

Present:

President Nathaniel (Nate) Saad, VP Internal Eric Enescu, VP Academic Rayan Tibiche-Dahmoune, VP Finance Gabriel (Gabe) Imbeau, VP External Davy Iconzi Irakoze, VP Communications Christina-Maria Maalouf, Student Advisor Bill Mahon, Secretary Barb Hill.

SUJAC Vice-President Academic Rayan Tibiche-Dahmoune accepts the chair.

GUESTS: ECOJAC: Evan Wolfe & Julia Carrier

**RE: GLOBAL CLIMATE STRIKE—Friday, September 27, 12-4 Downtown:
CALL ON STUDENTS TO STRIKE & SUPPORT FROM TEACHERS**

- ECOJAC's Evan Wolfe says that the College wants to hear the decision from the Students about a Global Climate Strike and JACFA is meeting tonight to decide on it.
 - ECOJAC's Julia Carrier reads out loud their "demands":
 - That SUJAC recognizes the Climate Crisis
 - That SUJAC gives support to reduce the ecological footprint
 - That SUJAC holds a school-wide Referendum to allow students to participate in the Global Climate Strike on **Friday, September 27, downtown from 12:00-4:00 pm** (**Note: *Statue de George-Etienne Cartier, Parc du Mont-Royal, Park Ave., Mtl. H2W1S8**)
 - That Students will not be penalized for taking the day off school to protest on Sept. 27 in the event there is no strike
 - If the Referendum is a "No Strike", SUJAC will ensure that teachers will not penalize students who miss class to join the protest.
 - ECOJAC outlines briefly the background: what are the Climate Strikes and how they got started when 15-year-old Greta Thunberg (August 2018) of Sweden began skipping school every day to protest in front of Sweden's parliament (Note: Weeks before the general election, Greta demanded climate legislation to bring Sweden in line with the Paris Agreement to keep global temperatures to 1.5 degrees Celsius above pre-industrial levels.) After the Swedish election, Thunberg continued to skip school to strike on Fridays, inspiring thousands of young people worldwide to follow suit. Since Thunberg's Friday strikes, youth around the world have protested in front of local legislatures on Fridays in solidarity, starting up the **#FridaysForFuture movement**, which is calling on the world to do this
 - A Coalition of the **#FridayForFuture movements** is calling for the Global Climate Strike and it is "Huge", This is to take place during the week of the UN Climate Summit to put pressure on the political leaders to put pressure on the world for climate legislation
 - Faculty and Students of 16 Quebec Colleges have joined this movement
 - ECOJAC wants John Abbott College to change and start to strike and they are hoping to mobilize as many students as possible to join the Protest downtown
 - Greta Thunberg, now 16, is coming from Sweden to Montreal in solidarity to recognize the Climate Emergency
 - ECOJAC is in agreement with this and want John Abbott to "shoot high" and get the whole College to close on Sept. 27. JACFA will decide tonight whether or not to strike
- SUJAC's VP Academic Rayan advises ECOJAC that:
- The question to Strike first has to pass through Congress and, if they accept, then it will go to a school-wide Student Referendum.
 - Before the Referendum, awareness needs to be raised with the students and it is suggested to use the term "Protest" not "Strike".

Q & A

- Will ECOJAC be willing to work with SUJAC to promote the Climate Protest?
Evan reports that yes, ECOJAC is collaborating with Arts & Crafts Club (to create some signs); 'Makers Week' and 'SUJAC-Club Day' (in same week); JAC Harvest; MEDLife; and JAC Impact. Ideally, info will be posted school-wide and by Sept. 20 the Referendum will be ready to go on

Omnivox.

- Have students go downtown. Website set up for Climate Strike in your area
- How to get students to go downtown? Petitions to sign and pledges

Rayan thanks Evan and Julia for their presentation. SUJAC Execs are going to discuss it and as soon as possible will contact them by MIO with some feedback.

Discussion

Executives generate ideas and suggestions:

- It is really important to take action right now as the Climate Crisis is affecting everyone right now
- As a body that represents Students, SUJAC needs to bring it to the table and go forward with the idea that this issue is really important
- Support the students and have their voice go through
- If the Strike mandate is approved, talk with the Teachers to make sure no one will be penalized for missing the day of school
- It needs a lot of people doing the best they can to start a change: important to have a Strike Day
- As a Team, this is a “golden opportunity” to show students who SUJAC is—against the Climate Change. Whether the Referendum passes or not, people will know we are in the Climate Crisis and want to do something positive about it: Seize the Opportunity
- Rayan’s teacher told him that many teachers are willing to do a Strike
- Whether Teachers agree or not, SUJAC needs a concrete plan: Buses to downtown, green SUJAC pins, etc.
- Planning between now and the 27th. Vote needs to be passed by Students & Teachers
- Referendum is up to Congress
- SUJAC will know tomorrow about the status with the Teachers: Teachers need to be in support before Students make a decision
- Demands should be put on the Administration, not the students
- Message is to *not* drive downtown: take buses, trains
- Offer bus passes via Sustainability
- Not a ‘day off’ for Students: It is the opportunity for motivated Students to go and change the world
- Several buses that go downtown: 211, 405, 411, 422: Advertise this
- Use buses; perhaps have a booth outside bus stations to give out \$3.50 or bus ticket
- Talk with Bus Drivers Union to see if they can do something
- Only promote public transportation: train, buses, possibly Shuttle Bus and/or Abbott school bus?: Most students have Opus cards
- How many votes are needed out of 6,500 (est.) students to have a majority vote? 3,250 = 50%
- If there is not a majority vote, what is a legitimate number? Decide parameters *before* the Vote. Execs will decide and recommend.
- Who is going to present on behalf of the Executives to Congress?
- Execs will meet up to talk about the Strike decision, before Congress
- Have an informal meeting with Evan and Julia and invite them to Congress to present and address any concerns from Congress
- Execs agree:

TO Have a group call on the phone on Messenger on Saturday, September 14, at 5:00/6:00 pm (to be decided on FB Chat).

- Nathaniel Saad moves, Christina-Maria Maalouf seconds

TO Bring the topic of the Global Climate Strike—Sept. 27, 2019—to Congress at their meeting on Monday, Sept. 16, re a vote for a school-wide Student Referendum

Motion is unanimously approved.

1- APPROVAL OF AGENDA 03

Add: ‘6.9 Hall of Distinction (Bill)’. Davy moves, Christina-Maria seconds. Agenda 03 is approved as amended.

2- APPROVAL OF MINUTES 02-2019-2020—September 3

Gabe moves, Nate seconds. Minutes 02 are approved.

3- EXECUTIVE REPORTS/COMMITTEES (Incl. Academic Council)

3.1 PRESIDENT: Nate reports:

- **LUG Meeting:** Attended Friday and talked about the Library. “Heavy inclination” to finish the Library renovations by December and move books in in January and have it ready for next semester (no guarantee). The schedule was held up due to the steel being used for the Champlain Bridge. Nate is taking a tour of the Library tomorrow; Bill took it the past Friday and “loved” the Basement and “really nice” Learning Centers. Invitation from Facilities Management Catherine Scheer to bring as many Executives as possible for tomorrow’s tour, Wed., Sept. 11, at 2:30 pm to see the whole Library and to discuss furniture. Previous Executives did not order the furniture for the SUJAC area. Tour takes about 30-45 minutes. Execs may bring cameras. In terms of furniture, no official decision will be made on the spot.
- **Congress:** 1st Congress meeting yesterday.
- **Board of Governors:** Nate and Bill attended the Strategic Planning meeting on Saturday, Sept. 7, and it was “super interesting”. Director General John Halpin, Director of Student Services Dennis Waide, Academic Dean Gordon Brown and others attended and talked about different issues and challenges in the school and about the College’s SWOT (Strengths, Weaknesses, Opportunities, & Threats).

3.2 VP INTERNAL: Eric reports:

- He will MIO certain Clubs Leaders (Budgets +\$1,000) for not attending Congress yesterday.

3.3 VP ACADEMIC: Rayan reports:

- Working on the Carbon Neutral Day and sent an e-mail to his High School Principal and he referred him to the lady who had the idea. On October 7, Rayan will meet with her and will bring it back to the Execs. He is going to ask her questions and asks Execs if they have any questions to ask her

3.4 VP FINANCE: Gabe reports:

- Been signing
- He and Rayan did the ‘Congress For Dummies’
- Started the Constitution review.

3.5 VP EXTERNAL: Davy has nothing new to report..

3.6 VP COMMUNICATION: Christina-Maria reports:

- Science Committee meeting was reading the ‘R Score report she submitted and they clapped for Christina. They want her to send it to Congress to read and give feedback on it. Execs agree that it will be on the SUJAC Website. Davy will check Group Chat for ‘R Score.
- Take SUJAC Photos next meeting on Sept. 17.

4- CONGRESS

4.1 Nominations Reopened & Close—*Monday, Sept. 23, 4:00 pm*

Remind those who pick up Nomination Forms to sign up on the Sign-Up sheet.

4.2 Last Meeting-01 Feedback—*Sept. 9 (Ice-Breaker, Orientation, etc.)*

Execs agree the first Congress meeting “went well” and was a “good meeting” with a “good first impression”. Congress members showed interest in joining Committees. Props to Christina for putting it on Instagram!

4.3 Next Meeting-02—*Mon., Sept. 16 (Elections: Chair, Secy, Committees List Being Set up, etc.)*

Add to Agenda ‘Guest: ECOJAC’s Evan Wolfe & Julia Carrier’ Re: Info on Global Climate Change Strike on Sept. 27.

4.3.1 Executive Report

As SUJAC President, Nate will give the first Executive Report including *‘Motion for Global Climate Change Protest on Sept. 27.*

5- SUJAC UPDATE—Bandersnatch Column—*Friday, Sept. 20 (Eric)*

It will be Eric’s turn to write the SUJAC Update and suggestions will be given next meeting (incl. SUJAC-Club Day, Global Climate Change Protest, etc.). Virginia and Casey want to make the Update more attractive to readers, e.g., with Photos, and be accurate and timely.

6- SUJAC BUSINESS

6.1 Board of Governors Technology Rep

Congress Technology member—International Moldavian student Maxim Garanovschi—is open to being the Congress Tech rep on the Board of Governors. Re the issue of getting home to Vaudreuil after the meetings, Bill will offer to drive him. If the Execs do not confirm Maxim's seat, it will have to go to a school-wide vote.

Gabriel Imbeau moves, Eric Enescu seconds:

TO Accept Maxim Garanovschi as the Student Technology Representative on the Board of Governors and Nathaniel Saad will be the Pre-University Rep on the Board and the Board Executive.

Motion is unanimously approved (Note: Barb sent a confirmation e-mail 11-09-2019 to advise Secretary General Voula Makris about Maxim Garanovschi) .

6.2 SUJAC Constitution

Nate reports that a couple of Execs have started looking at the Constitution and will be bringing it to Congress. Nate will open the Statutes & Statements Committee for this purpose and, on the question of how many on the Committee, the more people, the harder to find a common meeting time.

Nate moves, Davy seconds:

TO Open the Statutes & Statements Committee at the next Congress meeting on Monday, Sept. 16.

Motion is unanimously approved.

Bill suggests showing them the current Constitution and proposed changes, i.e., transparency, as the general Congress has to vote on any amendments and it has to go through 2 readings.

Congress Majority = 2/3rds of the members and it is about the process.

6.3 Goals & Objectives Priorities & Projects

Execs review the goals & objectives, and projects, listed on the white board and prioritize the following:

1. Constitution
2. SUJAC50
3. Global Climate Strike (Sept. 17)
4. Transport (419 & Parking)
5. Affordability: SUJAC Specials

Projects are given to individual Executives:

President Nate—Book Fair, Teacher Appreciation, Movin'On

VP Internal Eric—Transportation (419 Committee)

VP Academic Rayan—Carbon Neutral, Local Business Partnerships, Affordability

VP Finance Gabe—Local Business Partnerships, Scholarship Promo, Admin. Relations, Coat of Arms

VP External Davy—Climate Change, Constitution, Transport (419 Committee, Coat of

Arms)

VP Comm Christina—Poppy Run, Coat of Arms

6.4 Executive Hoodies

Nate checked out the link and Execs agree to:

- White Hoodie with Blue Writing
- 4th Link at \$48.00 plus Tax
- Suggestion is to have SUJAC Logo on front and names & positions on sleeve
- Design to be discussed on Saturday and decided by next meeting
- Fundraising activity to be discussed.

6.5 Student Activity Committee (SAC)

Bill outlines the 5-year Agreement between Administration & SUJAC and the Fees governed by this Agreement:

- Educational Support Fee
- Student Services Fee
- Student Association Fee

The Student Activity Committee (SAC) comprises the VP Finance (Chairperson) + 2 Congress

members plus Director of Student Services and Student Activities Chairperson. The process is to go through all the different areas that require funding and this funding model is how the College operates: \$142 Fee and \$20 Registration Fee. The amounts transferred to the JAC Foundation are based on the SUJAC-Congress approved distribution intended to be used in percentages on

3 priorities:

- SUJAC Bursaries/Grants//Awards/Financial Assistance: 45%
- Affordability, Health & Wellness and Sponsorship Fund: 50%
- Administrative Support (for fundraising events): 5%

6.6 Guests—*Who & Dates?: DG & DSS, Deans, Directors*

Barb will send an MIO inquiring what Tuesday works for them?

6.6.1 SART (Sexual Assault Response Team) : Bill spoke to Counsellor Antoine Beauchemin about him coming to a Congress meeting to give the training and to limit it to 1 hour.

6.7 Land Recognition Plaque

Tabled.

6.8 Renovations/Paint

Rayan suggests a projector for the SUJAC Office. On the question of painting the SUJAC Office,

with the College's purchase of Brittain Hall, it is possible SUJAC might eventually move there to the 'Student Life Building'.

6.9 Hall of Distinction—*Friday, September 20, 6 pm (The Agora)*

Bill reports that leading up to John Abbott's 50th year, the College was looking to induct some special people into the Hall of Distinction and they request a SUJAC person to make a speech to the nominee. The selection was done in February. Bill will be the MC and runs the ceremony.

Christina-Maria Maalouf accepts to be there and to give the speech.

7- UPCOMING

7.1 SUJAC-Club Day—*Wednesday, Sept. 25, 10 am-2:30 pm (The Agora)*

Eric will remind all the Clubs about the SUJAC-Club Day.

7.1.1 Theme—'Retro 70's': At the SUJAC booth, there will be:

- Wheel (with prizes)
- Game
- 70's Dress-up

Tabled for Congress sign-up.

7.2 Ecology Day (Ste-Anne's)—*Saturday, Sept. 14*

Execs will go if they can.

7.3 RibFest—*Fri-Sun, Sept. 20-22*

7.3.1 Volunteers: 100 volunteers are needed. Bill will forward the MIO to Barb to distribute.

7.3.2 Parking: Bill advises that 130 spots will be lost on Thursday and Friday and the College negotiated with the City of Ste-Anne's that people can park on the streets without getting tickets. All students with a student parking decal will be MIO'd and solutions offered (bus tickets). Christina-Maria will put info on Instagram.

8- NEXT MEETING—*Tuesday, September 17, 5:30 pm (P-101)*

9- ADJOURNED: Eric moves, Nate seconds. Meeting adjourns at 8:00 pm.