



STUDENT SERVICES

Concordia Council on Student Life

**Minutes of the Concordia Council on Student Life
Held on November 29, 2024 10:00am
Meeting held at Loyola HA-149**

PRESENT: Katie Broad (Chair), Lauren Broad (Secretary), Leen Al Hijjawi, Caroline Baril, Elana Bloom, Melanie Burnett, Philippe Caignon, Maria Chitoroaga, Lauren Farley, Megan Fitzgibbons (replacing Dianne Cmor), Julie Foisy, Cassandra Lamontagne, Erin Mullins, Irene Petsopoulos, Sarah Rahimi, Maria Safos, Elsa Younes.

ABSENT WITH REGRETS: Anna Barrafato, Annette Bowen, Sarah Caille, Darren Dumoulin, Matthew Fishman, D'Arcy Ryan.

ABSENT: Moad Al Hjooj, Rushin Makwana, Maya Youngs-Zaleski.

GUESTS: Daniel Amico (Minutes), Macy Abraham and Kaeleigh D'Ermo (Residence Life).

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 wished everyone a restful end to the semester. She invited Macy Abraham from Residence Life to introduce herself. She invited Megan Fitzgibbon from the Library to introduce herself; Megan would be replacing Dianne Cmor on the Council for the rest of the academic year. The Chair thanked Lauren Farley for hosting the Council's meeting in Residence Life's space at the Loyola Campus; a tour of the facilities was provided after the meeting, followed by a lunch at the Buzz Dining Hall.

3. Approval of the Minutes from the Meeting of October 25, 2024

Irene Petsopoulos moved to approve the minutes from the meeting held on October 25, 2024, with the edits made by Julie Foisy, seconded by Sarah Rahimi.

The motion passed unanimously.

4. Business Arising from the Minutes of October 25, 2024

There was no business arising from the Minutes of October 25, 2024.

5. Reports and Items of Information

5.1 CCSL Sub-Committees:

5.1.1 CCSL Special Projects: Presentation by Recipient of Funding Fall 2024 Approved Project

A presentation by Sai Abhinav Tadepalli and Vijayraagavan Vijayyathirupathi from the Graduate Students' Association on their project *On the Spot: Graduate Improv Lab* was planned; however, they were unable to attend the meeting. They would be invited to attend the next Council meeting.

6. New Business

6.1 Presentation by Residence Life

The Chair invited Kaeleigh D'Ermo, Manager, Residence Life, to present to the Council the services that Residence Life offers to students. The Council was invited to ask questions and share comments. The Chair thanked Kaeleigh D'Ermo for her time.

6.2 Support from CCSL for the Concordia University Centre for Creative Reuse

The Chair reminded the Council that at the last meeting, a conversation occurred about the *Save the CUCCR* student campaign. As CUCCR was originally funded by CCSL's Big Hairy Ideas Competition, Katie Broad invited Cassandra Lamontagne to share with the Council the status CUCCR. Cassandra Lamontagne shared that CUCCR had funding for the rest of the fiscal year, however they were in a precarious situation with funding for the next year, like many other services at the University. The Office of Sustainability would be speaking with the University administration to see what could be done for the next two years. To operate CUCCR, it costs between \$100,000 and \$150,000 per year. There were meetings planned with student groups and the University administration in the coming weeks to discuss various avenues. The Chair shared that if the Council agreed, the Dean of Students Office could prepare a motion for the next meeting to financially support CUCCR.

Elana Bloom asked how much of the \$100,000 - \$150,000 of CUCCR funds go back to services for students. She stated that it was important for it to be clear how funding would directly impact students, as many other projects at the University could also benefit from CCSL funds. Cassandra Lamontagne shared that the funds were mostly for salaries; a breakdown of the CUCCR budget would be shared at the next meeting.

Caroline Baril suggested that a structural reorganization of CUCCR could also benefit the Centre, such as a co-funding model that was co-managed. She asked what a student-funded model would look like, to which Cassandra Lamontagne said that though it was still unclear, a fee-levy and other funding options were being explored.

Elana Bloom followed up that although the Council agreed that the CUCCR was integral to the community, it was essential to confirm if it was necessary for CCSL to fund this, if the University would not. As other projects and programs at the University become more difficult to support financially, the Council would need to decide what was and was not essential to support.

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Melanie Burnett asked if there was a way to monetize CUCCR to external users, for example, which could alleviate the amount of funds needed. Cassandra Lamontagne responded that though a zero-waste online store had been created, it was a job in itself to manage that, and so it was not yet attainable because of the lack of capacity. Melanie Burnett invited Cassandra Lamontagne to speak about this as an option after the meeting.

Maria Chitoroaga shared her concern that while CUCCR was an important service to the community, she was unsure if it was a viable option for CCSL to support it financially now. The project would always be dependent on various funding sources and many other programs with important initiatives struggle with low revenues, so they seek funds from students and external streams. It would be crucial to find a path to generate revenue for long-term sustainability.

The Chair thanked everyone for their input and noted that more information would be shared for the next meeting so that a more informed discussion could continue.

7. Points of Interest

The following items were shared with the Council:

- The CCSL Special Project *Scattered Automatic Expression Association* would be hosting a holiday market featuring artwork created by neurodivergent individuals from CIUSSS reintegration programs. Funds raised from art sales will go directly to these programs. The market would be on December 6th from 11am-9pm at Le Frigo Vert.
- CUSP Young Entrepreneurs Holiday Market would be November 30th in the EV Atrium.
- CAPS Holiday Market to support Concordia student artists and the Concordia Centraide campaign was happening on November 29th in the EV Atrium.
- Hospitality Concordia would be hosting Newton's Holiday Lunch, where all proceeds support the Student Emergency Meal Plan Program. The lunch would be at Loyola on December 11th at the Loyola Jesuit Hall and Conference Centre and at SGW on December 12th in the EV Atrium.
- Health Services would be offering free flu vaccines for all Concordians: walk-ins welcome until supplies are gone, during opening hours until 3:30pm at SGW GM-200 and Loyola AD-131.
- Public Scholars, including CCSL Graduate Student Representative Sarah Rahimi, would be having a panel discussion "Leadership and Neurodiversity: Embracing Strengths in the Workplace" on December 10th at the 4th Space in-person or online.

8. Next Meeting

The next meeting was scheduled for January 17, 2025, at 10:00am at SGW-H-655.02.

9. Termination of Meeting

Sarah Rahimi motioned to terminate the meeting, seconded by Irene Petsopoulos.

The motion passed unanimously.