

**Minutes from the first annual congress of the CRUES, April
29-30, 2023**

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0. Opening procedures

0.1 Opening

Meeting called to order at 9:59 am

Moved by SOGÉÉCOM

Seconded by CSU

Adopted unanimously

0.2 Election of the presidium

Be it resolved that Coralie Jean, Alex Vaillant et Jacynthe Lussier assume respectively the roles of the animator, speaking roles and secretariat.

Moved by SOGÉÉCOM

Seconded by DSU

Adopted unanimously

0.3 Recognition of the affiliations

Be it resolved that the following associations be recognized as members of CRUES:

- Société générale des étudiants et étudiantes du Collège de Maisonneuve (SOGÉÉCOM)
- Student faculty association of social sciences at UQAM (AFESH)
- Student faculty association of political science and law at UQAM (AFESPED)
- Rimouski Campus Students' General Association (AGECAR)
- General association of the Cégep de Rimouski (AGECR)
- Anthropology Student Association of the University of Montreal (AÉAUM)
- Dawson Student Union (DSU)

Be it resolved that these associations now have a decisional vote.

Moved by AFESPED

Seconded by SOGÉÉCOM

Adopted unanimously

0.4 Rules of order for the current session

Be it resolved that the code of procedures prepared by the drafting committee be used for this congress and sent to the delegations for the holding of the present congress;

Be it resolved that member student associations have a decisional vote, as provided for in the charter:

Be it resolved that all student associations controlled by their members in general assembly have an indicative vote, with faculty or campus associations having 3 votes and modular associations having 1 vote;

Be it resolved that, however, modular or departmental associations whose members are also represented by a faculty or campus member association have neither an indicative nor a decisional vote, in accordance with the charter;

Be it resolved that speaking time in debate and plenary sessions be limited to 2 minutes per intervention;

Be it resolved that the voting procedure be as follows:

The vote is taken. If there is a double majority for the motion (of the indicative and decisional vote), the motion is adopted. If there is a double majority against the motion, it is defeated. If there is a difference between the indicative and decisional vote, the debate continues. When the debate is over, a second vote is taken, but only the decisional vote counts.

Moved by AFESPED

Seconded by DSU

Adopted unanimously

0.5 Reading and adoption of the agenda

Be it resolved that the Agenda may be read and adopted as such:

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Moved by SOGÉÉCOM
Seconded by AFESPED

Adopted unanimously

Amendment to the motion:

Be it resolved that we amend the agenda so there may be a point 0.6 Adoption of the minutes of the foundation congress of the 18th and 19th of february 2023.

Moved AFESPED
Seconded by UGES

Adopted unanimously

Be it resolved that the points 1 and 2 on the agenda be inverted

Moved by CSU
Seconded by AGEIMQ

Voting procedures have been requested

Adopted by majority

~~we add a point at the start of the agenda: "1.0 Charter: composition of the executive council."~~

Moved by AGECR
Seconded by AECS

*Previous question has been called: adopted by majority
indicative vote in favor, decisional vote against
indicative vote in favor, decisional vote against*

Defeated by majority

Back to the main motion as amended

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Adopted unanimously

0.6 Reading and adoption of the minutes from the foundation congress (18/19-02-2023)

Be it resolved that the minutes from the foundation congress be read and adopted

Moved by SOGÉÉCOM

Seconded by DSU

Adopted unanimously

1. Campaign

Be it resolved that we have a 45 minute plenary session on the topic of the next campaign

Moved by AFESH

Seconded by AFESPED

Adopted unanimously

Campaign proposal:

Considering the context of student precariousness and inflation that currently exists;

Considering that the non-salary status of internships and the unaffordable cost of public transportation are elements that contribute to the financial precariousness of students;

Considering the food insecurity that greatly affects the student community is related to its precariousness;

Considering that student precariousness affects all students, regardless of their internship status;

Considering the multiplicity of factors that lead to student precariousness and that the different member associations of CRUES will be able to adapt a campaign on this theme according to their respective realities;

Considering the importance of adopting a political campaign that recognizes and values regional and local struggles, as well as the autonomy of CRUES member associations according to their respective socio-economic realities;

Considering that the reduction of financial obstacles allows for the improvement of the living conditions of students, but also allows them to have more time to devote to activism;

Considering that the government's budget cuts in the public sector affect both workers and interns, among whom women, student-parents and immigrants are over-represented;

Considering that the remuneration of internships would contribute to reducing the context of precariousness for many students, particularly in traditionally female professions;

Considering the extent of pre-existing mobilization on the issues of remuneration of internships, particularly in areas that are usually less mobilized;

Considering that the context of labour shortage favours our capacity to build a relationship of force with government authorities;

Be it resolved that CRUES organize a combative political campaign on the theme of student precariousness over two (2) years.

Be it resolved that the first year of this campaign includes the remuneration of all internships as a main demand.

Be it resolved that the CRUES initiate an increase in pressure tactics to obtain the remuneration of all internships and in this sense organize the holding of two weeks of strike action in the winter session of 2024;

Be it resolved that the annual congress of the winter 2024 semester decide on the demand that will be carried out during the second year of this campaign (pursuit of the remuneration of internships, free public transportation or any other issue related to student precariousness), depending on the results of the actions organized.

Moved by AFESH

Seconded by AGE CAR

Amendment to the motion

Be it resolved that the two following lines be added to the main motion:

Be it resolved that this campaign be based on a perspective of accessibility to education and access to decent living conditions, and that the argument of the campaign seek to link free education and the remuneration of internships on this basis;

Be it resolved that, in the first year of the campaign, the argument of the campaign integrates a transversal perspective of ecological and social transition, without making it a central element.

Moved by AFESPED

Seconded by AGECR

Sub amendment to the motion

That “such as free and accessible public transport” be added after “decent living conditions”:

Moved by AGEELG

Seconded by DSU

Previous question has been called: adopted by a majority

Defeated by a majority

Back to the amendment of the motion

Previous question has been called: Adopted by a double majority

Adopted by majority

Main motion as amended:

Be it resolved that CRUES organize a combative political campaign on the theme of student precariousness over two (2) years.

Be it resolved that the first year of this campaign includes the remuneration of all internships as the main demand.

Be it resolved that the CRUES initiate an increase in pressure tactics to obtain the remuneration of all internships and in this sense organize the holding of two weeks of strike action in the winter session of 2024;

Be it resolved that the annual Congress of the winter 2024 semester decide on the demand that will be carried during the second year of this campaign (pursuit of the remuneration of internships, free public transportation or any other issue related to student precariousness), depending on the results of the actions organized.

Be it resolved that this campaign be based on a perspective of accessibility to education and access to decent living conditions, and that the argument of the campaign seek to link free education and the remuneration of internships on this basis:

Be it resolved that, in the first year of the campaign, the argument of the campaign integrates a transversal perspective of ecological and social transition, without making it a central element.

Previous question has been called: Adopted by a 2/3 majority

Indicative vote in favour, decisional vote in favour

Adopted by majority

Motion:

Considering the climate crisis is strongly linked to student precariousness

Considering a great wave of climate mobilization is coming in September 2023

Considering the absence of CRUES during this opportunity would be discouraging to the affiliation of new associations mobilized around climate justice as well as shameful in the face of the active involvement of workers unions and indigenous groups

Considering acting as a mobilizing body in September 2023 for climate justice would not impede the long-term vision of CRUES and its major campaign against student precarity and the remuneration of internships

Be it resolved that, for the September 2023 strikes and demonstrations only, CRUES mobilize around climate justice (and other related issues at the discretion of local associations).

Moved by DSU

Seconded by AFESPED

Amendment motion

Be it resolved that the following be added: Be it resolved that CRUES avoid reformist positions and take an explicitly combative approach in its mobilization against the current system.

Moved by AGEVVM

Seconded by AFESH

Previous question has been called: adopted by a 2/3 majority

Adopted by majority

Back to the main motion as amended:

Be it resolved that, for the September 2023 strikes and demonstrations only, CRUES mobilize around climate justice (and other related issues at the discretion of local associations).

Be it resolved that CRUES avoid reformist positions and take an explicitly combative approach in its mobilization against the current system.

Amendment motion:

Be it resolved that after "system" be added: all while recognizing the value of a diversity in tactics.

Moved by AECSL

Seconded by AEAUM

Previous question has been called: Adopted by a 2/3 majority

Adopted by majority

Back on the main motion as amended:

Be it resolved that, for the September 2023 strikes and demonstrations only, CRUES mobilize around climate justice (and other related issues at the discretion of local associations).

Be it resolved that CRUES avoid reformist positions and take an explicitly combative approach in its mobilization against the current system all while recognizing the value of a diversity in tactics.

Previous question has been called: defeated by majority

Amendment motion:

Be it resolved that we remove the word "only" from the motion's first point.

Moved by MESS

Seconded by DSU

Adopted by majority

Back on the main motion as amended twice:

Be it resolved that, for the September 2023 strikes and demonstrations, CRUES mobilize around climate justice (and other related issues at the discretion of local associations).

Be it resolved that CRUES avoid reformist positions and take an explicitly combative approach in its mobilization against the current system all while recognizing the value of a diversity in tactics.

Adopted by majority

Privileged Motion: 10 minute break

Moved by AFESH

Seconded by AFESPED

Adopted unanimously

2. Elections

Motion

Be it resolved that the bylaws relating to the election procedures and the presence of the candidates during election procedures be lifted for the current session.

Moved by AFESH

Seconded by AGE CAR

Adopted by a 2/3 majority

Be it resolved that the elections be held by interim until the fall 2023 congress

Moved by AGE CR

Seconded by SOGÉÉCOM

Adopted unanimously

Election procedures have been triggered

Executive Council

Coordinating Officer (1)

The congress has received the candidacy of Laurianne Dinucci

Adopted by absolute majority

Finance Officer (1)

External Relations Officer (1)

The congress has received the candidacy of Xavier Gravel.

Privileged motion to take a 10 minute break

Moved by AEMSP
Seconded by AGE CAR

Defeated by majority

Privileged motion to take a 10 minute break

Moved by AEMSP
Seconded by AGE CAR

Adopted by majority

Back to the election

Privileged motion:

Be it resolved that the vote be by secret ballot.

Moved by ADEESE
Seconded by DSU

Defeated by majority

Internal Affairs Officers (3)

The congress received the candidacy of Benjamin Savard

Adopted by absolute majority

The congress received the candidacy of Arthur Van Neste

Adopted by absolute majority

The congress received the candidacy of Amélie Beaulé

Adopted by absolute majority

Privileged motion:

Be it resolved that Jaouad Laaroussi be on the presidium in the role of speaking turns.

Moved by SSMU
Seconded by SOGÉÉCOM

Adopted unanimously

Academic Affairs Officers (1)

Information Officer (1)

Communications Officer (1)

The congress has received the candidacy of Adam Semergian.

Adopted by absolute majority

Privileged motion:

Be it resolved that we limit the questions to a 10 minute period.

Moved by SOGÉÉCOM

Secoded by AFESPED

Adopted Unanimously

Be it resolved that we finish with the remaining speaking turns

Moved by AFELC

Secoded by AGE CAR

Adopted unanimously

Committees

Education Committee:

Mobilization Committee:

The congress received the candidature of Ariane Brodeur-Fakhoury

Adopted by an absolute majority

Privileged motion:

Be it resolved that the maximum time allowed for the question period be 5 minutes per candidate

Moved by SOGÉÉCOM

Secoded by AFESPED

Adopted unanimously

The congress received the nomination of Antonin Gilbert

Adopted by absolute majority

~~The congress received the candidacy of Xavier Gravel~~

Defeated by majority

The congress received the candidacy of Victor

Adopted by absolute majority

Research and Academic Affairs Committee:

The congress received the candidacy of Amélie Beaulé

Adopted by absolute majority

The congress received the candidacy of Émile Brassard

Adopted by absolute majority

The congress received the candidacy of Joémie Raymond

Defeated

The congress received the candidacy of Olivier Hérard

Adopted by absolute majority

The congress received the candidacy of Igor Sadikov

Adopted by absolute majority

The congress received the candidacy of Anne-Sophie Bendwell

Adopted by absolute majority

Privileged motion:

Be it resolved that we take a 7 minute break

Moved by AFESH

Seconded by AFESPED

Adopted unanimously

Information Committee:

Newspaper Committee:

The congress has received the candidacy of Rémi Grenier.

Adopted by absolute majority

The congress has received the candidacy of Xan Choquet

Adopted unanimously

Inclusion and Anti-Oppression Committee

Privileged motion:

Be it resolved that the members of this committee undergo diversity and inclusivity training

Moved by CSU

Seconded by AEUM

Amendment motion:

Be it resolved that we replace the words “this committee” by “all committees”

Moved by AFESH

Seconded by AGE CAR

Adopted unanimously

Back to the main motion as amended

Be it resolved that the members of all committees undergo diversity and inclusivity training

Amendment motion:

Be it resolved that we replace “inclusion” with “diversity, equity, inclusion and anti-oppression”

Moved by SOGÉÉCOM

Seconded by DSU

Sub-amendment to the motion

That we take out “diversity” and “equity”

Moved by AFESH

Seconded by SOGÉÉCOM

Privileged motion

Be it resolved that we table this motion

Moved by AFESPED

Seconded by SOGÉÉCOM

Adopted by majority

The congress has received the candidacy of Gabriel Landry

Defeated

The congress has received the candidacy of Marilou

Adopted by absolute majority

The congress has received the candidacy of Bassma

Adopted by absolute majority

The congress has received the candidacy of Xan Choquet

Adopted by absolute majority

Back to the tabled motion

Be it resolved that the members of all committees undergo diversity and inclusivity training

Amendment motion:

Be it resolved that we replace “inclusion” with “diversity, equity, inclusion and anti-oppression”

Moved by SOGÉÉCOM

Seconded by DSU

Sub-amendment motion

Be it resolved that we take out “diversity” and “equity” from the motion

Moved by AFESH

Seconded by SOGÉÉCOM

Adopted by majority

Return to the amendment as sub amended

Be it resolved that inclusion be replaced by inclusion and anti-oppression

Adopted unanimously

Back to the main motion as amended:

Be it resolved that members of all committees undergo training on inclusion and anti-oppression provided by the executive committee

Adopted unanimously

Incidental motion:

Considering the rules of order used today make it difficult to debate a plenary session;

Considering, the rules of order used today make it difficult to not deal with an agenda item or to adjourn the congress;

Considering the changes to the rules of order mentioned above restrict the various ways in which delegations may conduct the congress, which may make it more cumbersome to deal with charter amendments;

Considering a significant number of student unions are planning to affiliate next fall semester and it would be important that they be able to participate fully in the debates regarding the planned modifications, notably by having a decisional vote

Considering the decisional vote is currently restricted to the member associations of the CRUES, which represents 11 votes today, Considering there were approximately twice as many at the last congress - the decisional vote being then attributed to all the associations holding a General Assembly mandate to participate in the founding congress;

Considering the charter adopted at the founding congress is functional in its current form and, for example, the absence of chapter 7: spokesperson can be compensated by a congressional mandate given to the executive allowing it to make a public communication concerning the founding of CRUES;

Considering the CRUES team has been elected on an interim basis only, and any changes that may be made today do not concern its work, and these changes can be dealt with before the election of a regular team in the fall

Considering a growing number of delegations must leave and we must leave the room at 5:00 p.m;

Considering, it is possible to mandate the CRUES team to temporarily carry out the spirit of some of the changes to the charter without permanently adopting them immediately;

Be it resolved that the rules of order be suspended to amend the agenda to replace item "4. Charter" with item "4. Mandates to the CRUES team.

Moved by SOGÉÉCOM

Seconded by AFESH

Adopted by a $\frac{2}{3}$ majority

3. Budget

Be it resolved that SOGÉÉCOM be given 5 minutes to present its budget motion, followed by a 5 minute Q and A:

https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1DHigsvHjZfwoJD7b0B15W9o_YUDyBdndwPD0892q_PSQ/edit#gid=240616564

Moved by SOGÉÉCOM

Seconded by DSU

Adopted unanimously

Budget motion :

Be it resolved that we adopt the budget as presented by SOGÉÉCOM

Moved by SOGÉÉCOM

Seconded by AFESPED

Amendment motion:

Be it resolved that the budget box “Congress” be increased to 20 000\$

Moved by DSU

Seconded by AFESH

Previous question has been called: *Adopted by $\frac{2}{3}$*

Adopted by majority

Back to the main motion

Be it resolved that we adopt the budget as presented by SOGÉÉCOM

Moved by SOGÉÉCOM

Seconded by AFESPED

Adopted Unanimously

Motion:

Be it resolved that the presidium be paid

Moved by AGEVCVM

Seconded by AFESH

Motion to table the motion

Moved by AGECLG

Seconded by SOGÉÉCOM

Adopted unanimously

4. Mandates to the CRUES' executive committee

Motion

Be it resolved that the Coordinating council mandate a committee to develop and present, at a subsequent congress,

- a document outlining the responsibilities of the CRUES in accommodating, caring for, and creating a safe space for all these activities.
- a policy on harassment, discrimination and aggressions of all kinds.

Moved by ADEESE

Secoded by AFESPED

Adopted unanimously

Motion

Be it resolved that the Executive council, with the approval of the Coordinating council, may issue written press releases on behalf of the CRUES until the next Congress, including on the topics of the foundation and climate justice campaigns.

Moved by SOGÉÉCOM

Secoded by DSU

Amendment motion

That we replace “climate justice campaigns” with “the campaign adopted during congress”

Moved by AFESH

Secoded by DSU

Adopted unanimously

Back on the motion as amended

Be it resolved that the Executive council, with the approval of the Coordinating council, may issue written press releases on behalf of the CRUES until the next Congress, including on the topics of the foundation and the campaign adopted during congress.

Moved by SOGÉÉCOM

Secoded by DSU

Adopted unanimously

5.0 Notices of motion

6.0 Closing procedures

6.1 Varia

6.2 Closing

Motion

Be it resolved that we close the congress

Moved by AGECLG

Seconded by DSU

Adopted unanimously

Congress is closed at 4:28 pm.