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Report of the External Affairs Committee to Legislative Council

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Committee Members:

Emily Boytinck, Vice-President (External Affairs)
David Aird, Political Campaigns Coordinator
Lexi Michaud, Arts Representative
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Goals:

The External affairs committee has endeavored to restructure the accessible education policy, inform the membership of issues pertaining to provincial representation, and research provincial austerity measures.

Progress:

Thus far, the external affairs committee has done preliminary research on items related to austerity at McGill and solutions to austerity. We've then decided to focus on our efforts on modifying the accessible education policy and expanding on the points that were passed in referendum last semester.

Issues:

The external affairs committee is a particularly difficult committee because of its especially broad mandate. Both members at large that originally applied have dropped out because they weren't aware of the obligations of the committee. In addition, many of the mandates can be taken on by alternative bodies, such as the McGill Against Austerity campaign team and the provincial representation taskforce. These bodies are more specific and better cater to the ever changing nature of the external affairs portfolio.

Last year, similar difficulties were felt and it was recommended that I dissolve the committee. I decided to try it out and I've become convinced that this committee may not be the most useful committee to continue existing.

With love and solidarity,

Emily Boytinck
Vice-President (External Affairs)