



## Report of the VP External to Council

### *Government affairs*

#### **1. TaCEQ**

a) GA and Table des association meeting: December 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> in Sherbrooke

i. Accomplishments and actions taken at GA:

- Confirming election of executive: Philip Verreault-Julien (from AELIES) as Vice Secretary General and Olivier Jegou as Secretary General (from CADEUL)
- Officially passing bylaws of TaCEQ

ii. Accomplishments and actions taken at Table des association

- Created schedules for meeting in Winter Semester
- Discussed ideas for financial administration of the organization
- Developed official platform and list of demands relating to student issues and education policy
- Established an Action plan for the coming semester
- Focused on areas of research to be undertaken by separate associations and by the TaCEQ as a whole
- Signed legal convention transferring powers of the organization from the Board of Directors to the Table des associations

iii. Work ahead: This semester I will focus on broadening SSMU students' understanding of the TaCEQ. Now that the TaCEQ has clear positions, goals and official governing documents, the organization can be more concretely presented to students.

b) Table des associations meeting: January 5<sup>th</sup> in Quebec City

i. Details to be given orally...

### *Community Affairs*

#### **2. Community Action and Relations Endeavor**

a) Finalized draft of the CARE with representative from the MPCC

b) Sent out Notifications to all student stakeholder organizations to inform them of the consultations that we will be holding this semester and included the most updated copy of the CARE document for their reflection over the Holidays

c) We held our first consultation with a community organization: the Milton-Parc recreation association

#### **3. SSMU Milton-Parc Holiday Fair on December 4th**

The Holiday Fair on December 4<sup>th</sup> was largely a success. With minor glitches, the event was executed well and turnout was huge for a significant portion of the event. Many of the vendors sold a number of their arts and crafts, almost all of the free baked goods and



hot beverages were consumed and attendees appreciated the choirs and live music. This kind of initiative should be pursued in future years to show that SSMU is committed to community involvement.

The turnout from the long-term residents of the community was not as strong as I would have liked. Despite efforts to promote through listserv and community event channels, not enough people were reached and perhaps the cold dissuaded some from coming. This is an area that will have to be improved

#### **4. Café Conversations:**

##### **Evening community discussions at Presse Café on issues that concern us – open to all**

a) Events are going ahead as planned. Currently we have booked two speakers: Warren Nilson, to discuss the place of the university in the community, and Darin Barney, to discuss technology and citizenship.

January 26<sup>th</sup> : Warren Nilsson (author and PhD student)

Early February: Darin Barney (McGill professor)

b) Currently working with Anurag Dhir from the Student Services and Charles Pitman to promote the events

#### **5. Burst Your Bubble**

##### **Tours of cultural institutions and their communities in Montreal**

a) Assuming the all goes well, three tours will be offered to McGill students on a first-come-first-serve basis. Limited registration

b) Dates and locations:

a. Naqshbandi Sufi Centre: January 28

b. Kahnawake Language and Cultural Centre: February 16

c. Alfie Roberts Institute: March 9

#### ***Other***

#### **6. Transit survey**

a) Go do the 2 minute survey <http://ssmu.mcgill.ca/university-external-representation/current-research/transit-survey/>

Respectfully Submitted,  
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