



# REPORT OF THE VICE-PRESIDENT (EXTERNAL AFFAIRS)

Submitted for: 13 February 2020

## Platform

- Provincial Affiliation
  - Follow-up to anti-racism mobilization scheduled for tomorrow, will update other associations on the Mandate passed 2 councils ago.
  - Cooperating with ASFA (Concordia) to ease them into this group
- Heightened Community Awareness and Engagement
  - Met with Fabrice Labeau and Christopher Manfredi to once again follow up on a Community Engagement infrastructure. They are giving a mandate to CL&E to host Community Engagement Days and a tri-annual Community Engagement Summit in place of a standing Senate committee
  - An experiential learning framework is being explored within TLS according to Manfredi.
  - The Lifelong Learning Working Group will convene next week for their second Winter meeting. Councillors are encouraged to consult with constituents and let me know of any gaps in lifelong learning they would like to see filled
  - Community Narratives Project website is up and running at [communitynarratives.ca](http://communitynarratives.ca)! Feel free to submit stories about positive or negative experiences interacting with your communities.
  - Environment scan of community engagement by SSMU Clubs ongoing.
- Institutional Memory and Continuity
  - Solidarity Alliance McGill meeting delayed due to Wet'suwet'en solidarity mobilization.
  - Launched political research project and entrenched researcher positions into External Affairs budget
- Assistance in Governance Reform
  - CGRC meetings
  - Proposed a reworking of the "Representation" blurb in the Constitution's preamble; consultation sessions begun.
  - Reformatting of Policy & Plan book going more slowly than anticipated, but should be completed for submission end of February



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## Portfolio

- Political Campaigns
  - Food Insecurity: Campaigns coordinator to submit a Food Insecurity policy
  - Divest McGill: Holding a rally (13/11) for Global Divestment Day<sup>1</sup>
  - CJAM: Solidarity with Divest, attended the first meeting of the Coalition étudiante pour un virage environnemental et social (CEVES)
  - Anti-racism campaigns: Held a debrief meeting Tuesday to discuss further areas of convergence between student associations and community orgs on anti-Bill 21 mobilization
- Community Affairs
  - Housing plan for approval. There is a fundamental Milton-Parc integration being explored, and the Commissioner has expressed assent to oversight of Committee activities
  - CARE<sup>2</sup> Consultations underway - next public assembly 24/2
  - Trash2Treasure funding for approval, will work with City of Montreal to subsidize this amount.
- Popular Education
  - QPIRG to host Social Justice Days in March! This is a workshop series geared toward informing the public of tactics for mobilization and the history of mobilization in Quebec and abroad. Our Popular Education Events Coordinator is working hard on this.
- Union Affairs
  - MCC meeting was delayed due to the snowstorm(01/11, 06/12).
  - Evening event to celebrate Mikkelson's legacy on University advocacy held 10/2
- Interfaculty Affairs
  - IRP is now binding and in effect.
  - Attending EdUS councils to best position SSMU to support the faculty
- External Affairs
  - Massive austerity project, Law 40, passed without consultation and in closed session last week. The law abolishes local governance structures (school boards) and removes the special allowances for students with disabilities.

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<sup>1</sup> [Facebook Event: Divest from Coastal GasLink and Teck](#)

<sup>2</sup> [Community Action and Relations Endeavour 2016](#)



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## Projects

- Affordable Student Housing
  - Campaign committee being assembled for the fee referendum
  - Skeleton version of a term sheet established, awaiting legal consultation.
- Intergenerational McGill
  - Commitment to intergenerational housing integrated in the Housing Plan.