



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

December 5th, 2013

### Community relations:

#### Community Ambassadors

-Community potluck happened two Saturdays ago. It was a good initiative, and the food was spectacular. Unfortunately, though attendance was ok, it could have been much better. We will, however, not give up! More potlucks to come next term: tell your friends, tell your neighbours, tell yourselves.

-Will be convening early next term to set goals and determine reporting and accountability mechanisms

### TaCEQ:

-Meeting took place this past Saturday in Quebec City. Things of note:

-AELIÉS attempted to bring forward a blame or censure motion against the SSMU for not respecting an agreement which we maintain never occurred to have SSMU pay for its share of 40,000\$ in the Laurent Proulx case last February. Unfortunately for AELIÉS, the minutes from this meeting in February are lost, so no proof in this respect exists. Furthermore, SSMU has consistently said it will contribute 10,000 for the case, and TaCEQ Board decisions have been passed many times reaffirming this. The motion was dropped because none of the other associations seconded it.

-AELIÉS also brought forward a motion to re-have the congress that they forced the cancellation of. It also was not seconded because none of us have mandates to have a congress. The timing is very curious given that REMDUS will be having a referendum to determine their future come January.

-Paul-Antoine has prepared a *devis de recherche* in regards to a project on the needs of international students, which we will (hopefully) submit to one of the committees on university financing.

-Motion design and other visuals are being worked on to buff up TaCEQ's image.

-Research on SSMU's past external memberships is not complete (because it is very thorough and will be awesome), but check out the timeline that was posted on Vibe!

### Inter-Union Council

-Meeting in two weeks (Dec. 17<sup>th</sup>)



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### **Committees:**

SQ due to exam time!

### **Campaigns**

Bill 60 aka. Charter of Gnomes

-Working on the following things:

- I've combined a list of other student associations against the charter from across the province. I've gotten in contact with them to see if we can form an informal working group. I'm also always looking to add names to the list
- Attended today's lunch prep against the charter, organized by the IGFSF, Equity Committee, and SEDE, and will be attending an event by the collectif Québec inclusive on Monday (talk by Daniel Weinstock – oh yeah!). It should be a good opportunity to network
- In contact with the university about organizing things together. As some of you may have heard, Bernard Drainville cancelled his appearance at a debate at Concordia last week – perhaps McGill could fill in to satiate his lack of direct anglo-hating.
- Following up with the committee in their contact with faculty and others to have events next term.

### **Varia**

- Meeting with community relations people of Off-Campus Housing
- Still working on proposal of inter-Montreal university summit.

Submitted just for you (and you, and you),

Samuel Harris, VP External