



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

December 3rd, 2015

Personal

I had the most amazing weekend in Rimouski for the AVEQ meeting. On Saturday evening, we went to a solidarity coop to celebrate la fête de la Sainte-Catherine, complete with fiddle music and square dancing (no joke, there was a caller and everything). Don't tell me I don't have the best job ever.

External Affairs

AVEQ

- Meeting this weekend in Rimouski
 - Talked about hiring actual staff (internal coordinators + communications coordinator) now that we have money
 - Passed an equity policy
 - Passed a policy about external donations
 - Organized next steps for the organization
- The CSU is officially the first organization to affiliate to AVEQ!! Many organizations will be running referendums in winter 2016 and fall 2016

UEQ

- Meeting in Quebec city for next weekend was postponed
- The Udm student union and business students at UQAM have affiliated, other affiliation campaigns are ongoing

Provincial Representation (general)

- I've continued to go to councils of different organizations to present the two associations, as of Thursday I will have done:
 - AUS
 - MESS
 - LSA
 - BASIC
- I have also been in contact with nursing and science to talk about doing presentations there!
- Will be setting up a taskforce to talk about general knowledge distribution across campus about provincial representation

Community Affairs

Milton Parc Community

- Greener streets project is coming across nicely; we have had three excursions so far and have been collaborating with the MPCC and the Dean of Students
- 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



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- Met with Hélène to revise C.A.R.E. agreements and talk more about neighborhood outreach, will meet again this week to go over our changes

Community Engagement

- Community Engagement committee is planning two community mixers – one on health and human rights and the other on art and expression – they should be so much fun!
- In contact with folks doing world social forum outreach, which will happen in Montreal in the summer of 2016.

Campaigns

Anti-Austerity

- Demo on Monday, November 30th with McGill against austerity!
 - Set up tabling, flyers, etc.
- Met with MBA students who are studying the effects of austerity on education, should be really interesting to see their research.
- Creating a pamphlet on austerity at McGill specifically

Divest McGill

- Got an endorsement from AUS council!
- Presented at the AUS Faculty council and the indicative vote was very positive – still waiting for the results of the electronic vote
- Gave the Board of Governors a large cheque indicating that they lost \$43 million dollars since 2012 from not Divesting – the McGill reporter even covered it!

Climate Justice

- COP 21 has started!!!
- The COY was this weekend, there was a rap battle and tons of workshops! Generally positive feedback, unfortunately I missed a lot of it because of the AVEQ meeting
- Some students went on a bus to Ottawa for the march this weekend

Union Affairs

- Met with the AMUSE floor fellow representative and drafted the motion we'll see this council
- McGill communities council on Tuesday the 2nd

QPIRG

- Met with popular education committee and started to plan out the general direction for Social Justice Days
- Currently hiring the Social Justice Days coordinator!

SSPN

- Week 101 is in the works, coordinators are planning with Gerts



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- Faculty Olympics committee is working really hard! A lot of planning has already been accomplished, including a theme! We have a budget meeting this week with Zach

Commission des Affaires Francophones

- Artisanal book binding workshop this Wednesday! Should be super fun.

Misc

- Met with the McGill Alumni Engagement Council – potentially organizing an event on funding student initiatives at McGill!
- I got my MINIBUS license! This was meant to be helpful for organizing group transport for the student association meetings, which didn't end up being needed, but is exciting nonetheless.
- Went over my internal regulations a few times, and made some edits with Kimber and Zach
- Worked on SSMU restructuring in a couple of different meetings – so excited to bring this forward!
- ~*General manager recruitment*~has started and I'm super pumped

Mention Soleil

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!

With love and solidarity,

Emily Boytinck