

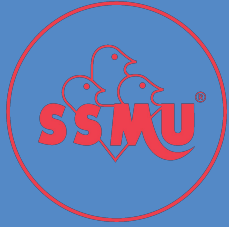
# Report of the Vice-President (External Affairs)

Fall General Assembly – 2017

Connor Spencer

October 23rd, 2017

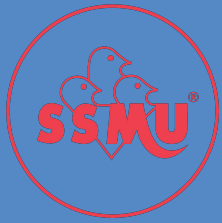




# VP External Job Description and Mandates



- What is Under My Portfolio? : 1) Campaigns, 2) Indigenous Affairs, 3) Community Affairs, 4) Francophone Affairs, 6) External Affairs
- SSMU Constitution 10.14: “The Vice-President (External Affairs) shall exercise the following powers and perform the following duties:
  - to represent the Society and communicate positions and Policy taken by the Society to external bodies and agencies; to lobby federal, provincial, and municipal governments to further the objectives, goals and Policy of the Society; to mobilize students on positions and Policy of the Society and assist in the coordination of student-run political campaigns; to develop Policy regarding initiatives in the Montreal community; to communicate to the Board of Directors relevant external issues which may significantly affect the Society; to coordinate the Society’s Indigenous solidarity efforts; to operationalize the Society’s commitment to the Francophone community; and to attend meetings of relevant local, provincial, national or international student groups. “



# Mandates



(Full mandate letter available here:

<https://docs.google.com/a/ssmu.ca/document/d/1ohMWClmYkn9tIP8yENIYvCZvdUfD3QNML0vCDzjxRu4/edit?usp=sharing> )

Policies:

- Indigenous Solidarity Policy
- Policy Against Unpaid Internships
- Policy for a Campus Free of Harmful Military Technology
- Policy on Support for Family Care
- Sustainability Policy
- Climate Change Policy



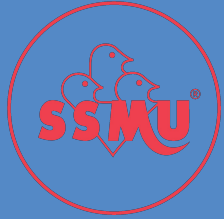
# Campaigns



- Supervision of the Campaign Coordinators
- Official SSMU Campaigns: McGill Against Austerity, Divest McGill, Demilitarize McGill
- Publishing of Our Turn: a National Student-Led Strategy to End Campus Sexual Violence
- Working with CUTE – gathering info on unpaid internships at faculty level
- Get Off my Caisse! Panel October 12<sup>th</sup> with Climate Justice Montreal and AVEQ
- McGill Solidarity Action Network
- Support of the November 12<sup>th</sup> Grande Mobilisation Against Racism and the Far Right
- Week of workshops and mobilization events early November



# Indigenous Affairs



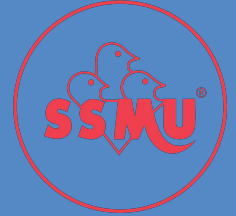
- Supervision of Indigenous Affairs Commissioner
- Centralizing resources for settler students
- Creating List of Stakeholders
- Creating Clubs training with VP Student Life
- Murals in SSMU
- Support of IAC's projects



# Community Affairs

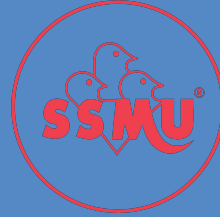


- Supervision of Community Affairs Commissioner
- Coordination of Street Teams during Frosh
- Working with UTILE and PGSS to look into affordable student housing options for McGill students after results of UTILE's PHARE survey
- McGreen – Sustainable Project Initiative to deal with waste created in Milton-Parc on move-out day
- Waste disposal awareness campaign for student residents of Milton-Parc



# Francophone Affairs

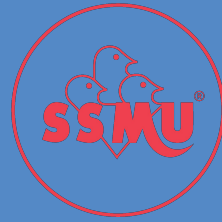
- Panel November 3rd with Quebec Studies – Municipal Elections for Dummies
- Creation/Restoration of Commission des Affaires Francophones



# External Affairs

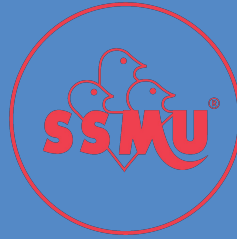
- Organization for Municipal elections 2017 – Nov. 5<sup>th</sup> (info, awareness, participation in CREM coalition of Montreal Universities, organigrams, Conseil de Jeunesse on Campus, Cité Ecologique, Municipal Elections panel)
- Provincial Representation – Observation at 2 AVEQ congresses participation in the Mobilization Committee (as well as Accessible Education Committee and Climate Justice Committee)
- Opening up channels of communication between External Affairs Office and Faculties





# Other

- SSMU Gendered and Sexualized Violence Policy
- Culture Shock with QPIRG
- Our Turn
- Listserv, working on External Affairs Website



# How to Get Involved!

Sign up for the External Affairs Listserv to stay in the loop!

Sit on a committee: Community Engagement, Commission des Affaires Francophones,

Come see me/call me/email me:

- For information and other resources
- To discuss issues you think SSMU should take a position on
- To get involved in current projects/issue

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Questions?

