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REPORT OF THE VICE-PRESIDENT EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

Submitted for: 2026-03-26

For the period of 2026-02-26 - 2026-03-26

Campaigns

Bill 9 Advocacy

- Met with the President of the Newman's Society (McGill branch) to discuss the SSMU statement.
- Met with the President of the Muslim Students' Association to discuss the SSMU statement.
- Drafted the final statement, which will be presented for approval as an official SSMU position at the Legislative Council on March 26, 2026.
- Invited a Member of the National Assembly to campus to engage with students and answer questions regarding provincial legislation on religious expression.
- Currently exploring the development of a petition tied to concrete advocacy demands.

Working Alternatives McGill (WAM)

- Met with representatives from Working Alternatives McGill to explore opportunities for campaign and advocacy support through the External Affairs portfolio.
- Met with the Vice-President Finance to discuss potential financial support for WAM.
- Developed a motion and set of recommendations regarding SSMU political campaign support for WAM, to be presented on March 26, 2026.

Outreach

- The External Affairs portfolio joined the Peter McGill Community Table, a community group focused on addressing food insecurity in the local area.
 - I have been attending weekly meetings with a Quebec Student Union representative to keep up to date on the happenings of 15 student unions across Quebec.
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Political Affairs (Federal, Provincial & Municipal)

- Held meetings with political representatives, including Jennifer Maccarone's office, to discuss tuition policy and post-secondary education concerns.
 - Organized a speaker event with Jennifer Maccarone scheduled for April 8, 2026:
 - Moderated question period
 - Audience Q&A
 - RSVP required
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Community Engagement

- Spring Into Action in collaboration with the SSMU: Spring into Action (formerly known as Social Justice Days) is an annual event series that is organized and funded by the Quebec Public Interest Research Group at McGill University (QPIRG-McGill) and the Students' Society of McGill University (SSMU). Spring into Action will take place this year from March 16-27, 2026, in collaboration with numerous students, community organizers, and organizations. This year's theme, Common Thread, explores the connections between struggles that appear distant, the shared conditions that link them, and the responsibilities we hold to one another across borders, movements, and timelines.
 - Covered QPIRG's event deficit for Culture Shock.
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Affordable Housing

- Student applications for affordable housing through UTILE remain open and accessible.
 - Attended a meeting with UTILE and university partners to discuss the upcoming provincial election.
 - Will attend the PUSH Fund Annual General Meeting on April 15, 2026.
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Solidarity Funding Committee

- Received one new application from More than Circumstance (Montreal Chapter):
 - A volunteer-based non-profit organization supporting individuals experiencing homelessness through outreach and care packages.



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- The chapter launched in September 2025 and has conducted small-scale fundraising initiatives (e.g., samosa sales generating \$138).
 - Currently volunteers monthly with Open Door (Avenue du Parc), observing urgent needs for basic resources.
 - Funding would support expansion of outreach efforts, including hygiene supplies, clothing, and food distribution.
 - A committee meeting is being planned for early to mid-April to review the application.
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Food Pantry

- The new refrigerator was purchased, installed, and is becoming operational this week.
 - Shelving units purchased; delivery expected this week.
 - Referendum question for fee increase successfully passed.
 - Progress underway on transitioning from a Food Pantry model to a Food Bank model:
 - Building inventory and infrastructure
 - Developing intake forms
 - Creating volunteer schedules
 - Submitting accreditation application to Moisson Montréal (Board-approved)
 - Ongoing discussions regarding the consolidation of lunch service with food bank operations.
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Elections

- Elections SSMU and the External Affairs portfolio teamed up to table every single day during the polling period!
 - We were successful and met the quorum!
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Governance

- I have been working on developing the political campaigns protocol with the Governance Reform Committee.
 - This includes the creation of an External Affairs Committee!
- I have been reviewing the new External Affairs budget to be submitted before March 26th.