



# *Report of the VP External Affairs*

*FALL 2023 GENERAL ASSEMBLY*

# *Who am I?*

Liam Gaither (he/him)



# *External affairs*

- Inter-association relations
  - Met with:
    - CADEUL (ULaval);
    - PGSS;
    - CSU;
    - AUS;
    - POTUS.
- Student federations
  - Undergraduates of Canadian Research-Intensive Universities (UCRU) advocacy priorities:
    - Affordable Housing
    - Mental Health
    - Student Financial Aid

# *Community affairs*

- Affordable student housing
  - \$1.5M from SSMU (UTILE fee)
  - \$6M from City of Montreal
    - Tentative move-in: Fall 2026



# Political campaigns

- General
  - Provided financial support to various campaigns in Montreal (Solidarity Across Borders, ++)
- Divest McGill
  - Presentation to BoG - vote in December
- Let's Eat McGill
  - Summer research - assessing leverage points



# *Union affairs*

**NO MORE  
FREE  
HOURS.**

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McGill steals a  
million dollars  
in TA wages  
every year.

We're done  
working for free.

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- Reviewing drafted Union Solidarity Policy
- Avenues for support on AGSEM's "No More Free Hours" campaign



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# *Other projects*

- Solidarity with Kahnistensera (Mohawk Mothers)
  - Critical Campus Tours:
    - Collaboration between Indigenous Affairs & Black Affairs Commissioners
- Community Engagement Day: Oct 26, 2023
- Look for more events soon!

# ***Goals for 2023-2024***

- **Support organizing** on ongoing internal & external campaigns
  - Bill 31, Climate Justice, Divestment, SSF/SAB, +++
- **Host workshops, film screenings, panels and more** on different topics
  - Build collective power & community
- **Improve resource accessibility** for activists & organizers
  - Clearer documentation, guidelines
  - Removal of barriers & hurdles





***Thank you!***



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