



## **Interest Group Committee Report October 1, 2014**

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Absent: Stefan Fong (Vice President Clubs and Services)  
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### **Agenda:**

#### **Interim Status Applications**

1. McGill Students Chapter of the Canadian Red Cross
2. Technophilic Magazine
3. McGill Moroccan Students' Association
4. Standpoints
5. McGill Students Chapter of Artistri Sud
6. Counterpoint
7. McGill Students Initiative for Neurological Disorders

#### **Full Status Applications**

1. K-Rave
2. Liberty in North Korea

#### **Constitutional Amendments**

1. Hong Kong Student Network
2. McGill Association of North American Born Asians
3. McGill Korean Students' Educational and Cultural Association
4. McGill Students for Save a Child's Heart
5. McGill Students' Anime Club
6. SSMU Symphonic Band Club
7. Classical Music Club
8. McGill Students for CANFAR
9. Dance Pack
10. Tamil Students' Association of McGill
11. SynesthASIA



## 12. McGill Christian Fellowship

### **Interim Status Applications:**

#### McGill Students Chapter of the Canadian Red Cross

The Club's mandate shall be to:

- Hold events to raise awareness of the humanitarian and charitable initiatives of the Canadian Red Cross;
- Raise funds in support of the Canadian Red Cross;
- Provide interested students with information about how they can get involved with Canadian Red Cross initiatives;
- Uphold the seven Fundamental Principles of the Red Cross: humanity, impartiality, neutrality, independence, voluntary service, unity, and universality.

*Committee Recommendation: Approve*

#### Technophilic Magazine

The Club's mandate shall be to

- Provide a print medium through which McGill students can share their ideas about science, technology, and engineering,
- Publish casual, non-technical science, technology, and engineering articles that would be of interest to members of the McGill community and stimulate discussion and debate,
- Provide an online platform for article access outside the McGill community,
- Promote creative and critical thinking in the fields of Engineering and Science within the McGill community,
- Encourage effective communication of scientific ideas and provide opportunities for scientific journalism.

*Committee Recommendation: Approve*

Despite concerns expressed about potential overlap with the journals produced by the Science and Engineering faculties, the nature of Technophilic as a science and technology magazine accessible to non-science students and written in layman's terms ensures there will not be significant overlap with the academic and research based science and engineering journals.

#### McGill Moroccan Students Association

The Club's mandate shall be to:

- Promote the Moroccan Culture within McGill University
- Influence positively the educational branch of Morocco



- Improve the lives of disadvantaged students at school (Lower School primarily) by providing them with school supplies
- Provide direct support to students in need
- Network with local organizations that have similar mandates
- Organize various fundraising events

*Committee Recommendation: Tabled*

The McGill Moroccan Students' Association Interim Status application was tabled pending the clarification of their mandate, particularly clarification of their connection to educational charities in Morocco.

Standpoints

The Club's mandate shall be to:

- Perform research and advocacy, resulting in articles, concerning topics such as social policy, political strategy, economics & business, technology, science and culture.
- Organize student-lead conferences based on the articles published in order to challenge the opinions put forth.

*Committee Recommendation: Approve*

McGill Students Chapter of Artistri Sud

The Club's mandate shall be to:

- Provide proactive students with a forum to take initiative and help Artistri Sud achieve its goals for growth
- Promote the economic development of communities in developing countries by supporting the entrepreneurship of their local women
- Support female empowerment in developing communities by facilitating the training of key business skills to help their entrepreneurship
- Raise awareness on campus and in Montreal (through events and promotional campaigns) about female entrepreneurship in developing countries and the positive effects that result from empowering women in these impoverished communities
- Provide opportunities for students to network with local organizations and professionals to help arrange for sponsorships and support for the organization
- Hold events to engage our network of donors and to raise funds for Artistri Sud

*Committee Recommendation: Reject*

Artistri Sud's focus on social entrepreneurship, development, and women's empowerment place it in direct overlap with a number of already existing SSMU clubs. Additionally, because the parent organization, Artistri Sud, is



based in Montreal, the committee felt that the opportunities for working with and fundraising for the organization can be achieved by students volunteering directly with Artistri Sud.

### 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: Approve*

After the Interim Status application was tabled by the Interest Group Committee at the September 24<sup>th</sup> meeting, Counterpoint was able to demonstrate significant differences between their proposed music magazine and the publication of the Music Undergraduate Students Association.

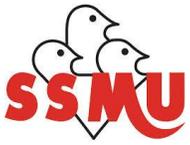
### McGill Students Initiative of Neurological Disorders (MIND)

The Club's mandate shall be to:

- Fundraise and raise money to establish scholarship 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.

#### *Committee Recommendation: Reject*

After the Interim Status application for McGill Students Initiative for Neurological Disorders was tabled by the Interest Group Committee at the September 24<sup>th</sup> meeting, MIND provided more information about their plan to develop a scholarship and the proposed events and activities of their club. The Committee found that MIND's activities and mandate had too much overlap with McGill Students for Unleash the Noise to warrant approval as their own club.



## Full Status Applications

### K-Rave

#### Events:

1. Yellow Door Dance Show
  - The event consisted of three different dance performance followed by a powerpoint presentation on the Korean culture including the KPOP music industry and various other cultural aspects such as cuisine, diet, and fashion. The audience consisted of student volunteers and retired seniors.
2. KPOP Dance Workshops
  - K-Rave ran several Dance Workshops throughout the school year and choreographed dances to different songs. Dance leaders would teach the dance to club members.
3. Nuit Blanche Performance
  - K-RAVE participated as one of the performances at the AUS Nuite Blanche event. Club members participated by creating and performing a 20 minute dance show featuring a variety of different choreographies with different KPOP songs.

*Committee Recommendation: Approve*

### **Liberty in North Korea**

#### Events:

1. Screening of "Danny from North Korea" documentary
  - The McGill Chapter of Liberty in North Korea (LiNK) presented a free screening of the organization's documentary "Danny from North Korea." Screening of "Camp 14" Documentary
2. Screening of "Camp 14: Total Control Zone" documentary
  - LiNK hosted a screening of Camp 14, a documentary about the only prisoner to have escaped from a North Korean gulag.
3. North Korea Crisis Information Session
  - Club members researched and put together a 30-minute presentation on the humanitarian situation in North Korea and presented two informative short films.

*Committee Recommendation: Approve*



## **Constitutional Amendments**

### Hong Kong Student Network

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

*Committee Recommendation: Approve*

### McGill Association of North American Born Asians

- Executive Council positions and portfolio descriptions in Articles 4 and 5 updated to reflect the current executive structure
- Executive Report requirement and General Meeting procedure added to Article 8

*Committee Recommendation: Approve*

### McGill Korean Students' Educational and Cultural Association

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

*Committee Recommendation: Approve*

### McGill Students for Save a Child's Heart

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

*Committee Recommendation: Approve*

### McGill Students Anime Club

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

*Committee Recommendation: Approve*



### SSMU Symphonic Band Club

- Named changed to “SSMU Symphonic Band Club”
- Club Mandate was expanded to better reflect and motivate the social aspect of the club.
- Mandatory Code of Conduct clause, Student Group Civility clause, and Environment clause added to Article 2.
- Eligibility and privileges of members outlined in Article 3
- Executive Council positions and portfolio descriptions in Articles 4 and 5 updated to reflect the current executive structure
- Article 6 updated to include a \$20 annual member fee to cover necessary band expenses.
- Articles 7, 9, 11, and 12 modified to reflect the SSMU Club Constitution template.

*Committee Recommendation: Approve*

### Classical Music Club

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

*Committee Recommendation: Approve*

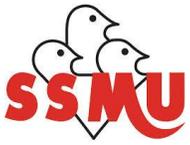
### McGill Students for CANFAR

- Executive Council positions and portfolio descriptions in Articles 4 and 5 updated to reflect the current executive structure
- Electoral Procedures in Article 9 changed to Appointment Procedure

*Committee Recommendation: Approve*

### Dance Pack

- Name changed in Article 1 from “Dance Pak” to “Dance Pack”
- Mandatory Club Code of Conduct, Student Group Civility, and Environment clauses to Article 2.
- Executive Council positions and portfolio descriptions in Articles 4 and 5 updated to reflect the current executive structure
- Articles 7 through 12 updated to reflect the current SSMU Club Constitution template



*Committee Recommendation: Approve*

Tamil Students Association of McGill

- Executive Council positions and portfolio descriptions in Articles 4 and 5 updated to reflect the current executive structure
- Mandatory Club Code of Conduct, Student Group Civility, and Environment clauses to Article 2.
- Articles 7 through 12 updated to reflect the current SSMU Club Constitution template

*Committee Recommendation: Approve*

SynesthASIA

- Executive Council positions and portfolio descriptions in Articles 4 and 5 updated to reflect the current executive structure
- Electoral procedure in Article 9 changed to appointment procedure

*Committee Recommendation: Approve*

McGill Students Christian Fellowship

- Name changed in Article 2 from “McGill Students Christian Fellowship” to “McGill Christian Fellowship” to reflect current club name, with permission from McGill University.

*Committee Recommendation: Approve*

**Interest Group Committee Report  
October 8, 2014**

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2. McGill Students Forum
3. McGill Russian Speaking Students Association
4. Raag A Cappella
5. McGill Italian Students Association
6. McGill Students Chapter of Nourish International

#### **Full Status Applications**

1. Franc-Jeu
2. McGill Students for Graphic Design

#### **Constitutional Amendments**

1. McGill Students Ballroom Dance Club
2. McGill Students Chapter of the American Association of Pharmaceutical Sciences
3. Cycling @ McGill
4. McGill Taiwanese Students Association
5. McGill Students Actuarial Association
6. China Care Club
7. Get Fit
8. DECA with McGill
9. Les Muses Chorale
10. Cricket Club
11. McGill University Filipino Asian Students Association (MUFASA)

#### **Interim Status Applications:**

##### McGill Students Comedy Club

The Club's mandate shall be to

- Promote opportunities for comedians and aspiring comedians in a warm and welcoming setting.
- Support live comedy and provide a venue for comedians to work together on their craft.
- Provide comedians with an environment in which they can exchange information regarding their shared interests in comedy.



- Network with local organizations that deal with stand-up comedy and make their resources available to our members.
- Host stand-up comedy shows, be it open-mic or booked shows, as well as social events like parties to better facilitate members getting to know each other, help make stronger bonds between members, and raise funds for charitable causes.

*Committee Recommendation: Approve*

### McGill Students Forum

The Club's mandate shall be to

- Provide a platform for open discourse on pertinent issues for the McGill Community, both within and without Campus and across sectors and subjects
- Create a more accessible space for everyday McGill students to make their voices heard concerns expressed
- Introduce a multi-faceted framework to pertinent topics through interlinked written, open forum and group discussion
- Foster a bottom-up mechanism to create intra-communal understanding and expression on a range of relevant topics, in a manner hitherto not evident among McGill clubs

*Committee Recommendation: Table*

The Committee chose to table McGill Students Forum pending more information about how they will choose the topics they plan to discuss and how they plan to organize the logistics of large-scale discussion sessions.

### McGill Russian Speaking Students Association

The Club's mandate shall be to:

- Provide opportunities for Russian speaking students to meet and socialize
- Provide opportunities for students interested in Commonwealth of Independent States (CIS) countries culture to learn more about aspects such as but not limited to holidays, food, fine art, cinema, literature, dance, and music
- Create a friendly and open atmosphere for discussions for those students who are from and/or are interested in CIS countries culture
- Provide opportunities for Russian language learners to practice with native speakers
- Network with Russian culture-related organizations in the city of Montreal in order to make their resources and events, i.e. concerts, theatre performances, ballet, folk dancing shows, art exhibitions, available to the members of the club

*Committee Recommendation: Approve*

### Raag Fusion A Cappella



**The Club's mandate shall be to**

- Unite the South Asian and Western musical cultures through fusion compositions.
- Coalesce students with a musical background and connection to South Asian and/or Western heritage by creating a platform for vocal expression.
- Educate audiences on the South Asian musical art form, from classical music to pop Bollywood songs.
- Foster connections with other McGill singing groups and the musical culture within the greater Montreal community.
- Promote participation of the members in musical events in McGill and Montreal and host concerts and musical programs.
- Partake in South Asian A cappella competitions.

*Committee Recommendation: Approve*

McGill Italian Students Association

The Club's mandate shall be to

- Provide the McGill community with an inviting look into Italian culture, the story of Italians in Montreal.
- Provide a welcoming space for students of Italian heritage and those students who are interested in learning more about it.

*Committee Recommendation: Approve*

McGill Students Chapter of Nourish International

The club's mandate shall be to:

- Start small social enterprises on campus whose profits are invested directly into an international sustainable development project.
- Establish a 2+ year, mutually beneficial partnership with established community-based, grassroots organizations to further their impact within their community.
- Engage the campus and greater Montreal community through the social enterprises to develop student leaders into long-term agents of change.
- Conduct 6-8 weeklong trips over the summer in our partner community, to give the Nourish students the chance to work alongside the community and be a part of the change they are working for throughout the year.
- Abide by our triple bottom line of People, Profit, and Planet.

*Committee Recommendation: Reject*

McGill Students Chapter of Nourish International appealed their rejection by the Interest Group Committee in May 2014, and the Committee upheld the May decision. The proposed club overlaps with a number of existing SSMU



clubs and has a mandate that contravenes the Interest Group Committee Policy on Travel and Charity Based Clubs. The committee was also concerned about the club potential investing student money in business ventures.

### **Full Status Club Applications:**

#### Franc-Jeu

The Club's mandate shall be to:

- Create a French drama group
- Provide students with the opportunity to express themselves in French,
- Discuss and appreciate French literary texts
- Create a playful, pleasant atmosphere during our rehearsals and promote the appreciation of theater in general,
- Hold a theater representation once a year,
- Organize events in collaboration with other clubs, such as the French Students' Club."

#### **Events:**

1. Bake Sale [does not count as an event]
2. Club Launch Cocktail Party at Le Bleury
3. First Theatre Workshop
4. Third Theatre Workshop
5. Auditions for "Le Malade Imaginaire"
6. Rehearsal for "Le Malade Imaginaire"

#### *Committee Recommendation:* Table

The Club was granted a two-month extension of their Interim Status in May 2014 because they applied for Full Status but had not yet put on a French theatre production. At the time of their second Full Status application, they still had not put on a French theatre production. The Committee tabled Franc-Jeu's Full Status Application for further discussion next week.

#### McGill Students Design Cooperative

The Club's mandate shall be to:

- Provide a collaborative, supportive, creative space for McGill students to improve and practice their graphic design skills.
- Host weekly workshops where graphic designers from all backgrounds and skill levels can get formal graphic design training from local professionals
- Provide voluntary graphic design services for local social organizations and student organizations that do not normally have the budget to afford professional level communications/branding/graphic design services like ours.



**Events:**

1. [Recurring Regular Event] *Graphic Design Courses*: “Students attend classes weekly for 1.5 hours. First, students will receive a 15 minute lecture, followed by a 10 minute tutorial and then will work on a specific project (e.g. a poster for a club) for most of the remainder of the class. The class will end with a quick critique session where the class will review each students' project. Essentially, they provide a space for students to practice and improve their graphic design skills. Students learn these skills by working voluntarily on real-world projects for student groups and socially-conscious organizations in the classroom. This semester, we are working with a number of SSMU clubs as well as the The Yellow Door.”

*Committee Recommendation: Approve*

**Constitutional Amendments**

McGill Students Ballroom Dance Club

- Executive Council positions and portfolio descriptions in Articles 4 and 5 updated to reflect the current executive structure
- Mandate in Article 2 changed from “Network with local dance teachers and institutions that offer ballroom dancing and make their resources available to its members;” to “Network with local dance teachers and institutions that offer ballroom dancing or ballroom dancing-related products and services, and make their resources available to its members.”

*Committee Recommendation: Approve*

McGill Students Chapter of the American Association of Pharmaceutical Scientists

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

*Committee Recommendation: Approve*

Cycling @ McGill

- Executive Council positions and portfolio descriptions in Articles 4 and 5 updated to reflect the current executive structure
- Amended Article 6 (Fees) to reflect their two tiered membership structure



and the fees associated with each membership level.

*Committee Recommendation: Approve*

#### McGill Taiwanese Students Association

- Mandatory Club Code of Conduct, Student Group Civility, 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
- Articles 7 through 12 updated to reflect the current SSMU Club Constitution template

*Committee Recommendation: Approve*

#### McGill Students Actuarial Association

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

*Committee Recommendation: Approve*

#### China Care Club

- Name changed in Article 1 from “China Care Club” to “McGill Students for China Care”
- Mandatory Club Code of Conduct, Student Group Civility, and Environment clauses added to Article 2.
- Mandate in Article 2 updated:
  - Original Mandate:

“The China Care Club is designed to build brighter futures for abandoned, orphaned, and children with special needs in China and to create a positive aspect of the Chinese culture among children adopted from China.”
  - Updated Mandate:
    - “Embody the China Care Foundation mission – give special needs Chinese orphans the opportunity for a better life and to empower youth through direct humanitarian service.
    - McGill Students for China Care is dedicated to providing orphans with the medical care and nurturing environment they deserve by raising funds and awareness to provide for their needs.
    - Plan social and fundraising events to raise money to fund medical, social and educational programs with a focus on surgeries.



- Promote Chinese culture among children adopted from China through Playgroup.”
- Executive Council positions and portfolio descriptions in Articles 4 and 5 updated to reflect the current executive structure
- Electoral Procedures in Article 9 replaced with interview and appointment procedure for executive selection
- Articles 7 through 12 updated to reflect the current SSMU Club Constitution template

*Committee Recommendation: Approve*

#### Get Fit

- Mandatory Club Code of Conduct, Student Group Civility, 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
- Articles 7 through 12 updated to reflect the current SSMU Club Constitution template

*Committee Recommendation: Approve*

#### Deca with McGill

- Mandatory Club Code of Conduct, Student Group Civility, 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
- Articles 7 through 12 updated to reflect the current SSMU Club Constitution template

*Committee Recommendation: Approve*

#### Les Muses Chorale

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

*Committee Recommendation: Approve*

#### McGill Students Cricket Club



- Mandatory Club Code of Conduct, Student Group Civility, 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*

McGill University Filipino Asian Students Association (MUFASA)

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

*Committee Recommendation: Approve*

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