

# REPORT OF THE VICE-PRESIDENT (EXTERNAL AFFAIRS) TO COUNCIL

27 September 2018

**Please note: I was indisposed for personal, health-related reasons for much of the past two weeks; as a result, this will be a very short report. Shoutout to my colleagues who pulled extra weight during my absence!**

## POLITICAL CAMPAIGNS

- Detailed planning session with Campaigns Coordinators - created timeline of projects for the year, delegated tasks, etc.
- Hosted a mobilization meeting at SSMU for anglophone student union activists engaged on the issue of unpaid internships - brought together reps from SSMU, CSU, AVEQ, CUTE-UQAM, and others to discuss plans for the year
- Forming a CUTE (ie. a semi-structured mobilizing committee on the issue of student work) with McGill and Concordia students which should meet regularly throughout the year - and hopefully beyond!
- Co-hosting a poster-making/meet-and-greet/brunch/strategy session with the CSU at ECOLE prior to the October 7th Grande Manifestation Contre le Racisme - also organizing a joint contingent #CSSSMU

## INDIGENOUS AFFAIRS

- This was pushed back because of my health situation, but still planning on drafting a statement of solidarity for Executives to release in relation to the Taskforce on Renaming and Commemoration, expressing support for IAC and other Indigenous students
- In communication with Open Door shelter regarding possible opportunities for McGill to support their operations

## COMMUNITY AFFAIRS

- In the process of hiring replacement for past CAC
- Will be launching informational campaign around waste disposal in Milton-Parc by mid-October - discussing how to improve on last year in terms of format and range - working with same nonprofit that participated in T2T
- Met with SAEM & Entremise (local community organizations) to discuss both expansions to T2T and possible collaboration with asylum seekers lodged in RVH to create a temporary space that could be used by community organizations, students, etc.

## SEXUAL VIOLENCE

- ❑ Still working on organizing a policy-making conference for student advocates with various QC stakeholders - planning is moving along, we're bringing more unions into the conversation, and SSMU and AVEQ will be jointly releasing a policy drafting guide tailored for this context