



## Interest Group Committee Report September 24, 2014

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### **AGENDA:**

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### **Interim Status Applications: Committee Recommendations**

#### McGill Students Initiative of Neurological Disorders (MIND)

The Club's mandate shall be to:

- Fundraise and raise money to establish scholarships for students with any mental health/neurological disorders.
- Promote awareness of the difficulties of said impairments on students.
- Provide involvement for students with mental health/neurological disorders
- Reduce the stigma associated with mental health/neurological disorders and consequently increase the number of affected students actively seeking help.

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*Committee Recommendation: Table*

McGill Students Initiative of Neurological Disorders (MIND) wants to establish a scholarship for students with neurological disorders or mental illnesses, but the Interest Group Committee requires more information about MIND's plans for managing the scholarship funds. The application is tabled pending more information from the group about how they plan to administer and disburse these funds while still meeting financial obligations as a club.

McGill Students Cupcakes for a Cause

The Club's mandate shall be to:

- Bake cupcakes to bring joy to students while educating them on a greater cause that we, as a club, have chosen for the semester;
- Raise funds for the chosen charity of the semester;
- Network with a variety of charities and organizations;
- Provide opportunities for students to care for a cause beyond the McGill community;
- Further the student's involvement with our charity by giving them the option to sign up for email updates on our progress and how their money has positively affected the purpose and goals of the charity chosen for the semester

*Committee Recommendation: Reject*

McGill Students Cupcakes for a Cause planned to fundraise for charities through cupcake sales and bake sales, and this goal overlaps directly with Peace Treats, a Full Status SSMU club (since 2011) that fundraises for charity through cupcake sales.

McGill Students for Sports Legacy Institute

The Club's mandate shall be to:

- Promote the importance of concussion education within the McGill community and broader Montreal community, specifically with young children in schools, camps, and sports organizations;
- Provide support and resources to McGill students dealing with any stages of the concussion recovery process which supports the research and policy work of Sports Legacy Institute;
- Engage in events, campaigns, and fundraiser which can further the goals of our mandate and the mandate of the Sports Legacy Institute, specifically their mission to advance the study, treatment, and prevention of brain trauma in athletes and other at-risk groups.
- Establish connections with existing organizations, research labs and staff members who can further our mandate.



*Committee Recommendation: Approve*

The mandate and goals of McGill Students for Sports Legacy Institute do not overlap with any existing SSMU club.

Montreal Culture Lovers Club

The Club's mandate shall be to:

- Gather lovers of Montreal culture (i.e. music, fine arts, literature, cuisine, theatre, etc.) and create a space for them to broaden their mind while meeting like-minded people;
- Invite non-Montrealers and native Montrealers to cultural events (i.e. museums, art galleries, operas, plays, concerts, ballets, renown restaurants and cafes, sporting events, etc.) and explore Montreal's culture scene;
- Explore Montreal's international diversity and learn of Montreal, Quebecois, and Canadian history; as well as provide opportunities to learn and practice

*Committee Recommendation: Approve*

The mandate and goals of Montreal Culture Lovers Club do not overlap with any existing SSMU club.

Fit for a Cause

The Club's mandate shall be to:

- Raise the greatest amount of funds via participant donations made to participate in fitness classes and to give all proceeds to charity
- Provide opportunities for instructors to teach fitness classes and share their passion for health and wellness with others
- Host a variety of classes in order to provide individuals of all fitness levels a chance to improve their health
- Provide an affordable opportunity to exercise and to achieve or maintain a state of well-being.
- Promote a healthy lifestyle for McGill and the Montreal Community.

*Committee Recommendation: Reject*

Fit for a Cause's focus on healthy lifestyles and fitness directly overlaps with Get Fit, which has been a SSMU Full Status club since 2007. The Committee recommends that Fit for a Cause approach Get Fit to propose incorporating their fitness-for-charity project into a Get Fit initiative.



### Recreational Dance Company

The Club's mandate shall be to

- Provide an opportunity where anyone can learn to stay healthy and exercise through dance
- Promote an environment of inclusivity and accessibility through the recreational aspects of the club (i.e. low commitment, low costs)
- Foster a setting of friendship and team bonding
- Offer diverse styles of dance for a variety of interests

#### *Committee Recommendation: Approve*

While a number of dance groups are already recognized as SSMU clubs, the Committee recommends the approval of Recreational Dance Company due to its commitment to inclusivity. Recreational Dance Company's comparatively low membership fees, openness to non-competitive dancers, and lack of required auditions for membership distinguish this new group from other existing dance and performance clubs.

### McGill Students for ANZA

The Club's mandate shall be to:

- Support ANZA charity through fundraising efforts and volunteering
- To raise awareness about current social issues in the developing world
- To give McGill students and community the opportunity to engage with making a difference in the developing world with ANZA.

#### *Committee Recommendation: Reject*

McGill Student for ANZA's focus on women's empowerment, social entrepreneurship, and the developing world put it in direct overlap with a number of existing SSMU clubs.

### The Lean Initiative – SSMU

The Club's mandate shall be to:

- Raise and sustain students' awareness of Lean theories of optimization.
- Bring together students from different academic backgrounds to apply the same set of analytical and practical tools for problem solving.
- Offer to its members a better exposure in lean-related job applications.
- Organize guest talks, workshops and gatherings featuring lean personalities such as consultants, managers, writers, scholars or professionals.
- Partner with an existing consulting agency or lean-implemented firm to support a student-run consulting organization (Leaninitiative)

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- Select amongst its members a crew of consultant who will be trained and prepared to solve real cases brought by a sponsor or partner.

*Committee Recommendation: Reject*

The Lean Initiative's focus on the use of the lean theories for solving cases and for consulting results in overlap with existing SSMU clubs Deca with McGill and Graduate Management Consulting Association.

McGill Students for Shared Hope International

The Club's mandate shall be to

- Spread awareness to the student body of the existence of the sex trafficking industry in Canada and abroad through campaigns, media outlets and events
- Educate the student body on the circumstances under which sex trafficking occurs, its consequences, its social ramifications and proposed solutions
- To fundraise money for Shared Hope International in support of its charitable projects
- Discuss the legal aspect of sex trafficking and the role of other organizations in human trafficking, as expressed by Shared Hope International

*Committee Recommendation: Approve*

The mandate and goals of McGill Students for Shared Hope International do not overlap with any existing SSMU club.

Counterpoint

The Club's mandate shall be to:

- Create a music magazine for McGill students interested in music to read articles, interviews, news, etc.
- Maintain a club/magazine website for McGill students to read and contribute to
- Provide a publicity platform for McGill musicians and music-related events
- Allow writers, photographers, graphic designers and musicians to contribute to a campus publication
- Provide a platform to connect students with similar music interests and to become more connected with the McGill music scene
- Establish connections with McGill clubs related to music, photography, graphic design and writing
- Establish connections with Montreal and McGill bands and music related organizations

*Committee Recommendation: Table*

Due to potential overlap with the Music Undergraduate Students Association's publication, The Phonograph, the Committee recommends tabling Counterpoint's application and directing them to MUSA to discuss collaboration.

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### Universities Allied for Essential Medicine

The Club's mandate shall be to:

- Promote global health issues around the world, easy and affordable access to medicines and medical products.
- Ensure that university medical research meets the needs of people worldwide.
- Engage and encourage students to participate in the global discussion on access to medicines, as well as, to respond to the access and innovation crisis.
- Empower students to play an active role in policy-making relating to access to medicines and neglected disease research at the University level, the National level and International level.
- Collaborate with similar organizations and institutions at McGill and in the Montreal community, to exchange information and resources in order to have a greater impact.

*Committee Recommendation: Approve*

### McGill Students Chapter of Global Brigades

The Club's mandate shall be to:

- Organize a major conference on campus to promote the values of sustainable development in the fields of medicine, public health environment and human rights.
- Identify regions of potential socioeconomic improvement in Montreal where our knowledge of sustainable development techniques can be applied, through engaging campaigns, to encourage the social development of selected communities;
- Concretely apply our acquired knowledge of sustainability during a seven to nine day internship in rural Central America or Africa in collaboration with Global Brigades International, in alignment with the organization's principles of holistic and sustainable development to provide lasting social change;
- Work arduously to fundraise and stock supplies for the various Brigades it organizes, integrating the larger McGill and Montreal communities in its events and fundraisers;
- Strive to involve students from various academic backgrounds in all of its projects and Brigades;
- Promote the values of sustainable development on campus through various events and initiatives;
- Create a tight-knit community and network of passionate individuals to enrich participants' time at McGill University, fostering friendships and bonds that will also beyond their academic careers

*Committee Recommendation: Reject*

McGill Students Chapter of Global Brigades' plan organize a major global  
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development conference and to send students on volunteer trips to areas of the developing world directly overlaps with the mandate of Borderless World Volunteers, which pursues the exact same goals and has been a Full Status club since 2007.

#### McGill Students SocieTEA

The Club's mandate shall be to:

- Encourage the consumption of tea on university campus grounds and beyond;
- Organize meetings for tea drinkers to share, discuss and enjoy tea;
- Share and explore new methods or recipes to prepare tea;
- Promote the history of tea as well as the culture surrounding the beverage.

#### *Committee Recommendation: Approve*

The mandate and goals of McGill Students SocieTEA do not overlap with any existing SSMU club.

#### McGill Students Chapter of Jam for Justice

The Club's mandate shall be to:

- Create a forum for discussion for those interested in music and social justice
- Network with local musicians who are interested in advocating social justice causes
- Provide volunteer and performance opportunities for members to get involved with concerts
- Hold musical events for the campus community
- Raise funds for organizations that support social development and well-being
- Coordinate activities with the local non-profit organization Jam for Justice and its chapters

#### *Committee Recommendation: Approve*

Despite McGill Students Chapter of Jam for Justice recently losing their Interim Status after their Interim Status period expired, the Committee recommends that the club be granted a second chance at Interim Status given the success of the club during their recent interim status period.





## **Constitutional Amendments**

### SSMU Women in IT

- Club name in Article 1 changed from “SSMU Women in IT” to “SSMU Women in Tech,”
- VP Events added to Portfolio Clause in Article 5, as 5.7.

*Committee Recommendation: Approve*

### Making Waves Montreal

- Club Code of Conduct clause, Student Group Civility clause, and Environment clauses added to Article 2,
- Executive Council positions and portfolio descriptions in Articles 4 and 5 updated to reflect the current executive structure.

*Committee Recommendation: Approve*

### Northshore Society

- Club name in Article 1 changed from “Northshore Society” to “Society for China Studies,”
- Executive Council positions and portfolio descriptions in Articles 4 and 5 updated to reflect the current executive structure.

*Committee Recommendation: Approve*

### I-Create

- Executive Council positions and portfolio descriptions in Articles 4 and 5 updated to reflect the current executive structure.

*Committee Recommendation: Approve*

### Tonal Ecstasy A Cappella

- Name in Article 1 changed from “McGill A-Cappella Society” to “Tonal Ecstasy A Cappella,”
- Club Code of Conduct clause, Student Group Civility clause, and Environment clauses added to Article 2,
- Executive Council positions and portfolio descriptions in Articles 4 and 5 updated to reflect the current executive structure.

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- Changed the membership fee in Article 6 from \$0-10, to \$0-20.
- Removed affiliation with the Contemporary Association of A-Cappella (CASA) and specified that the club has no affiliations,
- Added mandatory Amendments clause, Finance clauses, Club By-laws and Policies clause, and SSMU Constitution By-Laws and Policies clause.

*Committee Recommendation: Approve*

#### McGill Pre-Law Students Society

- Name changed from McGill Pre-Law Society to McGill Pre-Law Students Society in Article 1 to comply with McGill's naming conventions,
- Executive Council positions and portfolio descriptions in Articles 4 and 5 updated to reflect the current executive structure,
- Membership fee increased from \$5 to \$10,
- Electoral procedures changed to appointment procedures,
- Procedure for impeachment of executives if necessary added.

*Committee Recommendation: Approve*

#### McGill Vietnamese Students Association

- Executive Council positions and portfolio descriptions in Articles 4 and 5 updated to reflect the current executive structure, switching from a non-hierarchical collective to a hierarchical executive council structure.

*Committee Recommendation: Approve*

#### Chromatones A Cappella

- Name changed in Article 1 from "New Earth Voices" to "Chromatones A Cappella,"
- Mandate in Article 2 updated:
  - Original Mandate:
    - New Earth Voices is a chamber choir (i.e. membership of less than 35) dedicated to spiritual music. New Earth Voices works on music in both traditional and international folk idioms, mostly a cappella. Among our priorities is to sing music from sources outside the mainstream, such as those by women or non-Western composers, and those reflecting the ideologies of social justice. The main objective of New Earth Voices is the exercise of learning and performing choral music for its own sake. Public performances will take place at the end of the Fall and Winter semesters. New Earth Voices is not a worship group and entails in itself no

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religious practice. However, performances at particular worship services may be undertaken when appropriate. Public performances by New Earth Voices may reflect current social justice priorities or issues relevant to the McGill student community, where appropriate.

- Updated Mandate:
  - Chromatones A Cappella works on a cappella music of a variety of genres.
  - Chromatones A Cappella seeks to improve the musicianship of its members by providing them with challenging and rewarding rehearsals and performing opportunities.
  - Chromatones A Cappella will hold events and perform around the greater Montreal area to encourage the community to get involved with a cappella, singing and music in general.
  - Chromatones A Cappella will network with other a cappella and singing groups within Montreal in order to exchange information and knowledge of music.
- Executive Council positions and portfolio descriptions in Articles 4 and 5 updated to reflect the current executive structure,
- Updated membership fee in Article 6 from a \$2 minimum yearly fee of \$5 minimum yearly fee.
- Amended Electoral Procedures article to include the recognition of the Vice President Clubs and Services as the Chief Electoral Officer to legitimize the electoral process.

*Committee Recommendation: Approve*

#### Montreal Children's Health Alliance at McGill

- Executive Council positions and portfolio descriptions in Articles 4 and 5 updated to reflect the current executive structure.

*Committee Recommendation: Approve*

#### Redpath Museum Club

- Updated mandate in Article 2:
  - o Original Mandate:
    - The Club's mandate is to promote, participate, and enjoy the activities, people, and academic mission of the Redpath Museum, and associated academic pursuits.
  - o Updated Mandate:
    - The Club's mandate is to promote, participate, and enjoy the activities, people, and academic mission of the Redpath Museum,

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and associated pursuits. The club will promote three general areas of interest within the Redpath Museum (the Museum) and the Montreal museum community: 1) General Student Interest; 2) Science Outreach; and 3) Scientific Research.

The club will promote General Student Interest by:

- Providing tours of the Museum to interested students
- Creating Museum-related events for students interested in the Museum to meet each other
- Exploring the other museums of Montreal
- Advertising volunteering opportunities within the Museum

The club will promote Science Outreach by:

- Training interested student volunteers in the art of Tour Guiding
- Giving tours in the Museum to interested students, university classes that visit the Museum, and the general public
- Assisting the Science Outreach coordinator, Ingrid Birker, with Outreach activities

The club will promote Scientific Research by:

- Connecting students with professors conducting research at the museum
- Publishing accepted student papers in the journal *Behind the Roddick Gates*

- Executive Council positions and portfolio descriptions in Articles 4 and 5 updated to reflect the current executive structure
- Added mandatory Code of Conduct clause, Student Group Civility clause, and the Environment clause to Article.
- Added Article 6, “Fees,” as well as updated Article 7 to reflect SSMU’s current financial policies for clubs
- Electoral deadline changed from November to April in Electoral Policy article and added appointment procedure in cases where a position is uncontested in the election
- Added expulsion procedure
- Added mandatory Constitutional Amendment clause, By-Law and Policies Clause, and SSMU Constitution and By-Laws Clause to Articles 10, 11, and 12.

*Committee Recommendation: Approve*

#### Poseidon Water Polo

- Executive Council positions and portfolio descriptions in Articles 4 and 5 updated to reflect the current executive structure
- Edited Article 6.1 to include the Club's updated membership fees

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- Article 6.2 has been added to give the executive council the ability to change the Club's membership fees on a yearly basis in order to accommodate unforeseeable changes in team costs, including but not limited to changes in prices for athlete affiliation with Water Polo Quebec and in the salaries of lifeguards at the Memorial Pool
- Meeting structure and electoral procedures in Article 8 and 9 to reflect the club's current structure, including removing the requirement that the secret ballot be cast in person so as to encourage and facilitate participation in the electoral procedure
- Constitutional Amendment clause updated in Article 11.2

*Committee Recommendation: Approve*

#### Effusion A Cappella

- Mandate in Article 2 was updated to reflect the club's current goals, with the addition of the following line:  
"The Club will strive to network with the greater a cappella community in order to promote a cappella music" in Article 2.
- Executive Council positions and portfolio descriptions in Articles 4 and 5 updated to reflect the current executive structure

*Committee Recommendation: Approve*

#### McGill Students Supporting the Heart and Stroke Foundation

- Executive Council positions and portfolio descriptions in Articles 4 and 5 updated to reflect the current executive structure

*Committee Recommendation: Approve*

#### McGill Students Chapter of Heart for Heart

- Executive Council positions and portfolio descriptions in Articles 4 and 5 updated to reflect the current executive structure

*Committee Recommendation: Approve*

#### Liberty in North Korea

- Executive Council positions and portfolio descriptions in Articles 4 and 5 updated to reflect the current executive structure
- Meetings clause in Article 8 was updated to reflect that both General Meetings and Executive Meetings must be held twice a month.



- Electoral Procedure clause in Article 9 was updated, changing the annual election deadline from October to April.

*Committee Recommendation: Approve*

#### McGill Fantasia Students Club

- Updated club mandate in Article 2, with the addition of a line stating that the club will “Provide opportunities for non-professional musicians to collaborate, on both short and long term bases.”
- Executive Council positions and portfolio descriptions in Articles 4 and 5 updated to reflect the current executive structure,
- Added mandatory Code of Conduct clause, Student Group Civility clause, and the Environment clause to Article.
- Added Article 6, “Fees,” as well as Article 7, “Finances,” to reflect SSMU’s current financial policies for clubs,
- Added mandatory Constitutional Amendment clause, By-Law and Policies Clause, and SSMU Constitution and By-Laws Clause to Articles 10, 11, and 12.

*Committee Recommendation: Approve*

#### McGill Christian Fellowship Constitution Changes

- Name changed in Article 1 from “McGill Christian Fellowship” to “McGill Students Christian Fellowship” to comply with McGill naming conventions.
- Executive Council positions and portfolio descriptions in Articles 4 and 5 updated to reflect the current executive structure
- Article 3 was updated and a “member” redefined as the "active members at weekly small group studies, where the attendance is taken by small group (executive) leaders." Any mention of “honourary membership” was removed from this article.
- Article 7 has been added to the new Constitution to include the mandatory financial policies for SSMU clubs.
- Article 8.2 was updated to alter the quorum for executive meetings.

*Committee Recommendation: Approve*

#### McGill Students Cancer Society

- Executive Council positions and portfolio descriptions in Articles 4 and 5 updated to reflect the current executive structure
- Edited the Electoral Procedures Clause in Article 9 to reflect that only General Members are offered voting membership.

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*Committee Recommendation: Approve*

McGill Students for Right to Play

- Updated name in Article 1 from “Right to Play” to “McGill Students for Right to Play,”
- Updated mandate in Article 2:
  - o Original Mandate:
    - The club's mandate shall be to raise awareness and funds for our parent charity, Right To Play, to promote and support their vision of developing an infrastructure for organized sport in rural Africa, and while educating the children who take part in their programs, on topics such as HIV/AIDS prevention and healthy living. We will raise awareness through lectures held by guest speakers as well as workshops and on-campus advertising. Apart from holding parties and bake sales, our main source of donations will be through holding charitable sporting events, each highlighting a specific sport, in which anyone from the community can participate as we raise money for our cause through a medium directly related to the cause itself. We will attempt to network with similar organizations to create a healthy line of communication that will better highlight and promote both causes, and also develop a close relationship with our parent charity. With these networks eventually in place, we hope to send motivated individuals to the project sites in the years to come to make a difference, first-hand, on the lives of the children who partake in the activities. This is a more long-term goal, but one we hope to eventually achieve.
  - o Updated Mandate:
    - Act as the official campus representatives of the humanitarian organization “Right To Play” (hereinafter referred to as RTP) at McGill University.
    - To educate university students about Sport for Development, and raise awareness of RTP’s programs on an international and local level while upholding its mission, vision, and values.
      - RTP Mission: To improve the lives of children in some of the most disadvantaged areas of the world by using the power of sport and play for development, health and peace.
      - RTP Vision: To create a healthier and safer world with the power of sport and play.
      - RTP’s values reflect the best practices of sport and play (Cooperation, Hope, Integrity, Leadership, Dedication, Respect, Enthusiasm, Nurture).



- Raising the greatest sum of money that can contribute to the program initiatives of RTP.
  - Provide opportunities for members of the McGill community to contribute to the efforts of the Club by organizing and participating in the Club's activities and events.
  - Spreading the RTP vision in Montreal by reaching out to the Montreal community and networking with local organizations and institutions
- Added mandatory Code of Conduct clause, Student Group Civility clause, and the Environment clause to Article.
  - Added Article 6, "Fees," as well as Article 7, "Finances," to reflect SSMU's current financial policies for clubs,
  - Added mandatory Constitutional Amendment clause, By-Law and Policies Clause, and SSMU Constitution and By-Laws Clause to Articles 10, 11, and 12.
  - Executive Council positions and portfolio descriptions in Articles 4 and 5 updated to reflect the current executive structure,
  - Quorum for Executive Meetings updated from 3 of 6 members to 4 members plus the President.
  - "Fees" clause edited to remove membership fee, formerly set at \$10.

*Committee Recommendation: Approve*

#### McGill Students Habitat for Humanity

- Updated name in Article 1 to "McGill Students for Habitat for Humanity,"
- Executive Council positions and portfolio descriptions in Articles 4 and 5 updated to reflect the current executive structure,
- Removed the membership committee as a committee of the Executive Council
- Edited Article 6 to remove membership fees.
- Quorum for Executive Council updated to be fifty percent of Executive officers plus one.

*Committee Recommendation: Approve*

#### Sketching Club

- Executive Council positions and portfolio descriptions in Articles 4 and 5 updated to reflect the current executive structure,
- Added mandatory Code of Conduct clause, Student Group Civility clause, and the Environment clause to Article.
- Added mandatory Constitutional Amendment clause, By-Law and Policies Clause, and SSMU Constitution and By-Laws Clause to Articles 10, 11, and 12.
- Updated Article 4 to require 4 of 6 Executive Council members be present at Executive meetings for quorum.

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*Committee Recommendation: Approve*

NetRoots Students Society

- Executive Council positions and portfolio descriptions in Articles 4 and 5 updated to reflect the current executive structure

*Committee Recommendation: Approve*

Table Tennis Club

- Executive Council positions and portfolio descriptions in Articles 4 and 5 updated to reflect the current executive structure

*Committee Recommendation: Approve*

Caribbean Students Society

- “He” and “she” removed from the Constitution in all instances to make the document gender neutral,
- Added SSMU clauses on membership inclusivity to Article 4.
- Executive Council positions and portfolio descriptions in Articles 4 and 5 updated to reflect the current executive structure
- Added mandatory Code of Conduct clause, Student Group Civility clause, and the Environment clause to Article 2.
- Added Article 5, a new clause regarding the rights of club members.
- Edited Article 8, Fees, to recognize that there will be a nominal membership fee paid annually, and outlines the timeframe for payment of membership fees for students joining the club in the Winter semester.
- Added SSMU club financial requirements to Article 9, “Finances.”
- Added mandatory Constitutional Amendment clause and SSMU Constitution and By-Laws Clause to Articles 10 and 12.
- Added Article 10, “General Meetings,” which states that the club should have general meetings at the beginning of each semester and that three days notice must be given in advance of a meeting. For a motion to be passed at a General Meeting, it must pass with a 2/3<sup>rd</sup> majority.

*Committee Recommendation: Approve*

Mosaica Dance Company

- Changed name in Article 1 from “Mosaica-SSMU” to “Mosaica Dance Company”

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- Added Article 2, "Mandate," and included a mandate to:
  - Remain egalitarian in its action, providing each member with an equal opportunity to perform and choreograph
  - Value diversity and personal style of its members
  - Encourage members to explore new dance styles
  - Provide a creative space for club members
  - Promote the arts in the McGill and Montreal communities
- Executive Council positions and portfolio descriptions in Articles 4 and 5 updated to reflect the current executive structure
- Added mandatory Code of Conduct clause, Student Group Civility clause, and the Environment clause to Article
- Added Article 6, "Fees," as well as Article 7, "Finances," to reflect SSMU's current financial policies for clubs,
- Added mandatory Constitutional Amendment clause, By-Law and Policies Clause, and SSMU Constitution and By-Laws Clause to Articles 10, 11, and 12.

*Committee Recommendation: Approve*

#### McGill Students Chinese Music Society

- Executive Council positions and portfolio descriptions in Articles 4 and 5 updated to reflect the current executive structure

*Committee Recommendation: Approve*

#### Friends of MSF-SSMU

- Executive Council positions and portfolio descriptions in Articles 4 and 5 updated to reflect the current executive structure,
- Added mandatory Code of Conduct clause, Student Group Civility clause, and the Environment clause to Article.

*Committee Recommendation: Approve*

#### McGill Egyptian Students Association

- Executive Council positions and portfolio descriptions in Articles 4 and 5 updated to reflect the current executive structure,
- Added mandatory Code of Conduct clause, Student Group Civility clause, and the Environment clause to Article.
- Added Article 6, "Fees," as well as Article 7, "Finances," to reflect SSMU's current financial policies for clubs,
- Added mandatory Constitutional Amendment clause, By-Law and Policies Clause, and SSMU Constitution and By-Laws Clause to Articles 10, 11, and 12.

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*Committee Recommendation: Approve*

McGill Students for Think Pink

- Changed club name in Article 1 from "Think Pink" to "McGill Students for Think Pink,”
- Executive Council positions and portfolio descriptions in Articles 4 and 5 updated to reflect the current executive structure.

*Committee Recommendation: Approve*

McGill Students We Are Young (McSWAY)

- Name changed in Article 1 from “McGill Students We Are Young” to “McGill Students Spoken Words Associated Youth,”
- Article 3 changed to define “membership” as “attendance of at least two McSWAY events per month, except when there are no events or only one event that month, where events include, but are not limited to: monthly slams, fundraising events, bi-weekly meetings.”
- Executive Council positions and portfolio descriptions in Articles 4 and 5 updated to reflect the current executive structure.

*Committee Recommendation: Approve*

Japanese Students Association

- Club name in Article 1 changed from “Japanese Association of McGill” to “Japanese Student Association,”
- Mandate in Article 2 updated:
  - Original Mandate:
    - To supply information on career opportunities in Japan to Japanese and other interested students in the McGill community
    - To promote Japanese culture to the McGill and greater Montreal community through activities such as, but not limited to: parties, dinners, culture nights, and festivals
    - To facilitate travel to Japan during the summer break with the aim of increasing awareness about Japanese culture, history, and people
    - Support and encourage exchange students from Japan by providing a network through which members from home can increase proficiency in English and can adjust to life away from home
  - Updated Mandate:
    - Raise awareness of traditional and modern Japanese culture



- Create opportunities for both Japanese and non-Japanese students to practice and learn the language
  - Aid students in finding opportunities to work or intern at Japanese companies or global companies based in Japan.
  - Raise funds for charities in Japan that support the well-being of the country e.g. the Tohoku relief
  - Provide students with chances for socialization and involvement, through social events and volunteering opportunities, from which friendships and community are built
- Executive Council positions and portfolio descriptions in Articles 4 and 5 updated to reflect the current executive structure.
  - Added mandatory Code of Conduct clause, Student Group Civility clause, and the Environment clause to Article 2.
  - Edited Article 7, “Finances,” to reflect SSMU’s current financial policies for clubs,
  - Changed Membership Fee in Article 6 from \$5 to \$0.

*Committee Recommendation: Approve*

#### Inter Greek Letter Council

- Executive Council positions and portfolio descriptions in Articles 4 and 5 updated to reflect the current executive structure.
- Added mandatory Code of Conduct clause, Student Group Civility clause, and the Environment clause to Article.
- Added Article 6, “Fees,” as well as Article 7, “Finances,” to reflect SSMU’s current financial policies for clubs,
- Added mandatory Constitutional Amendment clause, By-Law and Policies Clause, and SSMU Constitution and By-Laws Clause to Articles 10, 11, and 12.
- Added a fine in the case of members not paying dues on time, and decreased the fine for missing membership meetings.

*Committee Recommendation: Approve*

#### McGill Students Chess Club

- Name updated in Article 1 from “McGill Students Chessplayers Society” to “McGill Students Chess Club,”
- Executive Council positions and portfolio descriptions in Articles 4 and 5 updated to reflect the current executive structure.
- Added mandatory clauses, including Code of Conduct clause, Student Group Civility clause, and the Environment clause to Article.
- Added Article 6, “Fees,” as well as Article 7, “Finances,” to reflect SSMU’s current financial policies for clubs,

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- Added mandatory Constitutional Amendment clause, By-Law and Policies Clause, and SSMU Constitution and By-Laws Clause to Articles 10, 11, and 12.

*Committee Recommendation: Approve*  
McGill Students for Make a Wish

- Executive Council positions and portfolio descriptions in Articles 4 and 5 updated to reflect the current executive structure.
- Removal of the membership fee in Article 6
- Article 8 updated to require weekly executive meetings
- Article 9 updated to reflect the club's current electoral procedures

*Committee Recommendation: Approve*

McGill Students for World Vision

- Name changed in Article 1 from "World Vision McGill" to "McGill Students for World Vision,"
- Executive Council positions and portfolio descriptions in Articles 4 and 5 updated to reflect the current executive structure.
- Article 4, "Executive Council" updated to reflect that quorum for executive meetings is 8 of the 14 executive members.
- Updated Article 6, "Fees" to replace the \$5 membership fee with a membership fee by donation.

*Committee Recommendation: Approve*

Foundation for the International Medical Relief of Children

- Executive Council positions and portfolio descriptions in Articles 4 and 5 updated to reflect the current executive structure,
- Added mandatory Code of Conduct clause, Student Group Civility clause, and the Environment clause to Article.
- Added Article 6, "Fees," as well as Article 7, "Finances," to reflect SSMU's current financial policies for clubs,
- Added mandatory Constitutional Amendment clause, By-Law and Policies Clause, and SSMU Constitution and By-Laws Clause to Articles 10, 11, and 12.

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Medical Grand Rounds for Undergraduate Students

- Changed name in Article 1 from "Medical Ground Rounds for Undergraduate Students" to "Medical Grand Rounds for Undergraduate Students,"

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- Executive Council positions and portfolio descriptions in Articles 4 and 5 updated to reflect the current executive structure

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Junior Hong Kong Canada Business Association

- Executive Council positions and portfolio descriptions in Articles 4 and 5 updated to reflect the current executive structure
- Removed membership fee as outlined in Article 6, previously set at \$5.

*Committee Recommendation: Approve*

McGill African Students Society

- Executive Council positions and portfolio descriptions in Articles 4 and 5 updated to reflect the current executive structure
- Mandate in Article 2 updated:
  - Original Mandate:
    - MASS is dedicated and committed to bringing awareness of the African presence at McGill; the promotion of African cultures to the McGill community; uniting the African student body on the campus and engaging in social, cultural, educational events pertaining to the African cultures.
  - Updated Mandate:
    - Promote African Culture in the McGill community
    - Act as a reference in African matters for members of the McGill Community
    - Provide an active and engaging community for the African student body as well as students with a vested interest in Africa
    - Build a web of communications with other African students associations in Montreal as well as community groups and other student associations
    - Engage in social and cultural activities and events, specifically parties, a banquet, small trips or external social gatherings throughout the year and a cultural gala
    - Create an academic and educational environment for students and faculty alike through discussions and an annual academic convention

*Committee Recommendation: Approve*

Tennis Club



- Executive Council positions and portfolio descriptions in Articles 4 and 5 updated to reflect the current executive structure,
- Added mandatory Code of Conduct clause, Student Group Civility clause, and the Environment clause to Article.
- Added Article 6, "Fees," as well as Article 7, "Finances," to reflect SSMU's current financial policies for clubs,
- Added mandatory Constitutional Amendment clause, By-Law and Policies Clause, and SSMU Constitution and By-Laws Clause to Articles 10, 11, and 12.

*Committee Recommendation: Approve*

#### McGill Students Astronomy Club

- Executive Council positions and portfolio descriptions in Articles 4 and 5 updated to reflect the current executive structure, changing from a non-hierarchical collective to a hierarchical executive council structure.

*Committee Recommendation: Approve*

#### Libertarian McGill

- Name updated in Article 1 from "Libertarian McGill" to "Liberty @ McGill,"
- Updated Article 2 to reflect new mandate:
  - o Original Mandate:
    - Promote and discuss libertarian thought and ideas,
    - Provide an environment for libertarian individuals to express themselves and communicate with like-minded students
    - Network with local organizations and institutions that deal with libertarianism and make their resources available to its members,
    - Organize events pertaining to and in support of libertarianism.
  - o Updated Mandate:
    - To provide a social forum and network for McGill students interested in promoting individual liberty,
    - To engage in activism, on-campus and off, to promote liberty,
    - To educate the McGill student body and public at large about classically liberal or libertarian philosophy and ideas.
- Executive Council positions and portfolio descriptions in Articles 4 and 5 updated to reflect the current executive structure.
- Added mandatory clauses, including Code of Conduct clause, Student Group Civility clause, and the Environment clause to Article.
- Added Article 6, "Fees," as well as Article 7, "Finances," to reflect SSMU's current financial policies for clubs,
- Added mandatory Constitutional Amendment clause, By-Law and Policies Clause, and SSMU Constitution and By-Laws Clause to Articles 10, 11, and 12.

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#### McGill Association of Student Homebrewers

- Name updated in Article 1 from “McGill Association of Student Homebrewers” to “McGill Students Brewing Society,”
- Updated Article 2 to reflect new mandate:
  - o Original Mandate:
    - To promote the knowledge and appreciation of wine making and beer brewing,
    - Provide opportunities to share information about recipes and techniques,
    - Provide an outlet for students to pursue their interest in the science behind brewing in a social setting
    - Hold events to share beer and increase awareness for those interested in practicing the hobby of brewing.
  - o Updated Mandate:
    - Promote the proper appreciation of beer on a global scale.
    - Promote a proper understanding and the etiquettes of beer via the different methods of crafting, the different types of beer, and the proper way to taste and serve beer.
    - Educate the members on the science of the brewing process.
    - Educate the members on the business of the beer industry.
    - Promote the healthy consumption of beer in a professional manner.
- Executive Council positions and portfolio descriptions in Articles 4 and 5 updated to reflect the current executive structure.
- Added mandatory clauses, including Code of Conduct clause, Student Group Civility clause, and the Environment clause to Article.
- Added Article 6, “Fees,” as well as Article 7, “Finances,” to reflect SSMU’s current financial policies for clubs,
- Added mandatory Constitutional Amendment clause, By-Law and Policies Clause, and SSMU Constitution and By-Laws Clause to Articles 10, 11, and 12.

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#### Comparative Healthcare Systems Program

- Executive Council positions and portfolio descriptions in Articles 4 and 5 updated to reflect the current executive structure, with a change from a non-hierarchical collective structure to a hierarchical executive council structure.





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- Added a clause for the impeachment of Executive Council members who fail to fulfill duties and a clause for the procedure in case of an available executive position.

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