Report of the Vice-President (External Affairs)

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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): Review final briefing package.
- Host the Provincial <u>Fall activist bootcamp</u> (4,5,6 November)
- Host a Town Hall on Accessible Education with <u>Adeese, LSA, EdUS</u> and <u>Divest</u>.
- Monitor sidewalks near McGill to better advocate to the municipality.

Union affairs

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

Community affairs

Affordable student housing

- Do research on housing situations on and off campus with the ASH Committee.
- Collaborate with <u>UTILE</u> on SSMU's affordable housing project.
- Attend the **PUSH fund** board meeting

Milton-Parc and Peter-McGill

- Continue to support the <u>kanienkehaka kahnistensera</u>, and solidarity groups, in their advocacy.
- Attend la Communauté Saint-Urbain Annual General Assembly.
- Start of the review <u>CARE Agreement</u>, especially including the Indigenous unhoused population.
- Presentation by the CIUSSS Centre-sud Montréal about their project for the Hôtel-Dieu Hospital.
- Panel by the Office de Consultation Publique de Montréal-OCPM about the evolution of their role.

Community Engagement

- Help McGill External Relations' office to publicize <u>La Journée d'action bénévole</u>
- Start organizing Community Engagement Day (to take place in February after 4 years of absence)



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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)
- Support the McGill Coalition Against Bill 21 throughout the process at the Quebec Court of Appeal
- Collaborate with other Canadian student unions & <u>URAP</u> mobilizing against the Uyghur genocide
- Support the Coalition Defund the Police mobilizing for decriminalization of drug possession.
- Support the Migrant Rights Network advocating federally for Status for all.

Solidarity

- Supporter la commissaire aux affaires francophones dans sa révision du <u>plan de francisation</u> et dans l'intégration de la communauté étudiante dans les processus de traduction de l'AÉUM.
- Collaborate with the Indigenous Affairs Commissioner on multiple projects including education Initiative and Charity Initiative for <u>Resilience Montreal</u>.
- Support the Black Affairs Commissioner in their advocacy and in their recruitment for <u>Black Affairs magazine</u>.

Office & Governance

Communications & HR

- Follow us on <u>Instagram</u>, <u>Facebook</u> and <u>Twitter</u>! Check out our <u>website</u>.
- We are <u>currently recruiting</u> for a political campaigns coordinator, a popular education events coordinator and a community engagement commissioner!

Finance

- Finalize the budget revision for external affairs, community relations and political campaigns.
- Connect the VP Finance with <u>students advocating for SSMU to change banks</u>.

SSMU Committees

- Funding Committee
- Gender and Sexuality Committee
- Affordable Student Housing Committee
- Comité des Affaires Francophones
- Nomination Committee
- Governance Reform Committee
- Equity Diversity Inclusion Working Group
- Black Affairs Committee

Other

work with VP (Internal Affairs) on student engagement around Food Sovereignty

Respectfully submitted,

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