

# SUSTAINABILITY ACTION FUND ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

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**When: Wednesday September 25th @ 5 - 7**

**Where: Concordia Greenhouse  
(13th floor Hall Building)**





Sustainability Action Fund

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# AGENDA

1. Introduction
2. Annual Report
3. Approve Last minute AGM minutes
4. Proposed Budget
5. Approval of Auditor
6. By-law Changes
7. Board Members
8. Adjourned

# INTRODUCTION TO SUSTAINABILITY ACTION FUND

The Sustainability Action Fund is funded by a 25-cent per-credit undergraduate student fee levy, and a \$1.25 per term graduate student fee levy. It totals approximately \$150,000 per year. This money goes to support projects to develop sustainable infrastructure, urban agriculture, community-building, and education surrounding environmental and community issues, with the goal of inspiring and developing a culture of sustainability at Concordia University.

## Mission

As youth and global citizens, Concordia University students are striving to ensure that our common future will be a prosperous one. We seek to better ecological and social systems by allocating resources to sustainable development at Concordia, with the aspiration of our actions in Montreal resounding globally.



# ANNUAL REPORT 2012/2013: MAJOR ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Gave Twenty-Two Students & Recent Alumni Sustainability Employment

Concordia Graduate Students are Now Members of SAF

Funded Twenty-Seven Student Sustainability Projects

Increased Organization's Budget by 15%

Sent Forty-Two Students Outside of the Province to Sustainability Conferences

Powershift, Sierra Youth National Conference

Partnership with the University to Improve Sustainability Teaching

# SUSTAINABILITY CURRICULUM PROJECT

For the next three years (2013-2015 ) the Sustainability Action Fund has prioritized working on curriculum change as opposed to funding one day events and conferences.

Students attend university to learn and we believe by offering programming for professors we can change how students are exposed to sustainability.

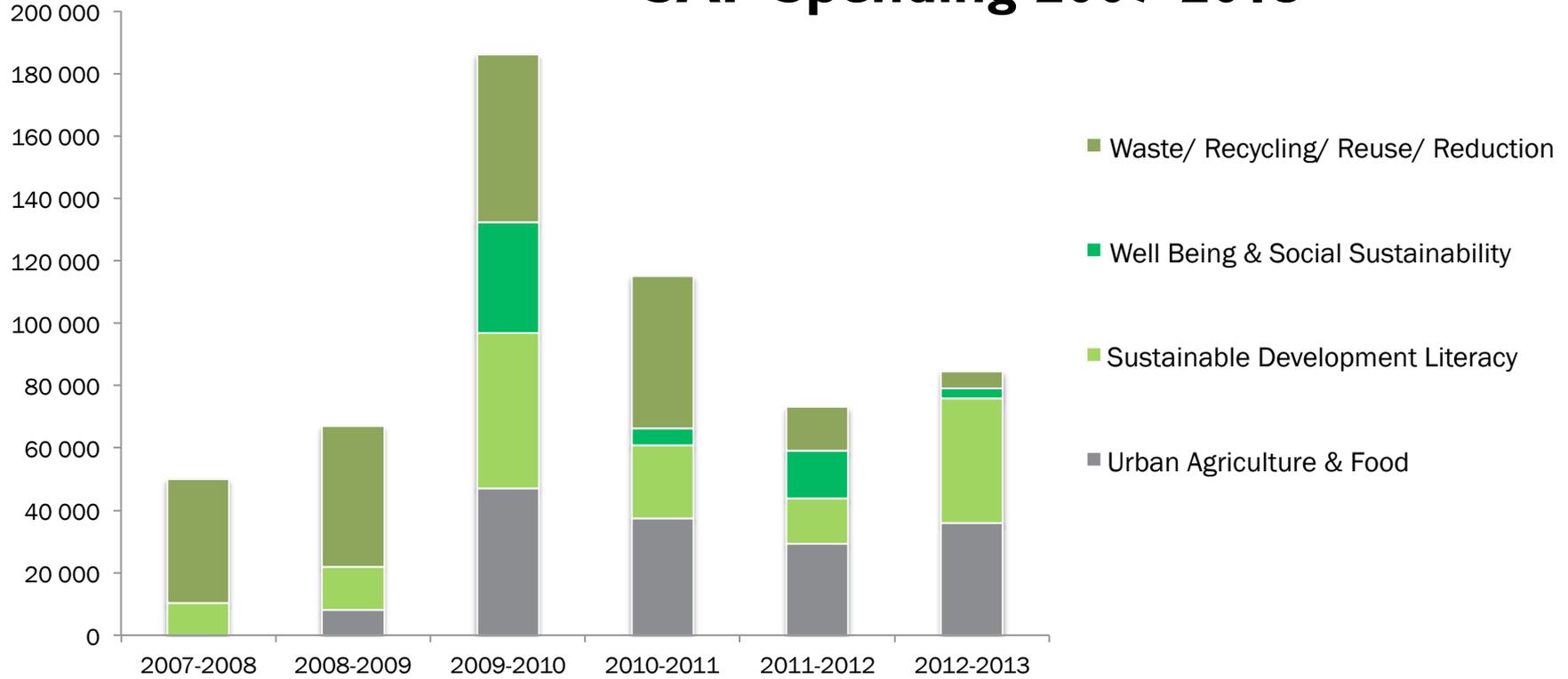


# ANNUAL REPORT 2012/2013 THE PROJECTS WE SUPPORTED

The Sustainability Action Fund was happy to support twenty seven projects at Concordia.

	Project Name	Amount Allocated
1	Cinema Politica	\$1,250.00
4	Alternative Library	\$2,500.00
5	Study in Action	\$1,500.00
6	Sensorium	\$1,500.00
7	John Molson Sustainability Group	\$2,000.00
9	Mob Squad	\$3,500.00
10	Greenhouse	\$22,500.00
12	Allego	\$600.00
14	R4 Mug Loan	\$3,000.00
16	ASFA Talks	\$4,000.00
17	Ethnographic Montreal Festival FIFEQ	\$350.00
18	People`s Potato Gluten Free Project	\$2,000.00
19	Computational Arts (WRAPT)	\$600.00
20	La Ruche Gardens	\$1,200.00
21	SAE Supermileage Car	\$1,500.00
22	AlleyWay Network	\$3,000.00
23	Enactus	\$1,500.00
24	Engineers Without Borders	\$1,000.00
25	Capstone Project: EDM Facility	\$2,500.00
27	Concordia Food Coalition	\$5,000.00
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$61,000.00</b>

## SAF Spending 2007-2013



# VOTING PROCEDURE

We are now heading into the voting portion of our AGM .You are able to vote if you are a considered a member of the Sustainability Action Fund.

## Members

Every Concordia University student paying the Sustainability Action fund fee-levy shall be a member of the Sustainability Action Fund. Members of the Concordia community including Concordia staff, faculty, alumni and SAF ex-officio`s who have experience with the SAF and/or sustainability at Concordia University are also considered members of the Sustainability Action Fund.

## How to Vote

Please vote by a show of hands, our minute-taker will count them out!

# APPROVE LAST YEARS AGM MINUTES

Please have a quick look at the minutes, it will be passed around.



# PROPOSED BUDGET



# APPROVAL OF 2013/2014 AUDITORS



# BY LAW CHANGES

- Addition of two (2) board members to represent the Concordia community.
- Increasing quorum for AGM to 30
- Increasing quorum for Board (up to 7) and Committee meetings (up to 3)
- Addition of 6 new annexes to the by-laws, and updated financial policy annex.

## New Annexes

- Board Duties and Responsibilities
- Board Officers and Board Assistance Staff Duties and Responsibilities
- Management Duties and Responsibilities (CEO, CFO) (outlines roles and responsibilities of CEO and CFO)
- Conflict of Interest Policies (outlines conflict of interest procedures)
- Media Relations Policy (outlines a communications strategy)
- Political Activity Policy (as a non profit, SAF may not make any contributions (funds, resources, etc) to any candidate for public office or political committee).

## Updated Annex

- Financial Policies (updated policies to reflect Quebec legal requirements)

# BOARD OF DIRECTORS 2013/2014

Representing	Representative	Representative
Concordia Student Union Executives	Benjamin Prunty	Gene Morrow
Concordia Student Union Council	John Talbot	Vitali Gofman
The Arts and Science Federation of Associations	Justin Occhinero	Jessica Cabana
The Commerce and Administration Students' Association	Loic Sanscartier	Sandro Dabaghia
The Fine Arts Student Alliance	Jeremy Blinkhorn	TBD
Graduate Students Association	Salman B	Dan Parker
Sustainable Concordia	Bana Hamze	Gabriela Polanco
The Engineering and Computer Science Association	Michael Banks	TBD
Concordia Community	Determined today!	Determined today!

\*As you can see, two reps are still tbd. Is everyone comfortable with approving the board, under the assumption that these reps will shortly be appropriately appointed?

# CONCORDIA COMMUNITY MEMBERS BOD'S

Procedure: We will read out each candidates bio. After, we will pass around ballots.  
Please write down the name of two candidates for the community member Board of  
Director positions.



# CONCORDIA COMMUNITY MEMBERS

**Kristina Millet**

Concordia Alumni

To the Concordia Sustainable Action Fund,

My name is Kristina Millett, and I'm interested in becoming a member of the Sustainability Action Fund Board of Directors. I am a recent graduate of Concordia, earning my Honours B.A. in the Human Environment in June 2013. As a recent graduate of Geography at Concordia University, I am not only passionate about sustainability issues, but have had many opportunities to learn how to make ecologically, economically and socially responsible decisions through a variety of courses offered through the Geography Department including Environmental Geology, Sustainable Population Geography and Health and the Environment. Relevant course work in these classes gave me a good working knowledge of sustainability, but it is my work experience as a forest and pollination biology research assistant every summer since 2009 that has given me many opportunities to actively live sustainably in the field.

I would absolutely love the opportunity to become more involved with decision making and implementation of sustainable projects within both the Concordia and the larger Montreal communities. I believe I would not only be a great asset to the Board, but the Board would be a great asset in my life. I am passionate about learning what it means to actively be involved in sustainability projects on the ground. I think this experience would enrich my current understanding of sustainable development, and would encourage me to pursue my Masters in sustainability in amusement parks; my true calling! Many thanks for your consideration,

Sincerely,

**Kristina**

# CONCORDIA COMMUNITY MEMBERS

## **Kristifer Szabo**

Concordia Student

Hello. My name is Kristifer Szabo. I am third year Human Geography student and I am interested in joining this years SAF board of directors.

I am very interested in being part of the process that helps people with ideas move from idea to action. One of the most surprising things for me when I moved to Montreal from Vancouver was how interested people are in being active about issues that concern them. The environment, food security, poverty, sustainability etc. I find that people in Montreal have a sense of urgency about these issues that is somewhat unique to this city. Sometimes the problems people have when trying to move from idea to action can be a lack of support, be it financial, networking or otherwise. That is why I like the SAF so much. It is a group with a real ability to analyze the worthiness of ideas and then connect people with the support that will make all the difference. Personally I have been interested in sustainability since high-school when my radical Socials teacher taught about the global environmental impacts of the capitalist "growth or die" model. I lived in Alberta after high-school and saw first hand the impacts of the oil and gas industry not just on the environment but on the communities unlucky enough to be located near these "resources". I study the environmental and social impacts of the predatory nature of capital maneuverings. I am familiar with student governance and active in my department. Last year I was on the Student Special Request committee and so am familiar and comfortable with this type of commitment.

Some of the sustainability projects I have been involved in in the last year are: Building a pop-can solar heater, Building several hydroponic window farms, Straw-bale home renovation, Hemp-crete home construction.

Thanks for looking this over!

Sincerely,

**Kristifer**

# CONCORDIA COMMUNITY MEMBERS

## **Liam Blackwell**

Concordia Alumni

Hi there, I'd like to apply for a spot on the board of directors for the Sustainable Action Fund.

I graduated from Concordia a year ago with a Bachelor of Arts, majoring in Anthropology with minors in Biology and History. I would love to have the opportunity to build more experience working in the field of sustainability, and also to further develop my relationship with the university now that I've concluded my studies.

I'm passionate about environmental issues and my hope is to reduce the human footprint on our planet, both in terms of long-term cooperative planning as well as in small day-to-day personal actions. I would find it very satisfying to have a voice within and thus an influence on a large institution such as Concordia with regards to sustainable practices, and the directing of funds to appropriate projects.

I have a significant amount of experience in environmentalism and sustainability, having studied a variety of human and environmental histories during my time at Concordia in the fields of ecology (through the biology department), geography, history and anthropology. I spent a summer in Toronto working for Summerhill in their campaigns to incentivize the trading of high-energy appliances for newer, more energy efficient models. Last year I interned at the City Farm School here at Concordia where I learned to practice intensive small-scale urban agriculture, and since then I have been incorporating it into my own home and supporting the networks in my neighbourhood. I have helped to promote composting at my position at Thomson House on the McGill campus, which was implemented this year by their Sustainability committee. I generally have a strong desire to learn more about alternative modes of operation in our culture that can help shape a vision of a more sustainable future.

I believe I have the knowledge and connections to make informed decisions about which projects deserve support and how they can be realistically implemented within the university, and I hope you will consider me as a potential member of the board.

Thanks for your time!

**Liam Blackwell**

That's all Folks,  
Thanks for coming!

