



Students' Society of McGill University
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Office of the Vice-President (External Affairs)
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VP External's Report to Executive Committee

September 19th, 2016

Personal

Everything is OK.

External Affairs

- AVEQ General Coordinator had to step down for personal reasons but the interruption in the flow of work is very minimal due to the efforts of part-time staff/researchers and the other two full-time coordinators
- Next congress is happening on October 7-8-9 at Concordia (no need for our delegation to travel)
- Started looking at ways to amend/improve the Accessible Education Policy (specifically with regard to the issue of solidarity with regional universities)

Committees

- Still looking for a few members at large to sit on Community Engagement and Francophone Affairs Committee and Provincial Representation Committee – already have projects for both of them
- All committees will be meeting soon, and will meet bi-weekly over the semester

Francophone Affairs

- Helene Brisson is interested in bringing back French conversation circles
- I checked out the AUS equivalent this week – would like to build on the current initiative and expand it to other students

Indigenous Affairs

- McGill launched the Taskforce on Indigenous Studies and Education last week, inspired by the Truth and Reconciliation Commission – our Indigenous Affairs Coordinator will be sitting on it

Community Affairs

- Met with Campus Life and Engagement (CLE) and the administration on Friday to follow-up and review this year's Street Teams – the administration was being problematic without realizing it
- Community Engagement Day happened today – I registered for three workshops that I felt would help me in my job



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- Had a meeting with Helene Brisson and our Community Affairs Coordinator last Thursday – we talked about projects for the semester, including how we'd like to connect McGill students and Milton-Parc, and collaborate with municipal government
- Event in Milton-Parc that was originally planned for CED (“Community Warehouse” event) will be happening a bit later in the semester

Campaigns

- **Fossil Free Week** is coming to a close (finishing tomorrow). Divest McGill has been around Community Square all week, hosting events and workshops. I've been spending time there. Introduced our daily speaker on Tuesday. Closing Rally is tomorrow at 1pm.
- Second session of the **Open Forum on Divestment** happened yesterday – people from the campaign will be holding the administration accountable when the report comes out at the end of October
- TVM has agreed to produce an Austerity 101 video with the members of McGill Against Austerity – **it would be A+ if some of you could participate** (super easy)
- We're having our first general meeting next Wednesday to discuss that and start mobilizing for the semester

Union Affairs

- Had a meeting with Inter-Union Council last Wednesday: talked about current negotiations, pay equity, administrative review of HR

Independent Student Campaigns/Other Collaborations

- Currently looking to hire a Culture Shock and Social Justice Days coordinator with QPIRG

Websites

- Booked a meeting with John to go over all the websites that were created for my portfolio that he didn't know about – we'll be transferring the management of the domains to him, or something to that effect

Varia

- Read documents and informed myself about the needs for the position of Vice-Provost (External Relations) – sitting on the committee to appoint a new one

With love and solidarity,

David Aird