



**Interest Group Committee Report to Council  
February 26, 2015**

**Interest Group Committee Meeting February 18, 2015:**

Present: Kimber Bialik (Interest Group Coordinator)  
Stefan Fong (Vice President Clubs and Services)  
Anikke Rioux (Engineering Representative)  
Zachary Carson (Member at Large)  
Victor Custot (Representative of Clubs)  
Esther Lee (Member at Large)  
Catherine Guo (Representative of Clubs)  
Jacinthe Deschênes (PGSS Representative)

Absent: Nancy Zhang (Music Representative)  
Sukmeet Rohan Sachal (Clubs Representatives)

**Agenda:**

- a. Interim Status
  1. McGill Students Chapter of Women in Mining Canada
- b. Full Status
  1. Advertising Club
  2. SSMU Powerlifting Club
  3. McGill Students Graduate Management Consulting Agency
  4. McGill Students Chapter of Heart 4 Heart
  5. F Word
  6. Parks Canada Campus Club
  7. McGill Students for Women for Women International
- c. Constitutional Amendments
  1. McGill Students Actuarial Association
  2. Franc-Jeu
  3. McGill Mauritian Students Association
  4. Power to Change
  5. McGill Students for UNICEF
  6. McGill Students for Women for Women International

**Interim Status**

McGill Students Chapter of Women in Mining Canada

The club's mandate shall be to:

- To work with the minerals and mining industry to develop tools and programs that facilitate increased attraction, retention and advancement of women
- To collaborate with WIM branches in sharing knowledge, best practices, and personal and professional development opportunities across Canada
- To provide a supportive mentoring network and a national resource for connecting members to public and private sector entities looking to fill their ranks with qualified individuals
- To support the advancement of young professionals in the mining and mineral exploration industry



- To provide networking, career enhancement and professional development workshops for students in related undergraduate and graduate programs.

*Committee Recommendation: Reject*

The Interest Group Committee recommends the rejection of McGill Students Chapter of Women in Mining Canada due to their score of 20/30 on the Interim Status Approval Rubric.

**Full Status**

Advertising Club

Club Product Form:

1. New Logo for Africa Talks: "We therefore asked one graphic designer to do a first draft for November 1st. However, they wanted something different than what we provided them. Thus, we asked another graphic designer to create something else. They really enjoyed it and thought it was reflective of their image."
2. Poster for MISA: "The association contacted us because they needed a poster to advertise the food they were selling on campus, for the entire month of October. Since their poster was not very efficient into attracting students, they asked us to create a new one for the last week of their operations."

*Committee Recommendation: Table*

The Interest Group Committee recommends tabling the Advertising Club and extending their Interim Status period for one month to allow for time for them to host at least one event.

SSMU Powerlifting Club

Recurring Event Form:

1. Powerlifting Saturdays: meetings at the Fitness Centre to train together, share advice, and discuss relevant topics.

*Committee Recommendation: Approve*

The Interest Group Committee recommends approving SSMU Powerlifting Club based on their score of 24/30 on the Full Status Approval Rubric.

McGill Students Graduate Management Consulting Agency

Events:

1. Management Consulted Bootcamp: Crash Course on how to prepare for a career in management consulting (one 2 hours introduction and one 8 hour full day session).
2. Practice Case Interview Series (4 sessions over 3 weeks in the summer)
3. Mini Case competition

*Committee Recommendation: Table*

The Interest Group Committee tabled the Graduate Management Consulting Agency pending more information about how their operations and events have directly benefited undergraduate students.



McGill Students Chapter of Heart 4 Heart

1. "I Heart Campaign"
2. Black and White Ball Fundraising Campaign
3. Bake sale and auction for ANAT 214 Class

*Committee Recommendation: Approve*

The Interest Group Committee recommends approving McGill Students Chapter of Heart 4 Heart based on their score of 27/30 on the Full Status Approval Rubric.

F Word

1. Knitting sessions for yarn bombing in collaboration with Concordia's feminist magazine
2. Launch party
3. Art vernissage with the Coven – feminist art collective

Product Form:

1. Visual Art Zine – biannual publication

*Committee Recommendation: Approve*

The Interest Group Committee recommends approving F Word based on their score of 24/30 on the Full Status Approval Rubric.

Parks Canada Campus Club

1. Snowshoeing Saguenay-St. Lawrence National Marine Park
2. Cross Country Skiing La Mauricie National Park
3. Backpacking La Mauricie National Park

*Committee Recommendation: Approve*

The Interest Group Committee recommends approving Parks Canada Campus Club based on their score of 25/30 on the Full Status Approval Rubric.

McGill Students for Women for Women International

1. Panel Discussion: Gender Equality and Women's Empowerment
2. McGill Students for Women for Women International Launch Party at Velvet
3. "The Whistleblower" Film Screening

*Committee Recommendation: Approve*

The Interest Group Committee recommends approving McGill Students for Women for Women International based on their score of 28/30 on the Full Status Approval Rubric.



## **Constitutional Amendments**

### McGill Students Actuarial Association

- Executive portfolios updated to add First Year Representative position and Articles 4 and 5 updated accordingly

*Committee Recommendation: Approve*

### Franc-Jeu

- Executive Positions in Article 4 and 5 updated to reflect current executive structure and makeup.
- Electoral procedures added to Article 9.

*Committee Recommendation: Approve*

### McGill Mauritian Students Association

- Added mandatory clauses, including Code of Conduct clause, Student Group Civility clause, and the Environment clause to Article 2
- Updated Member Clause in Article 3 to reflect current SSMU guidelines
- Executive Council positions and portfolio descriptions in Articles 4 and 5 updated to reflect the current executive structure.
- Updated Article 6 and Article 7 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*

### Power to Change

- Name changed in Article 1 from *Campus Cru for Christ* to *Power to Change*
- Added mandatory clauses, including Code of Conduct clause, Student Group Civility clause, and the Environment clause to Article 2
- Updated Member Clause in Article 3 to reflect current SSMU guidelines
- Executive Council positions and portfolio descriptions in Articles 4 and 5 updated to reflect the current executive structure.
- Updated Article 6 and Article 7 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 for UNICEF

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



- 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 Chapter of Women for Women International

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

*Committee Recommendation: Approve*



### **Interest Group Committee Meeting February 25, 2015:**

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### **Agenda:**

- a. Appeals
  1. Volunteers for a Smile
- b. Interim Status
  1. McGill Students Trading Society
  2. Guardians of Animals Students Society (GASS)
  3. McGill Students Mafia Club
- c. Full Status
  1. SSMU Climbing Club
  2. McGill Students SocieTea
- d. Interim Status Extension
  - a. SSMU Greater Montreal Area Nerdfighters

### **Full Status Appeals**

#### Volunteers for a Smile

##### Events:

1. Be Brave Campaign
2. Twister Tournament
3. Community Engagement Day

##### *Committee Recommendation: Approve Appeal*

The Interest Group Committee re-evaluated the Full Status Application and recommends approving the club for Full Status with a revised score of 24/30 on the Full Status Approval Rubric.

### **Interim Status**

#### McGill Students Trading Society

It shall be the club's mandate and fundamental objective:

- To raise awareness on the basic stock market facts and investment strategies;
- To introduce, promote, and cultivate the interests in stock-oriented investment;



- To establish a platform where students with such interests could gather, speak, and exchange relevant opinions and knowledge in a socializing and inclusive manner.
- To present understandings about various types of investment strategies and the characteristics of each;
- To provide networking opportunities for its members to meet and discuss with professionals from the field of investment, and students from other educational institutions;
- To provide opportunities for its members to practice theoretical knowledge in real-life based simulations;
- To encourage its members to develop a healthy investment mentality;
- To encourage its members to adopt effective investment strategies.

*Committee Recommendation: Approve*

The Interest Group Committee recommends approving McGill Students Trading Society for Interim Status based on their score of 25/30 on the Interim Status Approval Rubric.

Guardians of Animals Students Society

The Club's mandate shall be to:

- Educate students and raise awareness about animal rights, overpopulation, animal cruelty, illegal fur trade, and lack of law and political advocacy on such issues.
- Raise funds to support local shelters (SPCA, ARN, CFP, etc.) to help lessen local animal homelessness, and injured animals.
- Build a community, both online and offline, of animal lovers and pet owners to exchange information, knowledge, and ideas through seminars, events and meetings.
- Connect students interested in areas of animal welfare, or students pursuing a career in said field with volunteering opportunities via partnership with local shelters, vets, and animal rights organizations.
- Provide members with actual discounts and benefits at certain food venues, pet stores, etc.

*Committee Recommendation: Reject*

The Interest Group Committee recommends rejecting the Guardians of Animals Students Society for Interim Status based on their score of 18/30 on the Interim Status Approval Rubric.

McGill Students Mafia Club

The Club's mandate shall be to:

- Introduce students to the game of Mafia
- Provide a stable, safe space free of discrimination and judgment in which students may gather together on a weekly basis to play Mafia and related games.
- Develop an environment in which students can improve their abilities to bluff, critically think, induce information, detect verbal slips, and read body language and non-verbal signals.
- Organize activities through which members sharing a common interest in Mafia may further develop friendships outside of the game.



*Committee Recommendation: Table*

The Interest Group Committee recommends tabling the McGill Students Mafia Club application pending more information about their plans for financial and institutional sustainability.

**Full Status**

SSMU Climbing Club

Event Forms:

1. Movie Night: Screened rock climbing movie "Progressions," discussion
2. Movie Night 2: Showed four short films about rock climbing around the world, discussion
3. Belay Workshop: taught members how to tie knots, put on the harness, and proper belay techniques

*Committee Recommendation: Table*

The Interest Group Committee recommends tabling the SSMU Climbing Club pending more information on their fundraising plans and long term financial sustainability.

McGill Students SocieTEA

Events:

1. "Tea Expeditions" (5)
2. Cat Café Outing
3. Tea Gathering in SSMU

*Committee Recommendation: Approve*

The Interest Group Committee recommends approving McGill Students SocieTEA for Full Status based on their score of 27/30 on the Full Status Approval Rubric.

**Interim Status Extension**

SSMU Greater Montreal Area Nerdfighters

*Committee Recommendation: Approve*

The Interest Group Committee recommends a one month extension of Interim Status for the SSMU Greater Montreal Area Nerdfighters.