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REPORT OF THE EXTERNAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

Submitted for: 11-23-2023

MEMBERS ATTENDANCE

October, 23, 2023

- Jacob Williams, EA Commissioner
- Liam Gaither, VP EA
- Michal Chernov, Governance Manager
- Sophia Li, VP EA - AUS
- Asia Zanelli, VP External - Political Science Students' Association (PSSA)
- Jacob Shannon, VP External - Law Students' Association (LSA)
- Caden Welch, VP External - Student Association of Physical education and Kinesiology (SAPEK)
- Ansley Gnanapragasam, PGSS
- Asa Kohn, McGill Student Union Democratization Initiative

November 13, 2023

- Jacob Williams, EA Commissioner
- Liam Gaither, VP EA
- ~~● Michal Chernov, Governance Manager - Absent~~
- Jacob Shannon, Law Student Association VP External
- Annie, ASUS VP External
- Natan Sakajiri, ASUS SSMU Rep
- Ben Slonimski CSA VP Ext
- Kaito Suzuki, Law Graduate Student Association
- Mario Roy, AGSEM President
- Lola Milder, SSMU Political Campaigns Coord
- Sophia Li, VP EA - AUS



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COMMITTEE ACTIVITY

- See rolling meeting notes [here](#).
- Monthly meetings during the school year starting in October
- Share and get feedback on the actions of EA, especially on the topic of the tuition hikes
- Get updates from and offered support to associated political campaign group, especially Divest McGill
- Coordinated efforts on the campaign against the tuition hike
- A space for student groups to share announcements and reminder with other student groups

PROJECTS AND PROGRESS

- Divestment
 - According to Divest members, they are working with the chancellor to discuss divestment, who will hold a vote sometime in early December. Allegedly it is “extremely likely to board will divest”
- Tuition Hikes
 - Students at the Faculty of Law
 - A small informal group has formed, headed by a law first year
 - Motion passed to include fighting the tuition hike in mandate
 - Production of a statement against the increase with Graduate Law Student Association
 - Got word out about Oct 30th protest, and town hall October 25th.
 - Collaborated on a communication package sent to McGill student associations. The aim of which is to get the word out about the petition, the protest
 - Virtual communication package sent to all student associations. Contained a message for listservs, an email template for professors, slides for the end of class lectures, a class announcement template, links to the petition, instagram post for sharing.
 - Physical communication package sent to student associations who asked: red squares with pins, posters, brochures on student striking.

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND REMINDERS

- Anyone can ask for a virtual or physical communication package from EA, email eacomm@ssmu.ca
- Attend the next protest November 30th
- Join the mobilization committee [here](#)