

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

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

September 15th, 2016

### Personal

This is first Council. I am excited.

### **External Affairs**

- Contacted different associations around the table at AVEQ who volunteered to be part of the two committees SSMU is involved in: "Accountability" Committee and Unpaid Internships Committee
- Sent an email to associations who owe us money some of them might actually pay up
- Signed up for the upcoming congress happening at Concordia, October 21<sup>st</sup> to 23<sup>rd</sup>

### Committees

- Received recommendations from Christian Quequish our Indigenous Affairs Coordinator as to who should sit on the Indigenous Affairs Committee
- Reached out to the people who submitted their name for committees on Activities Night
- Publicized committees on social media deadline to apply is set to a week-and-a-half from now
- All Coordinators are aware of which committees they will be chairing/sitting on

## **Francophone Affairs**

• [SQ] for now – will reach out to relevant department- and faculty-level bodies this week, and speak to Helene Brisson, Vice-President of the Milton-Parc Citizens Committee

### **Indigenous Affairs**

- Re-read the Indigenous Solidarity Policy to re-familiarize myself with it and begin assessing the fulfillment of the various mandates within it (for all execs)
- Meeting with Coordinator next week, with Ben and Erin, to discuss workload/tasks for the year, and things needed to be addressed immediately
- Indigenous Awareness Week (Sept. 19<sup>th</sup>-23<sup>rd</sup>) but starting this Friday (tomorrow) with Pow Wow on lower field

## **Community Affairs**

- Meeting with Campus Life and Engagement (CLE) and the administration on Friday to follow-up and review this year's Street Teams
- Community Engagement Day is coming up (September 29<sup>th</sup>)!! I'll be promoting however possible, and enlisting the help of our Community Engagement Commissioner and Community Affairs Coordinator
- I'm actively working on getting an event organized ("Community Warehouse") will have to be a priority in the next week if it is going to take place



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#### Campaigns

- Fossil Free Week is coming up (September 26<sup>th</sup>-30<sup>th</sup>, but beginning with the first session of the Open Forum on Sustainability on Sept. 23<sup>rd</sup>)
- Had a meeting with members of McGill Against Austerity that were involved last year presumably went very well
- Organizing an Anti-Austerity 101 for next Wednesday (21<sup>st</sup>) for all the people who signed up during Activities Night (about 70)

### **Union Affairs**

• Meeting with Inter-Union Council (IUC) next week – will presumably talk about the proposed draft of SAP

# **Independent Student Campaigns**

- Met with the President of Israel on Campus (IOC) to discuss possible projects/collaboration for this semester and the next slow and complicated progress
- Have read over the proposed draft sexual assault policy by McGill there may be mobilization by students in response to it

#### Websites

- I've come to realize that I overlooked certain automatically renewing subscriptions on various domains and site hostings that were set up before my term I've spoken to John, our IT technician, to sort the matter out
- Most if not all webhosting will be done on WIX, with domain names redirecting to free pages
- Designing of Milton-Parc website will start once I've talked with John

#### Varia

- Volunteered to sit on a university committee tasked with screening candidates for the job of Vice-Principle (External Relations)
- Sent an email to the current VP External Relations to meet before he leaves office
- Come to the **Open Forum on Sustainability** (hosted by McGill admin Sept. 23<sup>rd</sup>, 28<sup>th</sup>, and 30<sup>th</sup>) ask me about it

With love and solidarity,

David Aird