

SUJAC VP Internal Eric Enescu acts as Chairperson for Congress Meeting-02. Eric introduces himself.

**1- APPROVAL OF AGENDA-02**

Correct numbering. Should read 6- 6.1, 6.2, etc; 7-, 8-, 9-, 10- (not 6- 5.1, etc.). Eric Lalonde moves, Sabina Movsum seconds and Agenda-02 is approved as amended.

**2- APPROVAL OF MINUTES-01—Sept. 9**

Sacha Vincent moves, Chiara Spino seconds and Minutes-01 are approved.

**3- GUEST: ECOJAC Julia Carrier**

ECOJAC's Evan Wolfe could not be here today. Julia Carrier is presenting on behalf of ECOJAC and the September 27 Global Climate Strike. Montreal will be holding a huge Protest. 48 Colleges have decided to close along with many Universities and Businesses. John Abbott College is not part of the Global Strike. A Referendum across the student body needs to be taken for that day. Julia gives JAC's history of not closing for strikes. She points out that the first iceberg was lost near Iceland. The Global Climate Strike is happening at the same time as the UN Summit for the Environment and to have Colleges close is to tell the UN to take this seriously, showing the government that people want to see progress within the government for the Climate Crisis. ECOJAC is hoping Congress will vote for a Referendum to cancel classes for September 27.

**Discussion/Q&A**

Nate opens the discussion session, asking what Congress thinks about this, which generates points:

- School-wide Referendum would be on Omnivox to ask students whether to cancel classes
- It is a good idea as the environment affects everybody
- The College will cancel classes
- JACFA has decided that they want the College to cancel classes but they need to hear it from the students
- When students vote Yes/No, then JACFA will make their decision
- Background is given about Greta Thunberg and "Fridays For Future" are still happening every Friday in Montreal when students protest to the Parliament
- Montreal is one of the biggest protest places in the world so Greta Thunberg will be coming to Montreal on September 27.

Eric thanks Julia for coming.

It is up to Congress to make a motion.

Annabelle Nadeau Germann moves, Martial Gendron seconds

**TO Hold a school-wide Student Climate Crisis Strike Vote.**

Discussion ensues and questions are addressed.

Call to Vote: For: 27; Against: 0; Abstain:

Motion is unanimously passed.

**4- CONGRESS ELECTIONS 2019-2020**

**4.1 Congress Chairperson**

**4.1.1 Nominations:**

- **Gabrielle ('Gaby') Marie Graceffa** gives a speech and addresses questions
- **Eric Lalonde** gives a speech and addresses questions

**4.1.2 Election:** Secret ballot is taken.

**4.1.3 Congrats to Congress Chairperson:** **Eric Lalonde**

## 4.2 Congress Secretary

### 4.2.1 Nominations:

- **Gabrielle ('Gaby') Marie Graceffa**
- **Etienne-Nathan Balasingam**

**4.2.2 Election:** Congress agrees that Gaby and Etienne may take responsibility for the role of Congress Secretary and share the position as they decide

### 4.2.3 Congrats to Congress Secretary: **Gaby Graceffa & Etienne Balasingam**

Eric Lalonde takes over his new role as Congress Chairperson 2019-2020.

## 5- COMMITTEE REPORTS (Including Academic Council)

### 5.1 Explanation

Bill gives explanation of how Committees work. SUJAC reps attend Committee meetings and bring back info to Congress so they are aware. Sometimes feedback is requested from Congress to take back to the Committee so it is very important to make a 'Committee Report'.

### 5.2 Congressional Committees of:

#### 5.2.1 Statutes & Statements (CSS)

President Nathaniel Saad explains that the Execs have decided to make the review of the Constitution one of the SUJAC Priorities for 2019-2020. Therefore, Nate opens the 'Stats & States' Congressional Committee to review and revise if necessary the Constitution. Congress feedback may be needed at times in this process so Congress members offer to be on the Committee. Nate will get their schedules and they will go over the Constitution Articles, point by point, and bring back any

amendments to Congress for a 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> reading:

- **Francesca Pasto**
- **Julio Neumann-Berryman**
- **Gabrielle ('Gaby') Marie Graceffa**
- **Richard Rassokhine (2<sup>nd</sup> Year)**
- **Alessia Ricclardelli**
- **Emma Doyle**
- **Jade Dubreuil**
- **Zihe Yin**
- **Maria George Sa Ikladius**
- **Sabina Movsum**

#### 5.2.2 External Affairs (CEA)

VP External Davy Iconzi Irakoze opens the External Affairs Congressional Committee to create communication bodies outside the College, such as a 419 Committee, Fundraising, and Business Partnerships, Congress members offer to be on the Committee:

- **Hadjer Oubagha**
- **Chiara Spino**
- **Annabelle Nadeau-Germann**

## 6- COMMITTEE REPRESENTATION (See 'Committees List 2019-2020' Attached)

Explanations are given for each Committee and some priority seats are filled, i.e.,

### 6.1 Academic Council Special Meeting--Thursday, Sept. 19, 3:30 pm (AME-119)

- **Gabrielle Marie Graceffa**
- **Etienne-Nathan Balasingam**

### 6.2 Academic Council 2019-2020 (3 Regular, 3 Replacement Reps)—Alt. Fridays, October 4, 1:00-3:30 (H-355)

#### Regular

- **Jade Dubreuil (1:00-3:00)**
- **Sophie Gunyon**
- **Gabrielle ('Gaby') Marie Graceffa**

## **Replacement**

- **Julio Neumann-Berryman**
- **Martial Gendron**
- **Alessia Ricciardelli**

Barb will send an MIO, attaching the Committees List 2019-2020, and asking Congress/Clubs Reps to get back to her about which 'Open' seat(s) they can fill.

## **7- UPCOMING (REMINDERS!)**

### **7.1 SUJAC-CLUB Day—Wed., Sept. 25, 10 am-2:30 pm (The Agora): Theme 'Retro 70's'**

Eric explains that at this event Clubs set up booths and students can sign up to join.

Everyone may dress up Retro 70's and Congress members may come to the SUJAC

booth

on breaks and help out with the prize Wheel and promoting SUJAC.

#### **7.1.1 Sign-up To Help with Event**

Sign-up sheet is distributed and will be passed around again next Monday..

### **7.2 RibFest—Friday-Sunday, Sept. 20-22 (John Abbott)**

Barb MIO'd (Sept. 10) everyone about volunteering to help at the RibFest. Bill reports that the JAC Foundation is looking for 100 volunteers per day to help out. (To take part, MIO Wilnad Lominy or email [Wilnard.Lominy@johnabbott.qc.ca](mailto:Wilnard.Lominy@johnabbott.qc.ca) or go to Communications Office in SH-035.)

## **8- OTHER BUSINESS**

### **9- NEXT MEETING—Monday, September 23, 5:30 pm (H-238)**

## **10- ADJOURNED**

Sacha Vincent moves, Casey Dobson seconds. Congress adjourns at 6:50 p.m.