REPORT OF THE VICE-PRESIDENT
(EXTERNAL AFFAIRS)

Submitted for: 27 February 2020

Platform

● Provincial Affiliation
  ○ Provincial Student Assembly mandate now in effect - first meeting 02/3 at 18h.
  ○ Call with the Federation des Associations Etudiantes du Campus Universite de Montreal (FAECUM) about Bill 21 mobilization.

● Heightened Community Awareness and Engagement
  ○ Meeting with steering group for the Community Engagement Summit on 09/3
  ○ Lifelong learning working group (L3WG) progressing according to schedule.
  ○ Community Narratives Project partnering with Equity Committee for increased contributions. If you have a story about community engagement, please submit at communitynarratives.ca!
  ○ Environment scan of community engagement by SSMU Clubs ongoing.
  ○ Participating in Orientation Planning Group (OPG) consultation sessions next week to highlight McGill’s obligations to the Milton-Parc Community

● Institutional Memory and Continuity for Campaigns
  ○ Food insecurity policy in the works to boost work already done by Midnight Kitchen and others.

● Assistance in Governance Reform
  ○ Reformatting of Policy & Plan book going more slowly than anticipated, but should be completed for submission mid-March
Portfolio

● Political Campaigns
  ○ Food Insecurity: (see above)
  ○ Divest McGill: Solidarity with C-JAM organisers
  ○ CJAM: Mobilizing faculty associations for strike mandates during Transition Week
  ○ Anti-racism campaigns: Inter-university meetings ongoing in preparation for a 21 March demonstration in Quebec City, met with MORSL on 27/2 to discuss division of tasks, set up weekly meetings of McGill Against Bill 21.

● 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
  ○ Consultations sessions held 5-8pm on February 24th to explore the relationship between Milton-Parc, the SPVM, and the McGill population

● 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 subcommittee work ongoing to explore: Mental Health at McGill, the budget decisions of central administration, and other topics

● Interfaculty Affairs
  ○ IRP implementation meetings ongoing with Equity Commissioners. A lot of people ran on “Fixing the IRP” (lol), so if you want to do that can you, like, reach out?

●External Affairs
  ○ Bill 101 extended to businesses with 25 to 49 employees.
  ○ Letter of support for social housing at Royal Vic sent to the Minister of Health

Projects

● Affordable Student Housing
  ○ Plan for approval
  ○ Skeleton version of a term sheet finalized after smoothing out details about asset management, awaiting legal consultation.

● Intergenerational McGill
  ○ No specific action on this front.