

Report of the Vice-President (External Affairs)

Submitted for: April 8, 2021

For the period of 2021-03-24 to 2021-04-06

External affairs

Federal political affairs

Undergraduates of Canadian Research-Intensive Universities (UCRU)

- Meeting of the Board of Directors (March 25)
 - Discussed advocacy letters to federal parties, Officer elections, Strategic Plan
 - o Consultation with SSMU Executive Committee for UCRU's Strategic Plan (April 6)
- Check-in with UCRU Chair re bylaw approval (March 26)
- Meeting of the Advocacy Committee (March 30) cancelled

Provincial and municipal political affairs

- Discours sur le budget 2021-2022 (le 25 mars)
 - Elimination of interest on student loans from April 1, 2021 to March 1, 2022
 - \$100 for Fall 2020 and Winter 2021 each to all full-time college and university students
 - \$145 million over the next 5 years towards student health and wellbeing
 - o \$369 million towards increasing university graduation rates to 80% by 2022-2023
- Réunion de la coalition Non à la loi 21 (le 24 mars)
 - o Proposition de tenir une manifestation si la Cour supérieure maintient la loi
 - o Réunion préparatoire du sous-comité mobilisation (le 31 mars)

Political research and infrastructure

• Review of Political Researcher's work in progress!

Community affairs

Affordable student housing

- (Final!) Meeting of the Affordable Student Housing Committee (March 29)
 - Reviewed proposed amendments to ASH position and committee terms of reference



Community engagement

- Meeting of the Community Engagement Committee (April 1)
 - Reviewed responses to Councillor outreach, compiling information for next year's committee activity

Milton-Parc and Peter-McGill

- Trash2Treasure: reviewing service offer, writing funding application
 - Funding application approved woo!
 - Weekly check-ins with SAESEM team and Community Affairs Commissioner (March 30, April 6)
- CKUT Board of Directors (March 30)

Political campaigns

Climate justice

• Meeting with Divest McGill (March 25)

Other campaigns

General touching base with MCAP on Dollarama campaign

Office & Governance

Communications

- Coordinating FLASH Survey promotion
 - o SHARE, SHARE, SHARE! PARTAGEZ MASSIVEMENT!
- Interviews with the McGill Tribune re Dollarama campaign and UoPeople partnership
- Check-in with Executives regarding statement condemning anti-Asian racism (March 31)

Finance and HR

- Check-ins with Community Affairs Commissioner (March 24, 31), Political Campaigns
 Coordinator (March 24, 31), External Affairs Coordinator (March 24, Apr. 1), Political Researcher
 (March 30)
- Meeting with HR Director (March 24)



Governance

- Consultation with NL21 and Muslim Law Students' Association on freedom of religion position (March 25)
- Check-in with Governance Manager regarding IRs of Governance and varia (March 30)
- Check-in with Governance Manager regarding UCRU bylaw adoption (March 31)
- Check-ins with Gender and Sexuality Commissioner for position on gender equity (April 1, 6)
- Consultations with several stakeholders on freedom of religion position
- Consultations with several stakeholders on gender equity position
- Consultation with the Pan-Asian Collective on motion condemning systemic anti-Asian racism

Other

- Meeting of the Black Affairs Committee (March 26)
- Meeting of the Board Ad-Hoc Committee on Naming (March 26)
- Meeting of the Gender and Sexuality Advocacy Committee (March 26)
- Setting up status as signing authority for PUSH Fund Board of Directors (April 1)
- Writing recommendation letters for Students' Society Awards of Distinction

Respectfully submitted,

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