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REPORT OF THE AFFORDABLE STUDENT HOUSING COMMITTEE

Submitted for: 10-26-2023

MEMBERS ATTENDANCE

• Monday Oct 23, 2023

Community Affairs Commissioner (Chair), Tess: Present Vice-President (External Affairs) (non-voting), Liam: Present Councillor, Quinn: Present Councillor X: N/A Member-at-Large, Angela: Present Member-at-Large X: N/A Inter-Residence Council rep: N/A ECOLE rep, Amanda: Present School of Urban Planning Member: N/A Vice-President (Finance):

COMMITTEE ACTIVITY

Discussion points:

- UTILE
 - Most committee members hadn't heard of project, want to promote
- Housing and jobs office at McGill?
 - Consensus: work with the resources we already have, encourage law students to volunteer with housing committees and other legal aid clinics to boost their capacity, see if McGill legal clinic offers tenants rights info
- Collaboration with Montreal Autonomous Tenants' Union?
 - Interest in encouraging students who are tenants to join the union through postering, online promo, door-knocking, events, etc.
 - Interest in finding collective solutions to the housing crisis instead of just promoting individual gains through the tribunal
 - Language barrier for McGill students pair them with someone who speaks French for door-knocking



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- Have McGill rep(s) in union to encourage McGill students to get involved with community go door to door with them, answer questions about the union
- Pair with tenants rights education and inform students on tenant resources available to them

PROJECTS AND PROGRESS

- Collaboration with Montreal Autonomous Tenants' Union
 - Plan to put up student-specific posters in Milton-Parc before next meeting promoting the union
 - Will promote on Listservs
 - Interest in SSMU hosting community-building events (e.g. film screenings on housing struggles)
 - At next meeting, will come up with short, medium, and long term goals

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND REMINDERS

• We are still looking for members (see N/A on attendance list), get in touch with Tess at <u>commaffairs@ssmu.ca</u> to join!