



Report to SSMU Legislative Council

November 29, 2012

Community relations:

Video Project

- SQ. We'll have discussed it at the MPCC meeting Tuesday evening, hopefully to get more of the residents interested in participating.

French conversation sessions

- SQ

Community Engagement Day

- They held an Appreciation Event last week and we discussed the ongoing ways that students can get involved in community work outside of the Day.

Community Ambassadors

- I met with Mitch last week to discuss how we could work in partnership moving forward with the project. We've found a structure that we like, which would be to have a board composed of SSMU VP External, SSMU Community Affairs Coordinator, McGill Student Life Coordinator, and a rep from MPCC overseeing the project and doing the hiring process.

The plan for the pilot project next semester would be to have 4 ambassadors and one coordinator. Madeline, the current Community Affairs Coordinator, has agreed to take on the coordinator position next semester.

We have a draft job description and application form. We will be meeting during the day on Thursday, so I can report more of what came out of that meeting if folks are interested. All very exciting!!

Provincial affairs:

Education Summit

- We held three poorly attended but nonetheless interesting discussion sessions next week. I've summarized those in my report, so peruse at your leisure.
- Our website is now live and currently eagerly awaiting comments and discussion! I encourage you all to check it out and please spread through your various groups. I'd like as much traffic as possible! Except for all the spammers who seem to currently be commenting on it... <http://ssmu.mcgill.ca/educationsummit/>
- PGSS and I are co-organizing a summit taking place next Monday and Tuesday. It will be more formal than the discussion sessions, with actual panels of speakers giving their opinions. I encourage you all to come!

TaCEQ:



- We had an interesting presentation from Juripop de l'Estrie, which is hoping to do research into the possibility of creating a legal framework for student strikes. Their presentation pointed out that the number of injunctions coming out of this recent strike was unprecedented, and without any kind of legality, it could be that the next strike is even more harshly legislated.
- We also discussed the education summit, and adopted a series of preliminary positions for the Quality of Education themed meeting which will be taking place at the end of the month. We also chose delegates for each of the themed meetings, so I'll be part of the delegation at the Accessibility and Participation meeting in mid-December, and the Governance and Financing meeting in January sometime.

Campus

- The campaign to lobby McGill to divest from the tar sands has started up. So far is in the process of collecting signatures to call on CAMSR to meet. Some of the folks working on the campaign have started up a website about it: <http://decorporatizemcgill.wordpress.com/>

Inter-Union Council

- Had a good meeting on Thursday. We are looking to organize a Labour Conference in mid-March, and possibly have a Labour Week on campus the week before to raise awareness about the unions on campus, and what issues unions are facing in Canada and worldwide.

Committees

Community Engagement:

- We had our first event, which was a film screening of the film "Burgundy Voices" about the neighbourhood of Little Burgundy, the folks who live there, and the kind of work they've been doing in their community. It was super interesting! The film is on Youtube if any of you are interested in seeing it.

External Affairs

- Had a good meeting last Tuesday night (and will have again this Tuesday, after the time of writing this report). We have two new members, so a lot of it was overview of what's been done already. We've decided to organize the "Introduction to Quebec" series of events in mid-January that I was originally hoping to do this semester.

Respectfully submitted,

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