



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 Council

September 15th, 2016

Personal

This is first Council. I am excited.

External Affairs

- Contacted different associations around the table at AVEQ who volunteered to be part of the two committees SSMU is involved in: "Accountability" Committee and Unpaid Internships Committee
- Sent an email to associations who owe us money – some of them might actually pay up
- Signed up for the upcoming congress happening at Concordia, October 21st to 23rd

Committees

- Received recommendations from Christian Quequish – our Indigenous Affairs Coordinator – as to who should sit on the Indigenous Affairs Committee
- Reached out to the people who submitted their name for committees on Activities Night
- Publicized committees on social media – deadline to apply is set to a week-and-a-half from now
- All Coordinators are aware of which committees they will be chairing/sitting on

Francophone Affairs

- [SQ] for now – will reach out to relevant department- and faculty-level bodies this week, and speak to Helene Brisson, Vice-President of the Milton-Parc Citizens Committee

Indigenous Affairs

- Re-read the Indigenous Solidarity Policy to re-familiarize myself with it and begin assessing the fulfillment of the various mandates within it (for all execs)
- Meeting with Coordinator next week, with Ben and Erin, to discuss workload/tasks for the year, and things needed to be addressed immediately
- **Indigenous Awareness Week (Sept. 19th-23rd) – but starting this Friday (tomorrow) with Pow Wow on lower field**

Community Affairs

- Meeting with Campus Life and Engagement (CLE) and the administration on Friday to follow-up and review this year's Street Teams
- Community Engagement Day is coming up (**September 29th**)!! I'll be promoting however possible, and enlisting the help of our Community Engagement Commissioner and Community Affairs Coordinator
- I'm actively working on getting an event organized ("Community Warehouse") – will have to be a priority in the next week if it is going to take place



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Campaigns

- **Fossil Free Week** is coming up (**September 26th-30th**, but beginning with the first session of the Open Forum on Sustainability on Sept. 23rd)
- Had a meeting with members of McGill Against Austerity that were involved last year – presumably went very well
- Organizing an Anti-Austerity 101 for next Wednesday (21st) for all the people who signed up during Activities Night (about 70)

Union Affairs

- Meeting with Inter-Union Council (IUC) next week – will presumably talk about the proposed draft of SAP

Independent Student Campaigns

- Met with the President of Israel on Campus (IOC) to discuss possible projects/collaboration for this semester and the next – slow and complicated progress
- Have read over the proposed draft sexual assault policy by McGill – there may be mobilization by students in response to it

Websites

- I've come to realize that I overlooked certain automatically renewing subscriptions on various domains and site hostings that were set up before my term – I've spoken to John, our IT technician, to sort the matter out
- Most – if not all – webhosting will be done on WIX, with domain names redirecting to free pages
- Designing of Milton-Parc website will start once I've talked with John

Varia

- Volunteered to sit on a university committee tasked with screening candidates for the job of Vice-Principle (External Relations)
- Sent an email to the current VP External Relations to meet before he leaves office
- Come to the **Open Forum on Sustainability** (hosted by McGill admin – Sept. 23rd, 28th, and 30th) – ask me about it

With love and solidarity,

David Aird