



Report of the VP External to SSMU Council

Government affairs

1. TaCEQ

a) Referendum at AFELC-UQAM

Faculty association famous for the youtube lipdub of "Tonight's gonna be a good night" are holding a referendum with four options: remain independent, join the ASSE, join the FEUQ, join TaCEQ. Referendum will be taking place this week. Along with TaCEQ exec and some CADEUL executives, I campaigned on UQAM campus for the TaCEQ option

b) Temporary unilingual website

In the interest of having a website ready for the AFELC referendum, members of the TaCEQ collaborated to throw up a blogue website to ensure that the TaCEQ has a web presence during the referendum. See it at www.tabletudiante.qc.ca

c) TaCEQ website

In the process of assembling content with webmaster to finalize content, develop the aesthetic

d) English by-laws translation

An interim, unedited direct translation of the by-laws is now available on the SSMU website on the TaCEQ page. Please check them out and let me know your feedback on the content (don't worry, we are working on the grammar and typos).

2. Campaigns

a) Paid Practicum

- i) Worked with Education Rep to draft a resolution for SSMU endorsement of the Paid Practicum campaign
- ii) more work on this to come...

Community Affairs

3. Community Action and Relations Endeavor (working title)

- a) Developed first draft of proposal with Helene Brisson, member of the Milton-Parc Citizens Committee. Proposal divides the project up into three broad goals that we feel must be pursued in order to achieve an improvement in community relations.
 - i. Develop and maintain relations between the representative organizations of residents, of the student community, and McGill
 - ii. Throughout the academic year, implement various activities and programs to better relations between communities, specifically to prevent and solve problems.
 - iii. Develop a set of messages targeted to specific audiences from each constituency.



- b) Our plan is to inform all the stakeholder organizations and individuals of the project before the end of the semester and conduct consultations with them over January and February. Using the feedback, we would develop a final

4. SSMU Milton-Parc Holiday Fair: December 4th 2009

- a) Adelante! Dividing up planning responsibilities with individuals helping out. Met with planning committee on Tuesday November 10th, details to be given orally.
- b) **Contact me to get involved** or if you have suggestions for things we should have at the Fair.

5. Café Conversations

- a) Working with my (small) Student Community Affairs Committee on this project. The idea is to host evenings of discussion on a specific theme broadly relating to our community. These discussions would happen in a Café somewhere in the Milton-Parc neighbourhood and would be open to all who'd wish to participate and/or listen. A speaker with expertise on the chosen theme would give a brief presentation and then the floor would be opened up to discussion. The model for the event exists in other localities.

6. Burst Your Bubble

- a) Back from the dead! I organized a SCAC – SEDE office meeting to resuscitate these events. Things seemed to be rolling but once again there seems to be some hurdles that are leaving the events up in the air. More details to be given orally...

Other

7. Transit survey

No word on final release of survey...

There will be link to the survey on our website when it is available.

8. Choose life resolution

- a) Conducted research, met and consulted with students before drafting motivation for the resolution on the suspension of the club's status.

9. Tuitiontruth.ca

- a) Finally met with my hired webmaster to learn how to manage the new site. Working on content with Campaigns Coordinator to get a new and updated site launched.



10. Committee meetings

- a) External Affairs Committee November 2nd and November 9th
 - i. Nov 2: Divided up research areas for the comprehensive review of the External affairs education policy
 - ii. Nov 2: Appointed David Lipsitz as chair of the committee
 - iii. Nov 9: Reviewed half of the TaCEQ by-laws in preparation for the next TaCEQ GA

- b) Student Community Affairs Committee

This informal committee of two (maybe three) individuals has met to work on the Café Conversations idea and Burst Your Bubble.

Respectfully Submitted,
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