



## Report to Council

February 6, 2013

### Community relations:

#### Video Project

- SQ.

#### French conversation sessions

- Have gotten started with a pretty good turn-out. It sounds like there are a few logistical things to sort out yet, but I think that Hélène and the folks from residences are on top of it.

#### Community Engagement Day

- They wrote a beautiful final report that I have yet to really read through.

#### Community Ambassadors

- We are in the hiring process! We'll be setting up the training schedule for them to start hopefully next week. So exciting!!

### Provincial affairs:

#### Education Summit

- Last themed meeting about the role of post secondary institutions in research and the development of Quebec went fairly well, and there were some really good conversations in the workshop that I was in about research and how it can be directly connected with the surrounding community.
- Still haven't written my reports from that meeting and the one before. So sorry! Will try and have them ready by Thursday.
- SSMU will need to submit a reflection document for the final meetings so Simon and I will be working on putting that together over the next few days. We haven't had much traffic on the website or the surveys, so I'll be using mainly the information we got from the discussion sessions back in November.

#### Montreal, Metropole Universitaire

- Attended this 'meeting' Monday morning, organized by the Montreal Chamber of Commerce and the 9 university-level institutions in Montreal. It was a series of panelists talking about links between universities and businesses/organizations. In theory it should have been really interesting but



there wasn't that much diversity in the content; a lot of the presentations were talking about how great and important Montreal universities are, and how great it is to be in city with such a high proportion of students. The time for questions and comments was extremely limited, and unfortunately there weren't many students present.

### **TaCEQ:**

- Presented quite well at the Summit meeting about the idea of a Charter for student researchers, which would ensure a minimum wage, dignity in the work place, and a clear definition of the tasks they should be doing. There seemed to be lots of interest in that idea!

### **Meeting with Pauline Marois**

- They met with her and Duchesne on Monday afternoon and apparently it went fairly well. They talked about their proposal for funding universities through a tax on businesses, a charter for student researchers, and asked about whether there are plans to legislate the right to strike.

### **Next Table Meeting**

- Will be on Saturday. Lots to talk about Summit-wise!

### **Reglements Généraux**

- We will be meeting on Friday afternoon, I'll be there via Skype.

### **Delegates**

- I've had some interest, and will have met with one person by the time we have Council. I'd like to do more targeting emailing about it to get more responses, so will likely be requesting that it go out on various faculty listservs, and maybe to some of the other clubs and groups on campus.

### **Newsletter**

- First issue has been written, so it should be on its way soon!

### **Campus**

#### **Intro to Quebec Week**

- Thank you to all of you who came out to the events and helped out with it! We didn't have a huge attendance, but I hope that we at least lay the groundwork for something that can continue into the future.



#### Inter-Union Council

- Had a meeting to plan the Labour Week/conference which will be happening in March. Lots of good ideas, so I'm getting excited!

#### Campaigns

- Looks like Divest McGill's petition submission went really well, and after the email was sent out this morning they've gotten 80 more signatures.

#### Committees

##### Community Engagement:

- SQ.

##### External Affairs

- SQ. Didn't meet this week (my bad) but we had some conversations last week about what is going on at the provincial level right now.

Respectfully submitted,

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