EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

Report of the VP External Affairs
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Why participate?

Provincial Representation

SSMU & the Quebec Student Movement

External Affairs & Representation
7) Represent the Society and communicate positions and policies taken by the Society to external bodies and agencies;
8) Lobby federal, provincial, and municipal governments to further the objectives, goals and policies of the Society;

Advocating for the student priorities like affordable housing or youth employment opportunities
Lobbying the governments on issues related to higher education
Mobilizing students on political stances related to social and environmental justice
Provincial Student Associations

• Historically have a lot of power in Quebec in fighting for student rights
• After the collapse of the FEUQ, over 15 student associations were unaffiliated
• Differences in opinion over voting methods and political positions resulted in two new provincial student associations, the UEQ and the AVEQ
• SSMU has acted as an observer in the UEQ and AVEQ since May 2015, and has remained an observer at AVEQ as of May 2016
• It is up to students to decide if we want to affiliate to AVEQ, UEQ, or none!
• **Values:** democracy, solidarity, and equity

• **Voting method:** 1 vote per member association

• **Fee levy:** $3.50 per student per semester

• **Website:** aveq-nous.quebec
Higher Education issues

This section contains Quebec post secondary education major issues. It includes a usually short explanation of the topic and SSMU's position on the issue, if appropriate. The information is not exhaustive and aims to provide a clear and simple overview to McGill students who might not always be familiar with these issues.

If you have questions, comments or if you need more information, do not hesitate to contact us!

- Financial aid
- Quality of education
- Tuition fees
- Student debt
- Education summit
- Accessibility
- Ancillary fees
- University financing
3) Maintain relations with campus labour unions, and participate in campus inter-union meetings;
4) Maintain information tools (websites, flyers, etc.) on issues of interest to students, such as in the area of post-secondary education policy;
5) Keep abreast of, and organize McGill student participation in, local, national or international campaigns aiming for accessible, quality, post-secondary education;
6) Provide material, logistical and organizational support for students organizing campaigns which further the objectives, goals and policies of the Society with respect to social and environmental issues;
Climate Justice Initiatives

Obama Just Rejected Keystone. Justin, Which Side of History Will You Be On?
#RememberThis
A Series of Events Against War and Militarism

“Motherhouse”: Reading and Q&A with David Fennario
Monday, Nov. 10th, 7:00pm
New Music Building, A-832, 527 Sherbrooke West,

“Myths for Profit”: Screening, Dinner, and Director Talk
Wednesday, Nov. 11th, 6:00pm dinner (film at 7:00pm)
The Presbyterian College Cafeteria, 3495 University

Kanien’kehá:ka Resistance to Colonialism and Militarism
Wednesday, Nov. 18th, 7:30pm
SSMU Cafeteria South Side, 3480 McTavish

KEYNOTE PANEL
Beyond No War: Celebrating Resistance to Canadian Nationalism
Friday, Nov. 13th, 7:00pm (doors at 6:30pm)
McConnell Engineering Building, Rm. 13, 3480 University

All locations are on the McGill University campus, and are wheelchair accessible. Whisper translation (English-French) will be available at all events. Please contact demilitarizemcgill@msseup.net if there’s anything we can do to make these events more accessible to you.
Community Relations
In terms of Community Relations, the job of the VP External is largely to act as a liaison between students and residents in the Milton-Parc community, hear residents’ concerns, and raise awareness of those concerns to students. This may include door-to-door consultation during the summer, Frosh Street teams or organizing campus-community coffeehouses or BBQ's.

Community Engagement
The VP External is responsible for ensuring that a multitude of Community Engagement opportunities are available for students. This year we are creating a community engagement database, organizing community mixers and more!