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
○ 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