



Report of the Vice-President External Affairs

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For the period of 2021-01-13 to 2021-01-26

External affairs

Federal political affairs

- UCRU Governance Committee and Strategic Plan Work Group (Jan. 20): progress on formalisation, i.e. incorporation and approving affiliation at member associations - to be discussed in the near future
- Keystone XL cancelled (Jan. 20)

Provincial and municipal political affairs

Inter-association

- Meeting with the PGSS External Affairs Officer (Jan. 21) to discuss international student issues, primarily international student health insurance
- Comité de l'ordre du jour de l'inter-associatif (le 22 janv.)
- Groupe de travail contre le PEQ: réunion (le 25 janv.) reportée

Other

- Réunion avec SENSÉ - Solution étudiante nationale pour un scrutin équitable (le 18 janv.) pour discuter de ses amendements proposés au projet de loi 39
- Ministry of higher education announced development of an 'action plan on student mental health in higher education' for release in Fall 2021 (Jan. 26)
- Superior court has [temporarily exempted](#) unhoused folks from the provincial curfew (Jan. 26)

Political research and infrastructure

- Making progress on provincial policy frameworks on mental health and international students
- Check-in with the Political Researcher (Jan. 26): presentation brief for public safety institutions
- Formalising external affairs resources and guides into a potential plan



Community affairs

Affordable student housing

- ASH committee met Jan. 18
 - Set action items for developing objectives and guiding points for public assembly discussion
 - Discussed adopting a motion in solidarity with unhoused people during pandemic
 - Item to study affordable student housing plan and position for further elaboration
- Réunion avec la Ville de Montréal et ACORN Montréal (le 9 janv.)
 - Discussion d'une proposition de l'implantation obligatoire des permis pour des propriétaires

Milton-Parc and Peter-McGill

- Interviews for Community Affairs Commissioner
- Meetings of the CKUT Board (Jan. 26) and HR committee (Jan. 17, Jan. 23)

Political campaigns

Climate justice

- Looking into introducing amendments to the Climate Justice Policy for more actionable items for external advocacy, e.g. with respect to Montréal's recently announced [Plan climat 2020-2030](#)

(Re-)Emerging campaigns

- Drafting of a Policy on Harmful Military Technology
- Drafting of a motion in support of Dollarama warehouse workers

Union affairs

- En conversation avec le comité jeunes du CCMM-CSN (Conseil Central Montréal Métropolitain du Conseil Syndical National) pour collaborer sur les sujets qui nous touchent



Office & Governance

Communications

- Website redevelopment plan with Comms Manager

Finance and HR

- Completion and follow-up of EA budget submission for 2021-2022 fiscal year
- On-boarding follow-up meeting with the Black Affairs Commissioner (Jan. 25)
- Conducting interviews for External Affairs and Community Affairs Commissioner positions
- Beginning outreach for consultation for a formal position on Bill 21 / laïcité plus généralement

Governance

- Consultations and drafting for Policy on Harmful Military Technology; meetings with VP University Affairs (Jan. 15), Equity Commissioners (Jan. 18), Students for Peace and Disarmament (Jan. 18, 20, 21), Engineering reps to Council (Jan. 19), Sustainability Commissioner and Science reps to Council (Jan. 21)
- Consultations, research, and drafting for Position on Institutions of Public Safety

Other

- Girls Write the Future scholarship proposal (Jan. 21)
- This week is [Muslim Awareness Week](#) and [SSMU Mental Health Action Week](#)
- Next week is [Eating Disorder Awareness Week](#) and [Sexual Violence Awareness Week](#)
 - Share widely!

Respectfully submitted,

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