

**CONGRESS BOOKLET OF THE FEBRUARY 8 AND 9 WINTER
CONGRESS OF THE COALITION DE RÉSISTANCE POUR
L'UNITÉ ÉTUDIANTE SYNDICALE (CRUES)**

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Location

Henry F. Hall Building, 1455 Blvd. De Maisonneuve Ouest, Montréal, Québec H3G 1M8

Dates

February 8-9 2025

Hours

Start: 9h00

Useful documents for the Congress

Statutes and Regulations of the CRUES

Code of Procedure for CRUES

ASSÉ Purple Booklet

Attendance (members)

AGECAR

SCPASA

GUSS

CSF

AFESH

ADEESE

AFÉA

AFESPED

AGECLG

AÉMESTUM

SOGÉÉCOM

Attendance (non-members)

SPPA

MAGE-UQAC

SSMU

CSU

AGECVM

AGEM

AECS

SASU

AGECMV

PROPOSED AGENDA

Proposed agenda of the Executive Council

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1.2 Reading and adoption of the agenda

1.3 Reading and adoption of the minutes

1.4 Filing of Notices of Motion

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6.1 Addition of article 5 : Definitions

6.2 Modification of article 2 of « Rule E : praesidium ».

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LAND ACKNOWLEDGMENT

The CRUES recognizes that Concordia University, where its members are located, is part of an Indigenous territory, which has never been ceded. We recognize the Kanien'kehá:ka nation as the guardian of the lands and waters upon which we gather today. Tiohtià:ke is historically known as a gathering place for many First Nations, and today is home to a diverse indigenous population, along with people of diverse origins.

1. Opening

That we open the congress at 9h42.

Duly moved by Executive

Duly seconded by AFESPED

UA

1.1. Praesidium

That Istvan, Roxo, Eleanore and Kolya respectively act as animator, secretary, facilitator and speaking turns for this congress.

That Katherine and Greg provide the translation for this congress.

Duly moved by the Executive

Duly seconded by SOGÉÉCOM

UA

1.2. Lecture et adoption de l'ordre du jour

That we adopt the following agenda:

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Duly moved by the Executive Council

Duly seconded by AFESH

Amendment: That we replace “General Unlimited Strike” by “Strike” so the point 3.2.1 reads as “Palestine Strike”

Duly moved by SOGÉÉCOM

Duly seconded by the Executive Council

UA

Back on the main motion as amended once

That we adopt the following agenda:

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1.3. Reading and adoption of the minutes

That we adopt the minutes from the fall 2024 congress: [procès-verbal du congrès régulier d'automne 2024](#).

Duly moved by AFESH

Duly seconded by AGECAR

UA

1.4. Filing of Notices of Motion

Notice of motion duly filed by AFESH

2. Ratifying affiliations and disaffiliations

That we ratify AESS-UQAM's disaffiliation

Duly moved by Executive

Duly seconded by AGECLG

UA

That we ratify AÉMESTUM's affiliation

Duly moved by Executive

Duly seconded by AFESPED

UA

Privileged motion: That non-member associations benefit from an indicative vote to encourage their participation in the congress.

That the indicative votes be written in the minutes.

Duly moved by AGECLG

Duly seconded by SOGÉÉCOM

UA

3. Feedback on Campaigns

3.1. Internship Campaign

Privileged motion: That we give Santiago a speaking turn

Duly moved by Executive

Duly seconded by AFESH

UA

That video coverage of the congress be authorized

Duly moved by Executive
Duly seconded by AFESH
Rejected

That we hold a 30-minute plenary on the internship campaign

Duly moved by Executive
Duly seconded by SOGÉÉCOM
UA

The plenary begins at 10:17.
The plenary ends at 10:25.

3.2. Palestine Campaign

That we hold a 1-hour plenary on the Palestine campaign.

Duly moved by Executive
Duly seconded by AGECLG
UA

The plenary begins at 10:26.
The plenary ends at 11:24.

Considering the constant violation of the ceasefire in Gaza by the Zionist state, through restrictions on the entry of medical aid, the exit of patients and the perpetuation of shootings, injuring and killing of many Palestinians.
Considering the alarming intensification of violence in the West Bank by the “Israeli” army

That the CRUES not recognize the ceasefire in Gaza as legitimate.

That the CRUES demand an end to violence by the Zionist entity in the West Bank.

That the CRUES denounce the complicity of the journalistic media in their silence in the face of the latest developments.

That the CRUES denounce the interference of the so-called United States in Palestinian affairs.

That the CRUES push the pro-Palestinian student movement until the complete liberation of Palestine, from the river to the sea.

Duly moved by SOGÉÉCOM
Duly seconded by AGECLG

Privileged motion: That the motion be tabled.

Duly moved by AFESH
Duly seconded by AFESPED

For (members): 18
For (total): 31
Against (members): 3
Against (total): 3
Abstentions (members): 3
Abstentions (total): 6

Adopted by a majority

Privileged motion: That we take a 15-minute break

Duly moved by AGECLG
Duly seconded by AFESH
UA

The break starts at 11:49.
Congress resumes at 12:06

That we hold a 20-minute plenary on the CRUES' past, present and future relationship with radical external organizations.

Duly moved by AGECAR
Duly seconded by AFESH

For (members): 9
For (total): 9
Against (members): 7
Against (total): 10
Abstentions (members): 8
Abstentions (total): 15

Adopted by a majority

The plenary starts at 12:13.
The plenary ends at 12:33

3.2.1. Palestine Strike

That we hold a 30-minute plenary on the subject of a potential strike for Palestine at the CRUES.

Duly moved by AFESH
Duly seconded by AFÉA

Privileged motion: That we take a 1-hour lunch break.

Duly moved by SOGÉÉCOM

Duly seconded by AFÉA

Amendment: That we replace “1-hour” by “45-minute”.

Duly moved by AGECAR

Duly seconded by AGECLG

For (members): 9

For (total): 16

Against (members): 12

Against (total): 21

Abstentions (members): 3

Abstentions (total): 3

Rejected by a majority

Back on the privileged motion:

UA

The break begins at 12:42

The congress resumes at 1:44

Back on the motion: That we hold a 30-minute plenary on the subject of a potential strike for Palestine at the CRUES.

UA

The plenary opens at 11:47

The plenary closes at 14:07

Considering our demands concerning our current campaign;

Considering the mobilization success of the strike days of November 21 and 22 resulting in 103,000 students on strike in Quebec and around the world

Considering the ceasefire, which has resulted in only a slight mitigation of the ongoing genocide and the displacement of the genocide on the peoples of the West Bank;

Considering the unchanging complicity of our so-called states with the the Zionist state and in the genocide;

Considering the unwillingness of administrators and the state to negotiate with students and their associations to fulfill our demands;

Considering the evidence found of the alarming involvement of Héroux Devtek in the manufacture of weapons parts used by the “Israeli” army in Palestine “Israeli” army in Palestine;

Considering that Héroux Devtek is a Quebec company and has several establishments in so-called Quebec;

Considering the constant violation of the ceasefire in Gaza by the by the Zionist state, through restrictions on the entry of medical aid and by the perpetuation of shootings, injuring and killing many Palestinians;

Considering the alarming intensification of violence in the West Bank by the Israeli” army;

Considering the constant violation of the ceasefire in Gaza by the Zionist state, through restrictions on the entry of medical aid of patients and the perpetuation of shootings, injuring and killing many Palestinians;

Considering the alarming intensification of violence in the West Bank by the Israeli” army;

That the CRUES coordinate a week of strikes and actions the week of March 24 to 28 for Palestine and issue a call to action and preparation for everyone, prioritizing March 26 as the strike day in order to centralize it;

That the CRUES invite its members to mobilize their student populations to join the demonstration held by SPHR Concordia on March 26, 2025.

That the CRUES collaborate and coordinate with PYM, SPHR and NSJP and/or with local pro-Palestinian organizations on future actions;

That armaments and academic complicity be specifically targeted in this campaign;

That the CRUES invite its student members in the STGM (science, technology, engineering and mathematics) fields to organize against the systematic recruitment of students in arms factories;

That the CRUES mobilize around a pressure campaign against Héroux-Devtek, supported by Actions Contre les Armes;

That school administrations, the Ministry of Education be our specific targets for their denial of the Palestinian genocide, their investments in genocide and the colonial education they impose on us;

That the CRUES call for days of action coordinated by the inter-asso;

That the first day be February XX, 2025;

That the second day be March 13, 2025;

That the inter-asso, subsequently re-evaluate the effectiveness of these days and call for future ones if deemed appropriate;

That the CRUES and its associations organize and coordinate militant training and artistic activities during these strike days;

That the CRUES and its associations organize and coordinate demonstrations in Tioh'tià;ke (Montreal) if possible during the week of action;

That the mobilization committee co-organize and subsidize student demonstrations outside Tioh'tià;ke;

That the mobilization and media content be built in part with a view to an unlimited general strike in the following school year;

That the CRUES communicate a GGI ultimatum if student demands are not met;

That the CRUES amplify the demands of SPHR Concordia and SPHR McGill for divestment and to cut employment partnerships with Zionist arms companies at their respective institutions;

That the CRUES amplify the pressure campaign against the Caisse de dépôt et Placement of so-called Québec led by Désinvestir Pour La Palestine.

Duly moved by the Mobilization Committee

Duly seconded by AGECLG

Privileged motion: That we hold a 3-minute reading time.

Duly moved by AFESH

Duly seconded by AGECLG

The reading time starts at 14h14

The reading time ends at 14h18

Amendment: That we add “and the Ministry of Higher Education” after each use of the term “the Ministry of Education”

Duly moved by ADEESE

Duly seconded by SOGEECOM

UA

Back on the main motion as amended once:

Amendment: That we remove “PYM, SPHR and NSJP and/or”

Duly moved by AFEA

Duly seconded by AFESH

For (members): 14

For (total): 18

Against (members): 0

Against (total): 0

Abstentions (members): 10

Abstentions (total): 19

Adopted by a majority

Back on the main motion as amended twice:

Amendment: That the mobilization and media content be built in part with a view to an unlimited general strike in the following school year;

That the CRUES communicate a GGI ultimatum if student demands are not met;

Duly moved by AFESH
Duly seconded by AGECAR
For (members): 18
For (total): 31
Against (members): 3
Against (total): 3
Abstentions (members): 1
Abstentions (total): 1
Adopted by a majority

Back on the main motion as amended three times:

Amendment: That we replace the preamble by: Considering the successful mobilization of the strike days of November 21 and 22, resulting in 103,000 students on strike in so-called Quebec and around the world;
Considering the constant violation of the ceasefire in Gaza by the Zionist state, through restrictions on the entry of medical aid, the exit of patients and the perpetuation of shootings, injuring and killing many Palestinians;
Considering the alarming intensification of violence in the West Bank by the “Israeli” army;
Considering the constant complicity of so-called Quebec and so-called Canada with the Zionist state;
Considering the unwillingness of school administrators to listen to students and associations;
Considering the evidence found of Héroux Devtek's alarming involvement in the manufacture of weapons parts used by the “Israeli” army in Palestine;
Considering that Héroux Devtek is a Quebec company with several facilities in so-called Quebec;
Duly moved by SOGÉÉCOM
Duly seconded by AFESH
UA

Back on the main motion as amended four times:

Amendment: That we replace “XX” by “20”.
Duly moved by AFESH
Duly seconded by AFEA
UA

Back on the main motion as amended five times:

Amendment: That we add “the mobilization committee in the way of” before “the inter-association”

Duly moved by the SOGÉÉCOM

Duly seconded by ADEESE

UA

Back on the main motion as amended six times:

~~Amendment: That we replace “the inter-asso” by “the mobilization committee” after “That the CRUES calls for days of actions coordinated by”~~

~~*Duly moved by AGECAR*~~

~~*Not seconded; therefore null*~~

AGECLG calls the previous question

For (members): 17

For (total): 33

Against (members): 6

Against (total): 9

Adopted by a majority

Voting on the main motion

AGECAR appeals the decision of the presidium to receive the calling of the previous question

For (members): 10

For (total): 16

Against (members): 3

Against (total): 3

Abstentions (members): 10

Abstentions (total): 17

Adopted by a majority

Privileged motion: That we take a 15-minute break.

Duly moved by SOGÉÉCOM

Duly seconded by AFESPED

UA

The break starts at 3:42 and ends at 4:00.

Back on the main motion as amended six times:

Amendment: That all references in the motion to “the inter-asso” be replaced by “the mobilization committee”;

That all references to “The CRUES and its associations” be replaced by “The CRUES and its mobilization committee”.

Duly moved by AFESH

Duly seconded by AFÉA

Privileged motion: That we divide the amendment.

Duly moved by SOGÉÉCOM

Duly seconded by AFESH

UA

Back on the amendment, as divided:

Amendment: That all references in the motion to “the inter-asso” be replaced by “the mobilization committee”;

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Amendment: That all references to “The CRUES and its associations” be replaced by “The CRUES and its mobilization committee”.

UA

Back on the main motion, as amended seven times:

Considering the successful mobilization of the strike days of November 21 and 22, resulting in 103,000 students on strike in so-called Quebec and around the world;

Considering the constant violation of the ceasefire in Gaza by the Zionist state, through restrictions on the entry of medical aid, the exit of patients and the perpetuation of shootings, injuring and killing many Palestinians;

Considering the alarming intensification of violence in the West Bank by the “Israeli” army;

Considering the constant complicity of so-called Quebec and so-called Canada with the Zionist state;

Considering the unwillingness of school administrators to listen to students and associations;

Considering the evidence found of Héroux Devtek's alarming involvement in the manufacture of weapons parts used by the “Israeli” army in Palestine;

Considering that Héroux Devtek is a Quebec company with several facilities in so-called Quebec;

That the CRUES coordinate a week of strikes and actions the week of March 24 to 28 for Palestine and issue a call to action and preparation for everyone, prioritizing March 26 as the strike day in order to centralize it;

That the CRUES invite its members to mobilize their student populations to join the demonstration held by SPHR Concordia on March 26, 2025.

That the CRUES collaborate and coordinate with local pro-Palestinian organizations on future actions;

That armaments and academic complicity be specifically targeted in this campaign;

That the CRUES invite its student members in the STGM (science, technology, engineering and mathematics) fields to organize against the systematic recruitment of students in arms factories;

That the CRUES mobilize around a pressure campaign against Héroux-Devtek, supported by Actions Contre les Armes;

That school administrations, the Ministry of Education and the Ministry of Higher Education be our specific targets for their denial of the Palestinian genocide, their investments in genocide and the colonial education they impose on us;

That the CRUES call for days of action coordinated by the inter-asso;

That the first day be February 20, 2025;

That the second day be March 13, 2025;

That the mobilization committee, subsequently re-evaluate the effectiveness of these days and call for future ones if deemed appropriate;

That the CRUES and its mobilization committee organize and coordinate militant training and artistic activities during these strike days;

That the CRUES and its mobilization committee organize and coordinate demonstrations in Tioh'tià;ke (Montreal) if possible during the week of action;

That the mobilization committee co-organize and subsidize student demonstrations outside Tioh'tià;ke;

That the CRUES amplify the demands of SPHR Concordia and SPHR McGill for divestment and to cut employment partnerships with Zionist arms companies at their respective institutions;

That the CRUES amplify the pressure campaign against the Caisse de dépôt et Placement du (soi-disant) Québec led by Désinvestir Pour La Palestine.

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4. Large-scale Coalition

No motions put forward: the point is null *de facto*.

5. Political Positions

5.1 Cops off Campus:

That the CRUES support all student and community initiatives of the “Cops off Campus” campaign, as well as any movement to abolish the police and penal system in so-called Canada; That the CRUES denounce the expulsion from their educational institutions and the persecution of students who have participated in demonstrations or encampments for Palestine, and demand that these students be allowed to continue their studies;

That the CRUES advise its member associations to be wary of security services on college and university campuses, and to denounce the security drift of campus surveillance (cameras, security guards, artificial intelligence facial recognition systems, etc.);

That the CRUES encourage its member associations to inform themselves about the budget allocations given to security services in their academic environment, in order to fight for their disinvestment;

That the CRUES encourage its member associations to inform themselves on the repressive habits and tactics of their agents, in order to make this information accessible to their student population;

That the CRUES recognize that any struggle against police oppression must go hand in hand with struggles for decolonization and indigenous sovereignty, as well as anti-racist and anti-oppressive struggles;

That the CRUES' legal committee provides financial and logistical support for legal processes in accordance with its mandates.

That the CRUES offer visibility to the above-mentioned struggles by sharing relevant appeals on its social networks.

That the CRUES invites its member associations to reflect on alternatives to the police and penal system by recommending educational resources to its members;

That the CRUES encourage its member associations to fight for security funds from their respective institutions to be reinvested in community programs alternative to security services;

That the CRUES invite its member associations to adopt a similar position.

Duly moved by AFESH

Duly seconded by GUSS

For (members): 14

For (total): 23

Against (members): 0

Against (total): 0

Abstentions (members): 3

Abstentions (total): 3

Adopted by a majority

5.2 Amazon Boycott :

Considering the CRUES' political positions and principles of union solidarity;

Considering the Boycott, Divestment, Sanctions (BDS) mandates of the CRUES;

Considering Amazon's collaboration in the Israeli state's genocidal campaign against the Palestinian people;

Considering that the American multinational Amazon, owned by the second richest man in the world, preferred to throw 3500 workers out on the street during a serious inflationary and housing crisis rather than recognize a union demonstrating good faith during negotiations;

Considering that, even before the Quebec warehouses were closed, Amazon was paying its workers very low wages, was one of the companies with the most workplace accidents in the province, and was conducting illegal anti-union campaigns in its warehouses;

Considering that Amazon has attempted to overturn the Quebec Labour Code to take away the rights Quebec workers have fought for;

Considering that Amazon exploits the precarious status of migrant workers with a system of piecemeal employment contracts renewed arbitrarily and without notice.

That the CRUES publicly support the “Ici, on boycotte Amazon” campaign;

That the CRUES completely cease using Amazon, AWS, and all services linked to or belonging to the corporation;

That the CRUES encourages its member associations to put pressure on their respective administrations to completely stop using Amazon, AWS, and all services linked to or belonging to the multinational;

That the CRUES encourage its member associations to stop using these same services altogether;

That CRUES encourage its member associations to participate in the mobilization efforts initiated by “Ici, on boycotte Amazon”

Duly moved by AFESH

Duly seconded by AFESPED

UA

5.3 Budget cuts in education:

Considering the multiple budget cuts in public education over the past year announced by the Legault government, including:

- *The closure of 40% of francization courses given in Quebec in the past year (Radio-Canada, November 8, 2024) ;*
- *200 million in cuts to the budgets of the province's school service centers, including the elimination of student food assistance and cultural outings (Le Journal de Québec, January 17, 2025);*
- *400 million in building maintenance cuts at primary, secondary and CEGEP schools (Le Devoir, July 10, 2024);*
- *Withdrawal of the employment assistance program for foreign students without diplomas (Radio-Canada, January 29, 2025);*
- *Withdrawal of the Bourses Perspective Québec program, a financial allowance of \$1,500 to \$2,500 per session of full-time study for the duration of training for students in post-secondary programs deemed “crucial” in the fight against the “labour shortage” (La Presse, February 6, 2025);*

Considering that, despite their many shortcomings, the employment assistance programs for foreign students and the Bourses Perspectives still gave students access to vital amounts of money, enabling them to combat precariousness;

Considering that these “budget belt-tightening” measures can only be seen as austerity attacks on the public education system and the student population.

That the CRUES publicly denounce the multiple budget cuts in public education, including :

- The closure of 40% of francization courses in Quebec in the past year (Radio-Canada, November 8, 2024) ;
- 200 million in cuts to the budgets of the province's school service centers, including the elimination of student food assistance and cultural outings (Le Journal de Québec, January 17, 2025);
- 400 million in cuts to building maintenance at primary, secondary and CEGEP schools (Le Devoir, July 10, 2024);
- Withdrawal of the employment assistance program for foreign students without diplomas (Radio-Canada, January 29, 2025);
- Withdrawal of the Bourses Perspective Québec program, a financial allowance of \$1,500 to \$2,500 per session of full-time study for the duration of training for students in post-secondary programs deemed “crucial” in the fight against the “labour shortage” (La Presse, February 6, 2025);

That the CRUES reiterate its demands enshrined in these mandates and principles to counter this austerity, more specifically:

- for public education that is free, of quality, accessible, non-discriminatory, adapted to the needs and abilities of each student, and free from interference by private enterprise (Principle 1 of the Charter) ;
- for a universal financial aid system to eliminate student debt and ensure decent living conditions (principle 2 of the Charter);
- for the recognition of student work and the salarization of all internships (principle 3 of the Charter);

That the CRUES financially support the construction of an argument through an academic research work with the budget of CRAC (Comité de recherche académique de la CRUES), in order to better understand the extent of the current austerity situation and to better fight it;

That the CRUES call on its members, as well as its union and community allies, to adopt similar positions denouncing the Legault government's recent austerity attacks on public education.

Duly moved by AFESH

Duly seconded by ADEESE

Amendment: That we add “and any successive cuts” after “recent austerity attacks”.

Duly moved by ADEESE

Duly seconded by AFESPED

UA

Back on the main motion, as amended once (only the amended parts are listed):

That the CRUES call on its members, as well as its union and community allies, to adopt similar positions denouncing the Legault government's recent austerity attacks and any successive cuts on public education.

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That the CRUES recognize that the ceasefire that took effect on January 19th, 2025 at 9:15 a.m. local time in Gaza, has not been respected by the Zionist entity;

That the CRUES demands an end to violence by the Zionist entity in the West Bank.

That the CRUES denounce the complicity of the journalistic media in their silence in the face of the latest developments.

That the CRUES denounce the interference of the so-called United States in Palestinian affairs.

That the CRUES push the pro-Palestinian student movement until the complete liberation of Palestine, from the river to the sea.

Duly moved by SOGÉÉCOM

Duly seconded by AFESH

Amendment: That we add “That these positions be added to the demands of the Palestine campaign adopted at the CRUES’ October 2024 congress”.

Duly moved by SOGÉÉCOM

Duly seconded by AFESH

UA

Back on the main motion, as amended once:

That the CRUES recognize that the ceasefire that took effect on January 19th, 2025 at 9:15 a.m. local time in Gaza, has not been respected by the Zionist entity;

That the CRUES demands an end to violence by the Zionist entity in the West Bank.

That the CRUES denounce the complicity of the journalistic media in their silence in the face of the latest developments.

That the CRUES denounce the interference of the so-called United States in Palestinian affairs.

That the CRUES push the pro-Palestinian student movement until the complete liberation of Palestine, from the river to the sea.

That we add “That these positions be added to the demands of the Palestine campaign adopted at the CRUES’ October 2024 congress”

UA

Privileged motion: That we take a 15-minute break.

Duly moved by AFESPED

Duly seconded by AFÉA

UA

The break starts at 5:33.

The break ends at 5:50

5.4 Political position for CRUES to stand in solidarity with CSU and SSMU

Considering that the CSU’s majority BIPOC executive team has experienced repeated racially motivated attempts at political repression by the Concordia Administration;

Considering that the CSU received a disturbing letter from the administration, which used racially motivated and stigmatized language, such as the word “terrorist”;

Considering that the letter received by the CSU from the administration contained ableist, anti-masking rhetoric, as a part of a campaign to criminalize the practice of masking in an ongoing pandemic;

Considering that CSU’s space booking abilities were revoked in said letter, which put the location of the February 8-9th congress in jeopardy a mere 2 days before it happened;

Source for letter: https://www.instagram.com/p/DFvqbqQRzkg/?hl=en&img_index=2

Considering that the SSMU has been the target of legal attacks and injunctions by politically motivated pro-Zionist actors after its members turned out in record numbers for policy initiatives condemning the genocide in Palestine and the repressive actions of the McGill administration;

Considering that the McGill administration has weaponized its Memorandum of Agreement (MoA) with SSMU to force SSMU to disassociate itself from pro-Palestinian organizations and refuse to adopt popularly supported pro-Palestinian policies and political positions,

That the CRUES stand in solidarity with the Students' Society of McGill University and the Concordia Student Union as they experience political repression and institutional violence from their respective administrations for standing against genocide and undue repression;

That the CRUES condemn the anti-Palestinian racism experienced by the BIPOC executive members at the hands of Concordia administration;

That the CRUES condemn the attack on public space put forward by the administration following the CSU's historic Special General Meeting which overwhelmingly voted in favour of BDS (boycott, divest, sanction).

Duly moved by GUSS

Duly seconded AFESH

Amendment: That we add "That the CRUES encourage its members associations to adopt similar political positions" at the end of the motion.

Duly moved by SOGÉÉCOM

Duly seconded AGECLG

UA

Back on the main motion, as amended once:

That the CRUES stand in solidarity with the Students' Society of McGill University and the Concordia Student Union as they experience political repression and institutional violence from their respective administrations for standing against genocide and undue repression;

That the CRUES condemn the anti-Palestinian racism experienced by the BIPOC executive members at the hands of Concordia administration;

That the CRUES condemn the attack on public space put forward by the administration following the CSU's historic Special General Meeting which overwhelmingly voted in favour of BDS (boycott, divest, sanction).

That the CRUES encourage its members associations to adopt similar political positions.

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6. By-Elections

Privileged motion: That we treat point 6. By-Elections after point 7. Constitution and By-laws.

Duly moved by AGECAR

Duly seconded by the Executive council

For (members): 0

For (total): 0

Against (members): 18

Against (total): 21

Abstentions (members): 1

Abstentions (total): 1

Rejected by a majority

Privileged motion: That the congress be immediately adjourned and reconvened on Sunday, February 9th at 8:30 a.m.

Duly moved by AGECAR

Duly seconded by AGECLG

Amendment: That we replace "8:30" by "9:00".

Duly moved by AFESPED

Duly seconded by ADEESE

For (members): 16

For (total): 21

Against (members): 3

Against (total): 3

Abstentions (members): 3

Abstentions (total): 3

Adopted by a majority

Back on the main motion, as amended once:

UA

The adjournment goes into effect at 6:05 PM.

The congress reopens at 9:38 AM.

That Benoit be the facilitator.

Duly moved by the Executive Council

Duly seconded by AGECLG

UA

Executive committee:

Positions up for election:

- 1 internal affairs officer
Candidacies:
- N/A

- 1 finance officer
Candidacies:
- N/A

- 1 coordination officer
Candidacies:
- N/A

- 1 academic affairs officer
Candidacies:
- N/A

- 1 information officer
Candidacies:
- N/A

- 1 communications officer
Candidacies:

- N/A

Committees:

Mobilization

Candidacies:

- Haneen
For (members): 19
For (total): 25
Against (members): 0
Against (total): 0
Abstentions (members): 0
Abstentions (total): 0
The candidate is elected unanimously

- Lili
The candidate is elected unanimously

Information

Candidacies:

- N/A

Inclusion and anti-oppression

Candidacies:

- Ariel
The candidate is elected unanimously

Newspaper

Candidacies:

- N/A

Education

Candidacies:

- N/A

Academic research

Candidacies:

- Wassim
The candidate is elected unanimously

- Ariane

The candidate is elected unanimously

- Mathis

The candidate is elected unanimously

Legal

Candidacies:

- N/A

Spokespeople:

Candidacies:

Privileged motion: That we table the “Spokespeople” point until the potential candidate arrives, unless we are in a plenary.

Duly moved by AGECLG

Duly seconded by the Executive Council

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Privileged motion: That we take a 15-minute break.

Duly moved by AFESH

Duly seconded by AGECAR

UA

The break starts at 10:38

The congress will reconvene at 10:53

That we hold a 20-minute plenary on the subject of communication between elected officials and the retention of committee members.

Duly moved by AFESH

Duly seconded by AFESPED

UA

The plenary starts at 11:00

The plenary ends at 11:17

Privileged motion: That we go back to point 5. Political Positions.

Duly moved by the Executive Council

Duly seconded by SOGÉÉCOM

UA

Back on point 6.0

Spokespeople:

Candidacies:

- Thildy

Privileged motion: That we show a short video of Thildy speaking to the media.

Duly moved by AGECLG

Duly seconded by AFESPED

UA

For (members): 7

For (total): 10

Against (members): 15

Against (total): 18

The candidacy is rejected by a majority

Mention: the Congress stresses that the non-election of the candidate was based on the position itself and not the candidate.

Privileged motion: That we return to point 6 “By-elections” to treat a candidacy for the position of communications officer.

Duly moved by AFESH

Duly seconded by AGECAR

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- 1 communications officer

Candidacies:

- Thildy

The candidate is elected unanimously

Privileged motion: That we take a 1-hour lunch break.

Duly moved by SOGÉÉCOM

Duly seconded by ADEESE

UA

The break starts at 12:44.

The break ends at 1:54

7. Constitution and By-laws

7.1. Executive Notice of Motion

That we open the Executive Council's Notice of Motion

Duly moved by the Executive Council

UA

Incidental motion: That we address the motion section by section, i.e. one article at a time - for amendments.

Duly moved by AFESH

Duly seconded by AGECLG

UA

Privileged motion: That Benoit be temporarily relieved of his duties as facilitator, so that he may be available to answer any questions the congress may have about the motion under review.

That he resume his duties at the end of the processing of this item.

Duly moved by the Executive Council

Duly seconded by AFESPED

UA

Article 13 : Presentation (Section III Proposals)

That we add "and having been seconded" to article 13 so that it reads as follows:

Delegations making proposals deemed admissible and having been seconded have an optional presentation time of 1 minute 30 seconds. The purpose of the presentation is to clarify the content of the proposal and is not counted in the speaking rounds.

Article 15 : Vote (Section III Proposals)

That we add "A delegation may oppose the adoption by unanimity and then abstain on such proposal. In such a case, the presence of at least one (1) abstention, even if no vote against is counted, is sufficient for a proposal to be considered as "adopted by majority" rather than "unanimously". to the second paragraph of article 15 so that it reads as follows :

"The moderator asked if there was any opposition to the unanimous adoption of the proposal. If no delegation opposed, the proposal was adopted unanimously. If there is opposition, the vote is taken, and then the facilitation declares the proposal adopted or rejected depending on the result of the vote. A delegation may oppose the adoption by unanimity and then abstain on the

proposal. In such a case, the presence of at least one (1) abstention, even if no vote against is counted, is sufficient for a proposal to be considered as “adopted by majority” rather than “unanimously.”

That we replace “may be” by “is subject to being” in the 5th paragraph of article 15, so that it reads as follows :

“In a vote on an ordinary proposal that is subject to being tabled (Rule 23), if there are as many votes in favour of the proposal as there are votes against, or if there are more abstentions than votes for and against combined, the proposal is automatically deposited. The vote may, however, be resumed immediately (Rule 58).”

Article 15 : Vote (Section III Proposals)

That we add: “at the request of a member delegation. Automatic tabling of an amendment occurs only if it could be taken up later as a main proposal (art. 23).

In the case of an amendment which could not be taken up as the main proposal, discussions shall continue again unless a delegation has requested a resumption of the vote immediately after the first round of voting (the one that could have resulted in an automatic deposit). It is no longer possible to ask for resumption when the debates have resumed (art. 58).” to the 5th paragraph of article 15 so that it reads as follows:

In a vote on an ordinary proposal that may be tabled (art. 23), if there are as many votes in favour of the proposal as there are votes against, or if there are more abstentions than votes for and against combined, the proposal is automatically deposited. The vote may, however, be resumed immediately (art. 58) at the request of a member delegation. Automatic tabling of an amendment occurs only if it could be taken up later as a main proposal (art. 23).

In the case of an amendment which could not be taken up as the main proposal, discussions shall continue again unless a delegation has requested a resumption of the vote immediately after the first round of voting (the one that could have resulted in an automatic deposit). It is no longer possible to ask for resumption when the debates have resumed (art. 58).

Article 22 : Reference (Section V Dilatory Motions)

That we replace “If the composition of the committee is not specified, the adoption of a motion to refer to a specially formed ad hoc committee is immediately followed by an election to that committee” by “If the motion entails the creation of an ad hoc committee, it must necessarily

include the appointment of at least one person to it in order to be admissible. It is then possible to amend to add other names” in the 4th paragraph of article 22.

Article 24 : Question préalable (Section V Dilatory motions)

That we add *“In no case should the preliminary question be used to hinder the debates. The Congress can thus refuse to answer a preliminary question if it considers that the Congress has not had an opportunity to examine the issue before it. In such a case, a member delegation may always appeal its decision (art. 53).”* as the last paragraph of article 24.

Article 41 : Modification to the agenda (Section VI Incidental motions)

That we replace “is amendable” by “is not amendable” in the last paragraph of article 41.

That we remove *“It requires a two-thirds (2/3) majority for adoption.”* from the last paragraph of article 41 so that it reads as follows :

“A proposed amendment to the agenda is not amendable. Each member delegation may speak once on the proposal.”

Article 46 : Break (Section VII Preferred proposals)

That we add “which starts immediately after its adoption” to the first paragraph of article 46 so that it reads as follows:

“A recess is a short interruption of the work of Congress which starts immediately after its adoption. A pause proposal should specify the duration”

That we add “These amendments are not subject to debate.” to the second paragraph of article 46 so that it reads as follows :

“The pause proposal cannot be debated, but can be amended to change the duration. These amendments are not subject to debate.”

That we add “The procedure for requiring the interruption of the work of the Congress at a later time is rather the adjournment (art. 47).” as the last paragraph of article 46.

Article 53 : (Section VIII Special proposals)

That we add a new article 53 ”Information point: Any delegation may ask a question of understanding (e.g. name an acronym) or clarification related to the proceedings and its procedures. This question or information question is for the praesidium only. An information question does not address the reasons, grounds or implications of a proposal unless it has an impact on the course of the proceeding.”

Article 54 (previously article 53): Appeal (Section VIII Special proposals)

That we replace “and the appeal” by “and the alternative requested by the appeal” in the 3rd paragraph of article 54 (previously article 53), so that it reads as follows:

“The secretariat shall record in the minutes the decision of the animation and the alternative requested by the appeal.”

That we add “In the event of an equal distribution of votes, the decision is upheld. An appeal of the facilitation’s decision that is endorsed by a majority of Congress is not a suspension of a procedural rule.” as the last paragraph of article 54 (previously article 53).

Article 59 (previously article 58) : Resuming the vote (Section VIII Special proposals)

That we add “In the case of an amendment which by its nature cannot be taken up later as a main proposal, the request for resumption of voting must be made before the debate on it resumes (art.15).” as the last paragraph of article 59 (previously article 58).

Article 63 (previously article 62) : Reconsideration (Section VIII Special proposals)

That we add “or up to two (2) sessions preceding it” to the first paragraph of article 63 (previously article 62), so that it reads as follows:

“Reconsideration brings back to Congress an ordinary proposal passed or rejected earlier in the same session or up to two (2) sessions preceding it”

That we add “If the reconsideration concerns a proposal adopted or rejected during the same session,” and “This limit does not apply to a resolution adopted in a previous session.” to the 3rd paragraph of article 63 (previously article 62) so that it reads as follows :

“The proposal for reconsideration cannot be amended. If the reconsideration concerns a proposal adopted or rejected during the same session, Each member delegation may speak once on the proposal. This limit does not apply to a resolution adopted in a previous session.

It requires a two-thirds (2/3) majority for adoption.”

Article 70 (previously article 69) : Filing a Notice of Motion (Section VIII Special proposals)

That we add “When an in-session filing is not possible, note that it is always possible to file a notice of motion via email sent to the CRUES mailing list.” to the first paragraph of article 70 (previously article 69).

Article 71 (previously article 70) : Processing a Notice of Motion (Section VIII Special proposals)

That we add “does not require support and cannot be amended. Each delegation may speak only once on such a proposal, the purpose of which is to indicate the following elements to the congress:

1. Does the member association consider that the notice has been sufficiently publicized for its treatment during the current session?
2. Whether or not the association had an opportunity to take a position in a general meeting on the issue raised by the notice of motion.”

and “at a regular session no later than one (1) year after its deposit” and “It always requires a simple majority for adoption, no matter the content of the notice of motion.”

to article 71 (previously article 70) so that it reads as follows :

“The proposal to deal with a notice of motion does not require support and cannot be amended. Each delegation may speak only once on such a proposal, the purpose of which is to indicate the following elements to the congress:

1. Does the member association consider that the notice has been sufficiently publicized for its treatment during the current session?
2. Whether or not the association had an opportunity to take a position in a general meeting on the issue raised by the notice of motion.

It always requires a simple majority for adoption, no matter the content of the notice of motion. It is impossible to abstain on the adoption of a proposal to deal with a notice of motion. Abstentions are votes against the proposal.

The adoption of the proposal to deal with a notice of motion places before Congress the proposal contained in the notice of motion. This can then be debated and amended.

A notice of motion must be dealt with at a regular session no later than one (1) year after its deposit no later than the regular session following the tabling. If it is not processed within this time frame, it must be refiled before it can be processed.”

Amendment to article 22: That we remove: “That we replace “If the composition of the committee is not specified, the adoption of a motion to refer to a specially formed ad hoc committee is immediately followed by an election to that committee” by “If the motion entails the creation of an ad hoc committee, it must necessarily include the appointment of at least one person to it in order to be admissible. It is then possible to amend to add other names” in the 4th paragraph of article 22.” and replace it with “That we add: “If no nomination is retained, the ad hoc committee falls” to the 4th paragraph of article 22.”

Duly moved by AGECAR

Duly seconded by SOGÉÉCOM

For (members): 9

For (total): 9

Against (members): 6

Against (total): 6

Abstentions (members): 8

Abstentions (total): 11

Adopted by a majority

Back on the main motion as amended once:

Amendment to article 41: That we remove: “That we replace “is amendable” by “is not amendable” from the last paragraph of article 41 so that it reads as follows :

“A proposed amendment to the agenda is amendable. Each member delegation may speak once on the proposal.”

Duly moved by AGECLG

Duly seconded by AFESH

Note: The aim is to retain the possibility of amending the agenda, while also removing the need for a two-thirds majority ($\frac{2}{3}$).

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Privileged motion: That we take a 10-minute break.

Duly moved by AFÉA

Duly seconded by AGECLG

UA

The break starts at 3:16

The break ends at 3:26

Amendment to article 41: That we add: “That we remove: Each member delegation may speak once on the proposal.”

Duly moved by the Executive Council

Duly seconded by AGECAR

UA

Amendment to article 54: That we replace “the decision is upheld” by “a recount is automatically initiated”.

Duly moved by AFESH

Duly seconded by AGECLG

UA

Back on the main motion, as amended four times:

For (members): 12

For (total): 12

Against (members): 0

Against (total): 0

Abstentions (members): 7

Abstentions (total): 10

Adopted by a majority

7.2. Modification of article 2 of Rule E: “Praesidium”

That we open the Notice of Motion on the modification of article 2 of Rule E: “Praesidium”

Duly moved by AFESH

For (members): 15

For (total): 15

Against (members): 3

Against (total): 6

Adopted by a majority

(Notice of Motion by SOGEECOM tabled at the last annual congress)

Considering that the CRUES funds are drawn from the student community;

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

Considering the limited financial resources of CRUES should be used primarily to fund field work and activities related to the campaign;

Considering that individual financial situations can be a brake on militant involvement;

Considering that the money paid to the praesidium should be used to compensate for this precariousness and not to pay for militant work whose equivalents are carried out free of charge

That the second paragraph of chapter 10 : 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 replaced by : « The executive must do its best to find a praesidium made up of people willing to do this militant work for free. In the event that the executive fails to find these volunteers, that these external persons be offered the opportunity to receive compensation of a fixed amount left to the discretion of the executive council. »

~~Privileged motion: That we table point 7.2 Modification of article 2 of Rule E: "Praesidium"~~
~~Duly moved by SOGÉÉCOM~~

AGECLG calls the previous question
Rejected by the moderator

AGECLG appeals the decision

For (members): 16

For (total): 16

Against (members): 3

Against (total): 3

Abstentions (members): 0

Abstentions (total): 0

The reason for the appeal is that several speaking turns have already been taken to outline the mandates of each delegation, and as these will not change on the spot, there is no need to continue the debate.

The appeal is adopted by a majority

Voting on the previous question

For (members): 13

For (total): 13
Against (members): 6
Against (total): 6

Back on the main motion
For (members): 3
For (total): 3
Against (members): 16
Against (total): 19
Rejected by a majority

8. Closing Procedures

8.1. Varia

D4P and CRUES are holding a training camp on the 22nd and 23rd of February, associations are encouraged to post about it on social media and invite their members.

14th of February, 6 p.m., at Cabot Square: March for the international day of action for missing and murdered indigenous women and 2S people.

26th of February, 8 p.m., at La Sotterena: fundraiser concert for land back - child back

Humanitarian crisis in Congo is accentuating and aggravating while being actively invisibilized by mass media. It is recommended to get informed and share information on the situation.

Associations must pay their dues to the CRUES.

16th of February, 1 p.m., at Les Révoltes: Organization meeting for the training camp.

8.2. Closure

That we close the congress at 4h46

Duly moved by AGECLG

Duly seconded by AFESPED

UA