

IGC Minutes for council from April 9th

Tabled Interim Status Club Applications:

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- McGill Students for a Free Tibet

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- Solidarity In Action
- Her Campus

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- International Criminal Court Student Network @ McGill
- Etiquette Improvement Club
- Education Beyond Borders
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- SSMU Boxing Club
- Tango @ McGill
- Montreal Heart of the City Piano Program
- Medical Grand Rounds
- Youth Opportunities Through Communities
- Ballroom Dance Club
- Tashan Performing Arts
- Radical Christian Students Association

Tabled Full Status Clubs:

- Northshore Society
- McGill Exchange Students Association

Rejected Full Status Clubs:

- Ettuchante
- International Red Cross SSMU
- Undergraduate Cancer Research Fund

Constitutional Changes Rejected:

- MISN's new electoral procedures

Applications for Interim Status Tabled:

Femmedere

The Club's mandate shall be to:

- *Raise awareness on nutritional and financial literacy in the McGill and greater Montreal communities by:*
 - *Educating and engaging members of the greater community (i.e. women in shelters) through interactive cooking, nutrition and budgeting workshops*
 - *Increasing the accessibility of fresh, affordable and healthy vegetables and fruit for McGill students in the Downtown Campus through the establishment and expansion of the Good Food Box Program*
- *Provide opportunities for students (undergraduate and graduate) to reach out into the greater community*
- *Provide opportunities for students to practice basic business skills through Good Food Box marketing and customer administration*
- *Connect with McGill departments (e.g. Financial Aid Office) and other McGill SSMU clubs to expand our outreach in the McGill and greater Montreal communities*

Reason: they need to clarify their mandate as it is unclear what exactly they are doing and they currently overlap with Farmers Market and Organic Campus.

McGill Students for a Free Tibet

The Club's mandate shall be to:

- 2.1.1 Raise awareness on campus about the realities of Tibet and translate awareness into action.
- 2.1.2 Work in solidarity with the Tibetan people in their struggle for freedom and rights.
- 2.1.4 Inspire and enable people, especially youth, to create a just and equitable world, free from oppression, in which there is respect for the earth and all living things.
- 2.1.5 Bring together Tibetans and non-Tibetans from McGill student body, the University community, and the greater Montreal area in ways that promote intercultural exchange, understanding, and learning about Tibetan history, language, religion, music, food and customs.

Reason: the interest group committee was concerned about the ties to a larger organization and would like to have the interest group coordinator work with the club to be more autonomous. The interest group committee also suggested shifting focus away from political action and have more cultural aspects of the club.

Applications for Interim Status Rejected:

Solidarity In Action:

The Club's mandate shall be to:

- Provide an inclusive and safe space for open discussion on current international development issues
- Communicate with the founder of SIA, receive information on current issues within their field-sites, and develop ideas and plans of action accordingly. Topics of focus will include women and pregnancy, child mortality, education levels, and so forth
- Encourage team-work and communication between group members. Each member is encouraged to participate in their area of interest, to create a healthy and happy atmosphere.
- Construct development plans alongside SIA and fundraise to implement projects in Peru and/or Ecuador

Reason: Too much overlap with other clubs that fundraise for development. Mandate shown above does not reflect their cover letter which was focused on fundraising to send money to the larger organization. Greatly overlaps with Borderless World Volunteers.

Her Campus:

2.1 The Club's mandate shall be to

- Create an open forum for women studying at McGill about general college life
- Provide information about events on campus and in Montreal to help facilitate female students to better integrate into their college life
- Provide opportunities for young women (with the option of men) at McGill to write for an online magazine
- Help introduce female students at McGill to key figures in the community, through our campus 'celebrities' article
- Act as a sounding board for concerns about college life, to help women better adjust to the environment

Reason: did not demonstrate sufficient reason why they need to be a SSMU club.

Clubs Approved for Full Status

McGill Students for Neglected Tropical Diseases

Four events:

1. Movie Night: Sleeping Sickness- had discussion and Q&A after
2. Rose Sale- to send money to End7 Campaign
3. Speaker series event: Drug Development
4. Speaker Series (in November)

International Criminal Court Student Network @ McGill

Three events:

1. The ICC and US Foreign Policy: A lecture by Professor Mark Brawley
2. Current Challenges for the ICC: a lecture by Professor Frederic Megret- About the ICC in Africa
3. Tintin and The Special Court for Sierra Leone

Etiquette Improvement Club

Hold workshops twice a month on how to improve etiquette but also professional skills for impression management in business, casual/social settings and job searching.

Education Beyond Borders

Three events:

1. Coffeehouse
2. Workshops on inequality of education on a global and local scale (in Montreal high schools)
3. Clubs for a cause

McGill Students' Astronomy Club

They have weekly Astro Talks (filled out the regular small event form) where a student talks about any topic related to Astronomy and if the weather is good they look at the stars with a telescope too.

Three events:

1. Trip to Observatoire National du Parc Mont Megantic
2. Dark Sky Trip to Mt Shaw- trip to see stars with Outdoors Club
3. Telescope Training Sessions

UofMosaic at McGill

Three events:

1. Development in the Horn of Africa: What Role Can Diasporas Play?
2. Grassroots Development in South Asia: what is the role of the Diaspora-
3. Civil Society and the Contemporary Middle East

East-Central and Southeastern Europe Appreciation League-SSMU

Three events:

1. Film screening: "A Generation"
2. Bokreta Hungarian Folk Dance Night (were taught how to dance and got a lecture on the dances and costumes)
3. Film Screening: "Underground"

SSMU Boxing Club

Hold regular boxing lessons at the McGill Athletic Center

Tango @ McGill

They have weekly tango lessons and some trips to events, they also incorporate Argentinean culture.

Heart of the City Piano Program

Three events:

1. Volunteer orientation
2. Winter Festival- students performed
3. Volunteer Appreciation night

Medical Grand Rounds

Three events:

1. Medical Grand Rounds- Cardiology- Atherosclerosis
2. Surgery- General Surgery
3. Cardiology- Energy Drinks: High Energy or High Mortality

Youth Opportunities Through Communities

Interest group coordinator told them they could have just two events because one of them is pretty big.

1. Equity in Athletics Tutorial (EAT)- three info sessions during orientation week

2. Slice the Ice- skate camp- 6 sessions for 3 and a half hours every Tuesday and Thursday

Ballroom Dance McGill

They had eight lessons during the semester as well as four additional practice times. They offered a semester rate of \$20 and a drop-in rate of \$5.

Tashan Performing Arts

Hold practices twice a week. Have performed at various events on campus- MISN Winter Gala, ISA Republic Day show, Arabian Student Association Gala and Montreal events: Montreal Shaadi show and Mr. Agarathi's album launch.

Radical Christian Students Association

Three events:

1. Pray the Devil Back to Hell: Movie screening and discussion
2. Just Christmas!- (Christmas party)
3. Celebration of 10th anniversary of Grassy Narrows Blockade- celebration of the resistance. Screened a film and had a discussion

Have more substantive meeting with bible studying and dinner (takes about three or four hours).

Tabled Full Status Applications

Northshore Society

Four Events:

1. Documentary Screening and Panel Discussion (it seems like members were the panelists)
2. Tea meeting- drank tea and discussed nuclear issues through a presentation
3. Tea meeting- topic was phenomenon of social resentment towards offsprings of the bureaucracies and novel riches in mainland china
4. InDepth Conference in Toronto

Applied to early, will have to wait until the fall

McGill Exchange Students Association

Three events:

1. General introduction and information session
2. General introduction and information session
3. General introduction and information session

Application was sloppy (each event had the same title) and it looks like their focus is more on the website. It seems important for SSMU so the interest group committee is giving them a chance but they will have to wait until the fall.

Clubs Rejected for Full Status

Ettuchante (Student Music Society)

Events:

1. Performing at an accounting conference and getting paid \$250
2. Performed at Borderless World Volunteers International Food Festival received 20 tickets worth \$10 each so essentially \$200

3. Open Mic nights at Gert's

It appears to be more of a band that should exist under the musicians collective. It is not inclusive in that it holds auditions. It also did not actually have three events but simply attended and performed at two and held one.

International Red Cross SSMU

Three events:

1. Welcome Potluck
2. Trick-or-Eat- collected non-perishable food items for the Mile End Mission
3. Charity Movie Night- money went for Tsunami relief in Japan

Reason: no indication that any of their funds actually went towards the International Red Cross. Lost contact with the larger organization and is no longer affiliated.

SSMU- Undergraduate Cancer Research Fund

Raises money for the Goodman Cancer Centre. Get undergraduates opportunities to help with research.

Three events:

1. Comedy show
2. Info Session- presentations given by undergraduates on how to get involved (cost \$5 to get in)
3. Meet the Researchers- went to the research centre- again \$5 to get in and was a 5-7 with grad students

Reason: the comedy show was not actually organized by them, just sold tickets. Their info session and meet the researchers event cost \$5 to enter which the interest group committee felt made the club inaccessible. They also did not show that they actually facilitated any research.

Rejected Club Constitution Change

MISN Constitution Change

ARTICLE VI – Filling Coordinating Committee Positions

- 6.1 The current Coordinating Committee shall oversee the process of filling the positions for the new Coordinating Committee. The outgoing President shall appoint the Chief Returning Officer (CRO), who will have final authority over the procedures and validity of results. However, the Vice President Clubs & Services of SSMU reserves the right to be the CRO, under extenuating circumstances.
- 6.2 The Vice President Clubs & Services must be notified at the start of the process to fill Coordinating Committee positions.
- 6.3 Electoral Procedures for President and Vice President;
 - 6.3.1 The Coordinating Committee shall elect the President and Vice President;
 - 6.3.2 Elections are to be conducted by secret ballot;
 - 6.3.3 Ballots must be kept in a secure place for five (5) weeks after the date of voting.
- 6.4 President and Vice President shall be elected towards the end of the Winter Semester.
- 6.5 Nomination and Interview process for all other positions;
- 6.6 Each candidate shall submit a copy of their nomination form with 20 signatures along with their CV to the Coordinating Committee by the selected deadline;

- 6.6.1 The President or CRO may allow for the nomination form to be replaced by a cover letter under extenuating circumstances, such as the candidate is currently on exchange;
- 6.6.2 The outgoing president and the outgoing Coordinating Committee member of each position (VP Services, VP Finance, VP Events, VP Internal, VP Trips, VP Communication/IT) shall interview the best potential candidates for their respective position and select the one best fit for said position;
- 6.6.3 In the case of a conflict of interest, such as a Coordinating Committee member applying for their current position, the outgoing Vice President shall take their place for the interview process;
- 6.6.4 The President and the Vice President shall interview and select (1) First-Year Representative, (1) Representative to Exchange Students.
- 6.7 The positions of (1) VP Services, (1) VP Finance, (2) VP Events, (1) VP Internal, (1) VP Trips, (1) VP Communication/IT shall be selected towards the end of the Winter Semester.
- 6.8 (1) First-Year Representative, (1) Representative to Exchange Students shall be selected at the beginning of the Fall Semester.
- 6.9 Candidates running for the position as President and Vice President must have served on the Coordinating Committee for at least one semester, except when no one else is available.
- 6.10 Coordinating Committee members shall be eligible to be on the Coordinating Committee again.

Rejected on the grounds that they are essentially having it entirely through appointment by the previous executive committee. Allison will work with them on better alternatives.