

Bylaw meeting :

Renee : We are getting started. Appointing Casey Burkholder as secretary, Simon Vickers as chair of the meeting.

Motion to pass Moral Quorum : PASSED

Motion to pass the chair and secretary :

Seconded by Linda Overing.

Motion Passed.

Bylaws : We will review section, by section. With objections, we will vote on any debate that may happen as we go through.

Section 1- purpose of the association- any questions or objections?

Passed.

Section 2 – Amendment to text to include « Child Studies PhD students » to clarify difference between Child Studies M.A- who are not included in the association as yet.

Passed.

Section 3 – General assemblies

Quorum

Quorum means : 10% of the membership, or 10 members whichever is higher.

Moral Quorum means : if quorum is not reached, the assembly can call moral quorum if it is judged moral to continue. Such decisions can be based on sufficient advertisement of the General Assembly by the executive counsel. Moral quorum is called so that people who want to participate are not prevented from doing so because of lack of participation from other non-present members. Moral quorum must be established by a unanimous vote by those present. (Move text RE : last text on Annual General Assembly to this new section on Quorum).

Bullet 4 – Stefan states : amendment to include in-person / electronic voting- should we keep this in? As such, we will strike « electronic voting ». « In-Person » wording changed- instead of « distributed » change wording to « advertised » or « notified ». Cut entire sentence after « vote ».

Bullet 1 – add the word « highest » to the decision making body. General Assembly called minimum twice a year (in the fall to form a new council; in the winter to welcome new students).

Bullet 5 – question about the amount of students (currently 5) who can question decisions that are taken by the council- meetings result.

Special General Assemblies (still part of Section 3).

Bullet 3 – identical to point 4 under annual general assemblies. Needs to be updated to reflect the new language.

What is a special general assembly? It is an extra one outside of the 2 that are done each year.

We need to lower quorum- get rid of the language « whichever is higher ». Add moral quorum which means :

Should we insert quorum for the Special General Assemblies? Yes- should be identical to Annual General Assemblies section except for 1 week (rather than 2) and Bullet 1 on Special General Assemblies.

Voting Issues (still part of Section 3)  
Passed.

#### Section 4 – The Executive Council

##### Membership

Bullet 1 – specify which GA the council will be voted at : Fall GA.

Bullet 3 – spelling error.

##### Duties

Add that members can attend all council meetings.

If one of the executive positions is not filled, the duties will be shared by the rest of the representatives.

#### Section 5 :

##### Procedures :

Edit language to show that we have 2 annual general assemblies.

##### Electors

##### Candidates :

« be present or submitted a written statement »

Change « Special Assemblies » to Special General Assemblies.

Period missing in sentence 2.

##### Process of Election

Bullet 1 - Change language : « The reasons for why » « The reasons why »

Period at the end of bullet 1.

Bullet 3 – Reword : « will vote for a maximum of 3 nominees per program ». Everyone can vote for anyone which means you can vote for 12 people.

Last Bullet – change « 0 » to « 1 or fewer ».

Change wording « only 3 nominees... » add « for one or more programs »

#### Section 6 : Grounds for Dismissal of Graduate Students Representatives

Change « criterion to criteria »

Now the words read, « must be a petition », also to add « must be a petition undersigned by 10% of Regular Members or 10 Regular Members, and a hearing at a General Assembly ».

An executive member, not the subject of impeachment, will inform the subject of impeachment 1 week prior to the General Assembly, so that they may prepare a response. If the subject of impeachment fails to be present, without just cause, the vote will proceed.

Second Bullet – Change wording to read : « impacting the Concordia University community » instead of « on Concordia University Grounds ».

Third Bullet – question about GSA wording. Change wording « The council must inform the GSA about the removal of the GSR »

Fourth Bullet – Strike « whichever is higher »

Passed.

## Section 7 – Funding

Bullet 1 – change the apostrophe. Add : « If the treasurer is unable to fulfill their duties, the President will ensure that the information is passed on. »

Bullet 2 – change « both » to « two »

Change missing punctuation.

Bullet 5 – change « will » to « may » (about the Long term overseer). Strike : Long term overseer section.

Add punctuation to bullets 6-10.

Bullet 10 – Add : The current budget will be presented and approved both G.A.s (not Special General Assemblies).

PASSED.

## Section 8 – Protocol

Change bullet 1 – A written proposal must be submitted to members two week prior to a General Assembly or 1 week prior to a Special General Assembly. In order to amend the bylaws, there must be quorum. Proposed amendments must be debated and voted on in order to pass.

Move to approve : Renee Jackson

Second : Audrey Dahl

Passed : Unanimously.