



# EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

Fall 2016 General Assembly

Report of the VP External Affairs

# Overview



External Affairs



Political Campaigns



Community  
Relations

Indigenous Affairs

Francophone Affairs



# SSMU & the Quebec Student Movement



# Why participate?

## Provincial Representation

*SSMU & the Quebec Student Movement*



### External Affairs & Representation

- 7) Represent the Society and communicate positions and policies taken by the Society to external bodies and agencies;
- 8) Lobby federal, provincial, and municipal governments to further the objectives, goals and policies of the Society;

Advocating for the student priorities like affordable housing or youth employment opportunities

Lobbying the governments on issues related to higher education

Mobilizing students on political stances related to social and environmental justice



association  
pour la voix  
étudiante  
au québec



association  
for the voice  
of education  
in quebec

## Provincial Student Associations

- Historically have a lot of power in Quebec in fighting for student rights
- After the collapse of the FEUQ, over 15 student associations were unaffiliated
- Differences in opinion over voting methods and political positions resulted in two new provincial student associations, the UEQ and the AVEQ
- SSMU has acted as an observer in the UEQ and AVEQ since **May 2015**, and has remained an observer at AVEQ as of **May 2016**
- It is up to students to decide if we want to affiliate to AVEQ, UEQ, or none!



UNION ÉTUDIANTE  
DU QUÉBEC



QUEBEC STUDENT  
UNION

**FOR INCLUSION  
AND FEMINISM**

**FOR ENVIRONMENTAL  
AND SOCIAL JUSTICE**

**FOR ACCESSIBLE AND  
HIGH-QUALITY  
EDUCATION**

- **Values:** democracy, solidarity, and equity
- **Voting method:** 1 vote per member association
- **Fee levy:** \$3.50 per student per semester
- **Website:** [aveq-nous.quebec](http://aveq-nous.quebec)

# Provincial Representation Committee



## *Higher Education issues*

This section contains Quebec post secondary education major issues. It includes a usually short explanation of the topic and SSMU's position on the issue, if appropriate. The information is not exhaustive and aims to provide a clear and simple overview to McGill students who might not always be familiar with these issues.

If you have questions, comments or if you need more information, do not hesitate to contact us!

Financial aid

Student debt

Ancillary fees

Quality of education

Education summit

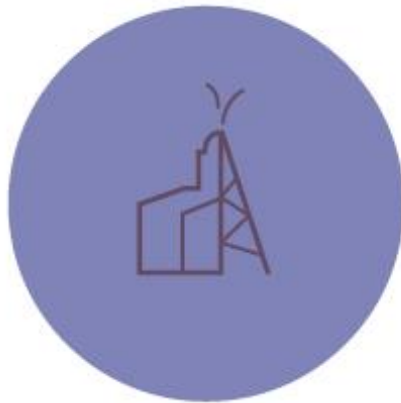
University financing

Tuition fees

Accessibility



# POLITICAL CAMPAIGNS



- 3) Maintain relations with campus labour unions, and participate in campus inter-union meetings;
- 4) Maintain information tools (websites, flyers, etc.) on issues of interest to students, such as in the area of post-secondary education policy;
- 5) Keep abreast of, and organize McGill student participation in, local, national or international campaigns aiming for accessible, quality, post-secondary education;
- 6) Provide material, logistical and organizational support for students organizing campaigns which further the objectives, goals and policies of the Society with respect to social and environmental issues;





Conference of Youth  
MONTREAL 2015



étudiant(e)s contre les oléoducs



BECOME A MEMBER

GET INVOLVED

HOME ABOUT US CAMPAIGNS MEMBERS RESOURCES

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# Manifestation

## NON aux oléoducs Énergie Est et Ligne 9B

PLACE DU CANADA  
12H SAMEDI 10 OCTOBRE

PROTÉGEONS LE FLEUVE, LE CLIMAT, NOTRE AVENIR!

MONTREAL  
COY 11

# Climate Justice Initiatives

### #Build your COY!

You want to propose a project, share your experience, provide a workshop? Submit it!



# OBAMA JUST REJECTED KEYSTONE. JUSTIN, WHICH SIDE OF HISTORY WILL YOU BE ON?





# #RememberThis

A Series of Events Against War and Militarism

**"Motherhouse": Reading and Q&A with David Fennario**

Monday, Nov. 10th, 7:00pm  
New Music Building, A-832, 527 Sherbrooke West,

**"Myths for Profit":  
Screening, Dinner, and Director Talk**

Wednesday, Nov. 11th, 6:00pm dinner (film at 7:00pm)  
The Presbyterian College Cafeteria, 3495 University

**Kanien'kehá:ka Resistance to Colonialism and Militarism**

Wednesday, Nov. 18th, 7:30pm  
SSMU Cafeteria South Side, 3480 McTavish

**KEYNOTE PANEL  
Beyond No War: Celebrating  
Resistance to Canadian Nationalism**

Friday, Nov. 13th, 7:00pm (doors at 6:30pm)  
McConnell Engineering Building, Rm. 13, 3480 University

All locations are on the McGill University campus, and are wheelchair accessible. Whisper translation (English-French) will be available at all events. Please contact [demilitarizemcgill@riseup.net](mailto:demilitarizemcgill@riseup.net) if there's anything we can do to make these events more accessible to you.



# CULTURE SHOCK 2016

QPIRG McGill Collaborations

Culture Shock and Social Justice Days





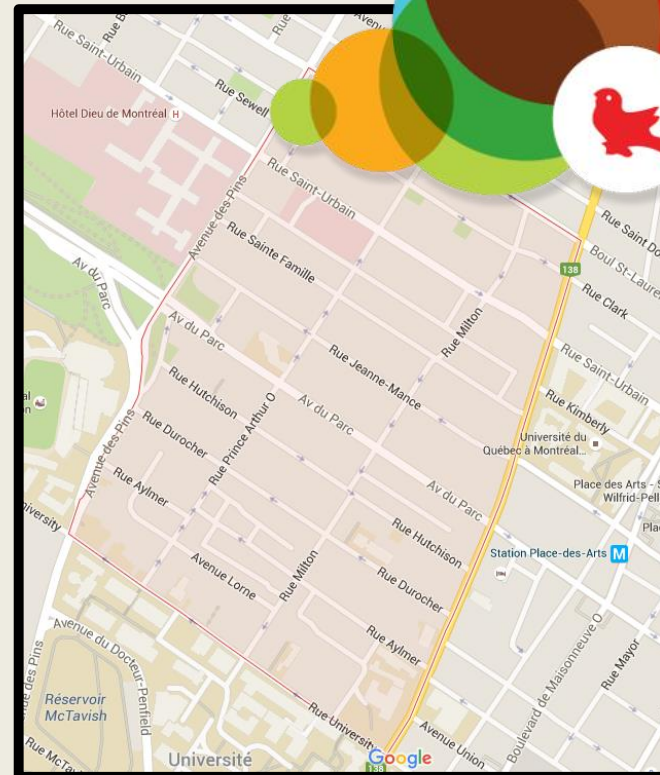
# Community Affairs

## ***Community Relations***

In terms of Community Relations, the job of the VP External is largely to act as a liaison between students and residents in the Milton-Parc community, hear residents' concerns, and raise awareness of those concerns to students. This may include door-to-door consultation during the summer, Frosh Street teams or organizing campus-community coffeehouses or BBQ's.

## ***Community Engagement***

The VP External is responsible for ensuring that a multitude of Community Engagement opportunities are available for students. This year we are creating a community engagement database, organizing community mixers and more!



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CAMPAIGNS



WHAT DOES MY VP  
EXTERNAL DO?

Thanks for watching!