



Concordia Student Union – Council of Representatives

CSU Regular Council Meeting – Agenda

Wednesday, October 28^h, 2015

AD-310, 18h30, Loyola Campus

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CSU Special Council Meeting – Minutes

Wednesday, October 28th, 2015

AD-310, 18h30, Loyola Campus

1. CALL TO ORDER

Meeting is called to order at 19h30.

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 *Anas Bouslikhane* (VP Finance), *Gabrielle Caron* (VP Sustainability), *Lori Dimaria* (VP Clubs & Internal), *Marion Miller* (VP Academic & Advocacy), *John Talbot* (VP Student Life), *Gabriel Velasco* (VP External & Mobilization), *Terry Wilkings* (President) and *Chloë Williams* (VP Loyola).

Councillors present for the duration of the meeting consisted of *Jenna Cocullo* (Arts & Science), *Rachel Gauthier* (JMSB), *Jana Ghalayini* (ENCS), *Sanaz Hassan Pour* (Fine Arts), *Lucinda Marshall-Kiparissis* (Arts & Science), *Aloyse Muller* (Arts & Science), *Geneviève Nadeau-Bonin* (Arts & Science), *Terry Ngala* (Arts & Science), *Marcus Peters* (Arts & Science), *Jason Poirier-Lavoie* (Arts & Science) and *Benjamin Prunty* (Arts & Science).

Councillors absent for the duration of the meeting consisted of *Omar Al Khin* (JMSB), *Simon Dansereau* (JMSB), *Michael Giesbrecht* (Arts & Science), *Faddy Kamel* (ENCS), *Adrian Longinotti* (Arts & Science), and *Hassan Mogharbel* (ENCS), *Fadi Saijari* (JMSB), *Leyla Sutherland* (Fine Arts), *Michael Wrobel* (Arts & Science) and *Rami Yahia* (ENCS).

Chair: I have received some emails from councillors and executives, first from **Terry Wilkings** who is running late, **Michael Giesbrecht** sends his regrets, **Leyla Sutherland** sends her regrets with a request to be excused. **Adrian Longinotti** has sent regrets. **Terry Ngala** sends regrets. This means that there are three requests for excusal.

Marion Millers moves to excuse **Leyla Sutherland's** absence.

Seconded by **Chloë Williams**.

VOTE



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In favour : 8
Opposed: 0
Abstentions: 0

Motion carries.

Geneviève Nadeau-Bonin moves to excuse **Michael Giesbrecht's** absence.
Seconded by **Aloyse Muller**.

VOTE

In favour : 8
Opposed: 0
Abstentions: 0

Motion carries.

Gabrielle Caron moves to excuse **Adrian Longinotti's** absence.
Seconded by **Sanaz Hassan Pour**.

Marion Miller: In our Standing Regulations, usually class is not an excusal, but maybe because this is not at the regular scheduled time.

VOTE

In favour : 4
Opposed: 0
Abstentions: 4 (**Lucinda, Rachel**)

Motion carries.

3. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Marion Miller moves 7. c) *CURE Fee Levy* to be 7. a) *CURE Fee Levy*, and pulls the committee report for the Policy Committee. This report has three (3) substantive points that we will be dealing with in *New Business* and we can approve it after these points.

VOTE

In favour : 8
Opposed: 0
Abstentions: 0

Motion carries.

4. CONSENT AGENDA



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a) Approval of the Minutes – October 14th RCM, October 21st SCM (both)

Ratified by consent.

b) Reports from Committees

Ratified by consent.

c) CUSACorp Report

Ratified by consent.

5. PRESENTATIONS & GUEST SPEAKERS

No presentations were made or guest speakers were present at this meeting of Council.

6. APPOINTMENTS

a) Standing Committees

Chloë Williams: We still have three (3) Standing Committee positions open – Sustainability Committee, Clubs & Space Committee and Loyola Committee. If anyone is interested, you can nominate yourself now, but given that the By-elections coming up at the beginning of next month, it might be nice to keep positions open for new councillors.

Aloyse Muller: How many Council seats are vacant?

Chloë Williams: From what we looked at, three (3) Arts & Science councillors, one (1) JMSB councillor, one (1) ENCS councillor, one (1) Fine Arts councillor and two (2) Independent councillors.

Jana Ghalayini: Why does it say that there are four (4) seats for ENCS on Council?

Chair: The split is six (6) ENCS councillors and six (6) JMSB councillors.

7. NEW BUSINESS - SUBSTANTIVE

a) CURE Fee Levy

Marion Miller:

BE IT RESOLVED that the CSU Council approve the following question be put to ballot in the Fall By-election, notwithstanding Standing Regulations 232 and 234:



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The Community-University Research Exchange (CURE) connects students with grassroots non-profit organizations to collaborate on research, art and innovative projects that support local communities. Undergraduates can do real-life, community-driven academic work and receive credit for term papers, internships, final projects or other course requirements in the faculties of Arts & Science, Engineering & Computer Science, Fine Arts, and the School of Business.

Do you agree to pay 8 cents per credit to the Community-University Research Exchange (CURE Concordia), effective Winter 2016?

Seconded by **Lucinda Marshall-Kiparissis**.

Marion Miller: The Policy Committee received an application from the Community-University Research Exchange (CURE) Concordia, a working group of the Quebec Public Interest Research Group (QPIRG), on the 14th of September regarding going for a question for fee levy status. We have a representative from CURE here, but I would just like to explain how the Standing Regulations work – there is a delay in terms of when this kind of petition has to be submitted, and it would have had to be submitted on the 11th of September, which meant that they had four (4) school days to collect 760 signatures. They sent us an email on that day saying that they would give it to us on the following Monday, and on that Monday they gave us the package with included their proposed bylaws and signatures. At Policy Committee we looked through the bylaws of CURE since it is our job to ensure that the organization makes sense as a fee levy and is financially sustainable. We had a meeting with CURE to look over some small concerns and they sent us an updated version of their bylaws so Policy Committee recommends the question go to ballot.

Cassie Smith: If anyone has any questions, I am willing to answer them.

Marion Miller: In the first version of CURE's bylaws we received, we found that they seemed well-organized and the structure made sense, and when we brought up some small points they were able to answer them. We felt satisfied with how the process went.

Jason Poirier-Lavoie: Rest assured, this is not going to be another Concordia Model UN (ConMUN) situation. Their bylaws are well-written and clear, leaving little room for abuse. They were receptive and professional throughout the process.

Marion Miller: When we get to the later points in this meeting on policy changes and the new criteria we are putting in for fee levy groups, there will be the requirement for an internal complaints policy, and CURE already has one.

Lori Dimaria: Could you maybe just give an overview of how many students go to CURE to use this network? How many people do you help out in a year?

Cassie Smith: It varies. It is hard for me to speak to how many students we have interacted with in previous years since I am only this year's coordinator, but we have five (5) to seven (7) this year doing CURE projects, and we have even had professors re-organize their course outline around CURE projects. A professor in the Women's Studies department's entire class worked collectively on a CURE project, and I have a meeting tomorrow with a professor in the Geography Department where we hope to do the same thing. We could do four (4) to five (5) times more than this with the proper funding.



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VOTE

In favour : 8

Opposed: 0

Abstentions: 0

Motion carries.

b) Orientation Post-Mortem

John Talbot:

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Orientation Post-Mortem be submitted at the first Regular Council Meeting of November, and the financial penalty be waived, notwithstanding Standing Regulation 377.

Seconded by **Rachel Gauthier**.

John Talbot: The Orientation Post-Mortem is due at the second Regular Council Meeting of October, and I just need more time to tighten everything up and get information from other staff members who need to contribute to it and to finalize the comprehensive budget. Last year, the budget was only finalized on October 31st. This year we are trying to submit a finalized post-mortem. It will be ready next meeting.

VOTE

In favour : 8

Opposed: 0

Abstentions: 0

Motion carries.

c) Policy Changes

Marion Miller:

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council accept the changes to the Standing Regulations as outlined in the Policy Committee minutes of October 22nd, 2015.

Seconded by **Lucinda Marshall-Kiparissis**.

Marion Miller: We have been working on this document, we worked on it last year and it was started the year before us. The changes were to rearrange a couple of things in Book VII on elections and referendums work. There were a lot of funny deadlines and fee levy processes say how to make one but not how to get rid of one. A big issue was hammering out elections deadlines which made more sense. As we saw with CURE, the deadline was simply not plausible. We clarified that the By-elections be held the second-last Thursday of November instead of simple being within the month of November. There was a redundancy in Standing Regulation 225 that was removed, and some of these corrections were just little word errors. We took out the redundancy of explaining how to call a referendum since it is in the Bylaws. We changed the delays as well – instead of reviewing any referendum questions three (3)



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months before it has to be considered by Council, now we say it must be the Monday following September 15th to get petition in or the first Monday of December for the March elections. This was contradicting the next part saying that these must be in two (2) months before the nominations period in the fall. In terms of content and fee levy applications, a draft question must be provided to the CEO containing the full names, faculty, student ID numbers and signatures. All documentation relating to the organization must have an internal complaints policy as well to deal with situations arising in the organization. A CSU group seeking to modify a fee levy must institute this, so they must add this when asking for more money.

Geneviève Nadeau-Bonin: Is any fee levy group “non-CSU group”? What is the different between a CSU group and a non-CSU group?

Marion Miller: A non-CSU group is one trying to get a fee levy. There are non-CSU groups who do not want a fee levy, however, and then they do not have to follow these policies. We added processes to remove a non-CSU group’s fee levy as well – the same process is there is apply and dissolve, and a fee levy group itself can decide to dissolve if it no longer functioning or active. The fee levy group needs a resolution of the board stating that they wish to be dissolved. We cannot notwithstand any of these new delays either.

Lucinda Marshall-Kiparissis: Just to speak in favour of changing the delays, the ones that were there were absurd. If it was difficult for the committee to suss out what they were, then it is even more difficult for groups outside the CSU to figure it out.

Marion Miller: It is also worth mentioning that the document was circulated to the Fee Levy Advocacy at Concordia (FLAC) and they had seen similar drafts twice before, so we have been in contact with the fee levy groups to make sure that this makes sense to them. We highlight the criteria on which the Policy Committee bases its decision in terms of approving a fee levy group’s question for referendum. The Policy Committee does not look at the political orientations of groups, but whether they will be a viable and sustainable group receiving student money. The student population decides to fund the group based on the values and mission of organization. We clarified any that any fee levy question put to Council requires a two-thirds (2/3) majority. We added references to other Standing Regulations in order to give more information as well. The nominations paper includes the printed names of the students, the signatures and Concordia ID numbers. I also had to re-do the numbering of the document and I have to make sure to adjust the linkages to other Standing Regulations.

Marcus Peters: We could also put in the motion “subject to further updating Standing Regulation 282”, but that is just procedural.

VOTE

In favour : 8

Opposed: 0

Abstentions: 0

Motion carries.



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d) Provincial Associations

Gabriel Velasco:

WHEREAS the Fédération Étudiante Universitaire du Québec (FEUQ) is no longer active and no longer holds any political mandates;

WHEREAS the FEUQ is already in the process of winding down its legal functions, including lease agreements, contractual obligations, and employee settlements;

WHEREAS the FEUQ is no longer collecting fees from its membership;

WHEREAS there are still a number of financial as well as legal issues to be resolved before the FEUQ can be officially dissolved;

WHEREAS the FEUQ still holds a wealth of archival information important to the student movement as well as to the Concordia Student Union membership;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the CSU advocate that the FEUQ's archives be transferred to a public archival institution, such as the "Bibliothèque et archives nationales du Québec";

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the CSU advocate for the FEUQ to provide all school specific data from the "Sources et modes de financement" surveys to its respective member associations;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the CSU advocate for an equitable redistribution of the remaining financial assets, once all of the FEUQ's legal and contractual obligations have been fulfilled, to its member associations;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the CSU work towards the FEUQ's official dissolution in collaboration with its remaining member associations in a responsible and collegial manner.

Seconded by **Sanaz Hassan Pour**.

Gabriel Velasco: The "Whereas" clauses are pretty simple and we discussed this in the summer – the FEUQ is no longer collecting fees and is dissolving itself. It no longer does anything political and is just finishing up its legal and financial work. About the first "Be it resolved" clause, the FEUQ has a series of archives dating back twenty-five (25) years about student movements, financial documents and research documents in paper format. There are some online documents, but the idea is to give the documents to a public archival space so that they do not get lost. Looking back into history, the student association before the FEUQ did not do this, but instead made copies and then they just got lost and no longer exist anymore. This is a shame because it is a wealth of information. We want to make sure that this is something we do at the FEUQ. Regarding the second "Be it resolved" clause discussing the *Sources et modes de financement* surveys, the FEUQ runs surveys on the campuses of its members about things like student financing, levels of debt and whether they are working full-time or part time. They wanted to centralize and produce reports, but there is no campus-specific data. It has been an interesting debate at the FEUQ about who gets the data. Now that the FEUQ is no longer an organization, we want to pass a motion to give it back to the member associations. The CSU will have raw data from the past eight (8) years of student finances of its own membership. It would be interesting to write a report about debt levels and we could do a lot of interesting research. The third "be it resolved" clause states that whatever remaining financial assets, and legal and contractual obligations be fulfilled. As all of these things get paid off and settled, a certain amount of money remains and we want to make sure that this gets distributed equally. After speaking with a CSU lawyer, they recommended a formal motion stating



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that we want to do all these things, and the final “be it resolved” clause is that the CSU work towards officially dissolving the FEUQ. That way, when I am at the table, I have a clear mandate of what I want to have done. This makes our position clear that we are only a part of the FEUQ in order to dissolve it because we are interested in participating in an alternative student body at the provincial level.

Rachel Gauthier: About the data, is that going to be sent to the archives?

Gabriel Velasco: Yes, however I think that we want to get it first because the archival process will take awhile and the public library will take time to sort everything out and make it public, so we wanted that data to be given to us right away. We could sort through the data and it is an interesting document to work with, whereas the rest of it, if we see it in awhile, it is okay. We want the data right away.

VOTE

In favour : 8

Opposed: 0

Abstentions: 0

Motion carries.

Gabriel Velasco:

WHEREAS the current context of austerity and cuts to public education, exemplify the need for a strong provincial wide student associations to defend and advocate for the pedagogical, political, social, and economic interests of students;

WHEREAS by collectively uniting our voices with university students across the province we are able to increase our power in relation to the government;

WHEREAS a geographically diverse and linguistically inclusive provincial-Wide student association is needed within the student movement;

WHEREAS there is a need for a student movement that prioritizes education at the centre of a global analysis of social justice and the democratization of society.

WHEREAS there is a need for a student movement which recognizes that an equitable redistribution of wealth and political power, as well as an environmental justice movement that prioritizes the interests of marginalized communities, are essential for a transition to a sustainable and fair society;

WHEREAS there is a need for a student movement that seeks to emphasize the use of feminist principles and practices in fighting against all forms of discrimination based, among others, on ethnicity, language, class, sexual orientation, gender identity, physical or mental ability, or religion.

WHEREAS our current affiliation to the Fédération Étudiante Universitaire du Québec (FEUQ) is in the process of being legally dissolved, thereby allowing space for an alternative vision for the student movement.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the following question be added on the 2015 By-elections:

“Do you as a member of the Concordia Student Union (CSU) agree to affiliate with the Association for the Voice of Education in Quebec (AVEQ), a province-



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wide student association that represents, mobilizes, and conducts research to advance the pedagogical, political, social, and economic interests of the university student population in Quebec, and pay \$3.50 per semester indexed to inflation in accordance with the Consumer Price Index?"

Seconded by **Marcus Peters**.

Gabriel Velasco: We talked about this, and with the FEUQ being in the process of dissolving, it created a political vacuum, and austerity cuts exemplify the power government has when students' voices not being heard. During the summer we have been in the process of creating an alternative student association – l'Association pour la voix de l'éducation du Québec (AVEQ), which will act to replace our affiliation with the FEUQ and create something stronger, better and in line with the values of Concordia students. We have talked about it for awhile. I circulated the bylaws as part of the Council documents, but it is a student association which is provincial-wide and has gained a lot of interest with regional schools and anglophone schools which are traditionally marginalized during student movements. The general core of associations involved are the Students' Society of McGill University (SSMU), the CSU, the Post-Graduate Students' Society of McGill (PGSS), l'Université du Québec à Trois-Rivières (UQTR), l'Université du Québec à Chicoutimi (UQAC), Université du Québec à Rimouski (UQAR) and l'Université de Sherbrooke. It is exciting because people are starting to do affiliations. At the last meeting we finished creating the bylaws which includes what we are about, our structure and what we stand for. We finished the document over the weekend and passed a bunch of interesting policies regarding sustainability, community and accountability, and in terms of the roots of the organization, these are set in them. We developed a cool logo too and this gives visual identity to the organization and can point to something. We are also in the process of developing the website and having content put on it, and we are hoping that by the end of next week there be a website explaining who we are, our mission, our vision, our values and structure. This is a very exciting time – we are rarely able to envision how a student movement organizes itself. The FEUQ has been around twenty-five (25) years and the Association pour une solidarité syndicale étudiante (ASSÉ) around eleven (11). We are in a shift in the movement and it is exciting to be a part of defining this for the next decade. We want to ask Concordia students in the next By-elections if they are interested in becoming a part of AVEQ and having a provincial-wide student group practicing their interests. In terms of affiliations and timelines, for the fall it seems most likely that us, UQAC and UQAR will affiliate. UQTR is having an affiliation campaign in January alongside l'Université de Sherbrooke, and the SSMU and PGSS will affiliate closer to winter. We have this wave of affiliations, and everyone in the process of reinventing themselves.

Marcus Peters: That is a nice speech bubble logo, where did that come from?

Gabriel Velasco: Well the association is called the Association for Voice of Education in Quebec. There is the speech bubble shaped like a megaphone indicating that we are defending students' rights. The logo also comes in all versions – black and white and colour, based on campaigns we are using it in – like an environmental campaign would be in green.

Geneviève Nadeau-Bonin: I was wondering if you could provide an explanation of how the fee replaces the fee from the FEUQ?



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Gabriel Velasco: If it is decided that the question will be put to ballot, we will strike up a committee to work throughout the campaign to do mass awareness about what AVEQ is and situation with the FEUQ. Based on that campaign, there will be posters and flyers aiming at that and informing the students what the situation is with the FEUQ.

Aloyse Muller: For \$3.50 per semester, does that include the summer semester? Is the fee only charged if you are taking classes?

Terry Wilkings: It applies in the same way that all national student association fees are charged – if you take summer classes you pay the fee, but if not, then you do not. Currently, the FEUQ is not collecting fees. Following this referendum, if the question goes to ballot, we will be expediting communication with the Board of Governors eliminating that fee being shown on the website. For the fall semester, the reason it was there was because in the summer we had the resolution pass, but with the new SIS, the money got streamlined from even before the start of the semester. All of the payments are being done in a prorated fashion and this is something which has never been done before. The bylaws have been validated by a lawyer who has passed the Quebec bar. For anything not mentioned in the bylaws of the organization, this falls under the Quebec Companies Act.

Marion Miller: In one of the “whereas” clauses we have gender and gender identity Can we remove “gender identity”?

Seconded by **Gabriel Velasco**.

Amendment is adopted via unanimous consent.

VOTE

In favour : 9

Opposed: 0

Abstentions: 0

Motion carries.

e) Daycare Proposal

Following a short gameshow, it is revealed that the daycare will be located at 1424 rue Bishop.

Marion Miller:

WHEREAS the CSU has been engaged in ongoing discussions with Concordia administration to procure a space to house a daycare and nursery;

WHEREAS students in the 2014 by-election voted overwhelmingly in favour of a question which has prioritized the establishment of a CSU daycare as a student space;

WHEREAS, for the purpose of preserving the Daycare and Nursery’s good standing with the Ministry of Family, the CSU delegate the compulsory reporting procedures to a subsidiary.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council empower the executive to begin the process of incorporating a non-profit organization to operate the CSU Daycare and Nursery;



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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the following question be added on to the 2015 By-election:

Do you as a member of the Concordia Student Union (CSU) agree to create a Daycare and Nursery service to support student parents through the re-allocation of the membership fees Union as follows effective Fall 2016?

Previous:

CSU Operating fee: \$1.97/credit

CSU Advocacy Centre: \$0.21/credit

CSU Housing and Job Bank (HOJO): \$0.20/credit

CSU Legal Information Clinic (LIC): \$0.17/credit

CSU Clubs: \$0.25/credit

*Student Space, Accessible Education, Legal Contingency Fund (SSAELC):
\$1.00/credit*

Total \$3.80 per credit

New:

CSU Operating fee: \$1.97/credit

CSU Advocacy Centre: \$0.21/credit

CSU Housing and Job Bank (HOJO): \$0.20/credit

CSU Legal Information Clinic (LIC): \$0.17/credit

CSU Daycare and Nursery: \$0.24/credit

CSU Clubs: \$0.25/credit

*Student Space, Accessible Education, Legal Contingency Fund (SSAELC):
\$0.76/credit*

Total \$3.80 per credit

Second by **Sanaz Hassan Pour**

Marion Millers: As you know from last meeting, we mandated professionals to help us with the private daycare permit. I will show you the preliminary design plans. The daycare has fifty-two (52) spots. There will be a nursery with ten (10) babies and seats against the wall. The kids are grouped by age – babies, 18-months, 2 years. We are lucky to have this building, but fifty-two (52) is a pretty good number for us. On the second floor there is another play space. The kids will spread out across three (3) floors which gives a lot of space for each age group. We are alone in the building so we will not have to be coordinating with everyone else in same building. The quality of the building is great though there is some base-building which needs to be done. In the document we talk about the vision and need of this daycare. This big study was done by the university which identified the childcare needs of students. We asked whether their own daycare was close to their home, their workplace or the downtown campus. A lot said that their daycare was close to home, but when we asked what they wanted, they said that they would rather it be close to the downtown campus. Folks are going to be really excited about having this space. It does not make sense to force CSU councillors to get a police check in relation to kids, as this is not really part of our mandate so this is why we are creating a non-profit entity, which will be the CSU daycare as opposed to having councillors as board members. Part of our agreement with the university is that the building can be only used for the CSU daycare. The agreement with university is for ten (10) years because the Ministère de la famille requires a minimum of five (5) years. There would be two (2) student parents who use the daycare on the board, along with a community member-at-large, some CSU



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executives, the General Manager of the CSU and one (1) employee. Then there will be a smaller group centred on maintaining relations with the government and overseeing the day-to-day management of the daycare, and of all these people would have to have a police check. I showed a tentative scheduling chart which explains our part-time/full-time system. One of the really attractive points of the daycare is the flexible schedule in which certain kids would be there full-time from Monday to Friday 8h00-17h00, but there will also be three (3)- to four (4)-hour blocks each day. There will only be fifty-two (52) kids in the daycare at one time but maybe the daycare will be serving seventy (70) families. In our survey it seemed like full-time care was mostly preferred, but some students wanted part-time care as well. We talk about staffing in the document as well, and there are very specific ratios of educators to children of different ages, and we set out a schedule of staffing in relation to this. All financial and staffing situations were consulted with Pauline and the directors of the CPE Concordia who runs Grey Nuns centre. We talk about the construction required and the estimate from the architect, which is based on square footage for renovations. The landlord, which is the university, is going ahead with the re-zoning of the building to make sure that it is zoned for the use of the daycare, though it takes time at the burrow level. However, priority is given to people opening daycares since there is a lack of these. For the timeline, hopefully we will be starting the renovations in the next semester once a response from the Ministère de la famille has been received and the call to tender made. We are looking at fall of 2016 for the first little babies in the centre. The government has a website to simulate the prices of daycares. Formerly, CPEs were set at a fixed \$7 per day, but they have stopped giving out CPE permits since 2013 and placed a tax subsidy system in its place. Parents pay a similar amount – they pay \$40 or \$30 and the government gives the money to the parents at the end of each month. We will be losing about \$170 000 year, so we are proposing a fee levy of \$0.24 reallocated from the Student Space, Accessible Education and Legal Contingency (SSAELC) Fund.

Terry Wilkings: Another advantage of having the finances secured is that we will be able to supplement the cost from the liquidity of having revenues early for parents paying upfront. Having student parents on the board of directors is not traditional for private daycares, but since we are trying to base our daycare on best practices so we decided to create a collaborate environment in the management of the daycare. We are not trying to profit off of meeting a fundamental need of student parents. There are a lot of French language documents as well, and like the SSMU has done, we would like to create a spinoff subsidiary and not have the presiding Council be the superintending body. We might also increase drop offs or permanent spots. The way we modelled this is is that it could stay revenue neutral. Typically, CPEs receive a \$47 credit per child, so if you just take the amount we are charging and multiply it by 52 children and then by the 260 days, which is the amount of days we need to remain open, we arrive very close to the number we are seeking out.

VOTE

In favour : 9

Opposed: 0

Abstentions: 0

Motion carries.

f) Bylaw Changes



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Marion Miller:

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council adopt the changes to our Bylaws, as outlined in the Policy Committee report of October 22nd, 2015, conditional on the approval by our membership through referendum during the 2015 By-elections.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the referendum question read as follows:

Do you as a member of the Concordia Student Union (CSU) approve the proposed by-law changes as presented in the supporting documentation at the ballot station?

Seconded by **Rachel Gauthier**.

Marion Miller: We sent out a tracked-changes version of the document, and basically the Policy Committee looked through these changes. Most of the changes have to do with better reflecting our current practices and the functioning of the union – there is gender-neutral language, the integration of the CSU Positions Book and changes in the executive task descriptions and titles. We did not really need the ego trip of being president and vice-presidents and reporting upwards. It kind of does not make sense in the wording. We changed the title of Secretary to Minute-Keeper. There was also the addition of section 5.5 to call a General Meeting so that members can call one too. There was also the removal of books and records 14. b) about have the names alphabetically arranged and the addresses available in the office. This is not necessary so we propose to remove it. We added general provision 22.3 about May 1st as a day excluded from the business days of the union. For the employees of the union, in their union, CUPE, they do not work on May 1st.

Terry Wilkings: I am highly encouraged by these Bylaw changes and they were long overdue. In the annual work plans submitted, we talked about institutional memory and putting the Positions Book in the Bylaws and not just the Standing Regulations is granting a lot of authority to the way that the members want to be represented on other bodies like AVEQ. They have been referred to by the lawyer and those concerns have been addressed. This will add something nuanced and symbolic. Before, VPs would report to the President and would not be obliged to report to Council, and only the President would report to Council. We eliminated that barrier and now the entire executive is accountable to Council. Having this in the constitution illustrates further the type of organization we would like to have.

Marcus Peters: Would this would make **Terry** that last president of the CSU?

Terry Wilkings: It is up to our membership, but potentially.

Marion Miller: Since were are talking about titles and how they affect who applies to positions, I would just like to make note that for the job of secretary, it is almost always women who apply.

VOTE

In favour : 6

Opposed: 0

Abstentions: 2 (**Sanaz, Terry N.**)

Motion carries.



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8. QUESTION PERIOD & BUSINESS ARISING

No questions or business arose from this meeting of council.

9. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Gabrielle Caron: I wanted to announce that tomorrow will be the last opportunity for the sustainability policy community consultations. It will be taking place at Loyola tomorrow from 14h00 to 16h00.

Lucinda Marshall-Kiparissis: If you are at Loyola, go to the last public consultation. If you are going to do a sustainability policy with all stakeholders and not have students participate, that is not cool. Since most people cannot really come to Loyola on short notice, go to www.concordia.ca/sustainability to read the draft and comment online.

Sanaz Hassan Pour: On Friday we are having an open mic against austerity at the Hive. Everyone is welcome and if you wear a costume you can get free drinks and free food. We are looking for submissions for the Hive gallery. Go tomorrow for the sustainability policy consultations.

Gabriel Velasco: After going to the sustainability policy consultation, go to the Professors Against Austerity talk at 17h00. This is a series of professors at Concordia talking about how austerity affects their work and the institution. On Thursday, November 5th, there will be another talk about austerity, land rights and Indigenous communities.

Marcus Peters: There is also the Dan Cohan speaker series for BDS week and the Concordia Food Coalition Annual General Meeting (AGM) at 18h30 at the Hive. There is a sustainability tabling fair at 18h00.

Terry Ngala: With respect to the gallery, who can submit?

Sanaz Hassan Pour: Any Concordia student and Hive member. The posting call-out is up now.

Terry Ngala: Are the submissions done online?

Sanaz Hassan Pour: Yes.

Chloë Williams: I just wanted to give away the secret location for the sustainability consultation – it is in the genomics conference room at Loyola.

Aloyse Muller: The School of Community & Public Affairs Student Association (SCPASA) are holding a number of events, workshops, presentations, Q&A sessions, and information will be soon available.

Jenna Cocullo: I was going to circulate a petition online on behalf of a lot of professors and students because the university taken away the word “University” from the website’s homepage.



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Benjamin Prunty: I was going to talk about the strike. I encourage people, even if they do not agree with it, to support the students in tribunals. The consequences are significant and whether or not people agree, it is not the university's place to repress student democracy through obscure lines in the code.

Jason Poirier-Lavoie: For all of those receiving updates, the university has gone far past the deadlines for mediation. They are not going to bring back the charges as they are still in mediation. Additionally, the mediator was fired because he is a horrible mediator.

Benjamin Prunty moves to ratify the minutes of the Policy Committee meeting held October 22nd, 2015.
Seconded by **Marcus Peters**.

VOTE

In favour : 9

Opposed: 0

Abstentions: 0

Motion carries.

10. ADJOURNMENT

Marcus Peters moves to adjourn.
Seconded by **Benjamin Prunty**.

VOTE

In favour : 8

Opposed: 0

Abstentions: 0

Motion carries.

Meeting is adjourned at 21h04.



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**CSU Special Council Meeting
Wednesday, October 28^h, 2015
AD-310, 18h30, Loyola Campus**

Summary of Motions Carried

2. ROLL CALL

A motion was carried to excuse Leyla Sutherland's absence.

– *Marion Millers (Chloë Williams)*

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

– *Geneviève Nadeau-Bonin (Aloyse Muller)*

A motion was carried to excuse Adrian Longinotti's absence.

– *Gabrielle Caron (Sanaz Hassan Pour)*

7. NEW BUSINESS - SUBSTANTIVE

a) CURE Fee Levy

The following motion was carried:

BE IT RESOLVED that the CSU Council approve the following question be put to ballot in the Fall By-election, notwithstanding Standing Regulations 232 and 234:

The Community-University Research Exchange (CURE) connects students with grassroots non-profit organizations to collaborate on research, art and innovative projects that support local communities. Undergraduates can do real-life, community-driven academic work and receive credit for term papers, internships, final projects or other course requirements in the faculties of Arts & Science, Engineering & Computer Science, Fine Arts, and the School of Business.

Do you agree to pay 8 cents per credit to the Community-University Research Exchange (CURE Concordia), effective Winter 2016?

– *Marion Miller (Lucinda Marshall-Kiparissis)*

b) Orientation Post-Mortem

The following motion was carried:



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BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Orientation Post-Mortem be submitted at the first Regular Council Meeting of November, and the financial penalty be waived, notwithstanding Standing Regulation 377.

– John Talbot (*Rachel Gauthier*)

c) Policy Changes

The following motion was carried:

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council accept the changes to the Standing Regulations as outlined in the Policy Committee minutes of October 22nd, 2015.

– Marion Miller (*Lucinda Marshall-Kiparissis*)

d) Provincial Associations

The following motion was carried:

WHEREAS the Fédération Étudiante Universitaire du Québec (FEUQ) is no longer active and no longer holds any political mandates;

WHEREAS the FEUQ is already in the process of winding down its legal functions, including lease agreements, contractual obligations, and employee settlements;

WHEREAS the FEUQ is no longer collecting fees from its membership;

WHEREAS there are still a number of financial as well as legal issues to be resolved before the FEUQ can be officially dissolved;

WHEREAS the FEUQ still holds a wealth of archival information important to the student movement as well as to the Concordia Student Union membership;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the CSU advocate that the FEUQ's archives be transferred to a public archival institution, such as the "Bibliothèque et archives nationales du Québec";

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the CSU advocate for the FEUQ to provide all school specific data from the "Sources et modes de financement" surveys to its respective member associations;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the CSU advocate for an equitable redistribution of the remaining financial assets, once all of the FEUQ's legal and contractual obligations have been fulfilled, to its member associations;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the CSU work towards the FEUQ's official dissolution in collaboration with its remaining member associations in a responsible and collegial manner.

– Gabriel Velasco (*Sanaz Hassan Pour*)

The following motion was carried:



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WHEREAS the current context of austerity and cuts to public education, exemplify the need for a strong provincial wide student associations to defend and advocate for the pedagogical, political, social, and economic interests of students;

WHEREAS by collectively uniting our voices with university students across the province we are able to increase our power in relation to the government;

WHEREAS a geographically diverse and linguistically inclusive provincial-Wide student association is needed within the student movement;

WHEREAS there is a need for a student movement that prioritizes education at the centre of a global analysis of social justice and the democratization of society.

WHEREAS there is a need for a student movement which recognizes that an equitable redistribution of wealth and political power, as well as an environmental justice movement that prioritizes the interests of marginalized communities, are essential for a transition to a sustainable and fair society;

WHEREAS there is a need for a student movement that seeks to emphasize the use of feminist principles and practices in fighting against all forms of discrimination based, among others, on ethnicity, language, class, sexual orientation, gender identity, physical or mental ability, or religion.

WHEREAS our current affiliation to the Fédération Étudiante Universitaire du Québec (FEUQ) is in the process of being legally dissolved, thereby allowing space for an alternative vision for the student movement.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the following question be added on the 2015 By-elections:

“Do you as a member of the Concordia Student Union (CSU) agree to affiliate with the Association for the Voice of Education in Quebec (AVEQ), a province-wide student association that represents, mobilizes, and conducts research to advance the pedagogical, political, social, and economic interests of the university student population in Quebec, and pay \$3.50 per semester indexed to inflation in accordance with the Consumer Price Index?”

– Gabriel Velasco (Marcus Peters)

e) Daycare Proposal

The following motion was carried:

WHEREAS the CSU has been engaged in ongoing discussions with Concordia administration to procure a space to house a daycare and nursery;

WHEREAS students in the 2014 by-election voted overwhelmingly in favour of a question which has prioritized the establishment of a CSU daycare as a student space;

WHEREAS, for the purpose of preserving the Daycare and Nursery’s good standing with the Ministry of Family, the CSU delegate the compulsory reporting procedures to a subsidiary.



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BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council empower the executive to begin the process of incorporating a non-profit organization to operate the CSU Daycare and Nursery;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the following question be added on to the 2015 By-election:

Do you as a member of the Concordia Student Union (CSU) agree to create a Daycare and Nursery service to support student parents through the re-allocation of the membership fees Union as follows effective Fall 2016?

Previous:

CSU Operating fee: \$1.97/credit

CSU Advocacy Centre: \$0.21/credit

CSU Housing and Job Bank (HOJO): \$0.20/credit

CSU Legal Information Clinic (LIC): \$0.17/credit

CSU Clubs: \$0.25/credit

*Student Space, Accessible Education, Legal Contingency Fund (SSAELC):
\$1.00/credit*

Total \$3.80 per credit

New:

CSU Operating fee: \$1.97/credit

CSU Advocacy Centre: \$0.21/credit

CSU Housing and Job Bank (HOJO): \$0.20/credit

CSU Legal Information Clinic (LIC): \$0.17/credit

CSU Daycare and Nursery: \$0.24/credit

CSU Clubs: \$0.25/credit

*Student Space, Accessible Education, Legal Contingency Fund (SSAELC):
\$0.76/credit*

Total \$3.80 per credit

– Marion Miller (Sanaz Hassan Pour)

f) Bylaw Changes

The following motion was carried:

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council adopt the changes to our Bylaws, as outlined in the Policy Committee report of October 22nd, 2015, conditional on the approval by our membership through referendum during the 2015 By-elections.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the referendum question read as follows:

Do you as a member of the Concordia Student Union (CSU) approve the proposed by-law changes as presented in the supporting documentation at the ballot station?

– Marion Miller (Rachel Gauthier)



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9. ANNOUNCEMENTS

A motion was carried to ratify the minutes of the Policy Committee meeting held October 22nd, 2015.

– Benjamin Prunty (*Marcus Peters*)