



Report to SSMU Legislative Council

October 11, 2012

I hope everyone had a relaxing long weekend!

Community relations:

- Met with Hélène and Madeline on Monday last week to discuss some of the projects that we had brainstormed for the year. We plan to do a series of videos about people and issues in the Milton-Parc neighbourhood, as well as organize French conversation sessions.

Community Engagement Day

- Was last Friday, and was great! A few members of the MPCC came to talk about the neighbourhood with our groups, and then joined us for the discussion after. All in all, everyone seemed to have a really good time.

Community Ambassadors

- In my meeting with Hélène and Madeline, we discussed some of the criteria we could use to measure success of the program.
- SQ other than that, though I have a meeting about it early afternoon on Thursday.

Provincial affairs:

Education Summit

- I'm getting lots of mixed reports about when this thing is actually going to take place – some people are saying by December, others saying it won't be until the new year.
- One way or another, I had a meeting with Errol, VP External from PGSS, to talk about how we could proceed at McGill. We were dreaming pretty big, but our thought was to do a campus-wide discussion over a few weeks or a month, with informal sessions to just get people talking, and other more sessions focused around specific items.

TaCEQ:

- The meeting on Sunday went quite well. We discussed some methods for better internal communication and Simon will be sharing his press reviews with other TaCEQ members, as will the media attaché for CADEUL, so that occasions for press releases or other actions can be better anticipated and discussed with more notice among members.
- Also discussed the education summit, and adopted the themes (for TaCEQ) of:
 - o university financing
 - o tuition fees and alternatives
 - o research, financial aid and student debt



- university governance
- role of universities in society
- I'm going to be on their By-law review committee, at least in the interim.

Campus

- I'm going to delay my "Intro to Quebec" series of events until early next semester, since I'll be spending a lot of energy the next little while on planning this summit at McGill, but I do have some contact people for various topics already.
- Went to the teach-in on Wednesday about the potential Iran war and the weapons research that takes place at McGill. Very interesting information.
- I've been working with some people to help get the word out about PowerShift, which is a youth climate action summit taking place in Ottawa on the last weekend of October. It should be a great conference! Check out wearepowershift.ca if you're interested!

Committees

- Will have the first Community Engagement Committee meeting on Wednesday at 5. The call-out got a lot of interested responses so I'm looking forward to seeing how it takes shape!
- External Affairs wasn't on the listserv call-out, so we'll be delaying our first meeting until next week.

Respectfully submitted,

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