



Report of the Vice-President (External Affairs)

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2023 January report : For the period of 2023-01-05 to 2023-02-02

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

External affairs

Federal, Provincial and Municipal political affairs

- Attend [UCRU](#) Board meetings and Relevant Committees, notably Advocacy.
- Research to further develop UCRU governance and study the possibility of a fee.
- Start translation of a zine with information given in [Fall activist bootcamp](#) workshops
- Monitor sidewalks near McGill to better advocate to the municipality.
- Study Charters of the new provincial student association (Congress of Formation Feb 18-19)
- Write a brief for municipal elected representatives based on advocacy mandates.
- Launch of [survey](#) about [Bill 96](#) in collaboration with [PGSS](#) & other anglophone unions in QC
- Finalize the research report on accessibility advocacy
- Host a town hall on accessible education to better advocate for international students (Feb 8)

Union affairs

- Attend the [McGill Community Council \(MCC\)](#)

Community affairs

Affordable student housing

- Launch of an [ECLAIR survey](#) with UTILE on housing situations on and off campus.
- Listserv on Housing Resources sent to all students (Feb 9).
- Collaborate with [UTILE](#) on SSMU's affordable housing project.
- Attend the [PUSH fund](#) board meeting

Milton-Parc and Peter-McGill

- Continue to support the [kanienkehaka kahnistensera](#), and solidarity groups, in their advocacy.
- Continue the review [CARE Agreement](#) to include the Indigenous unhoused population.
- Attend the [Milton-Parc Citizen's Committee](#) General Assembly



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Community Engagement

- Start to form the Community Engagement Committee
- Meet with Student Services as well as Campus Life and Engagement about Community Engagement day (More details coming soon).

Political campaigns

- Support [Divest McGill](#) & the [Stop Line 5 Campaign](#)
- Support students writing an expression of concern to [CASMR](#) regarding the Uyghur Genocide
- Support various community groups organizing a [rally for Justice for Nicolas D'andre Spring](#)
- Host a [workshop on demilitarization](#) with Demilitarize McGill + Students for Peace & Disarmament
- Continue to pursue research on the military industrial complex and McGill's involvement
- 3 mobilization meetings around a food security campaign
- Help develop an ethical partnerships policy
- Support the [McGill Coalition Against Bill 21](#) to advocate during a [town hall by the university](#)
- Support the Trans Student Coalition in their advocacy to the McGill administration, the law faculty and the Centre for Human Rights and Legal Pluralism.

Solidarity

- Supporter la commissaire aux affaires francophones dans sa révision du [plan de francisation](#).
- Collaborate with the Indigenous Equity Research on Indigenous Equity Fund Application as well as an amendment to the IRs of finance.
- Research on Indigenous Studies Programs in Qc and Canada.
- Support the Black Affairs Commissioner, and others for Black History Month (Calendar [here](#))
- Work on the creation of a new position with the Black Affairs Portfolio as well as implementing financial structure for the Black Equity Fund.
- Organize with the Accessibility Commissioner and execs the [SSMU Accessibility Week](#) (Jan 23-27)

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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