



REPORT OF THE VICE-PRESIDENT (EXTERNAL AFFAIRS)

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Platform

- Provincial Affiliation
 - UEQ's long-awaited Mental Health research report came out - we are waiting to see how inclusive and successful their lobbying efforts are
 - uLaval and Montreal schools still working on anti-racism efforts. Rally held by AFESPED-UQAM on November 22
- Heightened Community Awareness and Engagement
 - Met with Fabrice Labeau, Christopher Manfredi, and Carole Graveline to find a "home" for the community engagement commitment at McGill. I was told that I'd hear back by the end of the calendar year.
 - Met with Fabrice Labeau and Jim Nicell to talk about experiential learning, integrating community engagement directly into the student experience. Was told a Working Group will be put in motion by the end of November.
 - Community Narratives Project has been collecting content from community groups on campus, and is awaiting a website construction to be able to dump content.
 - Regular meetings with Anurag from SEDE to flesh out an overarching community engagement infrastructure at McGill
 - Environment scan of community engagement by SSMU Clubs ongoing.
- Institutional Memory and Continuity
 - Solidarity Alliance McGill met for the first time! Ideas were shared, solidarity was built.
 - Developed a full-year mobilisation strategy (19/11) to ensure bolstering of major efforts on campus such as the Mental Health, Anti-Racism, and Environment campaigns
- Assistance in Governance Reform
 - CGRC meetings
 - Independent review of HR Policy - first stage completed
 - Reformatting of Policy & Plan book going more slowly than anticipated

Portfolio

- Political Campaigns



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Located on Haudenosaunee and Anishinaabe, traditional territories

- Food Insecurity: McGill Food Coalition threw a launch event (15/11), putting some wind back in the sails of great food solidarity efforts on campus such as MK and Farmer's Market
- Divest McGill: Held a rally (12/11), holding a one-minute scream (29/11). CAMSR report to Board of Governors to be approved 5 December, with mobilisation infrastructure being set up for actions pursuant to the decision
- CJAM: Holding popular education events as the second half of their meetings, with a general invitation sent to progressive groups on campus to host workshops
- Anti-racism: Jolin-Barrette protest (22/11), McGill Against Bill 21 established, Quebec-wide press release on student opposition to Bill 21
- Community Affairs
 - Royal Victoria collaboration with MPCC
 - CARE Consultation schedule being finalized (likely beginning end of January)
 - Meeting with Montreal's project head for composting to talk about related sustainability projects
- Popular Education
 - QPIRG hosted Culture Shock - it was great as always! Some profoundly interesting and specific topics
- Union Affairs
 - MCC meetings (01/11, 06/12). Follow-up required with University Advancement regarding availability of funds for community-based projects
 - Solidarity-building for Divest McGill actions
 - Solidarity-building for AGSEM unionization drive
- Interfaculty Affairs
 - IRP first edition ready to be signed
 - Beginning to outline a Frosh MoU led by CL&E
 - Attended AUS Council yesterday (invite me to things! I love to answer questions when I can!)
- External Affairs
 - PEQ changes put on hold (as mentioned verbally last meeting)

Projects

- Affordable Student Housing
 - ASHC has held 2 meetings, received research from UTILE
 - Committee rep Merali attended a closed session at the Royal Victoria Hospital, partnering with the Milton Parc Citizens' Committee to lobby for intergenerational housing options in the new design
- Intergenerational McGill
 - Joined the Provost's Working Group on Lifelong Learning (first meeting 25/11)
 - Had a follow-up meeting with DoS and Dean of Continuing Studies (26/11) to discuss IGM's place in this effort