



Club Committee Report to Legislative Council

April 4, 2016

Present: Kimber Bialik, Vice President (Clubs and Services)
Dewy Tripp, Clubs Representative
Kahli Douglas, Services Representative
Zachariah Houston, Vice-President (Finance and Operations)
Serena Luk, Representative of Clubs
Li Peng Wang, Representative of Clubs
Vicky Cheng (Member at Large)
Zachary Carson (Member at Large)

Absent: Francois-Paul Truc, Clubs Representative

Interim Status Applications:

McGill Improvisational Longform Students' Association

The Club's mandate shall be to:

- Provide a community allowing deconstructive appreciation for longform improvisational theatre as an emerging art form.
- Expose members to a wide range of challenging professional longform improvisation formats such as the Harold, the Armando, and La Ronde.
- Promote collaborative creativity in members' scene-work through the teaching of contemporary longform improvisational techniques as outlined in leading improvisational theatre theory books such as UCB's Comedy Improvisation Manual.
- Foster high-caliber skills in the art of longform improvisational theatre in members.
- Hold events serving as performance opportunities for members.

Recommendation: The Club Committee recommends the rejection of the McGill Improvisational Longform Students' Association due to their score of 19/30 on the Interim Club Status Approval Rubric. The Committee recommends that the club approach McGill Students' Improv to incorporate longform improvisation into the activities of the existing club.

Neurodiverse Space

The Club's mandate shall be to:

- Help students across spectrums of mental competence advocate for themselves in terms of self-determination and accessibility in academic life, peer support, and public acceptance and knowledge;
- Provide opportunities for all students to educate themselves on neurodivergent experiences and emphasize application of the Neurodiversity paradigm (all human brains are natural and valuable) in consideration of daily institutions;
- Improve accommodations and accessibility of student services by collaborating with existing McGill services and programs;
- Hold events and activities which will increase awareness and acceptance of positive and/or prideful disability experiences, or recommend existing resources and services like therapies or wellness initiatives which do not compromise student safety or identity;



- Raise awareness of the Disability Rights movement as it pertains to the Neurodiversity movement;
- Create and maintain in-person and online platforms for mediated student discussion on special topics concerning neurodiversity and specific neurodivergence;
- Provide a new community for neurodivergent people and allies;
- Maintain an open environment/safer space for diversity in human identities that may intersect with neurodiversity, and seek to educate students on how these identities intersect (for example, race, sexuality, gender, nationality, multiple disabilities, class, religion etc.).

Recommendation: The Club Committee recommends the approval of Neurodiverse Space due to their score of 24/30 on the Interim Status Approval Rubric.

McGill Students Chapter of GOVision

The Club's mandate shall be to:

- Promote the student entrepreneurship and development in Asia;
- Provide a platform for those interested to exchange, communicate and collaborate
- Provide networking opportunities to aid interested students in meeting and connecting with industry professionals
- Hold events relating to entrepreneurship and business development in the Asian continent
- Encourage the development of professional skills

Recommendation: The Club Committee recommends the rejection of McGill Students Chapter GOVision due to their mandate overlap with existing clubs Global China Connection, the Junior Hong Kong Business Association, and other business related groups on campus.

McGill Students Chapter of the TAMID Group

The Club's mandate shall be to:

- Provide a connection between American business students and the State of Israel by connecting their personal and professional ambitions with Israel's economic landscape;
- Educate students about Israeli start-up culture, consulting, and investing;
- Offer hands on pro-bono consulting work for Israeli start-ups and other business firms

Recommendation: The Club Committee recommends the rejection of TAMID due to their score of 8/30 on the Interim Status Approval Rubric and due to the nature of their group as a business organization's incompatibility with the SSMU Club structure.

The Book Club

The Club's mandate shall be to:

- provide a fun and inclusive space for students who enjoy reading and literature to explore these interests with like-minded people;
- select books of a variety of genres to be read collectively and discussed at meetings;
- encourage general discussion on any book-related subjects at meetings and over social media;



- facilitate the exchange of books and other reading material between members;
- organize outings to book-related events (launches, signings, talks by authors, etc.) in Montreal.

Recommendation: The Club Committee recommends the approval of the Book Club due to their score of 25/30 on the Interim Status Approval Rubric.

McGill Students for ALS

The Club's mandate shall be to:

- lead the McGill community and surrounding Montreal area to fight and cure ALS through raising money towards global research and towards care and support for ALS patients;
- raise awareness about Lou Gehrig's disease, ALS, to the McGill community and surrounding Montreal area;
- spreading the vision of creating a world without ALS;
- raise money in order to help accomplish the goals of ALS Canada's foundation.

Recommendation: The Club Committee recommends the rejection of McGill Students for ALS due to their score of 17/24 on the Interim Status Approval Rubric.

Secondary School United Nations Symposium (SSUNS)

The mandate of SSUNS shall be to:

- Educate youth about world issues and international relations and diplomacy;
- Inspire youth to take on the challenges of tomorrow;
- Empower youth to express their ideas and contribute to their community
- Cultivate socially conscious expression of ideas.

Recommendation: The Club Committee recommends the rejection of SSUNS due to their score of 22/30 on the Interim Status Approval Rubric and their incompatibility with the legal and financial structure of the SSMU.

McGill Students Chinese Brush Arts Club

The Club's mandate shall be to:

- Introduce and promote enthusiasm and appreciation for Chinese brush and craft arts culture to McGill society and beyond.
- Enrich cultural diversity and multicultural network in McGill community.
- Provide accessible resources and guidance for students interested in Chinese fine arts.
- Hold performances, workshops and events for students to get involved in multiple types of Chinese fine arts.
- Network with McGill student organizations, local artists and fine arts institutions, and make their resources available to McGill community.
- Provide multiple forums and platforms on social media for all level students to share their work and experience in brush arts.

Recommendation: The Club Committee recommends the rejection of the McGill Students Chinese Brush Arts Club due to their score of 20/30 on the Interim Status Approval Rubric.



McGill Students for Veterans

The Club's mandate shall be to:

- Offer peer support to student veterans, and students currently serving in the military, as well as help connect the membership with similar programs outside of the Club.
- Offer academic mentorship programs to student veterans, and students currently serving in the military, as well as help connect the membership with similar programs outside of the Club.
- Work to help integrate and introduce student veterans, and students currently serving in the military to university life
- Serve as an intermediary and resource for student veterans, and students currently serving in the military to direct them to appropriate academic and mental health resources available
- Advocate for the accreditation of appropriate military training, and experiences at McGill University
- Raise awareness about the issues facing veterans working to reintegrate into civilian life and to promote initiatives that seek to aid in and ease this process.

Recommendation: The Club Committee recommends the rejection of McGill Students for Veterans due to their score of 23/30 on the Interim Status Approval Rubric.

McGill United States Student Association

The Club's mandate shall be to:

- Raise awareness of traditional and modern American cultural and historical legacies, while emphasizing the role of multiculturalism in the United States. Raise funds and raise awareness for charities in the United States that support the well-being and social integrity of the country e.g. the continuing rebuilding efforts in New Orleans, and the social and economic disenfranchisement of minority groups in urban areas of the US.
- Act as an inclusive, non-partisan venue for discussions regarding such things as current issues in the society and culture of the United States, as well as its history.
- Aid students in finding opportunities to work or intern at American companies, global companies based in the US, or in the US federal and state government.
- Provide students with chances for socialization and involvement, through volunteering opportunities and social events, from which friendships and community cohesiveness are built.
- Act as a networking venue for past, future, and present US students and Non-US students who are interested in the culture and history of the United States.
- Collaborate with other cultural clubs in order to work towards promoting common interests in fundraising and cultural exchange.

Recommendation: The Club Committee recommends the rejection of the McGill United States Student Association due to their score of 22/30 on the Interim Status Approval Rubric.

McGill Students Allied Against Sexual Harassment

The Club's mandate shall be to:

- Raise awareness about sexual harassment on and off campus



- Raise awareness about how to react and report sexual harassment from McGill Faculty and in Montreal to appropriate authorities
- Hold Bystander Intervention Workshops on how to react and counter sexual harassment in public
- Serve as an ally and support service for those subject to sexual harassment
- Draw attention to the marginalization of minority groups who face targeted sexual harassment

Recommendation: The Club Committee recommends the rejection of McGill Students Allied Against Sexual Harassment due to their score of 21/30 on the Interim Status Approval Rubric.

Students' Archery Society

The Club's mandate shall be to:

- Provide a safe and fair environment for experienced and inexperienced members to train and learn more about archery
- Raise awareness of the Club and archery as a sport in the undergraduate community through posters and social media posts
- Provide equipment available for rent, such as bows, arrows, and safety equipment for members that do not own their own equipment
- Educate members about proper form and safety procedures and provide tips for improvement
- Plan training and social events to raise interest about archery in the undergraduate community

Recommendation: The Club Committee recommends the approval of the Students' Archery Society due to their score of 27/30 on the Interim Status Approval Rubric.