



Report to SSMU Legislative Council

November 15, 2012

Community relations:

Video Project

- Did the filming for the first video last Friday! The topic was the history of the area, so we toured around and talked about a bunch of the different buildings in the area. It was a lot of fun, and quite informative! I'm looking forward to seeing it post-editing, as well as work on putting together the other ones. We're hoping to have them ready to go next semester.

French conversation sessions

- I met with Madeline, Hélène and Adam and Colleen from the Rez Life office to talk about doing French conversation sessions in residences, with long-term residents of Milton-Parc acting as group tutors. It should be fairly easy to do once we know how many volunteers we have, but we're thinking 25-30 students to start.

Community Engagement Day

- Max came and spoke at the last Community Engagement Committee to make sure everyone is clear on what exactly CED is. They have an event on the 21st as a debrief from the day and to talk more about the different groups who were involved.

Community Ambassadors

- Had a pretty exciting meeting with Linda Starkey and Mitchell Miller to discuss the financial side of things. Will also be talking with Mitch on Wednesday about coming up with job description and figure out how exactly SSMU and McGill can work together on the project.

Provincial affairs:

Education Summit

- Officially happening mid-February. It will be based around 4 themes:
 - o Quality of education
 - o Accessibility and participation in higher education
 - o Governance and financing
 - o Contribution of institutions to research and development in Quebec



The first of the thematic meetings will take place on November 29 and 30 in Quebec on “Quality of Education”, and then another one will take place in Trois-Rivieres on Dec 13-14 about “Accessibility and participation”. The other two will take place in January.

TaCEQ:

- We have a meeting on Saturday in Sherbrooke. Sam, who is sitting on the External Affairs Committee, will be joining me, which will be lovely.
- **Discussion point:** We have been talking at Exec about electing TaCEQ delegates from the student body, since technically SSMU has 4 votes at the table but there have never been more than two of us there at a time. It would also be great to have people dedicated to carrying forward some of the projects that TaCEQ would love to embark on.

Campus

- I'm collaborating with Gretchen from PGSS to host a lunch-time event on Friday in Community Square in front of James admin to celebrate International Student's Day and to reflect on the year since Nov 10. Please join us! It will take place 12:30-1:30. PGSS is providing hot chocolate!
- Went to a Green Groups GA last Wednesday, which was really great. It was neat to hear from a wide range of groups doing environment-related projects on this campus and get them talking to each other. We also discussed the McGill divestment campaign, and some of them are interested in helping with the process going forward.

Education Summit

- We are holding our own consultation sessions leading up to the summit next Monday, Tuesday and Friday. If you are able to, please sign up to help facilitate a table discussion, and so much thanks to those of you who already have!

Inter-Union Council

- We had a meeting two weeks ago and talked about projects that some of the unions are working on, as well as the possible project of putting together a document explaining how the McGill budget works more clearly than the



budget document itself. We didn't manage to get through the whole agenda, so we're meeting again Thursday (this) morning to talk more.

- I also met with Jaime from AMUSE and Julian from AGSEM to discuss hosting a labour conference in February or March.

Committees

Community Engagement:

- Is humming along quite well. One of our first projects will be to host a film series, called "Mon+Real", which will show films about some of the different neighbourhoods in Montreal that McGill students may not spend much time in.

External Affairs

- We've had a good couple of meetings so far. Talking lots about education summit and TaCEQ things, but also more long-term plans such as a series of "Intro to Quebec" events and possible collaboration with students from other schools in a variety of areas.

Respectfully submitted,

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