

Summer Report to Council Presented September 17th 2009 Office of the Vice-President (External Affairs) Bureau du Vice-président (affaires externes)

<u>September 17th – October 1st</u>

1. Campaigns

a) Fill the Hill on October 24th 2009 – working with Environment Commissioner to promote this event and organize buses to transport McGill students to Ottawa
b) Demonstration against Governance Bills: October 1st 2009. Promotion:

i) Campus press papers: wrote op-ed on issue, presence in events

ii) two postering blitzes across campus

iii) listserv call-outs: SSMU & QPIRG

iv) SSMU facebook event

2. Municipal/Community Affairs

a) Getting word out on Municipal election sign-up through listserv

b) CREM failure: I went to the Polytechnique on Saturday, September 19th 2009 and was one of two representatives to show up.

-Now plan is to meet with individual candidates to push student issues, listed in last Report. Ideas for ulterior courses of action are welcome.

3. Research

a) After aiding in the editing and research, the commissioned research project on Milton-Parc was submitted on September 28th. Complete document is 58 pages not including appendices and will be available on the SSMU website shortly.

4. <u>Transit</u>

a) Transit survey will be distributed soon that will look to get data on students' usage and interest in public transit. After meeting with the PGSS external and some McGill administrators on September 27th, the decision was to conduct this survey to give improved feedback on public transit usage amongst all students and staff at McGill.

5. <u>CKUT</u>

a) Undergrad Board reps to be presented for approval. Details to be given orally.

6. Student movement:

a) Attended debate between the TaCEQ, FECQ, FEUQ & ASSE at ASSE camp de formation on Saturday 26th 2009. Secretary-General of the TaCEQ, Olivier Jegou, represented the organization well, while the others bickered.

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7. Lobbying

a) Communicated with political attaché to minister of education via phone and email on three issues:

i) Timeline on TaCEQ recognition : She commits to criteria being established by February or March 2010, at which point assessment of full recognition of the organization by the provincial government would be undertaken
ii) McGill MBA tuition hike: She expressed the Ministry's concern with the action in terms of student debt and accessibility. She provided me with documentation showing the procedure that McGill must take for this to be legal. This procedure has not been taken.
iii) Timeline for governance bills : Education committee hearings on the governance bills will conclude ground October 6th and then Committee will

governance bills will conclude around October 6th and then Committee will review proposed legislation.

b) Education Committee conducting hearing now going to hearings now: Presentation of the TaCEQ memorandum to the Education committee, Wednesday September 30th. SSMU LPAC, Boris Savoie-Doyer sent in my place.

8. Communications

a) tuitiontruth.com in its last stages of being revamped. Already has a facelift and is waiting on content updates on my end.

For your approval:

Recommendations for the CKUT Board of Directors undergraduate reps.

Respectfully submitted,

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