



STUDENT SERVICES

Concordia Council on Student Life

**Minutes of the Concordia Council on Student Life
Held on October 25, 2024 10:00am
Meeting held at SGW H-655**

PRESENT: Katie Broad (Chair), Lauren Broad (Secretary), Leen Al Hijjawi, Moad Al Hjoog, Caroline Baril, Anna Barrafato, Elana Bloom, Philippe Caignon, Maria Chitoroaga, Dianne Cmor, Margaret Colton (on behalf of Julie Foisy), Darren Dumoulin, Lauren Farley, Matthew Fishman, Cassandra Lamontagne, Irene Petsopoulos, Sarah Rahimi, D'Arcy Ryan, Maria Safos, Elsa Younes.

ABSENT WITH REGRETS: Erin Mullins.

ABSENT: Annette Bowen, Melanie Burnett, Sarah Caille, Rushin Makwana, Maya Youngs-Zaleski.

GUESTS: Daniel Amico (Minutes), Paige Hilderman (Homeroom, Dean of Students Office), Marc Lafrance (Department of Sociology & Anthropology, Office of the Provost & VP, Academic).

1. Approval of the Agenda

Phillippe Caignon moved to approve the agenda, seconded by Irene Petsopoulos.

The motion passed unanimously.

2. Remarks from the Chair

Katie Broad started the meeting and spoke about the meaning of a Territorial Acknowledgement. In referring to the Indigenous Directions' website, the Chair shared that these acknowledgements are mainly for large events and not necessarily for regular meetings, such as when the Council meets. To avoid having reconciliation lose its true meaning and become simply another item on the agenda, Katie Broad confirmed that she will forgo providing a formal Territorial Acknowledgement, and in its place, she encouraged the Council to explore what reconciliation resembles to each member and how that can inspire their actions.

3. Approval of the Minutes from the Meeting of September 27, 2024

Sarah Rahimi moved to approve the minutes from the meeting held on September 27, 2024, seconded by Maria Chitoroaga.

The motion passed unanimously.



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4. Business Arising from the Minutes of September 27, 2024

There was no business arising from the Minutes of September 27, 2024.

5. Reports and Items of Information

5.1 CCSL Sub-Committees:

5.1.1 CCSL Student Groups

The Chair explained the mandate of the subcommittee and noted that it had met since the last CCSL meeting. A summary was shared to the Council on how the meeting went, with the subcommittee recommending for the Dean of Students Office to approve two new independent student groups. At the meeting, a discussion occurred about the clubs' constitutions and how they would ensure inclusivity as well as enforce their own regulations.

5.1.2 CCSL Special Projects: update on fall 2024 applications

The Chair reminded the Council that there was \$165,000 available in the Special Projects Fund each fiscal year. \$18,886 was approved in September 2024 for HOJO and \$20,000 was earmarked for the Committee Participation Recognition Program (CPRP). The remaining \$126,114 remained for the CCSL Special Projects Fund, with two application deadlines per year. There were 60 applications submitted at the fall 2024 deadline, with one project deemed ineligible.

The total amount requested for the 59 fall applications to be reviewed was \$182,169.20: 52 applications were for projects requesting \$5,000 or less (for a total of \$114,569.20) and 7 applications were for projects requesting over \$5,000 (for a total of \$67,600). The subcommittee approved 46 project for a total amount approved of \$53,442.74, leaving a balance for the winter semester of \$72,671.26.

All applicants had been notified by email of the decisions. For those who were declined, they were provided with the reasons why and given a list of alternative sources of funding at the university. Some were told to reapply in the winter semester after addressing certain issues.

The Chair informed the Council that the sub-committee was missing a faculty member and four undergraduate student representatives. She encouraged interested members to reach out to Lauren Broad, Secretary of CCSL, and if any members know of students that would be interested, they can reach out the Concordia Student Union.

6. New Business

6.1 Introduction of Marc Lafrance: Associate Professor, Sociology & Anthropology and Special Advisor to the Provost, Campus Climate

The Chair invited Marc Lafrance, Associate Professor of Sociology & Anthropology and Special Advisor to the Provost, Campus Climate, to introduce himself to the Council, to share his



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current work and what his new role entails. The Council was invited to ask questions and share comments. The Chair thanked Marc Lafrance for his time.

6.2 Presentation from the Homeroom Program

The Chair invited Paige Hilderman, Supervisor of the Homeroom Program, to give a presentation to the Council about the program and the services it provides to students. The Council was invited to ask questions and share comments. The Chair thanked her for her time.

7. Points of Interest

The following items were shared with the Council:

- Concordia's Open House would be held on October 26th at both campuses;
- The LIVE Centre's Volunteer Fair and the Equity Office's Swab the World stem cell registry event would be on November 20th at the Hall Mezzanine;
- Indigenous Directions' Píkiskwêâtân Indigenous learning series was continuing throughout the year and was open to Concordia staff, faculty, students and alumni;
- The Career Advising and Professional Success (CAPS) Career Fair would be on October 31st in MB-9;
- Financial Aid & Awards Office (FAAO)'s undergraduate award funding applications had opened;
- November would be financial literacy month, in collaboration with FAAO and Futurebound;
- The last week of campus sustainability month would have a *Free Kids Stuff Bazar* with Concordia University Student Parents Centre;
- Concordia had received silver status as a fair-trade campus;
- A *Save the CUCCR* campaign led by students had been occurring around campus to share their support of the program;
- The Centraide Campaign's Pasta Lunch would be on November 13th on both campuses.

8. Next Meeting

The next meeting was scheduled for November 29, 2024, at 10:30am at LOY-HA-149. The later start would allow Council members to get to the Loyola campus by Shuttle bus.

9. Termination of Meeting

Elsa Younes motioned to terminate the meeting, seconded by Lauren Farley.

The motion passed unanimously.