



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

Office of the Vice-President (External Affairs)
Bureau du Vice-président (affaires externes)

VP External's Report to Legislative Council

November 6, 2014

Personal

- Office hours! Thursdays 10-1130 am

External Affairs

Austerity

- Went to the October 31st manif, with an estimated 40 000 others!
- In a meeting with the VP External of FAECUM, we decided to organize a roundtable of Quebec student associations, including FEUQ and l'ASSE, to talk about the provincial austerity measures and how to move forward.
 - o The meeting will be to **discuss each student associations position on this, plans for mobilization, and how to move forward together as a united student voice.**
- Organising an art build with my campaigns coordinators! Featuring silk screening tshirts with climate justice and austerity logos, banner painting, etc



Amina M-B @AminaMB · Oct 31

Belle journée pour manifester contre l'austérité. #manifencours #31octobre #lovethisjob #Montreal
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ECO

- Student associations from all over are coming together for the first ECO roundtable this Sunday November 9th at our divestment convergence! We'll be talking lobbying for climate change action, solidarity organizing, and Energy East resistance
- We are having a Montreal-wide action November 15th ! If you would like to help with poster/outing/outreach around this, please please do come see me!

CREM

- A representative for **Coalition régionale étudiante de Montréal (CREM)** from UdeM is presented the memoire. Presentation went well and the group is now providing follow up information to the commission. Otherwise SQCRAIES

Je vois MTL

- SQ. Next meeting when the 120 projects are being chosen will happen on November 17

TaCEQ



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- In 2013, FECQ, TaCEQ and FEUQ signed on as interveners in the Laurent Proulx case. Laurent Proulx and Miguael Bergeron, both ULaval students, submitted an application to the Superior Court of Quebec in 2013 contesting the constitutionality of seven articles in Quebec's Act Respecting The Accreditation And Financing Of Students' Associations (ARAFSA). Obviously, this would have serious consequences if it were to pass. The case was quiet until this summer, and is now being brought to court in December. TaCEQ's former lawyers contacted me to gain permission to continue representing the SSMU in this case (at no financial cost to the SSMU) and I've signed in affidavit in this regard, and may be asked to participate in the proceedings.
 - o TL;DR student associations are in court battle with ULaval student Laurent-Proulx for our existence
 - o Meeting about this on Friday, will update council.

Community Affairs

- Met with MPCC about Halloween
- **Community/student potluck happening on November 18th!**

Unions

Inter-Union Council

- SQ.

Citizens Council

- Met on November 4th. A **survey asking constituents about feedback on the Principal's Plans** will be sent out on Monday. The Citizen's Council represents all students and employees at McGill and to lobby McGill's higher administration on common issues. We'll be meeting with the Principal on January 6th to discuss the results of this survey. A more general review of the good and the bad in McGill governance will be the Council's next project.

Committees of SSMU Legislative Council

External Affairs:

- SQ. Next meeting soon!

Community Engagement:

- Met on October 5th. Community engagement group mixers, community engagement awards, and Hip Hop week in the works!

Francophone Affairs:

- Had a bunch of interviews and hired two Franco commissioners!

Committees of Senate

Landscape Master Plan Committee

- SQ.

Senate Committee on Physical Development (SCPD)

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Campaigns

Divest McGill

- National divestment convergence happening tomorrow!
- Friday keynotes are free and open to the public and **FEATURES:**
 - o **Crystal Lameman** a climate justice organizer with a focus on tar sands and environmental racism from the Beaver Lake Cree Nation
 - o **Denise Jourdain** is an organizer against Plan Nord from Innu community of Uashat mak Mani-utenam
 - o **Alyssa Symons-Bélanger** is a anti-pipeline activist from Quebec
 - o **Heather Milton-Lightening** is one of the founding members of the Native Youth Movement based in Ottawa.
 - o FACEBOOK EVENT FOR FRIDAY KEY NOTES [HERE:](#)
- Saturday and Sunday will be a bunch of cool **bilingual divestment/anti pipeline/solidarity organizing workshops and panels.** [REGISTER HERE](#) and join the facebook event [here](#)
- Divest McGill had a great Halloween social media campaign; **hello beautiful sun creature!!!!**



Bikes

- SQ.

Misc

- I had a student contact me about campaigning to get **McGill to re-open the Redpath doors**

HR

- Hired francophone commissioners, interviewing for community affairs coord!

Respectfully submitted,

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