

Rapport des Affaires Externes

ASSEMBLÉE GÉNÉRALE D'AUTOMNE 2022

MANDATES

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MANDATES



- External Representation
- Community Relations (Affairs & Engagement)
- Political Campaigns
- Advocacy & Solidarity

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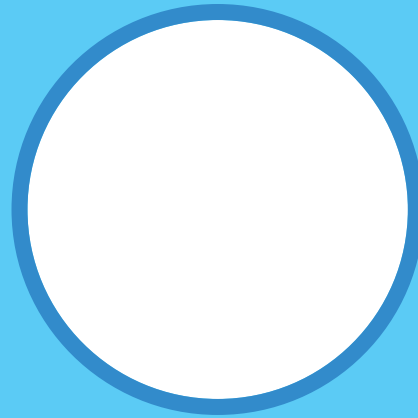
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EXTERNAL REPRESENTATION



MUNICIPAL POLITICAL AFFAIRS

- Build an advocacy framework to make sidewalks near McGill more accessible during the winter.
- Establish connections with elected city officials.

PROVINCIAL POLITICAL AFFAIRS

- Participate in l'Inter-associatif (informal coalition of combative Quebec Student unions) as an observer.
- Observe of the Quebec Student Union (QSU)Caucus.
- Meet with various Quebec Student unions to discuss priorities.
- Support the VP (Finance) to oppose the AMF reform about insurance.
- Study advocacy and mobilization possibilities with the provincial elections coming in October. Participate in punctual initiatives in line with positions and mandates.
- Organize a Provincial Fall activist bootcamp (4,5,6 Novembre) with various Qc Student associations.

EXTERNAL REPRESENTATION



FEDERAL POLITICAL AFFAIRS

- Attend UCRU Board meetings and Relevant Committees:
 - Bilingualism (commissaire aux affaires francophones),
 - Governance (SSMU Governance team) &
 - Advocacy (VP External Affairs).
- Co-sign a letter about unacceptable wait times students looking to receive study visas face.
- Establish Priorities for Student Lobby Week (Nov. 25- Dec. 2, Ottawa): Student Employment, Financial aid, Mental Health, Indigenous Post-Secondary Education

UNION AFFAIRS

- Support AGESM's TAs and Invigilators in their Climate Strike.
- Work with PGSS to advocate for students regarding Bill 96 and support their advocacy for the "support our science" campaign.
- Attend the McGill Community Council Picnic .
- Support unions in their mobilization against the closure of the Music Conservatory.

COMMUNITY RELATIONS



MILTON-PARC & PETER-MCGILL

- Organize the World Environment Day with Milton Parc Citizens Committee (MPCC-CCMP)
- Organize Frosh Street teams (including a harm reduction and de-escalation training)
- Work on a bilingual Living in Milton-Parc Flier to distribute during Orientation week.
- Start of the review CARE Agreement (the Community Action and Relations Endeavour)
- Meet with the Royal Vic for the Public Coalition about mobilization and the OCMP report

DISAFFECTED HOSPITALS

- Support the kanienehaka kahnistensera, and solidarity groups, in their advocacy to stop McGill from excavating unmarked graves at the Royal Victoria Hospital
- Hold a public assembly about the future of l'Hôtel Dieu
- Co-write a letter to advocate for a social future for the disaffected hospital near McGill.

COMMUNITY RELATIONS



AFFORDABLE STUDENT HOUSING

- Take part in UTILE's Annual General Meeting & their Montréal General Assembly
- Become a board member of the PUSH fund
- Partner with the Native Friendship Center to mitigate the impacts of the project (at the St-Laurent/Ontario corner) on the unhoused Indigenous community currently there.
- Study Montreal's Plan d'Urbanisme et de Mobilité 2050
- Hold a workshop on Housing Rights with HOJO & MATU-SLAM (informational podcast to come!)
- Support students who experience exploitative landlord practices in their advocacy

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

- Work on a community engagement database and a Hamper Program.
- Meet with Branches about Equity Diversity and Inclusion & community engagement initiatives.

POLITICAL CAMPAIGNS



CLIMATE JUSTICE

- Meet with various student unions & climate justice groups, including le Front Étudiant D'Action Climatique
- Support the Stop Line 5 Campaign.
- Meet with students interested in Climate-Justice Action McGill
- Support Divest McGill in their Climate Week.
- Help students mobilize in a campaign against the COP-15 (Montreal, Dec. 7-19)

WITHDRAWAL OF POLICING AND CRIMINALIZATION CAMPAIGN

- Work with Solidarity Across Borders & Migrant Rights Network on Status for All
- Amplify the month against prisons and Prisoners' Justice Day
- Support the Coalition Defund the Police in organizing the Defund la Police Festival and in their mobilization against more cop-teams in schools.
- Support Iranian students organizing a vigil for Mahsa Amini

POLITICAL CAMPAIGNS



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POLITICAL CAMPAIGNS
COORDINATOR!**

DIVEST FOR HUMAN RIGHTS

- Support Uyghur Rights Advocacy Project in their Advocacy towards McGill, under the DHR policy
- Answer questions of SSMU Directors about the Palestine Solidarity policy (email approval by Leg)

PEACE AND DISARMAMENT

- Meet with Students for Peace and Disarmament to help them maintain institutional memory.

FREEDOM OF RELIGION

- Support the McGill Coalition Against Bill 21 notably in their demand about the IAIAS
- Support an event by the South Asian Diaspora Action Collective

POLITICAL CAMPAIGNS

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APPLY THROUGH
SMARTRECRUITERS

ACCESSIBLE EDUCATION

- Work with the Financial Aid Office to publicize their resources .

GENDER EQUITY

- Research the impacts of Bill 2 on trans and non-binary students, and Support the Trans March.
- Review an emergent provincial campaign for menstrual justice named Fil rouge.
- Introduce the McGill campaign against street harassment to the campaign Courage to Act

OTHER

- Meeting with QPIRG to discuss overall collaboration and co-organization of a Rad Frosh event.
- Finalize this year's campaigns' budget and complete an inventory of campaign material
- Create resources for political campaigns

ADVOCACY & SOLIDARITY

ILADA PRESENTS

SEPTEMBER 26 & 28
1PM-2:30PM
LAW FACULTY
ATRIUM

SEPTEMBER 27
5PM-6:30PM
McTAVISH ST.
IN FRONT OF
SSMU
BUILDING

SEPTEMBER 29
5PM-7PM
LAW FACULTY
ATRIUM
@ ILADA
COFFEEHOUSE



ORANGE SHIRT
SALE DAYS
\$20 EACH
KID SIZES AVAILABLE
PROCEEDS WILL GO TO
RESILIENCE MONTREAL



Indigenous Law Association of Quebec
ILADA

INDIGENOUS AFFAIRS

- Meet with various Indigenous Stakeholders to extend our support and our interest in collaboration
- Revamp the Indigenous Stakeholder Consultation Guide for Student Groups with VP Student Life
- Have a table at the McGill Pow Wow to further sustainable solidarity relations.
- Share SSMU Resources for Indigenous Students with Indigenous students and groups.
- Mobilize around ILADA's open letter in the context of Truth and Reconciliation Day.

BLACK AFFAIRS

- Support the Black Affairs Commissioner as they settle into the role, meet Black groups and key individuals at McGill, and plan new initiatives for the upcoming year (Black MarketPlace, Black Affairs magazine).

ADVOCACY & SOLIDARITY



FRANCOPHONE AFFAIRS

- Supporter la commissaire dans le recrutement pour la commission aux affaires francophones, dans sa volonté d'inclure davantage les affaires francophones dans les activités d'accueil et dans la création d'un dépliant informatif.
- Study Bill 96 (Charter on the French Language) to inform students & make sure SSMU is compliant.

UPCOMING MOTIONS (to be voted at the October 6 Legislative Council)

- Motion regarding the adoption of a masterplan for addressing racist surveillance and doxxing with SSMU and McGill University.
- Motion regarding the adoption of a consultation policy

SUPPORT STUDENTS IN ESTABLISHING NEW MANDATES FOR SSMU

- If you need any support, please reach out to the EA team or the VP External Affairs. external@ssmu.ca

VARIA



COMMUNICATIONS

- Launch the bilingual External Affairs social media
- Imminent launch of the new External Affairs website
- Start to review sponsorships to make sure they are in line with governance documents.
- Work with VP Internal on a Calendar oriented towards increasing student engagement at SSMU.

FINANCE

- Meet with VP Finance & auditors to discuss our study of possible banks for SSMU (here's why)
- Update SSMU's investments policy to ensure compliance with governance documents.

GOVERNANCE

- Complete the External Affairs' mandate letter

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