

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

# **VP External's Report to Legislative Council**

November 20, 2014

## Personal

- Office hours! Thursdays 10-11:30 am!!!!
- Lol Twitter. Lol Facebook.
- ONLINE RATIFICATION! <u>MANDATES</u>! YAY!

# **External Affairs**

## Austerity

- MANIF happening November 29<sup>th</sup> ! Join the event <u>here</u> !!!!!!!
- I'm having an art build next week, and ordering a bunch of Printemps 2015 buttons and stickers
- In a meeting with the VP External of FAECUM, we decided to organize a roundtable of Quebec student associations, including FEUQ and l'ASSE, to talk about the provincial austerity measures and how to move forward.
  - This will hopefully happen near the end of the month if anyone is interested in attending!
- ÉCO (Étudiant-e-s Contre les Oléoducs)
  - I am now one of the <u>co-spokespeople for ÉCO</u>
  - Art build from last week  $\rightarrow$
  - Première manifestation le 15 novembre  $\rightarrow \rightarrow$ 
    - Over 1000 people came out from all over Montreal- it was really great
    - Québec solidaire's Amir Khadir took part in the protest!
    - Check out some of the media around it:
      - <u>Radio-Canada</u>
      - <u>TVA</u>
      - <u>Global</u>
      - <u>Montreal Gazette</u>
      - <u>Council of Canadians</u>
      - <u>Toronto Sun</u> LOL
      - <u>The Daily</u>
      - The Link
  - Signing on to a <u>letter</u> from the Canadian Youth Delegation denouncing the Harper government for his lack of action on Climate Change
- CREM (Coalition régionale étudiante de Montréal)
  - SQ.







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### CRAIES

- <u>Pétition : Compensation financière pour les étudiants des programmes d'éducation en situation de stage</u> <u>obligatoire</u>
- Next le 30 novembre a l'Université de Sherbrooke
- Je vois MTL
  - SQ. Waiting to hear back from November 17<sup>th</sup> proposal!
- TaCEQ
  - In 2013, FECQ, TaCEQ and FEUQ signed on as interveners in the Laurent Proulx case. Laurent Proulx and Miguael Bergeron, both ULaval students, submitted an application to the Superior Court of Quebec in 2013 contesting the constitutionality of seven articles in Quebec's Act Respecting The Accreditation And Financing Of Students' Associations (ARAFSA). Obviously, this would have serious consequences if it were to pass. The case was quiet until this summer, and is now being brought to court in December. TaCEQ's former lawyers contacted me to gain permission to continue representing the SSMU in this case (at no financial cost to the SSMU) and I've signed in affidavit in this regard, and may be asked to participate in the proceedings.
    - TL;DR student associations are in court battle with ULaval student Laurent-Proulx for our existence
    - Had a meeting about this on Friday November 14<sup>th</sup>. Will be going to the trial as a representative on December 9<sup>th</sup>.

## **Community Affairs**

- Community/student potluck happening on November 18<sup>th</sup>!

## Unions

Inter-Union Council

- SQ.

Citizens Council

- Fill out this survey to give Principal Fortier some feedback about her Principal's Plans.

## **Committees of SSMU Legislative Council**

External Affairs: - SQ. Community Engagement: - SQ. Francophone Affairs: - Commissaires ont été embauchés! HOORAH! Sustainability: - SQ.

# **Committees of Senate**

Landscape Master Plan Committee



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- SQ.

- Senate Committee on Physical Development (SCPD)
  - SQ.

## Campaigns

#### Divest McGill

- National divestment convergence happened!!! It was awesome! Read about it <u>here</u>
- Divest McGill is having a big strategizing session soon!
- Also:
  - Revamping logo
  - $\circ$  50+ signatures on the faculty for divestment

#### Bikes

 Referendum results came in! 60% of students want bikes on campus. About 60% want us to lobby the admin to allow bikes on campus. Turnout was about 2200 people (11%). Welcoming suggestions moving forward.



Amina M-B @AminaMB · Nov 8 Gooood morning rad @theSSMU \*#FossilFreeCAN @FossilFreeCAN #divest #climate

## Misc

#### Website

- The External Affairs tab of the SSMU website is being launched super soon! Yay!

### HR

- HIRING!
  - o <u>Austerity measures researcher</u>
  - o Social Injury caused by Fossil Fuel Industry Researcher
  - o Community Affairs Coordinator

Respectfully submitted,

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