think it is a bad practice and Alan Shepherd did this as well to talk about this thing which is not his field of expertise and we should shy away from that. The CGA already does this kind of research and I think it is ultimately negligible to add it or take it away, but ultimately it is not a good trend.



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Vicky Rodgers: I do endorse the entire motion, but my goal is to enrich it and make my part in order to improve the current situation. I strongly believe that this workshop should talk about consent, sexual assault, survivors and the rest, but the issue is that many students should be reminded about how to use a condom, when to use it, etc. I can tell you from experience that this is a crucial need.

Terry Wilkings: The impact of voting in favour of this motion would be an attempt to modify a petition that we already have little agency over.

Vicky Rodgers: Voting yes on this motion means that you endorse mandatory consent workshops which include basic contraception, including the usage of condoms.

VOTE

In favour: 2

Opposed: 12

Abstentions: 3 (**Nicholaos, Matthew, Emily**)

Motion is defeated.

Benjamin Prunty moves to ratify the External & Campaigns Committee report.

Seconded by **Chloë Williams**.

VOTE

In favour: 14

Opposed: 0

Abstentions: 3 (**Nicholaos, Matthew, Terry N.**)

Motion carries.

j) VP Finance Work Plan

Vicky Rodgers: Heather mentioned a certain type of accounting software that she needs to be accustomed to. Is there a plan to look at open source software in order to diminish the costs for the CSU?

Heather Nagy: The current software is called ACUMBA and is for medium to large sized business. It is owned by a company in Quebec when a lot of others are outsourced to big box organizations. We have discussed restrictions and constraints in the program but it seems like now we will stick to it and make sure that the new accountant gets accustomed to how to use and navigate the program. Open source software and its capacities is a good question and good suggestion. I will bring it to finance team.

Vicky Rodgers: The CSU would have a negative cash flow starting in June, 2015 which is basically the beginning of next year's mandate. What is your plan to make sure that next year's team will be able to operate and be able to deliver on their campaign pledges?



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Heather Nagy: There are multiple plans in the works for this issue. One plan is to do a team year assessment. We have a student revenue contribution versus expenses issue at the CSU and it is starting to affect financial sustainability. I intend on working with the finance team to produce a concrete plan of action maybe in January to go about solving the issue of financial sustainability. We will not leave our term in office with the next people coming in to a mix-up.

Vicky Rodgers: Do you plan on having a CSU fee levy increase?

Heather Nagy: We explore the possibility of maybe indexing the fee levy. An increase as it stand is major and there will not be any decisions on it until all the financial work and analysis are done.

Vicky Rodgers: If it does happen, would it be for next March?

Heather Nagy: Potentially, but this is really far off in the future. For me personally and the CSU office and finance team, this is not the greatest thing. We will make sure that we do all financial analysis before we say it is the last resort for us.

9. NEW BUSINESS - INFORMATIONAL

No informational new business was discussed at this meeting.

10. QUESTION PERIOD & BUSINESS ARISING

James Tyler Vaccaro: I have a question about the budget actuals – about the Judicial Board spending listed at \$2 689 of \$5 000. Is there any reason that the Judicial Board is spending so much money in September?

Heather Nagy: It was not in September, it was from Council training and there were also some portions of the final appeal after the elections last year which need to be put in last year's expenses. An adjustment is pending with the accountant.

James Tyler Vaccaro: Have you received the Health Plan Administrative revenue which is listed as blank on the detailed accounting budget? Is the number of the estimate based on FTEs?

Heather Nagy: The Health Plan Administrative revenue is not the same as the Health Plan fee. The Health Plan Administrative revenue comes at the end of the year when we have looked at the premiums versus the costs in terms of the brokerage. We will not see that money until a later time. It is on the quarterly budget.

Benjamin Prunty: We wanted to have a CUSACorp shareholders meeting today but it did not pan out because of Board of Governors meeting. The sole purpose of the meeting would have been to approve CUSACorp's bylaws. Basically, the confusing way that the relationship between the CSU and CUSACorp's bylaws work is that Council is accountable to the CSU's bylaws and that there are processes in that which contradict the CSU's bylaws but cover the same area. In order to be in line with both bylaws, legally speaking, we should cover all of our bases and do the the processes in both bylaws. We have



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done those for the CSU, but what I am asking Council to think about and respond to is that I do not want to bog Council down to ratify a decision that they have already made. We do need a shareholders meeting to ratify the appointments of **Charles** and myself though. It is a bit confusing but I have been delaying signatures on paper in the office so that we can get through this step before signing everything, but we have bills to pay to the government. I was looking over the bylaws and apparently I can go and represent the shareholders (Council) in their absence. I am 95% sure that this is possible but there is the possibility that we could call a meeting just this one time and ratify the appointments and then call another later to go over the quarterly report. If people are uncomfortable with this, the only thing we would discuss are the appointments. If people are uncomfortable with this we will do it later.

James Tyler Vaccaro: You can use shortened terms of notice under the CUSACorp bylaws to use Council to waive this and hold the meeting now and get it done with.

Benjamin Prunty moves to suspend Robert's Rules.
Seconded by **Chloë Williams**.

VOTE

In favour: 12

Opposed: 0

Abstentions: 3 (**Nicholaos**)

Motion carries.

Robert's Rules are suspended at 20h54.

James Tyler Vaccaro: BIRT the CSU Council, acting as shareholders of CUSACorp, waive their right to meeting notice and allow a meeting to take place on September 17th, 2014.

Seconded by **Benjamin Prunty**.

James Tyler Vaccaro: We will waive the 24-hour notice for an emergency meeting. Let's not talk about this, just vote, approve it, adjourn this meeting and then start the next meeting. We will be out of here by 21h10.

VOTE

In favour: 13

Opposed: 0

Abstentions: 2 (**Emily, Nicholaos, Lucinda**)

Motion carries.

Benjamin Prunty calls a shareholder meeting to happen immediately after this meeting adjourns for the purpose of ratifying the appointments to CUSACorp's board and the new signing officers.

Seconded by **Vicky Rodgers**.

VOTE



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In favour: 14
Opposed: 0
Abstentions: 2 (**Nicholaos, Lucinda**)

Motion carries.

Vicky Rodgers moves to reinstate Robert's Rules.
Seconded by **Chloë Williams**.

VOTE

In favour: 15
Opposed: 0
Abstentions: 1 (**Nicholaos**)

Motion carries.

Robert's Rules are reinstated at 20h58.

Jenna Cocullo moves to reconsider the motion concerning the Council retreat. Most of the people on Facebook have voted to have it this weekend and some people may have already made adjustments to their schedule.

Motion is not seconded.

Charles Bourassa: This can happen over Facebook as the motion says we have until December 31st, 2014. There is no need to reconsider

11. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Vicky Rodgers: There is a group called the Model United Nations which did contact me extremely recently. They would love to introduce a new fee levy that I would love to endorse. They are making it extremely transparent and informational and to the letter of the Bylaws. Essentially this new fee levy would be used in order to finance competitions around the globe such as in South Korea and others. This organization was founded back in 1998 which is way before the Political Science Students Association (PSSA) Model United Nations and they would love to introduce a new fee levy in time for the November By-elections.

Terry Wilkings: I just wanted to address the petition formally submitted to the Policy Committee on Friday the 12th of September for the Model United Nations' petition for a fee levy. We are following the Standing Regulations and the Policy Committee is in the process of reviewing their application. I would like to clarify that we have invited André-Marcel Baril, the CEO, to come and speak with us regarding his annual report about the elections which took place in March.

Anthony Garoufalidis-Auger: On Sunday there is going to be the Peoples' Climate March happening in New York City. Half of the executive is going with executives from McGill, and in Montreal there will be a



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solidarity march happening. We leave in front of Concordia at noon on Sunday and we will be meeting at 10h00 to plan the details before we leave.

Lucinda Marshall-Kisparissis: I wanted to congratulate the Orientation team and by-proxy **Charles** for doing so well this year. As the campus representative for a fee levy group that was brought in, this was the second year in a row that it has been really well-done and the CSU has talked about it and gotten things going. Congratulations on two weeks of programming.

12. ADJOURNMENT

John Talbot moves to adjourn the meeting.

Seconded by **Vicky Rodgers**.

VOTE

In favour: 14

Opposed: 1

Abstentions: 2 (**James, Nicholaos**)

Motion carries.

Meeting is adjourned at 21h04.



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**CSU Special Council Meeting
Wednesday, September 17th, 2014
MB 5.215, 18h30, S.G.W Campus**

Summary of Motions Carried

5. APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

a) May 14th Regular Council Meeting Minutes.

May 14th Regular Council Meeting Minutes were approved following a vote by Council.

b) May 21st Council-Elect Meeting Minutes.

May 21st Council-Elect Meeting Minutes were approved following a vote by Council.

c) June 18th Special Council Meeting Minutes.

June 18th Special Council Meeting Minutes were approved following a vote by Council.

d) July 23rd Special Council Meeting Minutes.

July 23rd Special Council Meeting Minutes were approved following a vote by Council.

e) July 31st Special Council Meeting Minutes.

July 31st Special Council Meeting Minutes were approved following a vote by Council.

f) August 13th Special Council Meeting Minutes.

August 13th Special Council Meeting Minutes were approved following a vote by Council.

6. CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT

A motion was carried to excuse Michael Richardson's absence.

– Caroline Messier-Gemes (Vicky Rodgers)



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8. APPOINTMENTS

b) Senate Appointments

A motion was carried to ratify the recommendations made by the Appointments Committee to appoint Stephen A.J. Brown and Carlos Fuentes Velasco to the Senate.

– *Terry Wilkings (John Talbot)*

The following motion was carried:

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the CSU appoint Emma Alguire, Marion Miller and Emma Sabreau to the Senate, as per their respective Faculty Associations;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the CSU seek a recommendation from ASFA for an Arts & Science Senator.

– *Terry Wilkings (Lucinda Marshall-Kisparissis)*

10. NEW BUSINESS – SUBSTANTIVE

a) Engineers Building Project

A motion was carried to approve \$5 000 from the Student Space, Accessible Education and Legal Contingency Fund (SSAELC) to support the Engineering & Computer Science Association in their initiative to improve the B-Annex.

– *Benjamin Prunty (Terry Wilkings)*

b) Student Services

A motion was carried to send the issue of Student Service and FIOs related to referendum questions to the Policy Committee for policy to be developed.

– *Benjamin Prunty (Nicholaos Mouzourakis)*

d) Council Retreat

A motion was carried to table this discussion and put a poll on Facebook about when we want to leave

– *Terry Wilkings (Charles Bourassa)*

The following motion was carried:

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council retreat take place no later than December 31st, 2014.

– *James Tyler Vaccaro (Vicky Rodger)*



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e) CEO

The following motion was carried:

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Chief Electoral Officer of the CSU shall be paid the gross amount that was promised to him in the 2013-2014 mandate.

– *Vicky Rodgers (Terry Wilkings)*

g) Research Proposal (Daycares)

The following motion was carried:

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the CSU approves funding for the daycare feasibility study to be incurred by the SSAELC fund.

– *Terry Wilkings (Benjamin Prunty)*

h) Research Proposal (UTILE)

The following motion was carried:

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the CSU approves funding for the CSU-funded Student Housing Co-op UTILE feasibility study, to be incurred by the SSAELC fund.

– *Terry Wilkings (Vicky Rodgers)*

(i) External & Campaigns Committee Report

A motion was carried to ratify the External & Campaigns Committee report.

– *Benjamin Prunty (Chloë Williams)*

10. QUESTION PERIOD & BUSINESS ARISING

The following motion was carried:

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the CSU Council, acting as shareholders of CUSACorp, waive their right to meeting notice and allow a meeting to take place on September 17th, 2014.

– *James Tyler Vaccaro (Benjamin Prunty)*