



**Report of the VP External
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#SELFCARECHALLENGE

Prepare for some serious self care!

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AUS Committees

- ACE: planning embrACE volunteer week!
 - March 16-22
 - Getting resources/contacts from SEDE to institutionalize certain activities that happened during Community Engagement Day
 - Events to look forward to
 - Special Olympics
 - Alumni Mixer
 - Salsa & Swing
 - Meals on Wheels
 - Battle of the Bands
 - Arts & Craft in community centre
 - Yellow Door coffeehouse
 - ETC.
 - Contacted various campus groups to collaborate
- Ethical Business Practices: meeting Wednesday 4th
- FEARC: Ottawa trip February 14th - check it out here <https://www.facebook.com/events/1441836216106711/>
- AUsec: was unable to make last meeting time ☹
- Grad Ball:
 - VP Social & I have started meeting with SUS to plan
 - March 21st – theme TBD

Partnerships

- SEDE
 - Neighbourhood Voices crowdfunding campaign to be set in March
- ECOLE
 - Environmental Racism panel February 20th
 - 3 speakers confirmed
 - Collaborating with SUS Equity
- Becoming an Active Bystander
 - Register for the workshop here:
<https://involvement.mcgill.ca/form/start/6337>
- DivestMcGill
 - Drafting a motion for next council
- Healthy McGill
 - #SelfCareChallenge – check it out:
<https://www.facebook.com/events/889310341108490/>
 - Will be tabling at BDA

Solidarity Against Austerity

- Will be attending a summit on student/labour unions in Quebec City on February 12th along with SSMU VP External as part of McGill delegation
- Talks will revolve around what to do in regards to cuts to the public sector

Alumni Mixer (for graduating students)

- Working with ArtsDAR to tie this into embrACE week, present the SEDE Seeds of Change project & get dean Manfredi + Alumni to attend – more to come!

Community Engagement Awards

- Will not take place during embrACE this year – most probably the first week of April instead
- Meeting with SSMU Community Engagement Commissioner Friday to plan ahead

SSMU

External Affairs

- SQ

Mobilization Committee

- New Committee! - will serve to fulfill SSMU's mandate in mobilizing students specifically around the austerity measures imposed by the Quebec government
- Meeting time TBD

SSPN

- SQ

Council

- Motion Regarding Interim Provisions in Respect to Elections and Referenda – passed
- Accountability survey coming up for councillors to give feedback on SSMU reps & I!
- A student from the School of Environment is currently campaigning to obtain a representative seat on SSMU Council (MESS is currently represented by Arts, Science & ArtsSci faculties). Looking into the workings of how this can be done (will go to SSMU referendum) and if we would need to change the AUS constitution.

Respectfully Submitted,

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