

Report of the Vice-President (External Affairs)

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2022 October report : For the period of 2022-09-30 to 2022-10-27

A quote from my roommates: "Val is running around beaucoup"

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.
- Organize Student Lobby Week (Nov. 25- Dec. 2, Ottawa)
- Do research on federal demands in matters of Indigenous post-secondary education
- Finalize the Provincial Fall activist bootcamp (4,5,6 Novembre)
- Co-sign a <u>letter</u> about menstrual justice by Le Fil Rouge for provincial elected representatives.
- Host a Town Hall on accessibility to orient research on advocacy framework at all levels of gov.
- Meet with McGill Government relations officers to discuss partnerships in municipal advocacy.

Union affairs

- Attend the McGill Community Council (MCC)
- Work with <u>PGSS</u> to advocate for students regarding <u>Bill 96</u>.

Community affairs

Affordable student housing

- Meet with <u>UTILE</u> to discuss the stage of the affordable housing project.
- Write a letter of support to <u>UTILE</u> so the project can move forward.
- Attend the <u>PUSH fund</u> board meeting
- Finalizing the podcast on Housing Rights with <u>HOJO</u> & <u>MATU-SLAM</u>

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.
 - \circ support in writing an article and organize events close to the court dates.
- Decision to continue to support la <u>Communauté Saint-Urbain</u> without being a board member.
- Start of the review <u>CARE Agreement</u>



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• Training on culturally safe ways to intervene with unhoused Indigenous people

Political campaigns

- Support <u>Divest McGill</u> & the <u>Stop Line 5 Campaign</u>
- Work on a position about the <u>COP-15</u> (Montreal, Dec. 7-19)
- Organize with the McGill Coalition Against Bill 21 a button distribution & an information session.
- Organize a Day for Uyghur Rights with Students and <u>URAP</u> (mass emails, panel and film).
- Support the <u>Coalition Defund the Police</u> & the <u>Black Student Network</u> in their mobilization against more <u>cop-teams in schools</u>.
- Support Iranian students in organizing a vigil in the memory of Mahsa Amini
- Sustainability at McGill: review Sustainability Projects Fund fee renewal & Office of investments' ESG questionnaire
- Attend Sexual Violence Care Presentation by StudentCare to better support student survivors
- Work with <u>Solidarity Across Borders</u> (SAB) & <u>Migrant Rights Network</u> on the Status for All caravane.

Solidarity

- Support the Every Child Matters March on Sept. 30
- Help with the on-boarding of the Indigenous Affairs Commissioner.
- Attend the Montreal's Indigenous Network Strategy launch
- Supporter la commissaire aux affaires francophones dans sa révision du plan de francisation .
- Support the Black Affairs Commissioner in their advocacy.

Office & Governance

Communications

- Follow us on Instagram, Facebook and Twitter!
- Launch of the External Affairs website
- Interview with APTN about the Royal Vic

HR

- We are <u>currently recruiting</u> for a political campaigns coordinator, a popular education events coordinator and a community engagement commissioner!
- Support the translation team in implementing Bill 96 requirements.
- Finalize General Manager Job Description
- Attend Gendered and Sexual Violence training

Finance

- Budget revision
- Connect the VP Finance with students advocating for SSMU to change banks.



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SSMU Committees

- Funding Committee
- Gender and Sexuality Committee

Other

- work with VP (Internal Affairs) on student engagement
- support VP (Student Life) with the organization of the general assembly for a club.
- organize a Meet and Greet session with Directors of the SSMU

Respectfully submitted,

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