Report of the Vice-President (External Affairs)

Submitted for: February 11, 2021

For the period of 2021-01-27 to 2021-02-09

External affairs

Federal political affairs

Undergraduates of Canadian Research-Intensive Universities (UCRU)

- Advocacy Committee (Feb. 2)
  - Drafted submission for pre-budget consultations - added clauses for Indigenous student support (Inuit and Métis Nation Post-Secondary Education Strategies) for Board approval
- Board of Directors (Jan. 28)
  - Ongoing drafting of policy papers, for review in March
  - Climate emergency prepared for February release
  - Presentation of the 60-day plan to finalise and adopt bylaws
- Meeting with UCRU Chair to discuss bylaw approval plan (Feb. 2)

Provincial and municipal political affairs

Inter-association

- Planification de la prochaine réunion de l’inter-associatif - trouver présidium et interprétation
- Meeting with Anti-Sexual Violence Mobilisation and Advocacy Commissioner to discuss Bill 64 advocacy (Feb. 5)
  - Co-drafting a proposition for inter-associatif to this effect
  - Coordinating outreach to anglophone student unions
- All-staff meeting with CSU campaigns (Feb. 5)
  - CSU joining next inter-associatif
  - Collaborating on Bill 21, international students

Other

- Réunion de la coalition Non à la Loi 21 (le 2 févr.)
  - Besoin d’organiser des activités d’éducation populaire; tels mandats sera ajoutés à la proposition de l’inter-associatif
  - Décision de la cour supérieure attendue pour avril 2021
Political research and infrastructure

- Policy frameworks on international students and mental health ongoing
- Review of SENSÉ electoral reform proposal

Community affairs

Affordable student housing

- Committee meeting (Feb. 1)
  - Drafted agenda for Feb. 23 public assembly
  - Event page now live - share widely!
- Réunion de l’AGRÉABLE, l’Assemblée générale des regroupements étudiants pour acquérir et bâtir du logement étudiant (le 4 févr.)

Milton-Parc and Peter-McGill

- Meeting of the Royal Vic for the Public Coalition (Jan. 28)
- CKUT HR committee meetings (Jan. 31, Feb. 3)
- Réunion avec la SAESEM pour discuter du programme Rebut-récup (Trash2Treasure) pour l’année 2021 (le 2 févr.)
  - La SAESEM travaille sur un offre de service d’un programme pour le printemps ou l’automne

Political campaigns

Political campaigns infrastructure

- Completed Guide to Political Campaigns

Climate justice

- Endossé la campagne “Arrêtons GNL,” coalition étudiante regroupant 290,000 étudiant-e-s, au nom de l’AÉUM, étant donné la motion approuvée à cet égard en octobre
  - Écrit une lettre à Jennifer Maccarone, députée de Westmount–Saint-Louis comme parti de la campagne pour lui communiquer la position de l’AÉUM

Other campaigns

- Beginning conversations with CSU regarding campaign support for unhoused folks
Shared Political Campaigns Guide with MCAP, meeting next week to set objectives

Union affairs

- Communication with AMUSE regarding residence eviction situation
  - Expressed concerns about McGill’s sudden change towards no-warning, eviction policy that has made it difficult for floor fellows to perform their roles as direct supporters
- Meeting with MUNACA (Feb. 9)

Office & Governance

Finance and HR

- Interviews and hiring decisions for Community Affairs Commissioner (Jan. 27, Feb. 1) and External Affairs Coordinator (Jan. 27, Feb. 3) positions
- Meeting with VP Finance to discuss funding sources for Black Affairs Commissioner (Jan. 29)
- Check-ins with Campaigns Coordinators (Feb. 3, 4) and Political Researcher (Feb. 9)

Governance

- Meeting with Governance Manager to discuss Constitution and General Assembly (Jan. 27) and Executive Progress Chart (Feb. 9)
- Meeting with VP Finance to discuss renewal of the Access Bursary Fund fee (Jan. 28); drafted motion regarding its renewal for upcoming referendum
- Meeting with Governing Documents Researcher regarding amendments to Constitution and Internal Regulations (Feb. 8)
- Consulted on, helped draft a divestment motion for winter 2021 general assembly (Jan. 27)

Office Varia

- Meeting of the Black Affairs Committee (Feb. 5)
- Meeting with the GM Administrative Assistant (Feb. 4)
- Executives anti-racism workshop with SKILLS21 (Feb. 5)

Respectfully submitted,

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