



Board of Directors Meeting

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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
William Bergamin	Vice-President of External Affairs	X
Rabby Oliuddin	Vice-President of Financial Affairs	X
Julia Levantian	Vice-President of Internal Affairs	
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	
James Mariotti Lapointe	Electrical & Computer Engineering (ECE) Representative	
Manon Maistre	Mechanical & Industrial Engineering (MIE) Representative	
Claudia Lapalme	Independent Representative	X
Karla Vasquez	Independent Representative	X
Constantina Roumeliotis	Sage	X
Felix Lalande	Sage	X



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2. SUMMARY OF MOTIONS

Motion	Motion	Result
20191008-01	To approve the presented budgets	Passed in unanimity
20191008-02	To remove mehdi as the chair and assign Alex for rest of the meeting	Passed in unanimity
20191008-03	For Alex and Rabby to have a meeting with Hack Concordia	Passed in unanimity
20191008-04	To set Hack Concordia's response deadline to 2 weeks	Passed in unanimity
20191008-05	To form the Troitsky Committee	Passed in unanimity
20191008-06	To approve the winter frosh proposal	Passed in unanimity
20191008-07	To approve this proposal with the goals of this committee to promote lizard lounges	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

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

Passed in unanimity

3.4. Approval of the Agenda

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

Passed in unanimity



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4. RETURNING BUSINESS

4.1. Approval of directors

Alex: If you want to have a director come see me and we can talk about it next BOD.

5. New Business

5.1. Approval of Society Budgets

Rabby presents the money allocated to societies:

Felix: Can only undergraduates participate in CUBES events?

Alex: Yes, they check the student IDs

Alex: Can a society hold an event that they can't afford with their budget?

Rabby: No they have to manage their budget and divide it for different events accordingly.

Constantina: For Hack Concordia, are we going to ask them to set a deadline for resolving their issues related to the past because of one professor managing their budget? Or should we freeze their budget until they give us an answer. Also I want to mention that last year they asked for more money in addition to the budget they've had.

James: Is it even possible to tell them that we won't give them the budget until they resolve the issue?

Alex: yes

Sara: Do we still pay for the events that happens but no one shows up, like one of the IEEE events last year?



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Rabby: Yes, last year they only had two workshops planned and that's how it works in general. But I also didn't give them extra money last year for some of their personal projects

James: Can we give them some budget for capstone projects?

Alex: No, that's not possible.

James: For ISE, societies are not permitted to have tutorials for university courses, then why do we have so much of their budget assigned to that?

Alex: We've considered some of their budget for their crash courses at the end of the semester.

Felix: We already offer 150 CAD and the crash course should be separated from their budget .

Rabby: They're not planning to do a crash course at the moment. If we get some more capital maybe they will do it. Last year most societies didn't do any crash courses but for this year I thought that if we assign some money to them, they will do it.

Felix: What if we do that but we give them the 100 first and the 50 bucks later!

Alex: It's better if we mention the budget is for the crash courses and not centered on anything else.

Felix: They should also specify what the crash course is about.

Rabby: SAE paid back their debt and now they are not at a deficit. In general since it's a big society, allocation is hard and we give them money by their divisions.

James: Are they allowed to shift funds between divisions?

Rabby: They won't do it as they don't communicate much internally but if they ask for it I would say no.

James: Regarding SCS for their games division, a big amount is assigned did we assign the same amount last year?

Rabby:yes

James: What is the money assigned for their mentorship program?

Alex: Most of that budget goes towards food and it's not a crucial cost.

Constantina: In general if marketing assigned to make the posters?



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Rabby: Yes they are. For Space Concordia we have the budget allocated for their different divisions.

Constantina: Why are we giving less to the rocketary?

Rabby: Because we have assigned more money to them in summer.

Shaan: For UAV is Poutine day open for everybody?

Alex: It's open to all engineering students!

James: Also be aware that the regulations have changed for the insurance it might be more expensive now.

Alex: They can present their documentation for that during the re-negotiation period.

Constantina: One of the societies got rejected for the marketing budget but why did we accept that for WIE?

Rabby: Because that was for SCS Facebook advertisements that we don't do FaceBook advertisements.

Hack Concordia's situation will be discussed in the next section.

20191008-01: Alex, seconded by Rabby, motions to approve the presented budgets.

Motion 20191008-01 is passed in unanimity about the presented budgets

20191008-02: Constantina, seconded by Hanna, motions to remove mehdi as the chair and assign Alex for rest of the meeting.

Motion 20191008-02 is passed in unanimity.



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5.2. Hack Concordia Budget

Constantina: I still suggest to freeze hack concordia's budget.

Alex: I agree.

William: I'm their director and since they are booking their rooms I don't think it's a good idea.

Rabby: Since 3 years ago when they came under ECA their finance is being controlled by one of their professors.

James: I should make it clear that we shouldn't give the budget to them as he might be profiting from this matter.

Rabby: Their hospitality budget can't go through us so we can't cut them off suddenly.

Alex: Based on the history we can suspend their status as a society and I can write a letter to the dean to discuss this issue so that we can resolve this. Since they are under ECA, they will know about our concerns if we suspend them.

Constantina: I think we should meet with them first, give them some time to figure stuff out especially for the new people there.

Shaan: Since the president or finance are new maybe they don't even know that this is happening so it would be better if we give them some time to figure it out.

William: I also think that we should approach them first but I'm sure that they are aware of the situation cause everything goes through ECA.

James: I don't know if there is a way to remove them from the list of the people that are allowed to use the ECA budget.

Alex: Based on this, I suggest that me and rabby have a meeting with them.

The board should motion us for this so that we have the support from ECA, then they will report back to the board and we will call an emergency BOD.

20191008-03: Constantina, seconded by Felix, motions for Alex and Rabby to have a meeting with Hack Concordia.
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Motion 20191008-03 is passed in unanimity.



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Alex: If they don't give us a response after 2 weeks we will just pass on with them.

James: I agree with 2 weeks.

20191008-04: James, seconded by Constantina, motions to set Hack Concordia's response deadline to 2 weeks.

Motion 20191008-04 is passed in unanimity.

5.3. Troitsky Committee

David: It's a large event and difficult to manage everything alone so I believe recruiting more helping hands would be beneficial to all of us.

One of the primary things to mention is that we can get things on track faster and we could present the info and even the website sooner.

They would also help with the event, marketing, logistics, coordination of volunteers, keeping the event in order.

Rule book doesn't mention all of the possibilities so maybe the rule book needs to be configured and it could be helpful as one of their tasks.

Constantina: Should we consider adding finance, external, social and competitions to the committee?

Rabby: Yes that sounds like a good idea. What exactly are the 4 committee members' roles?

David: Aiding with external, logistics, communication and other related activities.

Alex: How I vision it these are proposals and not policies and over the course of working with the committees we can come up with more description for the committee rather than what we have on paper right now for their roles, and we can make them focus on different sections and I will work with David on this to help them get started.

20191008-05: James, seconded by Hanna, motions to form the Troitsky Committee.

Motion 20191008-05 is passed in unanimity.



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5.4. Winter Frosh

Shaan: We're making a new orientation for them in one of the buildings in downtown campus and we need to achieve more goals and reach out to more societies. I would like to have the pub crawl for winter frosh as well.

It's good to involve the students, I'm dealing with lizard lounges and partings during the year and I don't want winter frosh to step down so that we can all have a great time. It teaches individuals how things work in the school.

Rabby: I don't think we need to assign more budget but maybe we can have one director for that purpose.

William: I know that we shouldn't include the students that want to participate in voting and also it can be pretty hard on the social since everything is a lot of work.

Shann: In case of marketing when I look for these committees they give students involvement for a small part of the year and it's good for their involvement.

James: How many weeks before the frosh do you start planning?

Shann: 4 months but now we can also get first years to get involved so the process would be even faster.

Rabby: Wouldn't it make more sense to just have one social committee instead of 2?

William: some students may not want to participate for the whole year.

James: For the orientation day it's a good idea and organizing something like that in EV it's a lot for one person to manage.

Shaan: I know a lot of students that started this semester and after the events they get to be more involved and more knowledged also having it on many platforms would help this purpose.

Claudia: Why do we want executive involvement for this matter?

Alex: Because we need them for booking some requirements.

David: Would you advertise some roles for the first years?

Shan: We want to open it for everybody to see who is more motivated.



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James: The fact that we have an orientation it's really good but if it was only at Loyola that wouldn't be the best idea.

20191008-06: William, seconded by Sara, motions to approve the winter frosh proposal.

Motion 20191008-06 is passed in unanimity.

5.5. Lizard Lounge Committee

Shaan: We should let some of the associations to know more about their limitations and at the end not all can 100% be happy.

I'm making banners for the societies and it helps with their marketing.

The goal of this committee is that since it needs a lot of communication with different societies and a lot of them do things on their own and they don't follow up and some listen to you and some don't. The point of this would be to make sure that it's consistently done so that we can have them happening every single week so people know that there is consistency to these events and they can join when they want to.

James: Why are the lizard lounges not on thursdays?

Shaan: They've never been.

James: Since it has a lot of responsibilities, we need more people. We can make sure that the societies have a lot of volunteers to have everything under control.

Shaan: for lizard lounges I've been reaching out to societies and gave them the dates to finalize everything with them but pretty much a lot of them think that ECA doesn't have a right related to their events and what they do. I get where they're coming from as sometimes they don't even know who to talk to and what some positions do in the ECA.

William: The reason why societies think lizard lounges are all based on them is because this happened in the past so that's why without contacting reggies some societies decided to have lizard lounges back then and it doesn't always go well. When I started last year I just wanted to bump up the attendance and even the marketing aspect of it. Last year I gave up to two weeks and made the marketing know students. Also maybe it's good to have a separate page for the lizard lounges.



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James: Are we scheduling to have these every single week?

Shaan: Yes, we can even have 3 associations participating for a week and another week we only have 1.

James: If we know that it's happening every friday we'll have more people participating. Giving independence to societies was reasonable before but not anymore.

Shan: The committee would know how these procedures work and they can make the societies know along with the breakdowns. Working with associations I have procedures for everything even drink deals and down payments for them. They'd be in charge of keeping the rules.

Alex: I suggest maybe their first job would be to finalize how the lizard lounges go and then after that we can have them have other responsibilities.

Rabby: The way I see the committee functioning and the money that goes to them, it's better if the allocated budget goes through the committee rather than societies.

Alex: The biggest issue here would be, many of them want to collaborate to have more money for other events. So every one of them can get a fix amount of money and that's also how CASA does it.

James: We can have a lot of money assigned during the midterms. Do you think that's a good idea since people might not want to participate during the exams.

Alex: We can discuss that later.

Felix: Years ago it was every week in B-annex, the committee should still leave some room for the societies so that they can be creative about it.

Shaan: How this could work would be we can have societies come in to choose a specific day and also even the committee can host one!

20191008-07: James, seconded by William, motions to approve this proposal with the goals of this committee to promote lizard lounges.

Motion 20191008-07 is passed in unanimity without context.



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6. ANNOUNCEMENTS & VERBAL REPORTS

William: 2 weeks ago we went to the engineering societies of Canada and I'll write a report if we should be part of their CFES.

Sara: I went to the CCSI Concordia Council and the biggest takeaway was related to sustainability and even researchers and they can even involve more engineers in their activities and I want students to know that we have this available in the library.

Rabby: I have been working on the budgeting allocations.

Alex: On Thursday the two Quebec organizations that we're under will have a presentation.

Regarding the budget council, it's only informative and not it's not to say why we assigned an amount so if the societies have a question they can ask Rabby.

We also went to BC with William and networked with some other presidents in other societies in different schools.

Hanna: Been working on the banners.

James: Faculty wise the meetings are interesting and I have noticed that as a whole our department doesn't assign a lot of money to undergraduates in comparison to the graduates.

Alex: We can have a teach and learn for that purpose.

Shaan: We are planning a Halloween party with ASFA.

7. Adjournment

David, seconded by James, motions to adjourn the meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 10:15