



STUDENT SERVICES

Concordia Council on Student Life

**Minutes of the Concordia Council on Student Life
Held on May 3, 2024 10:00am
Hybrid Meeting at SGW H-655 & on Zoom**

PRESENT: Katie Broad (Acting Chair), Lauren Broad (Secretary), Tanou Bah, Dianne Cmor, Lauren Farley, Matthew Fishman, Julie Foisy, Sumaiya Gangat, Charbel Hachem, Cassandra Lamontagne, Kiara Madison Nunes-Mancini, Sarah Rahimi, D’Arcy Ryan, Antoinette Scaringi, Christian Taboada, Maya Youngs-Zaleski, Masoumeh Zaare.

ABSENT WITH REGRETS: Elana Bloom, Melanie Burnett, Sarah Caille, Nadia Hardy, Irene Petsopoulos, Maria Safos.

ABSENT: Annette Bowen, Melissa Calderisi, Alexandrah Cardona, Darren Dumoulin, Hua Ge, Emma Girgis, Victoria Gorman, Coco Mariano.

GUESTS: Daniel Amico (Minutes), David Baker, Sabrina Catalogna, Joel Dinku, Eddie Hareven and Alexander Oster (Dean of Students Office), Simon Black and Adrienne Pan (QPIRG Kiki Ball & Workshop Series), Erfan Shafiee and Faisal Shennib (Big Hairy Ideas: Concordia Re-Tech Project), Khadijah Banfield and Samita Mandjee (Big Hairy Ideas: BUYPOC), Ayan Yusuf Karshe (Big Hairy Ideas: Safe(r) Spaces).

1. Approval of the Agenda

Sumaiya Gangat moved to approve the agenda, seconded by D’Arcy Ryan.

The motion was put to a vote:

In favour: 11

Against: 0

Abstentions: 0

The motion passed unanimously.

2. Remarks from the Chair

Katie Broad, Acting Dean of Students and Chair of CCSL, started the meeting and gave a brief introduction of herself. She gave the Territorial Acknowledgement. The Chair provided the Council with a review of the past year:

- The Council approved \$20,000 to the CSU Off-Campus Housing and Job Resource Centre (HOJO) for the “Fight for fair housing: Discrimination in housing” project.
- \$20,000 was earmarked for the Committee Participation Recognition Program (CPRP), which would be dispersed in the coming months to eligible students who participated over the past academic year in university governance on one of the following bodies: the CCSL, Board of Governors, Senate and the Faculty Councils.

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- Presentations from several student-facing departments were given throughout the year. The Chair hoped that this had led to some unexpected collaborations and had made the Council more knowledgeable on all the services offered to the student population.
- The CCSL approved 87 student-life projects from the CCSL Special Projects Fund, for a total allocated of \$124,997.54.
- Updated the CCSL Special Projects Fund application and guidelines were updated on two points:
 - All projects would be reviewed by the sub-committee, whether they were asking for more or less than \$5,000.
 - It was also decided that the maximum requested amount would be lowered from \$20,000 to \$10,000 to make the applicants' expectations more realistic.
- 21 nominations were received for the CCSL Outstanding Contribution Awards. Two undergraduate students (including the Louise Lussier Student Life Award), one graduate student, two faculty members and three staff members were selected as recipients.
- The Concordia Engagement Awards Celebration was held on April 16th at the Loyola Chapel, with about 100 guests in attendance.

3. Approval of the Minutes from the Meeting of April 5, 2024

Antoinette Scaringi moved to approve the minutes from the meeting held on April 5, 2024, seconded by Julie Foisy.

The motion was put to a vote:

In favour: 10

Against: 0

Abstentions: 1

The motion passed.

4. Business Arising from the Minutes of April 5, 2024

4.1 Presentation by CCSL Special Project “QPIRG Kiki Ball and Workshop Series”

The Chair invited Simon Black and Adrienne Pan to give a presentation to the Council about the QPIRG Kiki Ball & Workshop Series project, which was funded in the Winter 2024 semester through the Special Projects Fund. The Council was invited to ask questions and share comments. The Chair thanked them for their time.

5. Reports and Items of Information

5.1 CCSL Sub-Committees

5.1.1 CCSL Special Projects: Presentations by recipients of the Big Hairy Ideas Competition 2022-2023

The Chair reminded the Council that recipients of the Big Hairy Ideas Competition fund were invited to give the Council an update on their project.

The Chair invited Faisal Shennib and Erfan Shafiee to give a presentation to the Council about the *Concordia Re-Tech Project (CRT): E-waste Reuse*. The Council was invited to ask questions and share comments. The Chair thanked them for their time.

The Chair invited Khadijah Banfield and Samita Mandjee to give a presentation to the Council about the *BUYPOC* project. The Council was invited to ask questions and share comments. The Chair thanked them for their time.

The Chair invited Ayan Yusuf Karshe to give a presentation to the Council about the *Safe(r) Spaces* project. The Council was invited to ask questions and share comments. The Chair thanked them for their time.

5.1.2. CCSL Equity Research Project Presentation

The Chair invited Student Engagement Coordinator Alex Oster to give a presentation and to update to the Council about the CCSL Equity Research Project. The Council was invited to ask questions and share comments. The Chair thanked him for his time.

6. New Business

There was no new business at the meeting.

7. Points of Interest

The following items were shared with the Council members:

- A survey would be sent to all members of the Council in the upcoming week to gather feedback on the members' experience on CCSL over the past academic year.
- The Chair thanked all students and staff members for their time on CCSL and wished all the student executives well with the transition out of their mandates.

8. Next Meeting

The next meeting was scheduled for September 2024; the date, time and location were to be confirmed.

9. Termination of Meeting

The Council agreed to terminate the meeting without a motion or a vote.