

The following is a summary of the work conducted by the SSMU Community Affairs Commissioner and the Community Affairs Committee prior to February 6th, 2019.

### **Committee Meetings**

- Community affairs committee communed on a biweekly basis to discuss updates on ongoing projects, delegating tasks and share ideas of new initiatives if they arose.
- Website design
  - Prepared and presented an outline of planned updates to the Community Affairs website. This included updated descriptions of current projects and a compilation of community-based resources and organizations for student information.
- Member recruitment
  - In light of the resignation of several members from the committee, we discussed a plan for new recruitment and how task delegation can be better managed to ensure clearer goals and commitments for everyone.
- Other initiatives
  - Continuing discussion on the Open Door shelter having moved to Milton Parc and the possible ways we can support it as a student organization.
  - Commissioner to connect with representatives from the faculty of dentistry to discuss the possibility for the provision of dental services to Open Door service users.
  - Commissioner to also collaborate with the McGill External Affairs Officer to arrange a meeting with the director of the Open Door to discuss possible needs that McGill could help address.

### **Trash2Treasure**

- Commissioner arranged for the printing of waste information flyers to be distributed in Milton-Parc. Distribution of flyers was planned on 2 occasions however it fell through each time due to weather conditions. New plans are currently being formulated.
- Commissioner along with partners at SAESSEM has been meeting with several organizations around Montreal to arrange possible partnerships for the Trash2Treasure project. Several organizations have been reached, with follow ups positive responses from many:
  - Collectif Bienvenue has agreed to be a primary partner, agreeing to take on a near total part of our furniture while also providing collection assistance through the provision of a truck, a trailer and regular collection of waste stored in the trailer. We also had a positive, although less impactful, meeting with Eco-depot.
  - IKEA and Salvation Army have also expressed interest in a collaboration and Commissioner to have a phone conversation with a representative regarding this matter soon.
- Commissioner met with the Borough Plateau Mont-Royal in December 2018 to arrange for possible budget sharing for the 2019 project. The plateau expressed keen interest, and we are currently waiting for a definitive quote for funding.
- Commissioner to soon submit a funding request for the residual cost of the project, in light soon-approaching date.

- Commissioner has been in conversation with SHHS and VP University Affairs to discuss possibilities for a resale program and service status for T2T to ensure future financial sustainability.

### **Community Relations**

- Commissioner has been in conversation with Helene Brisson, representative of the CCMP to keep her updated on the progress with T2T and other community affairs initiatives as well as to keep in conversations about possible concerns we may be able to collaborate on.
- Commissioner has been in contact with the McGill External Affairs office Carole Graveline to discuss possible future collaborations, share resources and build synergy in the community relations between SSMU and McGill.
  - She has helped find a potential collaborator volunteer for Trash2Treasure!
- Commissioner has been co-facilitating the “Montreal as seen by” lecture series organized by CIRM/CRIEM, to improve SSMU representation in Quebec oriented events and also develop a relationship with the CRIEM office to lay the groundwork for possible future collaborations focused on Montreal.
- Commissioner has participated as a SSMU representative in a few campus community consultations including the campus master plan consultation and the McGill Avenue redevelopment consultation.
- Commissioner has been appointed to sit on the board of the ARMP as a SSMU representative. The next meeting will be in March.

Respectfully submitted,

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