



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

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

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January 14<sup>th</sup>, 2016(!!!)

### Personal

HAPPY 2016!! I hope everyone had a really, truly wonderful and restful break – I know if I did! Sorry if you tried to get in touch with me, I was seriously disconnected. Anyways, now I'm SO ready to get back into all of the projects for this semester.

On a *very* important note: We're trying to raise \$1500.00 for Head & Hands so that we can dye Kareem's beautiful hair and beard a snazzy pink colour. Donations will be accepted at all councils this month!

### External Affairs

#### AVEQ

- Had a few skype meetings since our last council, mainly focussed on hiring four new staff members
- Meeting to short list candidates on Monday
- Met with PGSS to talk about drafting an international and out-of-province student policy
- Next congress: January 16<sup>th</sup>-17<sup>th</sup>!!

#### UEQ

- Met with representatives alongside Zach & Kimber to talk about our plans for the presentation and how we want to centralize presentations to just happen once at SSMU council on January 28<sup>th</sup> (if you have constituents that would like to come, please invite them!)
- Skype meeting on December 9<sup>th</sup>, mainly for approvals
- Next congress: January 23<sup>rd</sup>-24<sup>th</sup>!!

#### Provincial Representation (general)

- Presentations to associations
  - AUS, MESS, LSA, BASIC
  - \*Please\* connect me with your association if you haven't done so already!
- Set a timeline for the affiliation referendum
  - January 16<sup>th</sup>-17<sup>th</sup>: AVEQ Congress
  - January 23<sup>rd</sup>- 24<sup>th</sup>: UEQ Congress
  - January 28<sup>th</sup>: Presentations at council from both associations
  - February 11<sup>th</sup>: Council decision on which association will go on the ballot
  - March 7<sup>th</sup> – 18<sup>th</sup>: Regular referendum

### Community Affairs

#### Milton Parc Community

- Greener streets project
  - Completing a 4<sup>th</sup> exertion next week



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- Will be creating an infographic to clearly demonstrate where the garbage is piling up in the Milton Parc community
- Currently drafting content for a website which talks specifically about students and the neighborhood
  - Will also take the form of materials like buttons and flyers to hand out
  - Greener streets team keen to help out as well
- Met with Hélène to revise C.A.R.E. agreements a few times since last council
  - Wrote motion with messages
  - Met with Dean of Students to go over changes
- Planning a potluck or mixer of sorts for later in the semester

#### Community Engagement

- Ongoing planning for two community engagement mixers
- Some research into the community engagement database

### Campaigns

#### Anti-Austerity

- Created a pamphlet on austerity at McGill specifically
- Conducting a research project on the recent history of anti-austerity organizing in Montreal for the [fckausterity.com](http://fckausterity.com) website
- Planning two Austerity 101 events for January 19<sup>th</sup> and January 20<sup>th</sup>
- McGill contingent to the FAE demonstration this Sunday, January 16<sup>th</sup>!!! (Meet at Roddick gates at 12:10)

#### Divest McGill

- Got an endorsement from the Faculty of Arts!!
- Met with Michael Di Grappa (VP Finance of McGill) on December 15<sup>th</sup> about moving forward with Divestment and options about divestment (etc. divesting just from the tar sands)
- Did a super duper awkward TV interview for CBC Montreal!
- Planning for a “People’s Injunction” action happening Friday
- Meeting with Kip Cobbett, chair of the board of governors, this week

#### Climate Justice

- Assisted a fundraiser for Reclaim Turtle Island, an anti-colonial media organization

#### General

- Made a really pretty demonstration safety pamphlet
- Drafted a “funding for social justice organizations” document to be published on a new website developed for organizational knowledge transfers – more updates to come!
- Clarified my new internal regulations in a “SSMU resources campaigns” document, also to be published on this new website



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### Union Affairs

- Preparing for provost meeting with McGill Communities Council
- Have coordinated with the 15 & Fair campaign but Zach and I are still trying to figure out a few things, the cost is not currently within our budget

### QPIRG

- Hired the Social Justice Days coordinator!
- Published the SJD call-out

### Misc.

- Worked with my amazing executive team in order to get the SSMU General Manager hired! Welcome to the team, Ryan!!!
- Managed to pass both of my courses last semester!!!!

### Mention Soleil

[Repeat from last week but it is still relevant] I would like to give a huge congratulations to our new VP Internal, Omar! I can't wait to work with you, and I think you're going to be a really great addition to the team. Thanks for all of the work you have already started!

I would also like to congratulate Ryan Hughes for becoming the General Manager of the SSMU – we are so excited to have you on board and so grateful for everything you've done for SSMU since the beginning of our terms.

With love and solidarity,

Emily Boytinck