# Report of the Vice-President (External Affairs)

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2022 September report: For the period of 2022-09-01 to 2022-09-29

Consult the External Affairs mandate letter, and its summary

### External affairs

### Federal, Provincial and Municipal political affairs

- Attend <u>UCRU</u> Board meetings and Relevant Committees, notably Advocacy.
- Establish Priorities for Student Lobby Week (Nov. 25- Dec. 2, Ottawa): student employment, financial aid, mental health, Indigenous post-secondary education
- Continue the organization of a a Provincial Fall activist bootcamp (4,5,6 Novembre)
- Support the Vice-President (Finance) to oppose the <u>AMF reform about insurance</u>.
- Attend a citizens' assembly by À Nous le Plateau! to discuss issues in the neighborhood in the context of the upcoming <u>provincial elections</u> (3 October).

#### **Union** affairs

- Support the TAs and Invigilators represented by <u>AGSEM</u> in their <u>Climate Strike</u> (September 23).
- Work with <u>PGSS</u> to advocate for students regarding <u>Bill 96</u>.

## Community affairs

#### Affordable student housing

- Take part in <u>UTILE</u>'s Montréal General Assembly and the <u>PUSH fund</u> board meeting
- Study Montreal's <u>Plan d'Urbanisme et de Mobilité 2050</u>
- Hold a workshop on Housing Rights with <u>HOJO</u> & <u>MATU-SLAM</u> (informational podcast to come!)

#### Milton-Parc and Peter-McGill

- Support the <u>kanienkehaka kahnistensera</u>, and solidarity groups, in their advocacy to stop McGill from excavating unmarked graves at the Royal Victoria Hospital
- Hold a public assembly (Sept 15, 6PM) about the future of l'Hôtel Dieu
- Attend la Communauté Saint-Urbain's Board Meeting.
- Co-write a <u>letter</u> to advocate for a social future for the disaffected hospital near McGill.
- Start of the review **CARE Agreement**

## Political campaigns

- Support <u>Divest McGill</u> in their <u>Climate Week</u>.
- Support the Stop Line 5 Campaign with Divest, QC and CAN student unions, and US groups.
- Help students mobilize in a campaign against the COP-15 (Montreal, Dec. 7-19)
- Support the McGill Coalition Against Bill 21 with the departure of graduating students
- Support <u>Uyghur Rights Advocacy Project</u> in their Advocacy towards McGill, under the <u>DHR policy</u>
- Support The Mouvement Ouébécois pour la Paix in their demonstration
- Collaborate with various student unions to establish menstrual justice practices in their schools.
- Work with Solidarity Across Borders (SAB) & Migrant Rights Network on Status for All
- Support the Coalition Defund the Police in their mobilization against more cop-teams in schools.
- Support Iranian students in organizing a vigil in the memory of Mahsa Amini

## Solidarity

- Meet with various Indigenous Stakeholders to understand their needs.
- Have a table at the McGill Pow Wow to further sustainable solidarity relations.
- Share <u>SSMU Resources for Indigenous Students</u> with Indigenous students and groups.
- Mobilize around ILADA's open letter in the context of Truth and Reconciliation Day (Sept. 30)
- Supporter la commissaire aux affaires francophones dans la création d'un dépliant informatif.
- Support the Black Affairs Commissioner in the organization of a <u>Black MarketPlace</u>, the establishment of a black affairs magazine, and committee infrastructure.

### Office & Governance

#### **HR & Communications**

- Follow us on Instagram, Facebook and Twitter!
- Imminent launch of the External Affairs website
- We are <u>currently recruiting</u> for political campaigns coordinators!

#### Respectfully submitted,

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