MINUTES FROM THE MAY 4TH AND 5TH ANNUAL CONGRESS OF THE COALITION DE RÉSITION POUR L'UNITÉ ÉTUDIANTE SYNDICALE (CRUES)

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Pavillon Charles-de-Koninck, Université Laval, 1030 Av. des Sciences Humaines, Québec

Dates

May 4-5th 2024

Hours

Start: 9h00

Useful documents for the congress

Constitution and bylaws

Code of procedures for CRUE

ASSÉ little purple book (to be linked)

Participation booklet (unfortunately only partially translated)

LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

CRUES wishes to emphasize that the lands on which its member associations are gathered today are part of the unceded traditional territory claimed by the Abenaki and Wabanaki Confederacy, the Wolastoqiyiks (Malecites) and the Wendats.

1. Opening procedures

That we open the congress at 9:36

Proposed by AGEECLG Seconded by SOGEECOM

Adopted unanimously

1.1 Praesidium

That Virginie Mikaelian, Roxanne Lachance, Kim Pelletier Lemieux and Kolya Gervais respectively take charge of facilitation, secretarial duties, mood watcher and turn-taking for this convention.

That Lili Daviault-Campbel and Antoine Martin take care of translation for this convention.

Proposed by AGEECLG Seconded by SOGEECOM

Adopted unanimously

1.2 Lecture et adoption de l'ordre du jour

That the agenda reads as follows:

- 1. Opening procedures
 - 1.1. <u>Praesidium</u>
 - 1.2. Adoption of the agenda
 - 1.3. Adoption of the previous minutes
 - 1.4. Filing of notices of motion
- 2. Ratification of affiliations and disaffiliations
- 3. Modification to article 13
- 4. <u>2023-2025 campaign</u>

- 4.1. Review of the current campaign
- 4.2. <u>2024-2025 campaign</u>
- 5. General elections
 - 5.1. <u>Assessment from the outgoing executive</u>
 - 5.2. 2024-2025 team
- 6. <u>Political positions</u>
- 7. <u>Budget</u>
- 8. <u>By-laws</u>
 - 8.1. <u>Amendments to the Code of Procedures</u>
 - 8.2. <u>Amendment to By-law A: Election procedures</u>
 - 8.3. Addition of bylaw F: Bylaws Fund
 - 8.4. Addition of bylaw G: Safer Space Policy
 - 8.5. Addition of bylaw H: Accommodation policy
- 9. Constitution
 - 9.1. Addition of article 5: Definitions
 - 9.2. <u>Modification to article 13: Charter composition</u>
 - 9.3. Addition of article 59: Legal Committee
 - 9.4. <u>Modification to chapter 10: praesidium</u>
- 10. Varia
- 11. Closing procedures

Proposed by exec Seconded by AESS

Amendment motion:

Addition of point 3 Modification to article 13 Addition of point 6 Political positions.

Proposed by Sogeecom Seconded by AGEECLG

Adopted unanimously

Back to the main motion for the adoption of the agenda

Adopted unanimously

1.3 Adoption of the previous minutes

That we ratify the minutes from the congress dates 2nd of march 2024.

Proposed by Executive Seconded by SOGEECOM

Adopted unanimously

1.4. Filing of the notice of motions

2. Ratification of affiliations and disaffiliations

That we ratify the affiliation of AFEA-UQAM, ADEESE-UQAM, GUSS-Concordia.

Proposed by Executive Seconded by AFESH

Adopted unanimously

3. Modification of "Article 13: Composition"

That point 4 of article 13 that reads as follows:

"Each delegation, including observer delegations, shall consist of not more than three (3) persons. Delegations may not include more than one cisgender man. A delegation may change its composition between two Congress days, provided it complies with the other modalities and informs the praesidium."

Be replaced by:

"Each delegation, including observer delegations, is composed of a maximum of three (3) people. Delegations may not include more than one cisgender man. A delegation may change its composition <u>during a break or suspension of the Congress</u>, provided it complies with the other modalities and informs the praesidium."

Proposed by SOGEECOM Seconded by AESS

Adopted unanimously

4. 2023-2025 campaign

4.1 Review of the campaign

That a 20-minute plenary session be held on the situation of CEGEPs in the CRUES related to affiliations.

Proposed by SOGEECOM Seconded by AGEECLG

Adopted unanimously

CONSIDERING that CRUES is a combative union organization that brings together local college and university student associations at the regional level and throughout so-called Quebec;

CONSIDERING the small number of college associations affiliated to CRUES;

CONSIDERING the recent disaffiliations of DSU (Dawson Student Union) and AGECR (Association générale des étudiantes et des étudiants du Cégep de Rimouski);

CONSIDERING the lack of collegial representation at the last CRUES convention on March 2 and 3, 2023;

THAT, in order to remedy the current problem of collegial representation on CRUES, the executive and the mobilization committee organize a support mobilization tour of college associations in so-called Quebec not affiliated with the FECQ;

THAT this tour take place, by way of example, in the CEGEPs of Saint-Laurent, Marie-Victorin, Garneau, Rosemont and Collège de Montmorency.

THAT the purpose of this mobilization tour be to explain what CRUES is, its goals and principles, and its current campaign;

THAT it encourage college associations to affiliate with CRUES;

THAT the executive and mobilization committee encourage CRUES members to participate.

Proposed by SOGEECOM Seconded by AGEECLG

Amendment motion

<u>That we replace</u> "CEGEPs of Saint-Laurent, Marie-Victorin, Garneau, Rosemont and Collège de Montmorency" <u>with</u> "in so-called Québec" <u>in the 2nd THAT.</u>

Proposed by SOGEECOM Seconded by AESS

For: 15 Against: 3 Abstention: 9

Adopted by majority vote

Back to the main motion as amended once, written as follows:

CONSIDERING that CRUES is a combative union organization that brings together local college and university student associations at the regional level and throughout so-called Quebec;

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THAT the purpose of this mobilization tour be to explain what CRUES is, its goals and principles, and its current campaign:

THAT it encourage college associations to affiliate with CRUES;

THAT the executive and mobilization committee encourage CRUES members to participate.

Adopted unanimously

That a 30-minute plenary session be held on the progress of this year's campaign against student precarity

Proposed by Executive Seconded by SOGEECOM

Adopted unanimously

Motion to break for 15 minutes, back at 11:29

Proposal by AFESH Seconded by SOGEECOM

Adopted unanimously

4.2 Campaign for the year 2024-2025

That we hold a one-hour plenary session on the campaign for the year 2024-2025.

Proposed by Exec Seconded by AFESH

Adopted unanimously

Privileged motion for a 5-minute reading time

Proposed by ADEESE
Seconded by SOGEECOM

Adopted unanimously

That we take a one hour lunch break.

Proposed by AFEA
Seconded by SOGEECOM

Adopted unanimously

Resumption at 1h45PM.

That we take a 5-minute drafting time.

Proposed by Afesh
Seconded by AGEECLG

Adopted unanimously

Considering the difficulty of some associations to mobilize locally,

Considering the need to have more CEGEPs on the CRUES in order to be more representative of student and territorial realities

Considering that the pandemic has cut off the transfer of knowledge to student associations,

Considering the strong popularity of the feminist training camp, which helped recruit new people to CRUES,

That the CRUES team continue its escalation of pressure tactics as part of the campaign on student precariousness, with the focus on salaried internships, towards a GGI in 2026.

That the CRUES team also helps local executives who request it to support their own campaigns, always under the umbrella of student precariousness.

That the CRUES team emphasize direct democracy and militant unionism during training sessions for local executives.

That the CRUES team, through mobilization tours on the campuses of member associations, as well as non-member associations who request it, support the executive and the local mobilization committee with local training camps, leafleting, posters, etc.

That the CRUES team promote links between student associations with similar local campaigns.

Proposed by AFESH
Seconded by AGEECLG

Motion to amend:

That we amend the motion to add "THAT the CRUES team produce illustrated and colorful leaflets and posters (11x17) on the campaigns underway in each of its member associations, and make this content available on its INTERNET page.

THAT, if applicable, the Executive updates the CRUES INTERNET page so that all content concerning the campaigns of its member associations is added by June 1, 2024.

THAT, in the future, the Executive Committee ensure that the INTERNET page is updated on a weekly basis as required.

THAT the CRUES invest more in its social networks (INSTAGRAM, FACEBOOK, etc.) by mandating its team to add a minimum of two publications per week - following the same modalities that apply to the INTERNET page - including one on the current mobilization campaign, and that it systematically re-share, insofar as possible, content produced by its associations that concerns a mobilization aimed at improving student conditions or advancing any other CRUES objective.

THAT a minimum of two mobilization meetings be convened by the CRUES team each month of the fall and winter sessions and a minimum of one meeting per month during the summer."

Moved by AFESPED-UQÀM Seconded by SOGÉÉCOM

Motion to split:

That we split the final THAT clause from the amendment

Moved by Executive Seconded by AFÉA-UQÀM

15 For

3 Against

5 Abstain

Adopted by Majority

Back to the first four THAT clauses: That we amend the motion to add "THAT the CRUES team produce illustrated and colorful leaflets and posters (11x17) on the campaigns underway in each of its member associations, and make this content available on its INTERNET page.

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<u>0 For</u>

16 Against

10 Abstain

Rejected by Majority

Return to the split motion:

THAT a minimum of two mobilization meetings be convened by the CRUES team each month of the fall and winter sessions and a minimum of one meeting per month during the summer."

<u>20 For</u>

3 Against

4 Abstain

Adopted by Majority

Return to the initial motion, once amended:

Considering the difficulty of some associations to mobilize locally,

Considering the need to have more CEGEPs on the CRUES in order to be more representative of student and territorial realities

Considering that the pandemic has cut off the transfer of knowledge to student associations,

Considering the strong popularity of the feminist training camp, which helped recruit new people to CRUES,

That the CRUES team continue its escalation of pressure tactics as part of the campaign on student precariousness, with the focus on salaried internships, towards a GGI in 2026.

That the CRUES team also helps local executives who request it to support their own campaigns, always under the umbrella of student precariousness.

That the CRUES team emphasize direct democracy and militant unionism during training sessions for local executives.

That the CRUES team, through mobilization tours on the campuses of member associations, as well as non-member associations who request it, support the executive and the local mobilization committee with local training camps, leafleting, posters, etc.

That the CRUES team promote links between student associations with similar local campaigns.

THAT a minimum of two mobilization meetings be convened by the CRUES team each month of the fall and winter sessions and a minimum of one meeting per month during the summer."

Motion to amend:

That we replace "2026" by "2025"

Moved by AGECAR Seconded by AÉSS-Laval

That we hold a reading time of 10 minutes

Moved by Executive Seconded by SOGÉÉCOM Adopted unanimously

Back on the motion to amend:

9 For

17 Against

3 Abstain

Rejected by Majority

Back to the main motion as amended once

Motion to amend:

THAT we add "winter" before "2026"

Moved by AFÉA-UQÀM Seconded by AGECAR Adopted unanimously

Back to the main motion as amended twice

Considering the difficulty of some associations to mobilize locally,

Considering the need to have more CEGEPs on the CRUES in order to be more representative of student and territorial realities

Considering that the pandemic has cut off the transfer of knowledge to student associations,

Considering the strong popularity of the feminist training camp, which helped recruit new people to CRUES.

That the CRUES team continue its escalation of pressure tactics as part of the campaign on student precarity, with a focus on salaried internships, towards a GGI (General Indefinite Strike) in winter 2026.

That the CRUES team also helps local executives who request it to support their own campaigns, always under the umbrella of student precarity.

That the CRUES team emphasize direct democracy and militant unionism during training sessions for local executives.

That the CRUES team, through mobilization tours on the campuses of member associations, as well as non-member associations who request it, support the executive and the local mobilization committee with local training camps, leafleting, posters, etc.

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<u>21 For</u>

0 Against

6 Abstain

Adopted by Majority

15 minute break decreed by the mood watcher.

5. General elections

5.1 Assessment from the outgoing executive

THAT the Executive give a 10 minute presentation of their activities for the year of 2024-2025, followed by a 10 minute Q&A period.

Moved by Executive Seconded by AFEA Adopted unanimously

5.2 2024-2025 team

Election procedures are defined in bylaw A in the constitution and bylaws.

Executive council positions:

- 1. Coordination office;
- 2. Finance Officer;
- 3. External Relations Officer;
- 4. Three (3) Internal Relations Officers;
- 5. Academic Affairs Officer;
- 6. Information Officer:
- 7. Communication Officer

Committees:

- 1. Training committee;
- 2. Mobilization committee;

- 3. Recherche and academic affaires committee;
- 4. Information committee;
- 5. Journalism committee;
- 6. Inclusion and anti-oppression committee

Incidental motion:

THAT the election procedure be suspended in order to proceed with the election of unsolicited candidates.

THAT the unsolicited candidacies be processed after having been duly filed.

Moved by Executive Seconded by SOGEECOM Adopted unanimously

That we hold a 10 minutes plenary on the positions

Moved by Executive Seconded by SOGEECOM Adopted unanimously

1. Coordinating Officer

Candidacies:

Candidate Elected:

2. Finance Officer

Candidacies:

Candidate Elected:

3. External Relations Officer

Candidacies: Oli Hérard

Candidate Elected : Oli Hérard, Unanimously

4. Internal Relations Officers (3)

Candidacies: Marina Bourassa, Manu Sauvé-Chevalier

Candidate(s) Elected: Marina Bourassa, Unanimously, Manu Sauvé-Chevalier,

Unanimously

5. Academic Affairs Officer

Candidacies:

Candidate Elected:

6. Information Officer

Candidacies:

Candidate Elected:

7. Communications Officer

Candidacies:

Candidate Elected:

Coordinating Committee

Coordinating Committee Secretary

Candidacies:

Candidate Elected:

Spokespersons

Candidacies:

Candidates Elected:

Press Attachés

Candidacies:

Candidate Elected:

Committees:

1. Training Committee

Candidacies: Anaël Bisson, Camille Parent-Montpetit, Gabriel Landry

Candidates Elected: Anaël Bisson, Camille Parent-Montpetit

2. Mobilization committee

Candidacies: Noé Damoiseau, Antonin Gilbert

Candidates Elected: (see bellow)

THAT we deposit the candidacy of Antonin Gilbert until the moment where this person can answer the questions of the assembly.

THAT we elect Noé Damoiseau

Proposed by : AGECAR Seconded by: AFESH

Adopted unanimously

<u>Spontaneous candidacies</u>: Clémentine, AnaÏs Parthenais, George Lefebvre, Victor, Sophie Bouchard, Louis Prudhomme

<u>Spontaneous candidates Elected:</u> Clémentine, AnaÏs Parthenais, George Lefebvre, Victor, Sophie Bouchard, Louis Prudhomme

Privileged motion of adjournment for 45 minutes for supper

Proposed by AFESH Seconded by SOGEECOM

Adopted unanimously

Pause starts at 18h41 *Restart at 19h42*

3. Recherche and academic affairs committee

Candidacies: None

Candidates Elected: None

4. Information committee

Candidacies: Naïma Le Nédic, Rémi Grenier

THAT we conduct a secret vote for the candidates

Proposed by: AFEA Seconded by: AGECAR

For: 15 Against: 6 Abstention: 5

Adopted by majority vote

Candidates Elected: Naïma Le Nédic

5. Newspaper committee

Candidacies: None

Candidates Elected: None

Spontaneous candidates: Jeanne

Spontaneous candidates elected: Jeanne

6. Inclusion and Anti-Oppression Committee

Candidacies: Frédéric Pigeon

Candidates Elected: Frédéric Pigeon

Spontaneous candidates: Alice Rodriguez-Doutreloux, Sidonie Barsalou, Lili-Mei

Gagnon-Vezina

Spontaenous candidates Elected: Alice Rodriguez-Doutreloux, Sidonie Barsalou,

Lili-Mei Gagnon-Vezina

THAT we come back to Antonin Gilbert's candidacy for the mobilization committee

Elected unanimously

THAT Rémi Grenier's candidacy is accepted for secretary of coordinating committee

Adopted by majority vote

Privileged proposal of adjournment until 9AM on the 5th of May

Proposed by: AFESH

Seconded by: SOGEECOM

Resumption of the Congress at 9:33 AM

6. Political positions

Support of pro-palestine encampments

CONSIDERING that since April 18, 2024, with the establishment of the encampment on the campus of Columbia University in New York City against the genocide of the Palestinian people of Gaza by the Israeli apartheid state and its occupying forces, the international student movement has been a crucial part of the struggle for the liberation of the people of Palestine through the building of encampments on university grounds around the world

CONSIDERING the construction of such an encampment on the McGill University campus in Montreal on April 27, 2024, by the Montreal student community and its allies

CONSIDERING the political position adopted by the CRUES during its congress on November 18 and 19, 2023 in Rimouski, in favor of supporting the struggle for the liberation of the Palestinian people and the immediate cessation of genocide against them by the Israeli state

CONSIDERING principle no. 9 of the Constitution and Bylaws of the CRUES, which stipulates that CRUES stands: "for the solidarity with Indigenous peoples and nations of the Global North and South and with marginalized communities and racialized communities, against all forms of colonialism and imperialism;".

THAT the CRUES openly and politically supports these encampments on university campuses around the world, aimed at the liberation of Palestine.

THAT the CRUES offers its moral, material and logistical support to the encampments set up on the campuses of the so-called province of Québec

Proposed by AFESH Seconded by SOGÉÉCOM

Motion to amend:

THAT we add "financial" after "material" in the final THAT clause, so that it reads:

THAT the CRUES offers its moral, material, financial and logistical support to the encampments set up on the campuses of the so-called province of Québec

Moved by SCPASA

Seconded by AFESH-UQÀM

Adopted unanimously

Return to the initial motion, once amended:

CONSIDERING that since April 18, 2024, with the establishment of the encampment on the campus of Columbia University in New York City against the genocide of the Palestinian people of Gaza by the Israeli apartheid state and its occupying forces, the international student movement has been a crucial part of the struggle for the liberation of the people of Palestine through the building of encampments on university grounds around the world

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THAT the CRUES offers its moral, material, financial and logistical support to the encampments set up on the campuses of the so-called province of Québec

Adopted unanimously

Privileged motion to table this point until after 7. Budget

Moved by SOGÉÉCOM Seconded by AÉSS-Laval **Adopted unanimously**

7. Budget

THAT the Executive Council make a 10-minute presentation on the financial situation,

Moved by Executive Seconded by ADEESE-UQÀM

Adopted unanimously

THAT the Executive Council make a 10-minute presentation on the budget estimates, followed by a 15-minute question-and-answer period.

THAT the proposed budget estimates be adopted as presented and projected on the screen.

Moved by Executive Seconded by SOGÉÉCOM Adopted unanimously

Privileged motion:

THAT we take a 15 minute break

Moved by AFESH-UQÀM Seconded by AGEECLG Adopted unanimously

THAT we adopt the budget as presented

Moved by Executive Seconded by AFESH-UQÂM

Motion to amend:

That we increase the "Fond des arrêté.es" from 15 000\$ to 30 000\$

Moved by AFESPED-UQÀM Seconded by SOGÉÉCOM Adopted unanimously

That we hold a 5 minute plenary session on adding a budgetary category for solidarity with the pro-Palestinian encampments on campuses

Moved by AFESH-UQÀM Seconded by AÉSS-Laval Adopted unanimously

That we extend the plenary session by 10 minutes

Moved by SOGÉÉCOM Seconded by Executive Adopted unanimously

Motion to amend:

That we add a 5000\$ budgetary category "Support for encampments in solidarity with Palestine"

Moved by AFESH-UQÀM Seconded by SOGEECOM

Motion to sub-amend:

That we replace "5000\$" with "10 000\$"

Moved by SCPASA Seconded by AFÉA-UQÀM

SCPASA calls for the question beforehand Seconded by SOGÉÉCOM Adopted by Majority

Adopted unanimously

Back to the amendment motion as amended once

Motion to sub-amend:

That, at the end of the fiscal year, any unused funds from this budgetary category go towards organizations in Palestine

Moved by CSU Seconded by GUSS

Privileged motion:

That we create an ad-hoc committee to administer this budgetary category

Moved by Executive Seconded by AFÉA-UQÀM Adopted unanimously

Candidacies: Adam, Camille, John, Hugo, Alexandrah

<u>Candidacies elected</u>: All elected unanimously, by block

Back to the sub-amendment motion

Adopted unanimously

Back to the amendment motion as amended twice

Adopted unanimously

Back to the motion as amended twice

Adopted unanimously

Back to point 6, politique positions, motion to hold in contempt student federations

Motion to hold in contempt student federations

CONSIDERING the history of betrayal by student federations of the more militant factions of the student movement;

CONSIDERING that these betrayals have too often taken the form of usurping common campaigns and signing agreements with the government that have excluded these factions;

CONSIDERING the concertationist, corporatist and lobbyist practices of student federations such as the FECQ and UEQ;

CONSIDERING that the federations' organizational practices run counter to CRUES' principles of direct democracy, since they are based on the logic of top-down, rather than bottom-up, representation;

THAT CRUES hold in contempt the Fédération étudiante collégiale du Québec (FECQ) and the Union étudiante du Québec (UEQ), as well as all their future names.

Moved by SOGÉÉCOM Seconded by RÉSUL

Vote: 14 For; 6 Against; 1 Abstain

Adopted by majority vote

Privileged motion:

That we take a 50 minute lunch break

Moved by AFESH-UQÀM Seconded by GUSS Adopted unanimously

Motion to hold in contempt PCR

CONSIDERING that the Tendance Marxiste Internationale (TMI), of which the Revolutionary Communist Party is the Canadian chapter, has given rise to scandals such as group sexual assaults, assault cover-ups and abuse;

CONSIDERING that this organization continues to place the blame on the victims of misplaced behaviors, dynamics and events rather than working to remedy their problematic internal culture;

CONSIDERING the numerous allegations of misogyny and transphobia made against them;

CONSIDERING that, when confronted with these, the organization did no more than condemn a few problematic actors and cast doubt on the experiences and feelings of, among others, a former trans member;

CONSIDERING the odious response published by TMI condemning the survivors' speaking out as a political attack; Considering that this organization is suspicious of intersectionality because of its supposed similarity to right-wing ideologies;

CONSIDERING that they tend to appropriate struggles in order to gain media attention;

CONSIDERING that their vision of the struggle for Palestine implies liberation of the Palestinian people by the Israeli working class, and therefore they do not believe in the BDS (Boycott, Sanction and Divest) movement, and profit monetarily from the sale of their materials associated with this cause;

CONSIDERING that such actions and positions contravene CRUES' mandate to support Palestine;

THAT CRUES hereafter and indefinitely distrust the Parti Communiste Révolutionnaire, also known as Révolution Communiste, (Fightback- La Riposte Socialiste), and officially the Canadian section of the Tendance Marxiste Internationale;

THAT CRUES be prohibited from collaborating, associating and providing services to the RCP, and all its future names.

Moved by AGEECLG Seconded by AFESH

Adopted unanimously

Support for free and open source software (FOSS)

CONSIDERING that non-free software removes all freedom to copy, modify and redistribute a program through control and deprivation of source codes, thus affecting user autonomy;

CONSIDERING that the purchase of proprietary software licenses by all educational institutions wastes funds that could be used to improve the quality of education;

CONSIDERING that this money goes directly into the pockets of large corporations like Microsoft or Google, who are working to establish monopolies in their field and undermine the quality and compatibility of free software;

CONSIDERING that this imposed use encourages dependence on these companies and contributes to weakening the development of free software, and consequently its quality;

CONSIDERING that the massive use of such software by students and for specific training often obliges some to buy or pirate it, thus encouraging its proliferation;

CONSIDERING that such software limits access to knowledge, thus affecting the intellectual emancipation of users;

THAT CRUES opposes all purchases of software licenses by educational institutions, and all obligations to purchase such software from students.

THAT CRUES supports all concrete pressure for free alternatives to be implemented in these institutions.

THAT all documents shared by CRUES be written and designed using free software, insofar as there is a credible and functional alternative provided by the free software world.

THAT CRUES is generally in favor of the development of free software as a means of democratizing computing, and against any form of proprietary software development.

Moved by SOGEECOM Seconded by AFESH

Adopted by majority vote

For: 14; Against: 10; Absention: 10

8. Bylaws

THAT we modify the agenda to merge points 8 - Bylaws and 9 - Statutes

Moved by Executive Seconded by SOGÉÉCOM Adopted unanimously

8.1 Modification to the bylaws

THAT we have a 10 minute plenary session on article 13 of Constitution and Bylaws with a 3 minutes reading session

Moved by Executive Seconded by SOGÉÉCOM Adopted unanimously

8.3 Addition of "Bylaw F : Arrest Fund" to "Constitution and Bylaws"

THAT we treat the Executive's motion of notice.

Moved by Executive
Seconded by AFESH

Adopted unanimously

THAT a new "Bylaw F: Arrest Fund" be added:

ARTICLE 1: PRINCIPLES

The fund stands in solidarity with all those arrested in connection with demonstrations and actions in line with the principles and demands of CRUES, and those subject to administrative or disciplinary measures by the administrations of educational establishments, regardless of their role in the organization or their political position. The fund considers that these people are entitled to human, financial and logistical support. The CRUES Legal Committee endeavours to meet all the needs expressed by them, and considers that no person should be forced to plead guilty to a charge because of a lack of resources.

ARTICLE 2: CRITERIA

The fund is primarily intended for people arrested in connection with demonstrations and actions in accordance with the principles and demands of the CRUES, and to those subject to administrative or disciplinary measures by administrations of educational institutions who have established contact with the CRUES legal committee. Financial resources are allocated to those who request them according to the following priorities:

- 1. Individuals facing criminal charges, particularly those involving risk of imprisonment;
 - 1.1 Individual trial: in the event of refusal of legal aid, the Fund covers all defence costs. defense costs. In the event of obtaining a Legal Aid mandate with a contribution, the Fund
 - covers the amount of the contribution requested;
 - 1.2 Joint trial of several persons (mass arrests in criminal cases or individual arrests during the

same event): the Fund's support is determined by the following criteria: number of people arrested - number of arrest warrants obtained arrested - number of warrants obtained from Legal Aid - number of lawyers representing the group duration and complexity of the case;

- 2. Individuals facing administrative or disciplinary measures by educational educational institution administrations, such as expulsions or threats of expulsion of expulsion;
- 3. People facing criminal charges (e.g. traffic tickets, mass arrests);
- 4. People targeted for their role in political organizing. In view of the transformations and expansion of forms of repression, the CRUES legal committee is flexible in the application of its mandates, geared towards providing support to people targeted by new forms of repression. In assessing requests for financial support, the committee takes the following criteria into consideration the following criteria:
 - Other resources (legal aid, local associations, etc.) to which people have access;
 - Risks for the targeted individuals and the impact on their lives;
 - Political profiling;
 - Equity between requests;
 - The impact of a legal decision on ongoing struggles;
 - Other considerations.

ARTICLE 3: EXPENSES COVERED

This list applies to self-represented individuals as well as to individuals represented by counsel. represented by counsel.

- 1. Payment of bail for discharge;
- 2. Lawyers' fees (prior agreement with the Legal Committee is required);
- 3. Legal fees (transcripts, etc.);
- 4. Logistical costs (transportation to the hearing, etc.);
- 5. Access to information requests;
- 6. Other defense-related expenses.

In emergencies only, a loan may be granted to a person to prevent them from incurring consequences of legal action (e.g., payment of a fine following a guilty plea). a guilty plea or verdict).

ARTICLE 4: CONFLICT OF INTEREST

Lawyers may not be elected to the Legal Committee. Committee members declare to the other members of the committee any conflict of interest or appearance of conflict of interest in connection with a decision. Committee members must withdraw from decision-making in cases where they have a real or apparent conflict of interest. The Legal Committee is accountable to CRUES at all times. The Committee approves the above rules and ensures their application. It must receive and rule on requests for legal defense funding. It is also empowered to reimburse accumulated expenses, on presentation of invoices and receipts only.

Moved by exec Seconded by AFEA Adopted unanimously

9.2 Addition of "Article 59: Legal Committee" of "Constitution and Bylaws"

That we treat this notice of motion

Moved by Executive Seconded by SOGEECOM

THAT we add a new article 59 to "Chapter 8: Committees":

"ARTICLE 59: LEGAL COMMITTEE

It is a body of solidarity and support for students under the yoke of police repression and judicialization. The main task of this committee is to provide logistical, financial and human support for those arrested in the following ways:

- 1. Establish a network of lawyers and activists;
- 2. See to the financing of the Arrests Fund;
- 3. See to the day-to-day management of the Arrests Fund;
- 4. Centralize information on the criminalization and judicialization of the student movement;
- 5. Follow up on ongoing cases."

Moved by Exec Seconded by SOGEECOM

Adopted unanimously

THAT we hold a 10 minutes plenary session to define our list of priorities for addressing the rest of the points

Moved by Exec Seconded by AFEA

Adopted unanimously

The moodwatcher decreeds a 10 minutes pause at 3h13PM

THAT we address the points in the following order:

- 8.2 Modifications to Bylaw A, election procedures;
- 8.5, addition of bylaw H, accommodations;
- 8.4, addition of bylaw G, safer spaces;
- 9.1, addition of article 5 for regions,
- 9.3, modification to article 2 on the praesidium

THUS TABLING:

• 8.1, modification to bylaws

Proposed by AFESH
Seconded by SOGEECOM

Adopted unanimously

8.2 Modifications to "Bylaw A: Election Procedure" of "Constitution and Bylaws"

Notice of Motion by AFESH-UQAM

<u>THAT</u> we replace in "Bylaw A: Election Procedure" in paragraph "Nomination of candidates" the word "headquarters" with "email of the executive council"

THAT we add to point 5 of paragraph "Voting procedures" in "Bylaw A: Election Procedure" of the Consitution and Bylaws of the CRUE de ligne "and vote on them without their presence in the room" at the end of the previously mentioned point for it to read as follows:

"5. each candidate must then leave the room so that the body can discuss the nominations in a twenty (20)-minute plenary and vote on them without their presence in the room."

Motion to amend:

That we replace "email of the executive council" with "CRUES mailing list"

Moved by Executive Seconded by SCPASA Adopted unanimously

Return to the initial motion as amended once **Adopted unanimously**

8.5 Addition of "Bylaw H: Accommodation policy" to "Constitution and Bylaws"

Notice of Motion by the executive council

That we treat this notice of motion

Moved by AFESH-UQAM Seconded by AFESPED-UQAM

Adopted unanimously

THAT we add a new bylaw "Bylaw H: Accommodation policy":

"Objective

The purpose of this policy is to ensure equitable and equal access to the various services and bodies of CRUES, such as conventions, the coordinating council, training camps or any other event. CRUES is committed to offering accommodations to people with functional limitations, medical restrictions, specific linguistic needs, etc.

Scope

This policy applies to all CRUES members, participants and collaborators.

Principle of accommodation

Respect for dignity: Accommodation measures must be developed and applied in a manner that respects and preserves the dignity of those benefiting from them.

Integration and full participation: accommodation measures should ensure maximum integration and full participation of the person benefiting from them.

Communication: all parties concerned must be informed of accommodation measures, as well as those delegated to implement them.

Accommodation procedures

<u>Request for accommodation</u>: Persons requiring accommodation may submit a request directly to the organizers, or complete an application that will be made available by the event organizers.

<u>Needs assessment</u>: event organizers will review requests to determine appropriate accommodation measures.

<u>Implementation of accommodations</u>: the organizing team must ensure that the measures decided upon are applied.

<u>Follow-up</u>: a follow-up must be carried out with those benefiting from the accommodation measures to ensure their effectiveness and to adjust them as required.

Recommended practices

- Make the documents and information required for organized events available to participants in advance, such as the program, proposal booklet, etc.
- Provide documents adapted to participants' needs.
- Ensure that there are regular breaks during the various events.
- Provide quiet, non-stimulating spaces during conferences.
- When speaking, encourage speakers to use inclusive language and to speak at a slow, clear pace.
- Encourage a welcoming and inclusive environment where the safety and well-being of participants are prioritized.
- *Use clear signage in different areas to help participants find their way around.*
- Ensure that the premises comply with universal accessibility standards."

Moved by Ad-hoc Committee for the Writing of Policies Seconded by AFESPED-UQAM

Motion to amend:

That we add "The instances and activities offered by CRUES" after "during congresses"

Moved by SOGEECOM Seconded by GUSS

Adopted unanimously

Return to the initial motion:

Motion to amend:

That we add "offer an adequate source of food during congresses that responds to the needs of persons with food restrictions or allergies" to the recommended practices

Moved by AFEA-UQAM
Seconded by SOGEECOM

Motion to sub-amend:

That we add "and that the ingredients or allergens be clearly identified"

Moved by SOGEECOM
Seconded by AFESPED-UQAM

Adopted unanimously

Return to the amendment, as amended once

Adopted unanimously

Return to the initial motion, twice amended:

Motion to amend:

That the point "Request for accommodation" be modified to read as follows: "Request for accommodation: Organizers must provide delegations with an accommodation form through the registration form, so that they can forward their needs to them;

That the point "Implementation of Accomodations": be modified to read as follows: "the CRUES team must ensure that the measures decided upon are applied."

Moved by AFESH-UQAM Seconded by GUSS Adopted unanimously

Return to the initial motion, thrice amended

Motion to amend:

S'assurer d'une possibilité de participation co-modale de qualité au CoCo pour les associations membres et membres de comités, notamment par de l'équipement offrant une bonne qualité audio et vidéo» aux pratiques saines.

Return to the initial motion, thrice amended, so that it reads as such:

"Objective

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<u>Implementation of accommodations</u>: the CRUES team must ensure that the measures decided upon are applied.

<u>Follow-up</u>: a follow-up must be carried out with those benefiting from the accommodation measures to ensure their effectiveness and to adjust them as required.

Recommended practices

- Make the documents and information required for organized events available to participants in advance, such as the program, proposal booklet, etc.
- Provide documents adapted to participants' needs.
- Ensure that there are regular breaks during the various events.
- Provide quiet, non-stimulating spaces during congresses, the instances and activities offered by CRUES.
- When speaking, encourage speakers to use inclusive language and to speak at a slow, clear pace.
- Encourage a welcoming and inclusive environment where the safety and well-being of participants are prioritized.
- *Use clear signage in different areas to help participants find their way around.*
- Ensure that the premises comply with universal accessibility standards."

- Provide an adequate source of food during congresses that responds to the needs of persons with food restrictions or allergies, and that the ingredients or allergens be clearly identified.

Adopted unanimously

8.4 Addition of "Bylaw G: Safer Space policy" to "Constitution and Bylaws"

THAT we treat the Safer Space motion of notice.

Moved by Ad Hoc Committee for Bylaw redaction
Seconded by SOGEECOM

Adopted unanimously

THAT we add a new bylaw "Bylaw G: Safer Space policy" to the Constitution and bylaws of the CRUES:

"We would like to thank the Mental Health Commission of Canada for its resources, from which we drew much of our inspiration.

Safer space

A "safer space" is a non-threatening, friendly environment where all participants can feel comfortable expressing themselves and sharing their experiences without fear of discrimination or reprisal. We use the word "safer" to recognize that the feeling of safety is relative to each person: not everyone feels safe under the same conditions, and one person's conditions may conflict with another's. We use the word "safe" to recognize that the feeling of safety is relative to each person: not everyone feels safe under the same conditions, and one person's conditions may conflict with another's. We use the word "safe" to recognize that the feeling of safety is relative to each person's conditions. By recognizing each person's experiences in our spaces, we hope to create the safest possible environment.

To create and maintain the desired climate, we need guidelines and best practices to follow. Even when we all want to maintain this "safer space", we may be unaware of certain problems and/or occasionally make mistakes. These good practices are therefore intended to give us a rough orientation during CRUES meetings and activities.

Best practices:

1. As soon as a recognized risk of problematic behavior is raised, serious consideration should be given to providing a mood watcher, whether for a meeting, chilling, club outing or public event.

- 2. Respect the physical and emotional limits of others.
- 3. Respect people's identities and experiences, including appropriate pronouns and names.
- 4. We know less about our peers than we think. Don't assume or make judgments about your peers' gender identity, sexual/romantic orientation, survivor status, health status, social class, religion, past experiences, beliefs or opinions.
- 5. Respect others' right to privacy both during and outside this dialogue. Don't push your peers to answer questions they don't want to answer, and don't divulge vulnerable stories or moments outside the dialogue or event where they were shared.
- 6. Be aware that your actions and gestures can have unintended effects on others, and that the emotions of those affected are valid, regardless of the original intention behind the comment or gesture.
- 7. Avoid raising your voice, interrupting others or talking over someone else. Also be aware of your level of participation: make sure everyone has a chance to speak.
- 8. If you benefit from different systems of oppression in our societies, consider practicing disempowerment, i.e. deliberately ceding power from privilege in order to make room and give power to people marginalized by these systems of oppression, which may include: prioritizing their speaking out over that of cis men, accepting one's mistakes, and criticizing other "privileged colleagues".
- 9. Assume positive intent. If someone says or does something that crosses one of your boundaries, start by letting them know in a friendly way, but don't assume from the outset that the intention was to hurt. Remember that we are all learning to deconstruct systems of oppression.
- 10. If you notice or witness inappropriate or abusive behavior, please report it to the person in charge of the event or the event's sense keeper. In the absence of such resources, it is the responsibility of those witnessing the behavior to intervene in order to avoid escalation and ensure that everyone's boundaries are respected.
- 11. Don't allow any comments, gestures or attitudes that are hateful or harmful to the participation of certain people to go unchallenged. Any such concerns must be addressed as soon as possible. Whether on the spot, or within a week of the meeting, a concerted intervention with those affected by the problematic situation must be swift so that the lasting dynamics of the group/space are not affected.
- 12. If all else fails, or in the absence of your space's willingness to address your concerns and limitations, prioritize your own safety and leave. CRUES, like any organization or cause, prefers the well-being of its team to keeping everyone in at all costs."

Moved by Adhoc committee for bylaw redaction Seconded by AFESH

Amendment motion to replace 1 with "Serious consideration should be given to providing a mood watcher during any social activity organized by the CRUES"

Moved by SOGEECOM Seconded by AGEECLG

Adopted unanimously

Back to the main motion as amended once

Amendment motion to remove point 9.

Moved by SOGEECOM Seconded by AGEECLG

Adopted unanimously

Back to the main motion, as amended twice, so that it reads as such:

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Best practices:

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- 3. Respect people's identities and experiences, including appropriate pronouns and names.
- 4. We know less about our peers than we think. Don't assume or make judgments about your peers' gender identity, sexual/romantic orientation, survivor status, health status, social class, religion, past experiences, beliefs or opinions.

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- 7. Avoid raising your voice, interrupting others or talking over someone else. Also be aware of your level of participation: make sure everyone has a chance to speak.
- 8. If you benefit from different systems of oppression in our societies, consider practicing disempowerment, i.e. deliberately ceding power from privilege in order to make room and give power to people marginalized by these systems of oppression, which may include: prioritizing their speaking out over that of cis men, accepting one's mistakes, and criticizing other "privileged colleagues".
- 9. If you notice or witness inappropriate or abusive behavior, please report it to the person in charge of the event or the event's sense keeper. In the absence of such resources, it is the responsibility of those witnessing the behavior to intervene in order to avoid escalation and ensure that everyone's boundaries are respected.
- 10. Don't allow any comments, gestures or attitudes that are hateful or harmful to the participation of certain people to go unchallenged. Any such concerns must be addressed as soon as possible. Whether on the spot, or within a week of the meeting, a concerted intervention with those affected by the problematic situation must be swift so that the lasting dynamics of the group/space are not affected.
- 11. If all else fails, or in the absence of your space's willingness to address your concerns and limitations, prioritize your own safety and leave. CRUES, like any organization or cause, prefers the well-being of its team to keeping everyone in at all costs."

Adopted unanimously

THAT we end the congress at 4:22 PM
Moved by exec
Seconded by SOGEECOM
Adopted by a majority

9. Statutes

9.1 Addition of "Article 5 : Definitions" of "Constitution and Bylaws" (deposited)

Notice of Motion by l'AGECAR:

Considering the discussions concerning the central aspect of regionality for one of the spokesperson positions as adopted at the last convention,

Considering that, by regionality, the convention specifically meant that one of the spokespersons should come from an association outside Montreal,

Considering the vagueness associated with the term "region", where a person from a Quebec association could be considered not to come from a region,

AGECAR proposes the addition of a new article under chapter 1 to the constitution:

"ARTICLE 5: DEFINITIONS

Region: outlying territory of the Montreal Metropolitan Region."

Deposited due to end of congress

9.3 Modification to "Article 2" of "Bylaw E : Praesidium" (deposited)

Notice of Motion by SOGEECOM

CONSIDERING that the monetary funds of CRUES come from the community of student members;

CONSIDERING that using these funds to pay a salary to the praesidium constitutes a collective transfer of funds to a few individuals;

CONSIDERING that CRUES' limited financial resources should be used primarily to fund field work and activities related to the struggle;

CONSIDERING that individual financial situations can be an obstacle to militant involvement:

CONSIDERING that the money paid to the praesidium should be used to compensate for this precariousness and not to remunerate militant work, equivalents of which are carried out free of charge.

THAT the second paragraph of "Article 2" of "Bylaw E: : Praesidium", which reads as follows:

"The work of people on the praesidium is compensated at the rate of \$20 per hour of congress time, with a minimum of \$60. An hour started is an hour paid. This amount is indexed to the Consumer Price Index (CPI), with indexation taking effect one year after adoption of this article. The indexation is ratified by the Coordinating Council once a year, depending on CRUES' financial health. Under no circumstances may this entrenchment be used to lower the amount of remuneration."

be completely replaced by:

"The executive must do its utmost to find a praesidium composed of people willing to do this militant work free of charge. In the event that the executive is unable to find such volunteers, that external persons be offered the possibility of compensation of a fixed amount at the discretion of the executive board."

Deposited due to end of congress

10. Varia

11. Closing procedures

ANNEXE

I. Letters of application to the CRUES team

Application from Olivier Hérard for the position of External Relations Manager

Hello comrades,

My name is Olivier Hérard (iel), also known as Hibou or PitPit, and I'm running for the position of CRUES external relations manager for the 2024-2025 term. I'm currently completing my master's degree in chemical oceanography at UQAR, and I've been involved in student and community activism since I entered CEGEP several years ago.

The external relations position is important, in my opinion, in order to coalesce groups and associations behind CRUES' fight. In this second year of CRUES, it will be important to produce content dedicated to regional groups and to ensure a presence in the form most appropriate to their needs. Having always studied in so-called "regional" institutions (Sherbrooke and Rimouski), I think I have a good capacity to understand the reality of groups based in regional cities (aka I've got a rep tank).

I invite associations to ask me questions in advance if they feel the need, and I'll also be at the convention to chat with you!

Looking forward to hearing from you!

Olivier Hérard (iel/they/them)
Camarade PitPit
Responsable aux affaires externes
Association générale étudiante du campus de Rimouski de l'UQAR

Marina Bourassa application for the position of Internal Relations Manager

Objet: application for the position of Internal Relations Manager

Good day to you,

I would like to apply for one of the three positions of Internal Relations Manager.

I'd like to start by introducing myself. I'm currently completing a DEC in Human Sciences at Collège de Maisonneuve. My passion for history (and for sharing it with others) is taking me to UQÀM in the fall to complete a bachelor's degree in secondary education!

Apart from that, I started getting involved once I got to CEGEP, notably by picketing and taking part in the environmental strike. I currently hold the position of external affairs delegate at the glorious SOGÉCOM, and informally performed the duties of information delegate before that.

I recognize as well as you do that my activist experience is not as exhaustive as that of those who have previously held the position of in-house manager. However, if I want to get involved, it's

mainly because I believe I have the skills and the ability to learn and adapt that will benefit me in this position. Of course, I still have a lot to learn, but I don't see that as an obstacle.

What's more, I'm highly motivated, which I see as an asset in making a positive contribution to the longevity of a fledgling CRUES. I'm particularly interested in the position of intern, as it's similar to that of a CEGEP extern. Communicating with other associations, sending e-mails and processing documents are all things I already do (but especially enjoy doing!).

I'm just as keen as you are to see CRUES maintain and flourish. The principles on which it is based are dear to my heart.

Ultimately, if I want to get involved, it's because I believe we can do something beautiful, good and necessary, together.

I invite you to contact me at marina.bourassa27@gmail.com if you have any further questions. Otherwise, we'll meet again soon at the convention, where I'll be delighted to answer any questions you may have.

In solidarity,

Marina Bourassa (elle/she/her) Étudiante et membre de la SOGÉÉCOM

Application by Manuel Sauvé Chevalier for the position of Internal Relations Manager

Hello,

I would like to run for one of the positions of CRUES Internal Relations Manager in order to ensure a transition between the current Executive Board and the future CRUES team. Indeed, I intend to leave my position in the fall of 2024, if re-elected, to devote myself to another project.

I was involved in 2022 and 2023 as AGEECLG's external affairs manager, before being elected to this position on CRUES last November. Since then, however, I've taken on more internal tasks, which I feel should be given priority in an association that is slowly building up. I would like to be re-elected so that I can complete a number of projects currently underway and ensure an effective transition to the new team.

Finally, I would like to strongly encourage candidacies for the executive board and committees. In my opinion, it is crucial to have a functional CRUES team so that the current coordination between associations can be maintained and improved. I'd also like to encourage applications

from people who don't live in Tio'tia:ke/Montreal. As someone who doesn't live there, my experience on the Executive Board was positive, thanks to the accommodation measures (reimbursement of transportation, meals and the possibility of attending meetings by zoom).

In solidarity,

Manuel Sauvé Chevalier (ael/il) Actuellement responsable des affaires externes de la CRUES Membre de l'AGEECLG

Camille Parent-Montpetit application to the Training Committee

Hello,

I would like to apply for the CRUES Training Committee.

I've just finished my term at the Association facultaire étudiante des arts de l'UQAM (AFÉA) as external affairs executive, and I'm now an environmental sciences student at UQAM. I've been involved with CRUES for a year, on the training committee and the journal committee.

Having helped organize the two CRUES training camps last October and March, I'd like to renew my mandate to continue this involvement and pass on knowledge to a new team.

I'll be at the convention to answer any questions:)

In solidarity, Camille Parent-Montpetit (elle)

Anaël's application to the Training Committee

Hello,

My name is Anaël (elle) and I'm a third-year student in the bachelor's program in sociology ("feminisms, genders and sexualities" orientation) at the Université de Montréal.

I don't have any activist experience: I've taken part in several demonstrations, but I've never been involved with an organization on a long-term basis. I've wanted to do it for several years, but I

often had the impression that activist circles were difficult to access, and I didn't know where I wanted to put my energy.

I only recently discovered CRUES, at the feminist training camp held last March. I absolutely loved my experience. In the months leading up to the camp, I was questioning a lot about the place of community in my life (which I felt was too small), and this training camp not only aligned with my values on a political level, but showed me just how many positive places of learning and fertile exchange there can be. It's seeing this benevolent energy and committed curiosity that made me want to get involved with the training committee. I'd like to help set up these moments of exchange (like the one I experienced in March at the training camp), whatever form they take. I've got a lot to learn, given that this is my first militant experience, but I've got good organizational skills, time to give and a great desire to get involved! That's why I'd like to apply for a position on the training committee.

Thank you for your interest,

Anaël

Gabriel Landry's candidacy for the Training Committee

Hello,

I would like to apply for a position on the CRUES Training Committee.

Ever since I attended the CRUES training camp, I've been convinced that this organization has a place in the university community, and I'd like to make a contribution.

This summer and fall, I should have enough time to help the training committee. It's possible that I'll retire in winter 2025, as I'm planning to finish my bachelor's degree in political science this fall and haven't yet decided what to do next.

I look forward to presenting myself in greater detail at the next convention,

Gabriel Landry

Letter from Toufik El-Hossami (non-student member of the training committee)

To the attention of CRUES,

I'm Toufik El-Hossami, a fervent defender of student rights and union values. With a DEC in cinema, I'm preparing to pursue graduate studies in Montreal.

My activism, notably in environmental causes, for the liberation of Palestine and the definition of the police, testifies to my determination to fight for a fairer world.

I'm particularly interested in joining the CRUES training committee, where I could put my experience in event organization to good use. My aim is to help promote the right to free education and to defend intersectional social causes.

I am convinced that my commitment and skills will be valuable assets for CRUES. I look forward to collaborating with its dedicated members to advance our common goals.

Yours sincerely

Toufik El-Hossami

Antonin Gilbert's candidacy for the mobilization committee

Yo!

I'm Antonin Gilbert, a nice little anarchist. I'm running for re-election to the CRUES mobilization committee for another year.

I've been on the mob committee for a year now. During this year, I've had the opportunity to gain a lot of mobilization experience, but also to learn about the challenges of a mobilization committee that isn't based in a local asso, aka the great coordination required to do a single tour/activity. So this year, I'm aiming to get the mob committee more actively and proactively involved in developing a campaign calendar and local mobilization plan in collaboration with local association executives

Despite the mixed results of the mobilization on internship wages, it's a fight that motivates me a lot. I'm particularly eager to start working on the unique challenge of mobilizing CEGEP populations, who are generally unaffected by unpaid internships.

It goes without saying that SOGEECOM's campaign for free public transport, as well as its development and accessibility, is also really cool, and that I'll be staying no matter what the campaign is.

In short, I'm excited to continue solving problems, providing support and facing challenges.

I look forward to fighting with you,

Antonin Gilbert

Noé Damoiseau's candidacy for the mobilization committee

Hi there!

My name is Noé Damoiseau.

I'd like to join the mobilization committee this summer to help prepare the campaign by making materials, preparing conferences and starting an internship committee in Maisonneuve in the fall.

Have a nice day!

Frédéric Pigeon's application to the Inclusion and Oppression Committee

Hello, my name is Frédéric Pigeon, my pronouns are iel/They/Them masculine agreement.

I'm writing to you today to run for a second term (my first full term) on the Inclusion and Oppression Committee. Currently, I hold the position of external affairs coordinator for UQAM's modular political science student association since the fall 2022 semester.

There are many reasons why I wish to remain on the committee. Firstly, there's still a lot of work to be done on a number of issues. For example, the issue of participation in associative life by people from visible and invisible minorities. Also, during my mandate, I plan to work with the committee and try to meet with all CRUES member associations to discuss inclusion issues.

If you have any questions. I'll be at the convention. Don't hesitate to chat with me!

Naïma Le Nédic's application

Hello,

My name is Naïma LE NÉDIC; I'm running for the INFORMATION committee. I'm an AFESPED executive in internal affairs. I have a lot of experience in the community and in activism. My curriculum vitae is attached.

Yours sincerely

Naïma LE NÉDIC.

Rémi Grenier's candidacy for the Information Committee

Hello, my name is Rémi Grenier, and I'd like to stand for re-election to the CRUES information committee.

Unfortunately, with the campaign to maintain AFESPED's representativeness, I wasn't able to invest 100% of my time in the info committee during the winter session, but I did do some mob material. I had also done several illustrations in the past, notably several octopuses for the internships.

I use royalty-free software for my illustrations and don't use AI. I also spent 2 years in the CEGEP de Rimouski student association (AGECR) and almost three years in the political science and law student association (AFESPED).

Now that I'm no longer on an executive, I'll have more time to devote to CRUES, and I have a few projects underway at CRUES that I'd like to continue.

I won't be at the convention to introduce myself, so don't hesitate to write to me via this e-mail if you have any questions.

Anticapitalist, Rémi