



Students' Society of McGill University
Association étudiante de l'Université McGill

Office of the Vice-President (External Affairs)
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Report to Legislative Council

February 20th, 2014

Community relations:

- Meeting with police next Thursday at 10 am at Station 38 to plan for St. Patty's Day.
- Met with ECOLE coords to discuss relationship between ECOLE and Milton-Parc community organizations
- Met with Hélène Brisson of MPCC last Thursday.

TaCEQ:

- And then there were 3: REMDUS has walked the plank, and their departure is fully ratified.
- Issue arose yesterday with VSG Finance and Administration Xavier: he was technically supposed to vacate his position when REMDUS disaffiliated (according to TaCEQ règlements généraux), but the Board decided to keep him in his job until the end of February and then hire him as a contracted employee (that will be prepared when he comes to SSMU next week).
- Laurent Proulx case: Proulx has not done anything for the past few months (other than be a city councilor). There was supposed to be a meeting between all the sides in December to prepare to bring the case to court, but he backed out of that and has not done anything. We decided that the best course of action, for now, is to not rock the boat. It is a distinct possibility that Proulx drops the case, especially if he does nothing in the months to come. If he does proceed, the soonest the case will be is 6 to 8 months, so August to October.
- Remaining associations agreed on the need to keep TaCEQ legally afloat in case it does need to continue its intervention in the court case. Its rules and structure would be totally modified, so that its only purpose would be to continue in the case.
- Planning for external relations is starting now – definitely one of my biggest projects for the rest of the year.
- In response to REMDUS' departure and our announcement of a referendum, AELIÉS is having a GA to discuss their membership in TaCEQ and to possibly disaffiliate, next Tuesday, Feb. 25th.
- Very likely a surplus above what we budgeted for TaCEQ this year due to the way things have gone with disaffiliations and referenda.



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Committees:

Community Engagement:

-March 26th: 1st annual Campus Community Engagement Awards, in conjunction with the Arts Community Engagement Committee, and a little bit with SEDE. Awards include ones for Community Spirit, Community Activism, Community Event of the Year, and Alumna/Alumnus Award for Community Engagement. Apply/tell all your friends here: <http://ausmcgill.com/en/wp-content/uploads/2014/02/First-Annual-Campus-Community-Engagement-Awards2.pdf>

External Affairs:

Will convene for next week (hopefully).

Campaigns

Bill 60 aka. Charter of Gnomes

-Event idea: Professors of Faith panel. Trisha (community engagement commissioner) had heard from a group of profs who were interested in doing this. Plan is to have this in late March. Working on logistics, like room booking.

-Heard back from AFESH-UQAM, who are interested in collaborating. Have tried to set up a meeting, but they haven't returned my call.

-March 22nd demo: I was approached by members of McGill Inclusif who want to join the demo but don't want it to be as student-focused. This is an important distinction that will need to be determined. Election campaign will also largely determine saliency of this demo.

Varia

-PHARE student housing survey: the university has agreed to send out the emails to do the survey – good stuff!

-The provincial election rumour mill is in full swing, and it appears as though we will be having a March campaign. This will change my priorities going forward

Submitted with tact,

Samuel Harris, VP External