



Students' Society of McGill University
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Office of the Vice-President (External Affairs)
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Report to Legislative Council

February 6th, 2014

Community relations:

- Community potluck happened again on Saturday. Attendance was again fairly low. A better job of promoting future potlucks can and will be done.
- Will be meeting with the fine folks from the ECOLE MilPa outreach committee to see how good relations between ECOLE and the Milton-Parc community can be established and maintained.
- Fridge magnets and post-its with important tips about respecting your neighbours, reducing noise, telling your neighbours if you're having a party, etc. have and will continue to be handed out by the community ambassadors to members of the Milton-Parc community.

TaCEQ:

- Meeting is taking place this Sunday in Sherbrooke, after previous postponement.
- REMDUS voted two weeks ago (hours after last council) to leave TaCEQ by a vote of 72%. This needs to be ratified at their GA today. Oral update.
- Check my motion from the floor today!
- Our own future in TaCEQ will be discussed at the TaCEQ table on Sunday. Will be sure to report on what other associations are thinking, especially in regards to the management of the court case.
- Research on SSMU's past external memberships is basically finished (in French), and it totals about 40 pages. An abbreviated version will be made and translated into English for your reading pleasure!

Committees:

External Affairs Committee:

- Has met a few times this term, albeit without full attendance. We've mainly discussed TaCEQ and our plan going forward in relation to it/the external realm.

Community Engagement Committee:

- Has also met a few times this term. Working on an interesting initiative....exciting news to come soon!



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Campaigns

Bill 60 aka. Charter of Gnomes

-Working on the following things:

-Followed up with other student associations to see how we can collaborate together against the charter. I have attempted to set up a group meeting, but have only received two responses so far. Will follow up.

-Worked with McGill Inclusif legal and political committee. Working on getting a site set up with concise information on the impacts of the charter, as well as possibly making a video about the human impacts of it. Will try to influence McGill's presentation to the parliamentary committee – don't know when it will be yet.

-Organizing a panel to discuss the Charter, but also the context surrounding it and what it means outside the legislative.

-Convening ad-hoc committee again, will give to someone else to chair.

-In contact with relevant stakeholders to try and organize a demonstration for Saturday, March 22nd, the two-year anniversary of the largest demo of the *printemps érable*.

Varia

-PHARE student housing survey project has run into some legal issues. Will see if this is something we can proceed with. Oral update.

-Working on other forms of external relations between ourselves and other student associations.

-Office hours for the term have been set: Fridays, from 1-3pm

-I finally have a class. Fun times!

Submitted for Parliamentarian Simmons,

Samuel Harris, VP External