



## Report of the Ad-Hoc Indigenous Affairs Committee to Legislative Council

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The Indigenous Affairs Committee has had one preliminary meeting thus far as we have been waiting for the Indigenous Affairs Coordinator to be hired before beginning many of the major projects we have planned. Nonetheless the meeting was very productive and we have brainstormed a number of goals and projects that will be completed next semester.

- I. **Drafting an Indigenous Solidarity Policy.** The writing of this policy will be tasked to a subgroup of the Indigenous Affairs Committee with the goal to bring it to SSMU Legislative Council by the end of the Winter Semester. The Indigenous Solidarity Policy will institutionalize Indigenous Affairs within SSMU and will likely house responsibilities under both the Vice-President University Affairs and the Vice-President External Affairs. Some aspects to be included in the policy include the fostering of relationships with local Indigenous communities and continued advocacy for Indigenous solidarity within our community, in particular within the McGill context.
- II. **Hosting a Reconciliation Campaign** in partnership with SEDE, First People`s House and other groups on campus. This campaign is planned to occur over the month of March and will, in part, aim to motivate the McGill community to reflect on ways they can incorporate reconciliation and decolonization into their daily everyday lives. We hope to empower Indigenous voices and further educate the McGill community on the gross historical injustice and trauma of colonization on Indigenous peoples. We intend to organize diverse events that target students in multiple disciplines and through a variety of avenues.

We are excited to announce that Leslie Anne St Amour has been appointed as the SSMU Indigenous Affairs Coordinator and will be chairing the Indigenous Affairs Committee as well as working on a number of other exciting initiatives.

Respectfully Submitted,

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