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, Héloïse Huynh, sits on the committee on behalf of the SSMU. Another FAC member, the president of the Organisation de la Francophonie à McGill, is also sitting on the committee.

- The Comité pour la promotion du français has met for the first time of the semester on February 14th. The francophone commissioner has been allocated to the “comité pour le recrutement des étudiants francophones”. Other members of the FAC could eventually join the subcommittees.

Respectfully submitted,

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