

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

Report to Legislative Council

March 13th, 2014

# Community relations:

-Met with police to prepare for St. Patty's Day in Milton-Parc and discuss initiatives that we're doing, ie. Street teams and awareness-raising.

-Street teams are happening this weekend and on Monday! We're looking for volunteers – sign up here:

https://docs.google.com/spreadsheet/ccc?key=0At\_LpNhiJnVZdHNkaC14SFl4bmd6Tn M0Uk1zYnZYUnc&usp=sharing#gid=0

# TaCEQ:

-And then there were 2: AELIÉS had a special GA on Monday to discuss their membership in TaCEQ and voted to disaffiliate. This will be ratified at the next meeting that they'll be hosting in Quebec City, March 22<sup>nd</sup>. They did, however, vote to remain active and supportive of the Laurent Proulx court case, even if they will become external to TaCEQ.

-AELIÉS' disaffiliation puts into question the future of Secretary-General Paul-Antoine Cardin in his role. This will be discussed at the next Table.

-Xavier Laberge, formerly VSG Finance and Administration, is now an employee of TaCEQ, fulfilling many of the same tasks he had previously done. He also happens to be a provincial candidate for Québec Solidaire in Châteauguay.

-Laurent Proulx case: SQ. No word from him or his representatives.

-SSMU disaffiliation referendum is currently ongoing. We will find out the results next Friday and be able to work from there.

-To reiterate: there will definitely be a surplus to what we budgeted to pay to TaCEQ. We will likely not be making a third transfer payment to the TaCEQ account, and if there is a surplus with the money we currently have, it will be used to reimburse member associations.



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## Committees:

Community Engagement:

-Meeting tomorrow to work on Campus Community Engagement Awards happening on March 26<sup>th</sup>! Everyone check 'em out! And we're accepting late applications if you want to send them in by tomorrow evening.

External Affairs: Will convene shortly. Come see me!

### Campaigns

# Bill 60 aka. Charter of Gnomes

-Event idea: Professors and Students of Faith panel event is happening on Tuesday March 25<sup>th</sup> in Leacock 232 (pending confirmation of room). We will be promoting it shortly! Once we start, please spread the word and attend – should be awesome! -Working on a public statement by student associations

-We have endorsed the anti-Charter demo happening on March 21<sup>st</sup>. Unfortunately, many of us will be unable to attend because it is happening during our elections night. I will be going late.

# **Provincial Election**

-We will be taking more of a lobbying role as opposed to an informational one. In addition to anti-Charter public statement, we will be working with PGSS and other groups to denounce international student tuition hikes.

-We will also be providing information about if one is registered to vote, and if not, how to register to vote.

# Varia

-PHARE student housing survey has finally been sent out! 10,000 students have been emailed – are you one of them? (Derek Zoolander face)

-Asked the tough questions at #SSMUbates yesterday. Boots were reportedly seen shaking.

Submitted with tact,