

The following is a summary of the work conducted by the SSMU Francophone Commissioner and the respective Francophone Affairs Committee prior to February 28th, 2019.

Establishment of the Francophone Affairs Committee

- The Francophone Affairs Committee was created. We have around 15 members including the Francophone Commissioner, the SSMU VP Internal, 2 Councillors from SSMU, representatives from different francophone associations and members at large.
- First meeting was on January 28th, 2019. We also met on February 11th and on February 26th. Meetings are to be held biweekly for the rest of the semester.
- Our main priorities have been established :
 - Increasing accessibility by improving the **translations** offered by the SSMU and by updating SSMU website with **a section for francophone clubs**
 - Promoting francophone initiatives on campus by creating a **listserv** for francophone and/or Francophile students
 - Promoting this year's **Francofête** through the listserv and our FAC Facebook page
 - Shedding light on the problems related to the **right to submit a paper in French**, as complaints have been expressed by various students.
 - Ensuring the FAC's **long term existence** ; establishing next year's goals
 - Making **recommendations** for the SSMU at the end of the term based on a **survey** ; students will be able to voice their concerns and comments
- Two subcommittees have been created to work specifically on the **translation issues** and **the right to submit a paper in French**

Subcommittee I : translation

- To ensure that the SSMU can hire competent translators, a job offer for the position has been created by the subcommittee (to be circulated at the end of the term)
- A close partnership with the Département de Langue et de Littérature françaises is desirable : possibility of giving priority to the applicants who study in the translation program.
- Creation of a translation test ; a collaboration with grad students from the Département de Langue et de Littérature françaises to correct the test is possible.

Subcommittee II : right to submit a paper in French

- Our members are currently collecting testimonies ; interviewing students and professors

Outreach

- First listserv to be sent on Monday, Feb. 25th to 60 students (good outreach given the restricted timeline we had)
- We are hoping it can eventually become an important platform where la francophonie can thrive !
- Our Facebook page is now active again

Comité pour la promotion du français

- This new committee has been created in the fall. Members are representatives from the high-level administration, various Francophone departments and student bodies. The SSMU francophone commissioner, H  lo  se Huynh, sits on the committee on behalf of the SSMU. Another FAC member, the president of the Organisation de la Francophonie    McGill, is also sitting on the committee.
- The Comit   pour la promotion du fran  ais has met for the first time of the semester on February 14th. The francophone commissioner has been allocated to the “comit   pour le recrutement des   tudiants francophones”. Other members of the FAC could eventually join the subcommittees.

Respectfully submitted,

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