



**Report of the VP External  
Wednesday, February 18<sup>th</sup> 2014  
Submitted by Lola Baraldi**

**Today's report will feature:  
the many faces of Alexander Kpeglo-Hennessy – HAPPY BIRTHDAY  
ALEX!**



**Community Engagement**

-embrACE volunteer week! Schedule will be out soon

- ACE has been working hard and I'm extremely excited – look forward to Special Olympics, Milton-parc cleanup, a zumba & salsa class, yellow door coffeehouse, etc.
- Collaborating with Hip Hop Week for local artist showcase on Wednesday night and Rakim concert.
- Collaborating with groups such as Community in Transition, MCHAM, EPiC, Yellow Door, AOII (thanks Miranda & Paula!!), etc.



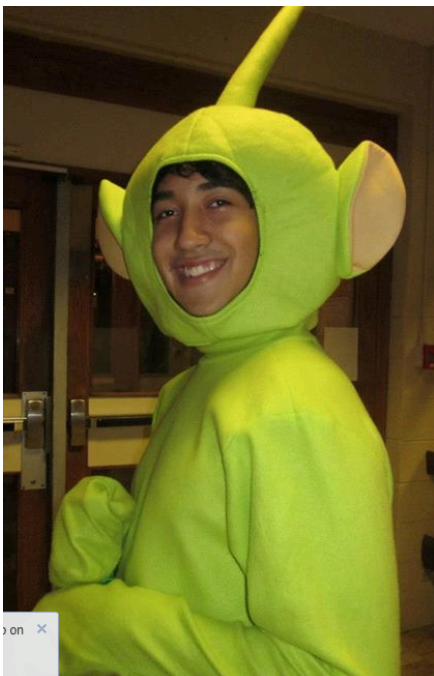
## -ECOLE & SUS Equity

- Panel on environmental racism is happening this Friday, Arts W-120 at 2pm! <https://www.facebook.com/events/324257244449840/>
- Speakers:
  - Shannon Chief: Wolf Clan, Sacred Messenger to Council of Traditional Elders, A.N.O.R.W. (Anishnabe Nation of the Ottawa River Watershed)
  - Charles Coocoo: Member of the Nehirowisiwok History Society, Volunteer social worker
  - Vanessa Gray: Community organizer, organizer with ASAP (Aamjiwnaang and Sarnia Against Pipelines)



## Ethical Business Practices

- Survey to review main departmental suppliers & issue recommendations and classifications according to the policy standards for next year. It is extremely important that you all take the time to fill this out in order for the committee to know where research needs to be directed. Find it here:
  - As of now, only have responses from MIRA, MPSA, DESA, SLUM & BASiC
- Preliminary research is being conducted re: partners of the AUS app
- Conducting outreach to FERC (SSMU financial ethics research committee) & NGOs in order to obtain data on suppliers & companies
- Looking into creating a web database of suppliers for departments to easily navigate between those which are preferred, neutral, prohibited



## Bringing in the Bystander

- Had a great meeting with Bianca, the Sexual Assault Response Coordinator, drafted a motion
  - More info to come once the program is launched – we are looking to institutionalize it and integrate it in frosh staff training
  - Register at

<https://involvement.mcgill.ca/form/start/6337>

## **DivestMcGill**

Tabled motion to next council due to large agenda

## **Refusons l'Austerité**

Last week I had the pleasure of going to Québec City with the lovely Patrick Dunbar-Love in order to attend the Solidarity Against Austerity summit as part of the McGill delegation. We learned a lot & heard multiple first-hand accounts about the ways in which austerity will affect different aspects of the public sector. We discussed how austerity was diminishing quality and access of public services and institutions, the government strategies in place, misrepresentation of numbers given to us in the media, stagnation of salaries, unequal salary distribution, etc. I have pretty comprehensive notes (in French) if you are interested.

- → The next step.
  - There was a resolution presented which organisations can adhere to latest march 6. I am trying to obtain it in English, will send it over as soon as I do.
  - Here it is in French:  
<http://refusonslausterite.org/site/declaration/>
    - Come chat with Patrick and/or I for more info!



## **Graduation Ball**

Event & Tickets are out! All the info is here:

<https://www.facebook.com/events/706264982806244/>

## **TedxMcGill**

Vareesha & I are looking into it – contacted organizers of the 2011 one and seeing how we can proceed!

## SSMU

## **External Affairs + Mobilization Committee**

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## **SSPN**

Faculty Olympics: March 11-14





### **Council**

- 1) Motion Regarding the ECOLE Project Referendum Fee was approved
- 2) Motion Regarding the Access Bursary Renewal was approved
- 3) Motion Regarding Procedures for the Winter 2015 General Assembly was approved
- 4) Motion Regarding the SSMU's Opposition to Deregulation and Increase in Tuitions was approved

### **General Assembly**

THIS IS IMPORTANT! -

<https://www.facebook.com/events/444004895750105/>

→ Sunday, March 15<sup>th</sup> in Leacock.

-There will be a motion writing workshop with the Speaker of Council on Friday, February 20, 2:30-5:00pm in the Blue Room (403), to review any ideas you want to bring forward to be discussed at the next GA. Bring any questions you may have about content, form, Robert's Rules or the GA in general!

-The deadline for motions is 5pm on Wednesday, February 25, please email them to [speaker@ssmu.mcgill.ca](mailto:speaker@ssmu.mcgill.ca).

→ Please circulate/promote to your constituents, departmental councils, friends, roommates, pets, etc.

### **Accountability**

Fill out the SSMU accountability surveys please!

[https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1MjTbhUVNxy4H46j2YMeR2L8Wg2odiVOW4IdVS\\_ojkrw/](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1MjTbhUVNxy4H46j2YMeR2L8Wg2odiVOW4IdVS_ojkrw/)

### **Nominating Committee – NEED MEMBERS AT LARGE!**

Goal: select Elections SSMU before Feb 20

Commitment: 2 meetings (1 to select candidates to interview, and 1 to select candidates to hire) between now and Feb 20. Each meeting around 1-2 hours in length.

Snacks and coffee/tea will be present at each meeting

Email [hrgent@ssmu.mcgill.ca](mailto:hrgent@ssmu.mcgill.ca) and [gm@ssmu.mcgill.ca](mailto:gm@ssmu.mcgill.ca) with availabilities if interested!

Respectfully submitted,  
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