



# Report of the Vice-President (External Affairs)

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Winter 2023 Report : *For the period of 2023-01-05 to 2023-04-06*

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

- ☰ [January Report External Affairs 2023](#)
- ☰ [February Report External Affairs 2023](#)
- ☰ [March Report External Affairs 2023](#)

## 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.
- Plan for the UCRU Annual General Meeting
- Finalize a zine with information given in [Fall activist bootcamp](#) workshops
- Monitor sidewalks near McGill to better advocate to the municipality.
- Study the adopted Charters of the new provincial student association (CRUES, the tide)
- Meet with municipal elected representatives based on advocacy mandates.
- Launch of [survey](#) about [Bill 96](#) in collaboration with [PGSS](#) & other anglophone unions in QC and start developing a report on the findings of [survey](#) data.
- Finalize the research report on accessibility advocacy
- Host a town hall on accessible education to better advocate for international students (Feb 8)
- Support departments and faculties in their questions regarding the new provincial student association (CRUES, the tide)
- Start review of government budgets.

### Union affairs

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

## Community affairs

### Affordable student housing

- Launch and data collection of an [ECLAIR survey](#) with UTILE on housing on & off campus.
- Listserv on Housing Resources sent to all students.
- Collaborate with [UTILE](#) on SSMU's affordable housing project.



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- Attend the [PUSH fund](#) board meeting
- Host the [Affordable Student Housing Annual General Meeting](#)

### Milton-Parc and Peter-McGill

- Continue to support the [kanienkehaka kahnistensera](#), and solidarity groups, in their advocacy.
- Continue to the review [CARE Agreement](#) to include the Indigenous unhoused population, and developing actionable goals
- Attend the [Milton-Parc Citizen's Committee](#) General Assembly
- Plan [Trash2treasure](#) (April 24th to May 1st).

### Community Engagement

- Form the Community Engagement Committee
- Plan Community Engagement Day with [CLE](#) (April 5th, 10 to 2, SSMU Ballroom)

### 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 Nicous 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
- Mobilization meetings around a food security campaign
- Help to 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, the Centre for Human Rights and Legal Pluralism and the Wellness Hub.
- Publicize [Women of Diverse Origins' Protest](#)
- Support the [All Night Camp for Status](#) by Solidarity Across Borders
- Help with recruitment for various political campaigns
- Organize an April's Fool demo with various political campaigns

### Solidarity

#### Indigenous Affairs

- 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 Quebec and Canada.
- Publicize the [Annual Memorial Vigil for MMIWGT2S in Tiohtiá:ke](#).

#### Black Affairs



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- 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.
- Support the BSN VP internal as they take over chairing the Black Affairs Committee.

### Francophone Affairs

- Supporter la commissaire aux affaires francophones dans sa révision du [plan de francisation](#).
- Supporter la commissaire aux affaires francophones dans l'organisation de la Francofête

### Other

- Organize with the Accessibility Commissioner and execs the [SSMU Accessibility Week](#) (Jan 23-27)
- Support QPIRG in the organization of the "[Spring into Action](#)" event series

### Office & Governance

- Consultation for the mental health policy and the sustainability policy.
- Propose an amendment to the IRs of finance to include the Black Equity Fee/Fund.
- Develop a food security policy and support the organization of a food security town hall
- Develop an ethical partnerships policy.
- Supporter la commissaire aux affaires francophones sa révision du [plan de francisation](#).
- Develop a Motion regarding Milton-Parc Relation Working Group
- Revise the masterplan for addressing racist surveillance and doxxing within SSMU and McGill
- Work on a motion regarding changes to the [SSMU policy on accessible education and academics](#)
- Develop a motion regarding the Creation of the External Affairs Committee
- Support the Communications Department and SSPN.
- Start planning the Executive Transition

### 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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