

Office of the Vice-President (External Affairs) Bureau du Vice-président (affaires externes)

Report to Council

March 28, 2013

Community relations:

Video Project

- SQ.

French conversation sessions

- SQ.

Community Engagement Day

- SQ

Street Teams

- Had a pretty successful St Paddy's Street Teams on the Saturday night and Sunday during the day. It was fairly quiet out on the streets because it was so cold, so it was fairly uneventful.

Community Ambassadors

- They helped out during Street Teams and attended the MPCC AGM last Tuesday, where they were introduced by Hélène to the members present.
- They've started office hours, which are Tuesday and Thursday 6-8 and Saturday 1-3 at Presse Café on Milton and Parc.

External affairs:

Education Summit

- We've started working on the four "chantiers de travail" that came out of the Summit and are relevant to university students (the other is about CEGEPs only)
 - o Framework law for universities (report due August 30)
 - o National Council on Universities (report due June 28)
 - Re-writing the Financing Scheme to Universities (report due December)
 - o Improving financial aid (report due in June)
- We decided at TaCEQ that there will be one association which will be responsible for compiling the research for each "chantier", although more than one association will work on each project.
- Also, I'm finished my report! Finally!!



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TaCEQ:

Upcoming Meetings

- We're meeting on Saturday. Patrick, one of our TaCEQ delegates, will be there, but Alex is unable to make it because Easter.

Reglements Généraux

- We've adopted the Electoral Policy, and will be talking about the financial procedures I started drafting at our meeting on Saturday.

Delegates

- Unfortunately, Alex can't come to the meeting because Easter, but we had a really good meeting to talk about the meeting on Saturday, the bylaws that I'm proposing that talk about their positions, and also things to do through the rest of the semester and possible projects for the summer to get ready for Fall next year. They're so enthusiastic! It's awesome!

Finances

- SQ. Will be getting an update on Saturday.

Elections and General Assembly

- The General Assembly will take place in May, and elections are opening for folks interested in running for the SG positions.

TaCEQ Reform

- As you'll have seen in my motion, we've started the discussion at TaCEQ about how to move forward and help TaCEQ grow and do more things. Adding a second Vice-Secretary General position is one possibility, but there is definitely some goal, purpose and project visioning that will be taking place over the next few months.

Campus

Inter-Union Council

- Labour Week and Conference went so well! Some really great events, and really interesting and important conversations took place. I definitely hope this is something that continues to happen for future years.



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Campaigns

- Divest McGill co-organized the ESA Battle of the Profs on the topic of divestment on Tuesday night. The room was PACKED and led to some really interesting discussions and questions.
- On the education side of things, I held a discussion session to talk about the budget cuts and 3% tuition increase. I'm also going to be putting together some material about why the 'indexation' is not actually indexation, and generally why it's a bad thing.

Committees

Community Engagement:

- Hired our new Community Engagement Commissioner! The Committee should be up and running again soon.

External Affairs

- We've divided up tasks related to the 'chantiers' and have done our initial bylaw writing.

Respectfully submitted,

Robin Reid-Fraser, VP External