

### Long Bio-500 words

I'm Alexis Searcy and I'm running for Loyola Coordinator for Team SPEAK UP!. I'm a fourth year student pursuing a joint specialization in English and History and a minor in Sociology. I'm currently an Arts and Science Representative on CSU council and I have been deeply involved with grassroots community organizing around Concordia and Montreal in general with a strong emphasis on anti-racism, migrant justice, and queer and trans issues as a member of several popular education, food security, and event planning collectives. The CSU should continue to expand its anti-oppression stance, promote student-led popular education, protect resources and initiatives that make the university more accessible and keep tuition prices low.

I want to ensure that students who study and live at Loyola feel safe on campus and heard by their student union. My main priority as Loyola coordinator is bolstering Concordia's sexual assault policies and resources and promoting survivor-centered responses and services. I believe that all students, staff, and administration should have to go through consent training and be made aware of all sexual assault services that are available. This is especially important for those students living in residence and I will implement a consent culture program on campus.

Concordia should be a place where students feel safe from discrimination and hate and feel empowered to make changes to institutions and structures that affect them. I believe an important part of making this goal a reality is popular education that complements the formal education that students receive which prepares them to change the world around them and strong anti-discrimination policies that specifically call out forms of hate and intimidation.

Mental well-being is the right of every student and I want to make sure comprehensive and inclusive mental health services are available on the Loyola campus and ensure that all students feel that they can access these services at any time. This would include bringing peer counselling and support to Loyola and furthering substance abuse recovery programs and harm reduction education.

Food services need to be improved on campus as the area is still a bit of a food desert and needs to provide a wide variety of options for our student body. I would love to partner with food services that are both sustainable and delicious and in general boost food security on campus. Accessibility of the campus and building and comfortability concerns should be a main concern of any Loyola coordinator and I'll make sure to address student requests.

As a community organizer, I have lots of hands-on experience with community services and non-hierarchical organization. I have worked on multiple popular education collectives which have created resources, planned workshops, and organized conferences and teach-ins. I'm a founding member of Food Against Fascism which prepares and serves a nutritious vegan meal every Saturday right by the Hall Building. As a Queer Between The Covers collective member and librarian at the QPIRG's Alternative Library, I have planned a variety of events such as bookfairs, reading groups, and popular education events.

### Short Bio-73 words

I'm Alexis Searcy and I have been deeply involved with grassroots community organizing around anti-racism, migrant justice, and queer and trans issues. I believe the CSU must be in solidarity with students and community groups and responsive to student needs and concerns. Concordia University should be a place where students feel safe from discrimination and sexual violence and feel empowered to make positive changes in their university.