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Office of the Vice-President (External Affairs)
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VP External's Report to Legislative

February 12, 2015

Personal

- Someone came to my office hours ☺
- Two different groups came to my office to borrow the loudspeaker actions re: social justice abroad

External Affairs

SSMU External Affairs

- Still looking for a web designer to make the new SSMU External affairs page! Send web designers my way plz
- The external affairs survey is up and running! Please fill it out here
- I went to FEUQ's congress last weekend hosted by AEESG
 - FEUQ's annual campaign rerouted to tackle austerity
- Went FAECUM's 2nd floor party last Thursday

Austerity

- **Mobilization committee met Wednesday!**
 - Began strategizing for the anti-austerity campaign
 - Bringing messaging ideas and voting next week, then starting our mass informational campaign
 - Going to be mobilizing towards April 2nd demo
- Situation in Quebec
 - Patrick, David and Lola went to the Refusons L'austerite collective in QC city today
 - Lots of different groups across the public sector are mobilizing
 - FEUQ is planning a manif against the \$200 million cuts in education on **February 28th**
 - ASSE is planning a large manif **April 2nd**
 - Many organizing towards a March 21st strike. If you're interested in bringing a strike vote to your department or faculty, contact me!
- Meeting with l'ASSE, FEUQ next week to discuss mobilizing



Climate Justice / ÉCO (Étudiant-e-s contre les oléoducs)

- Launched new website and [crowdfunder](#) Today!
 - The money will be used towards organizing acts of non-violent direct action targeting leaders and MPs of the
 - Check out coverage in [La Presse](#) and the [Montreal Gazette](#)
 - Tshirts coming!





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- Hiring someone w/ CSU to write bylaws and constitution
- Gabriel Nadeau Dubois, Greenpeace and ECO meeting next week about actions around Energy East
- Organising two events for SSMU members to apply to be interveners in the NEB's deliberations on the Energy East pipelines:
 - [Pancakes not pipelines](#)
 - [Pizza not pipelines](#)

Community Affairs Fall 2014

Community engagement

- Community mixers are done!
 - They were awesome
 - **Thank you CEC!**
- Hired a Community Affairs Coordinator – Dan and I working on street teams for faculty olympics

Citizens Council

- SQ.

Francophone Affairs

SSMU Franco Affairs

- A copy of the Legislative Council Resolution Book will be available shortly on the SSMU website! All current motions have been translated, with the exception of appendices
 - This book will continue to be updated after each Council meeting.
- Planning a trip to a cabane a sucre in March
- Speaker from le devoir next week

Francofete:

- Malade Imaginaire happened!
- Celine Dion Gerts night happened!
 - FAECUM and CADEUL exec came
- Parlons francais panel discussion, all happened last week!



Committees of SSMU Legislative Council

Community Engagement:

- Meets Tuesdays
 - Now will be working on hip hop week, community engagement awards

Commission des affaires francophones (CAF):

- Meets Fridays – they are awesome



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Sustainability:

- Still getting people to fill out surveys on state of sustainability at SSMU

Committees of Senate

Landscape Master Plan Committee

- SQ.

Senate Committee on Physical Development (SCPD)

- SQ.

Campaigns

Divest McGill

- **Petition and 150 page brief resubmitted to the Committee to Advise on Matters of Social Responsibility!!**
- Faculty letter came out! Check out the [website](#)
- Check out the coverage in [Global News](#) and [Le devoir](#)
- Also wrote opeds pressuring the McGill administration to divest from fossil fuels in [Le devoir](#) and the [Montreal Gazette](#)
- Stay tuned for fun actions tomorrow for the Global Divestment Day of Action
- Claire and I are meeting with PGSS to see how to bring this issue to council
 - o UBC faculty also voted [in favour of divestment](#) !
 - o [Divest Harvard had a sit](#) in in their administration building !



Misc

SSMU Speaker series!

- Been working with Claire on bringing two speakers for the SSMU speakers series!
- Author of Book Lawrence Hill is coming!!

Respectfully submitted,

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