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REPORT OF THE VICE-PRESIDENT EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

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For the period of 2025-09-25 to 2025-10-25

Campaigns

Anti-Tuition Hikes

We are researching the best way to combat tuition hikes. I have maintained ongoing discussions with McGill administration and met with the McGill Liberal Club, given their connection to Marc Miller, MP for our riding. We are also exploring the possibility of hosting a Q&A session with a representative from the provincial CAQ government to better inform students about current tuition policy and government perspectives.

Two student campaigns have reached out requesting support from the External Affairs portfolio. As the Political Campaigns Procedure is still being developed with the Policy and Advocacy Coordinator, both groups have been asked to submit proposals outlining the kind of support they are seeking. This ensures transparency and consistent practices for future political campaign support.

Divest McGill

EA staff is assisting Divest McGill in a digital archiving project that documents the campaign's 12-year history. This includes compiling campaign materials, conducting interviews with organizers, and developing a zine that captures the lessons and evolution of the movement. The goal is to produce a comprehensive digital resource for future environmental justice organizing at McGill.

Students for Migrant Justice (S4MJ)

EA staff are supporting Students for Migrant Justice as they rebuild their organizing base and partnerships with community groups such as Solidarity Across Borders and the Immigrant Workers' Centre. Work includes assisting with administrative tasks, volunteer coordination, and popular education events focused on immigration and regularization.



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Outreach

The Food Pantry Coordinator attended the recent McGill Food Coalition.

The Political Campaigns Coordinator has been in communication with **Students for Uyghur Solidarity**.

Federal, Provincial & Municipal Political Affairs

Preparations for the **Municipal Election Debate** on **October 27** are nearing completion. We have confirmed participation from **Transition Montréal**, **Projet Montréal**, **Futur Montréal**, and **Ensemble Montréal**. The event will take place from **3:00–5:30 PM** in the **SSMU Ballroom**, moderated by **Professor Angela Campbell** (Faculty of Law).

A **Google Form** has been released for student question submissions, and tickets are live on **Bounce**. We are also distributing tickets to **UQAM**, **UdeM**, and **Concordia** to encourage cross-university participation.

Meetings were held with the McGill Liberals and Conservatives, while outreach to McGill NDP is ongoing.

Community Engagement

We hosted a **Get Organized** event on **October 9** on **Tenant Rights and Housing Justice**, providing students with tools and information to navigate leases, tenant protections, and collective organizing.

I have also been attending **Milton-Parc community meetings** to build stronger relationships with local organizers. The next meeting will focus on **food insecurity** and how students can get involved in local initiatives.

Affordable Student Housing

I attended a **UTILE meeting** on student advocacy for affordable housing. I look forward to visiting **Le Méridien** soon and beginning promotional efforts for its 2026 opening.



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Solidarity Funding Committee / Community Solidarity Fund

The Policy and Advocacy Coordinator, VP Finance, and I are still reviewing the committee terms of reference. I plan to have a motion for the next legislative council.

Francophone Affairs

The **Francophone Affairs Committee (CAF)** continues its collaboration with francophone student groups. The next meeting on **October 22** will review applications to the **Francophone Affairs Fund (FAF)**. We have continued promoting francophone initiatives on social media and through posters, and will begin reviewing the **Francisation Plan** and the **Politique de soutien des Affaires Francophones de l'AEUM** shortly.

Office, Finance & Governance

I continue to work closely with the **Policy and Advocacy Coordinator** to review and renew expired SSMU position papers. This is an ongoing process. Current priority is finalizing the **Political Campaigns Procedure**, which will ensure clarity and accountability in SSMU's political engagement.

Upcoming Projects and Events

- Continuation of the **Get Organized** Speaker Series.
- **Municipal Election Debate** – October 27, 2025.



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Thank you!