Report of the Vice-President
(External Affairs)

Faithfully submitted this 10th (jk 24th) of October, in the year 2019 of the Common Era
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Provincial Affiliation

- **Set up one-on-ones with UQTR, ADEESE, AELIES, UQAR**
- **Collective meeting on anti-racism scheduled for 14 October in Quebec City**
  - Altered LPSU to this
  - Discussed Quebec-wide campaign for: 1) Messaging, 2) Support, 3) Worker solidarity

Heightened Community Awareness and Engagement

- **Finalized action plan for a media project with Branches (SEDE) highlighting community work**
- **Met with My Media Collective for work on this and other projects**
- **Meeting with senior administrators to get a clear answer on the placement of community engagement in the operating budget**
- **Co-hosted off-campus commuter Town Hall with other campus unions to explore solutions to a train closure**

Institutional Awareness and Continuity

- **Renewed access for the discovermcgill.ca site concept, hiring coordinator to rebuild the content**
- **Met with Campaigns team to ‘divide up’ the portfolio**
- **Spoke at some faculty councils - please invite me to things!**
- **Created an interfac slack for more decentralized collaborations**

Assistance in Governance Reform

- **Working on SSMU Daycare restructuring re: General Manager as Secretary**
- **Working on proposed amendments to the ToR of the HR Committee**

Portfolio

Political Campaigns

- **UNICODE: Coordinator to set up meeting late October; turns out delays were due to climate mobilisation**
- **LPSU: Fairly quiet, talking circles post-demo and reflections about colonialism in the movement**
  - Green mobilisers are taking migrant justice as pretty integral to the struggle, which is really nice
- **Divest: Divest 101s to build base before October actions aimed at CAMSR and funding**

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Also the moratorium was pretty cool

- **Peace Club**: Officially adopted ending military research on campus as one of two major goals
- **Anti-Racism Campaign**: List of active far-right groups updated, demos Sept. 28, Oct. 6. Next demos Oct. 23 and 27
  - We since passed the Bill 21 stance
- **Mental Health**: ILP thwarted, feedback to be collected. Please fill out the [Canada Minimum Standard](https://www.canada.ca/en/employment-social-development/services/education.html) feedback form and the [Experiences with the Wellness Hub](https://www.canada.ca/en/employment-social-development/services/education.html) feedback form
  - This form was actually shared with Faculty and Department execs
  - Met with AGSEM to plan next steps in response to student feedback
- **Sexual Violence**: Met with SACOMSS to discuss OurTurn Taskforce and GSVP Committee membership

**Community Affairs**

- Met with McGill admin to address anonymous student breaking a window on Milton/Parc
- Faculty VP Internals for AUS, SUS, EUS, MUS agreed to draft MoU re: Frosh Responsibilities between SSMU, Faculty, CL&E, and potential other actors. Please contact me or [commaffairs@ssmu.ca](mailto:commaffairs@ssmu.ca) to get involved in this work.
- AUS suggestion that the various community affairs committees/initiatives meet at least once per semester. Please contact [commaffairs@ssmu.ca](mailto:commaffairs@ssmu.ca) if this applies to you
- CL&E coordinating student-volunteer-to-community-org pairing. Working with Victoria and Adeline on this

**Popular Education**

- PopEd Comm meeting regularly at QPIRG - Culture Shock only a month away!

**Indigenous Affairs**

- I assume we will have spoken about recent developments before my report.

**Francophone Affairs**

- See report.

**Union Affairs**

- **MCC**: Dean selection statute presentation next this council.
  - Events Subcommittee proposed; stay tuned for a “Meet your campus” event/BBQ in spring
  - SSMU to host MCC on Friday - anyone interested in doing work in union solidarity is welcome
- **MCLIU**: In conciliation due to Collective Agreement disputes. Had an annual party (attended by all unions and Ram Panda)
- **AGSEM**: In bargaining (TA unit), conducting a U-drive soon!!! [affects undergrad “TAs” and demonstrators]

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INTERFACULTY AFFAIRS

- Attended councils, met with VPXs and VP events/social/internal/yeah
- Seriously the slack is pretty cool
- IRP is ~ finalized ~

EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

- Libbies got a minority government. This means some more comprehensive lobbying efforts on our part when we go to parliament in February
- Sitting on UCRU Governance Committee

PORTFOLIO

AFFORDABLE STUDENT HOUSING

- Notice of motion submitted for your viewing pleasure last week, actual motion this week

INTERGENERATIONAL MCGILL

- Meeting with Organizational Development and McGill Community Relations to elaborate a mission statement
- Played games with SSMU Babies twice