



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 Council

January 26th, 2017

External Affairs

- **Commissioned a banner design from our graphic designer to be used for tabling purposes around campus – the idea is to engage with students about SSMU's involvement in external issues and organizations**
- **Went to Rimouski on the 14th-15th for the AVEQ Members' Assembly**
Have gone over the minutes to review the mandates given to the executives
Will give a full report of the assembly next council
SSMU will be hosting the next Assembly, in April

Francophone Affairs

- **Quebec Culture Week:**
Will be happening first week of March, when we get back from break
We have four events lined up
Have found someone to give a walking tour of Old Montreal
- **Am in contact with a company called “maplesyrupworld”, based in Montreal, to get the supplies needed to host a sugar shack event on lower field**
Also contacted MBSU and Campus Space and Planning

Community Affairs

- **Helene Brisson is currently incapacitated due to having had surgery recently but we're still working on two campaigns and two projects:**
- **Campaigns: 1. Resisting the name “McGill Ghetto”*, 2. Waste disposal information for student residents; have been creating material for both these campaigns with the Community Engagement Commissioner**
***Two articles (possibly Features in the works for The Daily and The Tribune – we have a line-up of residents to be interviewed)**
- **Projects in the works within Community Engagement Committee:**
->Used furniture collection project
This is a project that started last semester but couldn't be completed in time for Community Engagement Day
WE'RE LOOKING FOR PEOPLE TO BE PART OF THE PROJECT TEAM
->Composting project
ALSO LOOKING FOR PEOPLE TO BE PART OF THE PROJECT TEAM
- **Met with Kim McGrath from MOoS to talk about SPF applications for both these projects**



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Campaigns

- **Divest McGill: had a general meeting last week**
- **McGill Against Austerity: had a general meeting last week; having another tomorrow**
Anti-Austerity Week will be happening second week of March; we have
- **I'll be working with campaigns to get students on campus to forward their comments re: the reappointment of Principal Suzanne Fortier to the chair of the committee responsible**

Independent Student Campaigns

- **Solidarity Action Network:**
First listserv is out; second meeting will be happening next week
If you remember, the purpose of the Network is for student groups and other organizations on campus to support each other in their initiatives and their dealings with the administration
- **Social Justice Days:**
Event series being organized by QPIRG; I sit on the Popular Education Committee, which is responsible for organizing it and screening the workshop proposals
Had two meetings so far, this week and last; will be meeting again next week

With love and solidarity,

David Aird