

External Affairs Committee report
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The external affairs committee has had three primary goals for this academic year: the establishment of TaCE as a provincial-level student federation, the creation of an external affairs policy handbook for the province and increasing students' awareness of current education-related issues.

TaCE

The external affairs committee spent a number of weeks reviewing the proposed by-laws of the organisation. Among other things, we helped define the terms of membership, modified the organisation's language policy, and clarified voting procedure. All of our amendments were accepted at the TaCE's inaugural AGM held in Quebec in December.

Policy Guide

The province lacks a formal external policy guide. Given the various issues that have come up recently and others that are expected to arise in the next few years, it would be prudent for the province to be formally codified its positions on external affairs. To that end, the committee has been conducting research into relevant topics ranging from the distribution of student aid to how the university raises and spends funds. The results of our research will be formulated into policy suggestions to be proposed to council in March.

Student Awareness & Mobilization

The mobilization committee, a subcommittee of external affairs, has been reconvened after a hiatus of a few years. Its goal is to raise awareness of the broader issues that impact students. The mobilization committee is planning a series of workshops on topics like the province and the student movement, and the fiscal capacity of the state, particularly as regards education funding. The mobilization committee is also working to raise awareness of TaCE and its campaigns. Membership on the mobilization committee is open to all eligible students, so please encourage anyone who is interested to contact me ASAP.