



Report of the Vice-President (External Affairs)

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Winter 2023 Report : *For the period of 2022-09-01 to 2023-01-05*

Consult the External Affairs [mandate letter](#), and its [summary](#)

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External affairs

Federal, Provincial and Municipal political affairs

- Attend [UCRU](#) Board meetings and Relevant Committees, notably Advocacy.
- Organize and Attend Student Lobby Week (Nov. 25- Dec. 2, Ottawa): read [UCRU's brief](#)
- Support the Vice-President (Finance) to oppose the [AMF reform about insurance](#).
- Host a Provincial [Fall activist bootcamp](#) and work on a zine about the workshops given.
- Host a Town Hall on Accessible Education with [Adeese](#), [LSA](#), [EdUS](#) and [Divest](#).
- Co-sign a [letter](#) about menstrual justice by Le Fil Rouge for provincial elected representatives.
- Prepare to attend the Formation Congress of a new provincial student association in February
- 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.
- Monitor sidewalks near McGill to better advocate to the municipality.

Union affairs

- Attend the [McGill Community Council \(MCC\)](#)
- Work with [PGSS](#) & [AGSEM](#) to advocate for students regarding [Bill 96](#).
- Support advocacy for a inclusive campus for the immunocompromised (in relation to Covid-19)
- Collaborate to communicate whistleblowing procedures to workers and students.

Community affairs

Affordable student housing

- Collaborate with [UTILE](#) and the ASH Committee on SSMU's affordable housing project & research.
- Attend the [PUSH fund](#) board meeting
- Study Montreal's [Plan d'Urbanisme et de Mobilité 2050](#)
- Make a podcast on Housing Rights with [HOJO](#) & [MATU-SLAM](#)
- Support students who experience exploitative landlord practices in their advocacy



Milton-Parc and Peter-McGill

- Mobilize around a social vocation for the Hôtel Dieu Hospital (e.g, [public assembly](#))
- Attend la [Communauté Saint-Urbain](#)'s Board Meeting and Annual General Assembly.
- Decision to continue to support la [Communauté Saint-Urbain](#) without being a board member.
- Co-write a [letter](#) to advocate for a social future for the disaffected hospitals near McGill.
- Support [kanienkehaka kahnistensera](#), & solidarity groups, in advocacy around Royal Vic hospital.
- Start of the review [CARE Agreement](#), especially including the Indigenous unhoused population.
- Support [Comm-un](#), a new community organization in Milton-Parc students can get involved in.

Community Engagement

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

Political campaigns

- Support [Divest McGill](#) & the [Stop Line 5 Campaign](#)
- Develop a position about the [COP-15](#) (Montreal, Dec. 7-19) and support mobilization against it
- Review McGill's Sustainability Projects Fund fee renewal & its ESG questionnaire
- Support the [McGill Coalition Against Bill 21](#)'s mobilization, particularly during the legal appeal.
- Mobilize with students & [URAP](#) against the Uyghur genocide & in their advocacy towards McGill.
- Research on the [military industrial complex](#) and McGill's involvement
- Support mobilization for decriminalization of drug possession and around harm reduction
- Work with [Solidarity Across Borders](#) (SAB) & [Migrant Rights Network](#) on Status for All
- Support various groups doing Prisoner and Migrant Justice to break isolation during the holidays.
- Support Iranian students in organizing a [vigil](#) in the memory of Mahsa Jina Amini
- Attend Sexual Violence Care Presentation by StudentCare to better support student survivors
- Collaborate with various student unions to establish [menstrual justice](#) practices in their schools.
- Write a report on [Divest for Human Rights campaign](#) progress
- Work on a food security campaign

Solidarity

Indigenous Affairs

- Meet with various Indigenous Stakeholders to understand their needs.
- 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 \(Sept. 30\)](#)
- Support the Every Child Matters March on Sept. 30
- Attend the Montreal's Indigenous Network Strategy launch
- Collaborate with the Indigenous Affairs Commissioner on multiple projects including education Initiative and Charity Initiative for [Resilience Montreal](#).



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- Collaborate with the Indigenous Affairs Committee on creating a funding application for the Indigenous Equity Fund, and asking for a more complete Indigenous Studies Program.

Black Affairs

- Support the commissioner with the [Black MarketPlace](#) and the Black Affairs Committee.
- Support the Commissioner in their advocacy and projects ([magazine](#) and Black History Month).
- Support the [Coalition Defund the Police](#) & the [Black Student Network](#) in their mobilization against more [cop-teams in schools](#) and the new SPVM budget increase.

Francophone Affairs

- Supporter la commissaire pour créer un [dépliant informatif](#) et réviser le [plan de francisation](#)
- Supporter la commissaire dans l'intégration de la communauté étudiante dans les processus de traduction de l'AEUM.

Other

- Support QPIRG and publicize their event series: [Culture Shock](#)
- Work with the Accessibility commissioner & others to organize an Accessibility Week (Jan 23-27)

Office & Governance

Communications, Finance & HR

- Follow us on [Instagram](#), [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#)! Check out our [website](#).
- Finalize the budget revision for external affairs, community relations and political campaigns.
- Connect VP Finance with [students advocating for SSMU to change banks](#), and help with research

We are [currently recruiting](#) for a community engagement commissioner!

SSMU Committees

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

Respectfully submitted,

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