



## **Emergency Board of Directors Meeting**

Monday, September 9th, 2019

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### 1. ATTENDANCE

Name	Role	Present
Mehdi Boudiffa	Chairperson of the board	X
Kim Dera	Secretary to the board	X
Alex Stojda	President	X
Sara Ordonselli	Vice-President of Academic Affairs	X
David Ronci	Vice-President of Competitions	X
Samuel Driver	Vice-President of External Affairs	X
Rabby Oliuddin	Vice-President of Financial Affairs	X
Julia Levantian	Vice-President of Internal Affairs	X
Hanna Lee	Vice-President of Marketing & Communications	X
Shaan Popowich	Vice-President of Social Affairs	X
Vasil Manirov	Building, Civil and Environmental Engineering (BCEE) Representative	X
Jesse Silber	Computer Science & Software Engineering (CSSE) Representative	X
James Mariotti Lapointe	Electrical & Computer Engineering (ECE) Representative	X
Manon Maistre	Mechanical & Industrial Engineering (MIE) Representative	X
Claudia Lapalme	Independent Representative	X
Karla Vasquez	Independent Representative	
Constantina Roumeliotis	Sage	
Felix Lalande	Sage	X



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## 2. SUMMARY OF MOTIONS

Motion	Motion	Result
20190909-01	To have a Closed session	Passed in unanimity
20190909-02	To appoint William as VP external	Passed in unanimity
20190909-03	To open the session	Passed in unanimity
20190909-04	To appoint a sustainability director	Amended to the next motion
20190909-05	To reword the previous motion to draft the policy by the end of the academic year	Passed in unanimity



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### 3. PROCEDURES

#### 3.1. Opening of the meeting

Meeting opened at 8:11 PM

#### 3.2. Appointment of the Chair

Vice-President of Competitions, seconded by President, motions to appoint Mehdi as chair for this meeting of the Board of Directors.

Passed in unanimity

#### 3.3. Appointment of the Secretary

(CSSE) Representative, seconded by Vice-President of Competitions, motions to appoint Alex as secretary for this meeting of the Board of Directors.

Passed in unanimity

#### 3.4. Approval of the Agenda

President, seconded by Vice-President of Competitions, motions to approve the agenda.

Passed in unanimity



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# 4. EXTERNAL PRESENTATIONS

## 4.1. William Bergamin

William: I started getting involved for the frosh committee from my second year of studies and I also have the experience vs the Director of social affairs, Vp of social affairs and this summer as a frosh sage for ECA.

I want to represent ECA outside of Concordia and my second priority is to get sponsors. Due to organizing the career fair I do have organizing related experience.

Felix: what do you think about the political side of the role?

William: I like it, I like to represent Concordia outside of the University.

Alex: what are you doing next weekend and how is your French?

William: I'm free and my first language is French.

Alex: Have you ever have to deal with getting sponsorships from other companies and what other related skills do you have?

William: last year as VP social I could get the price down during the frosh, I think emails work and we can even send them in masses, phone calls and LinkedIN are also effective ways for communicating with potential sponsors.

Also, I know from working in a big corporation that you can also just ask them.

20190909-01: President, seconded by (CSSE) Representative, motions to have a Closed session.
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Motion 20190909-01 is passed in unanimity



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### 4.2. Jonathan Fisch

Jonathan: I'm a 3rd-year mechanical student. Before I was in some associations, and I felt the need to have more connections to ECA and the engineering students. His passion is to affect people in a positive way. Help engineering students find companies and help in the internship events and to represent Concordia outside. I've talked to last year's VP external so I am familiar with what the position entails and I also know how to behave when I attend the events.

I have experience looking for sponsorships. Dina gave me access to the ECA drives last year and I was trying to help with finding sponsorships and emailing companies. This gave me more experience.

James: How is your French?

Jonathan: It's good I've done french classes in CEGEP.

Jessy: Why didn't you apply during the election?

Jonathan: The end of the debate conflicted with his other event.

Julia: Do you have a job?

Jonathan: I do work and I have a full-time schedule but I do have a car and I can manage the time.

Alex: Can you tell me about how the two prevention and the federal events work?

Jonathan: I know that I will be going with the president to these events but I don't know the name of the events.

Alex: How many sponsorships did you help with last time?

Jonathan: None, but because I wasn't part of the ECA I didn't look for it as wild and I didn't look for opportunities outside of QC.

Alex: You said want to have a big impact, but your role doesn't have a lot of impact on the student it's more political, how do you plan to reach the impact, understanding the fact that what you do, doesn't do that?

Jonathan: I know but the actions that I take, as long as they affect the students, Concordia getting more known, it will be effective even for future students.



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# 5. New Business

## 5.1. Appointment of VP External

20190909-02: Alex, seconded by David, motions to appoint William as VP external.

Motion 20190909-02 is passed in unanimity

20190909-03: Alex, seconded by David, motions to open the session.

Motion 20190909-03 is passed in unanimity

## 5.2. Potential Addition of New VP (Julia)

Julia: I've noticed two important parts in an engineering student's life, we're not taught how to make and use sustainable products and eca is not very dynamic because it requires a lot of effort to add new activities to any roles' responsibilities and find innovative thinking. That's why I believe we can have a VP sustainability position. To use everything and make sure that all of our events are as sustainable as possible. We can also use the fun board for promoting sustainability activities. VP sustainability can work with others and even affect more people and make a better relation with CSU. This would present a push to engineering culture and show how we also care about sustainability and on lower level they can organize lunch and learns with sustainable companies. For frosh we did some sustainable activities but that's not the responsibility of other VPs and other universities don't have a sustainability VP so we can be the first one.

Felix: I like the push to sustainability and I realise how much money there is in school for stuff related to this topic. One thing that I'm not sure about, I like the idea but we have more important issues like gender equality and charity. In the past this has never happened and VP external also used to do the extra work. I'm not sure why you think another sponsorship position would be as useful.



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Alex: I think I agree with the motive and we do need more sustainable actions, and I've witnessed good examples of it, traditionally it has been another VP's responsibility to help with contacting these kind of companies but if you have too much to do you shouldn't be forced into it. But I don't think the workload actually deserve the VP title.

But we can have a director to help us with the sustainable policy and we also do have resources for this matter, the director of sustainability can help us with sustainable purposes but they can work just for consulting due to the fact that this matter is important. They can also represent us on SAF.

Jullia: I have no problem with it being a director but VP sustainability could Help with everybody with sustainability related matters in all the areas

Alex: Two years ago we had a general director that had the same role, as a general director that gave extra hand to all of the members. Also the director role would be easier to find somebody to sit in for the position but in the future it can be a more serious role.

James: They don't need to be an executive but it's better if they are in the meetings; I also suggest people with experience regarding sustainability activities.

Claudia: Even if we don't get them as an executive it's still good to have them as a director.

Shaan: I would appreciate someone who can help us with the sustainability activities.

Alex: For that specific director role I think it's a good point that they can help us more and even one of my goals is to draft the sustainability policy and to have someone specific for this policy that will oversee us in the related actions.

Alex: For people that are interested they can reach me or Julia and we can try and make sure that we actually have someone for this role.

20190909-04: Julia, seconded by Rabby, motions to appoint a sustainability director.





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20190909-05: Alex, seconded by Jesse, motions to reword the previous motion to draft the policy by the end of the academic year.

Motion 20190909-05 is passed in unanimity

President: Suggesting to having another time for discussing other matter in order to not waste time.

### 5.3. Directors (Shaan)

Shaan: I would like to have Zachary M. as my director and I'm training him to be the social in the future and I would love to have him around for the ECA next year.

Alex: I've worked with him and I think he has proved himself in the Frosh committee and I don't think we should put this off.

William: Zachary even mentioned that he also wants to become the director.

Alex: Since there is no by law we can put this to the motion now.

James: I am looking for someone regarding the curriculum because I want to divide the Computer Engineering from Elec.

Alex: That makes sense and if you want, we can make a call out in the newsletter.

20190909-05: Alex, seconded by Jesse, motions to appoint Zachary M. as the social director.

Motion 20190909-05 is passed in unanimity



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# 6. RETURNING BUSINESS

## 6.1. Honorariums Policy

Rabby: I am accounted for the budget and I can give you the calculated budget in November.

Alex: Historically without any old policies written down, all of the Representatives have received an honor as a thank you for the efforts. Before last year they didn't get super involved in the events however starting last year they got more involved and they do deserve an honorarium. Also last year we didn't have enough budget.

I want to write a policy so that we won't have any question regarding policies.

Once it's written I'll come back and present it.

## 6.2. Honorarium for the graphic design of agenda and student contributions (James)

James: We might want to move away from the old model and pay the student who will help us with designing the agenda.

Alex: Originally the agenda design was always done by the marketing VP, this time we opened the opportunity for the engineering students because we want to have more community involvement. I don't think we can put that honorarium in our budget. As no labor should be free, maybe we can give them some goodies. Last year people didn't submit anything but we will try to make the prize more interesting.



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# 7. ANNOUNCEMENTS & VERBAL REPORTS

Julia: I've been getting alcohol and food permits for wine and cheese.

Sara: I've been getting a lot of iron ring questions and at the end of this week the candidate will be announced.

Felix: Frosh and dusted went well.

Manon: I emailed related people for the mechanical orientation and I'm waiting for their replies. And I'm working on coop and industrial related matters.

Rabby: I'm working on the societies' budget

Jess: Did any of them go over budget?

Rabby: Yes SAE.

Alex: Busy with frosh , biggest thing now would be how to get more people to come to Oday cause it's the most important day for students associations' exposure and I've emailed students everyday. Other than that, some of the other societies like SAE, Enggames and other people are asking for more money to get new equipment from the csu council.

Shaan: Maybe we can co-host the event with the CSU?

Alex: I don't want it to look like that ECA is being favored by special societies.

Jess: I am contacting the related responsible parties for the curriculum.

Shaan: I'm getting ready for the Halloween party. If you have the chance you're welcomed to have a presence in all of our events.



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## 8. Adjournment

Vice-President of Financial Affairs, seconded by President, motions to adjourn the meeting.

*Meeting adjourned at 09:36*