Report of the Vice-President (External Affairs)

Submitted for: February 25, 2021

For the period of 2021-02-10 to 2021-02-23

External affairs

Federal political affairs

Undergraduates of Canadian Research-Intensive Universities (UCRU)

- Board of Directors (Feb. 11)
  - Approved federal pre-budget submission
  - Climate emergency polling well underway - share with your constituents (EN/FR)
- Advocacy Committee (Feb. 16)
  - Policy paper development ongoing

Provincial and municipal political affairs

Inter-association

- Réunion de l’inter-associatif (le 20 févr.)
  - Propositions sur la réglementation gouvernementale de discours académique, l’avenir de l’éducation post-COVID, crise écologique, et autres

Other

- Motion visant à soutenir la régularisation des gens sans-statut adoptée par le conseil municipal de la Ville de Montréal (le 22 févr.)

Political research and infrastructure

- Lots of progress on policy framework for international students
- Review of SENSÉ electoral reform proposal (Feb. 18)

Community affairs

Affordable student housing

- Committee meeting (Feb. 15)
Check-in for public assembly event (Feb. 22)
Réunion du conseil d’administration du Fonds CLÉ (le 23 févr.)
  ○ Présentation du rapport annuel, des états financiers annuels, budget prévisionnel
Public assembly on student housing (Feb. 23)

Milton-Parc and Peter-McGill
Meetings of the CKUT HR Committee (Feb. 12, Feb. 17, Feb. 18, Feb. 19, Feb. 23) and Steering Committee (Feb. 17)
Submitted a letter of support for SPF application for Royal Vic hospital advocacy (Feb. 17)
Meeting of the Community Engagement Committee (Feb. 18)

Political campaigns
Meetings with MCAP and Divest McGill to discuss campaign updates (Feb. 15)

Union affairs
Ongoing conversations with AMUSE on residence evictions
  ○ Meeting with a concerned floor fellow (Feb. 23)

Office & Governance
Communications
Drafted statement regarding unhoused populations (Jan. 10)
Meeting with Communications staff to review SSMU website menus (Feb. 18)

Finance and HR
Meeting with BSN to discuss funding sources for Black Affairs Commissioner (Feb. 12)
On-boarding meetings for External Affairs Coordinator (Feb. 15, 22), Black Affairs Commissioner (Feb. 16), and Community Affairs Commissioner (Feb. 16)
Check-ins with Campaigns Coordinators (Feb. 18) and Political Researcher (Feb. 23)
Finalised External Affairs budget for 2021-2022 (Feb. 19)
Preparation of invoices for interassociatif facilitation teams (Feb. 22)

Governance
Helped revise divestment motion for winter 2021 general assembly (Feb. 10, 11) and prepare for GA (Feb. 14, 15, 16)
• Advocated unsuccessfully for the ratification of the Motion Regarding the Adoption of a Policy on Harmful Military Technology by the SSMU Board (Feb. 18) - returned to Council and Steering
• Check-in with Governance Manager regarding next steps for HMT Policy referred to Steering and Council (Feb. 19) and varia (Feb. 23)

Office Varia

• McGill Tribune interview on pandemic impact on migrant populations (Feb. 17)
• Meeting of the Black Affairs Committee (Feb. 19)
• Meeting with a prospective Executive candidate (Feb. 21)

Respectfully submitted,

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