



**Report of the VP External
Wednesday, October 1st 2014
Submitted by Lola Baraldi**



Photos of the week: Check out how excited we were to talk about AUS at Discover McGill 2014!

Community Engagement

- **CED**
 - starts tomorrow! Extremely excited – I will be facilitating the Centre Communid e project, where we will be constructing an art project with children from a home-schooling centre.
 - Reminder: AUS is subsidizing the Yellow Door & Afghan Woman centre projects
- **SEDE**
 - Met with SEDE on Thursday re: Seeds of Change crowdfunding project
 - Neighbourhood stories: engage with members of a community through workshops, storyboard meetings and teaching children how to film and interview people. Create a documentary about the community through this collaborative effort. (SEDE, TVM, DESTA & Youth In Motion coordinated this in 2011 but haven't had the funds to do it again – this is the perfect occasion!). You can check out the 2011 documentary about Little Burgundy here: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=TS3ZrF4Upqk>
 - The next step: fill out the application, get the dean's approval, contact organizations...
 - Potential spin-off events: discussion panel & fundraiser, documentary projection..
- **ECOLE**
 - Will be facilitating a sustainability workshop in the lounge anytime between mid-October & November

Career & Post-Graduate Prospects

- **Grad Fair**
 - Nov 4th
 - Meeting with career coordinators Tuesday 30th to get the ball rolling on organization (floor plan, catering, etc)
 - If you would like to volunteer at Grad Fair, contact me!

AUS Committees

- ACE applications are over - Record of 25 applications for 5 positions. Should have been set up by council, looking for a suitable meeting place & time!
- Faculty of Arts meeting on Tuesday 30th

Harm Reduction initiatives

- Met with Amanda from Healthy McGill/Shag Shop on Thursday
 - Shag Shop was closed this year and is moving to an online store – has not opened yet but I will let you guys know!
 - Set up freebie area in the AUS lounge to be re-stocked weekly (also at Snax!)
 - Setting up more long term collaborations; Shag Shop tabling at BDA, workshops in the lounge...
- Consent Campaign
 - Week of October 20th
 - Contacted the other faculties to spread the word
 - Still need volunteers! Have you talked to your faculty association & constituents to see if they were interested?
 - By now, we should have gotten the volunteer sign up sheet with the breakdown of events for that week, so if I haven't sent it to you please let me know!
 - Initiatives AUS is looking to work on:
 - Movie projection in the lounge
 - Workshop organized by equity commissioners
 - Photo booths: "I practice consent by..."
 - Tabling
 - Promotional video
- Contacted Bianca Tétreault, Liaison Officer (harm reduction) to come speak at this council!
- Next working group: Tuesday October 7th, 2:30pm, location TBD (let me know and I will keep you in the loop)

Sponsorships & Partnerships

- Test preps should be renewed by the end of this week
- Met with sponsorship coods, seeking out new ideas & trying to get as much student provision as possible within contracts (ex. Free coffee for embrACE volunteer week!)

Alumni Relations

- Meeting with Ava & ArtsDAR on Monday 29th – oral report

SSMU

- **Motion passed:**
 - Motion Regarding Climate Justice at McGill (amended)
 - Elections timeline
- **Presentation:** AGSEM – McGill TA & Invigilator Union
- **Special referendum:** voting ends TODAY!

Committees:

- External Affairs – still looking for members!

This committee will serve as an advisory to the VP External Affairs and will help keep SSMU Council informed on all matters related to the External Affairs portfolio. The Committee shall:

-Advise the Vice-President (External) on current issues relating to their portfolio; Support and mobilize for the campaigns of SSMU relating to external issues, including postsecondary education policy, environmental issues and human rights issues; Review and make recommendations on SSMU's affiliations with Provincial, Federal, or International student associations; Recommend SSMU positions on issues relating to tuition and education policy, environmental and social justice issues, and other relevant current events. If you are interested in sitting on this committee, please email external@ssmu.mcgill.ca, with "External Affairs Committee" in the subject line. Please include a short paragraph about yourself and why you are interested in sitting on this committee.

If you have any questions, don't hesitate to contact SSMU VP External Amina Moustaqim-Barrette using the above email address, or by calling 514-398-6798.

- Student Society Programming Network



← **the face I made when I learned I was co-chairing 4 Floors**

- First meeting was this Sunday – pretty productive, very excited about the great team we have & new structure of the committee
- 4 floors will be Thursday October 30th – looking to include some day events this year, a chill zone & some fun activities throughout the night
- theme of this year: 'Let's play a game...'
- more to come!

**Respectfully Submitted,
Lola Baraldi**