

IGC Agenda for January 17, 2012

Club Approvals

Full Status

The Cupcake Club: (Approved)

The Cupcake Club's has two goals, the first is to fill the desire of students who love to bake by providing open baking sessions and the second is to raise money for clubs and organizations by selling the cupcakes. The Cupcake Club will be available to bake and provide cupcakes for events and fundraisers at McGill. The clubs for which we bake will be responsible for selling the cupcakes. Clubs can apply for the Cupcake Club to bake for them through our email, facebook page or soon to come website. It will be on a first come first serve basis but we also reserve the right to choose clubs that the exec quorum feels have greater need for funding.

Becoming a SSMU club will allow the Cupcake club to achieve its goals of baking and fundraising by being part of the McGill club community as an official club and reach all of the students who are interested in baking. Fundraising is an essential component of all clubs and organizations and club members who want to host a bake sale or event often do not have time or resources to bake goods. The cupcake club will fill this niche by being available for bake sales, as well as for McGill events and conferences.

In addition to weekly baking, the Cupcake Club will organize cupcake related events such as contests for cupcake decoration, flavor, and eating. Said contests would also serve as a fundraiser for either an organization chosen by the Cupcake Club exec or for a related McGill club upon request. Cupcake members will have the opportunity to propose any ideas they have for the cupcake club such as new cupcake recipes, events, clubs that need fundraising.

The cupcake club will apply for funds through SSMU. The membership for the club will cost \$2. We will use the money to buy the ingredients and equipment to bake cupcakes. There will be a small charge for the clubs and associations for whom we bake cupcakes, \$0.25 or \$0.35 depending on the kind of cupcake and whether or not the cupcakes are for

fundraising purposes or events. We plan to bake most of the cupcakes in the Midnight Kitchen. Since last spring Cupcake club members have baked thousands of cupcakes in the Midnight Kitchen and hope to continue to do so, depending on availabilities of MK, the club members, and the cupcake requests.

Thus far in Fall 2011 Cupcake club has baked cupcakes for more than ten McGill clubs and continues to have demand. New members come to bake every week and happiness through Peace Treats abounds. We hope by becoming a Full Status McGill club we can continue to provide cupcakes for clubs to use to fundraise and provide a happy space to bake!

Beyond Me- APPROVED

Events:

- 1) Presentation about Montreal Oral School for the Deaf
- 2) Tour of Montreal Oral school for the death
- 3) Play date for Montreal Oral School students

Global China Connection (see paper copy of full status application) TABLED

The committee has reservations about this group's connections to Tibet. They have listed internships in Tibet as one of their main events. Although apparently the organization no longer runs these internships, the group has sent members to teach in Tibet in the past. The Interest Group committee is concerned that approval of this club's full status application is tantamount to tacit support of the Chinese occupation of Tibet.

Interim

DoRAK

The Club's mandate shall be to

- Promote genuine acts of kindness in order to inspire and encourage others to spread kindness and pass it forward.
- Increase the happiness, self-esteem, and morale of members and random strangers
- Strive for high involvement from students so that the entire student body at McGill is able to experience random acts of kindness and thus create a significant movement that could expand to other universities

- Network with local organizations and other universities to hold pro bono fun events and fund-raisers to expand the club across the province
- Create an iPhone application that sends out a notification/ suggestions of random act of kindness of the day for members to practice.
- Improve the morale of students during extremely stressful periods such as exam time.
- Provide an online forum for discussion for those interested in improving upon our club's goals and how to get involved.
- Give members information about how they can pay it forward and in what manner to approach strangers.
- Emphasize how important an individual's act of kindness is with regards to the person receiving it. Make sure that they understand and appreciate one single simple act of altruism.

Investment Bank of Happiness- APPROVED

IBH's mandate shall be to:

- Raise public awareness to the benefits of pursuing a life of contentment and happiness, with the ultimate goal of shifting public mentality away from purely economic terms
- Create a happier McGill Community through emphasizing the importance of interpersonal relations
- Promote an alternative take on international development by exploring the possibility of utilizing happiness as a means of measuring development
- Promote discussion concerning the draw backs of purely economic centered initiatives
- Raise awareness about the concepts of Gross National Happiness and the Happy Planet Index
- Research on the potential applicability of HPI (Happy Planet Index) in a McGill and Canadian context
- Hold conference concerning the feasibility of environmental economics
- Organize "Happiness" workshops (i.e. defining alternative definitions on success, laughing exercises, etc).

Powerlifting and Olympic Weightlifting Club- APPROVED

The Club's mandate shall be to:

- Promote fitness and health through proper Powerlifting and Olympic weightlifting techniques.
- Provide opportunities for those who do not know anything about weightlifting to learn and grow.
- Provide a friendly environment to introduce those who are interested to the benefits of Powerlifting and Olympic Weightlifting.
- Create a community of weightlifters and fitness oriented individuals who can work out and get stronger together.

Undergraduate Cancer Research Fund-- APPROVED

- Raise funds from the undergraduate population to support *undergraduate* research at the Rosalind and Morris Goodman Cancer Center, previously known as the McGill Cancer Center
- Increase awareness of the necessity of the cancer research amongst the McGill undergraduate community
- Facilitate contact between undergraduate students and researchers at the center

Japanese Culture Club-- APPROVED

- **Presentation:** Conduct research and make a presentation once or twice a semester. The topics will be about distinct aspects of the Japanese society, such as the basic concept of dividing people into in-groups and out-groups, and Japanese seniority-based status relationships, similar to the way that family and other relationships are decided based on age, with even twins being divided into elder and younger sibling.
- **Visual Resource Education:** Use visual resources, such as movies or videos in order to educate the Japanese history, such as the Meiji Restoration which led to enormous changes in Japan's political and social structure, and modern ways of living, including maid café and social withdrawal once a month.
- **Field Trip:** Go to local Japanese communities to experience Japanese practices and beliefs such as tea ceremonies and shintō once a semester.
- **Language Education:** Provide language lessons for students to learn the Japanese language, both written and spoken, classic literature, the history behind the language and letters by offering presentations from guest speakers and through letter writing lessons/workshops, as well as first level or basic Japanese language lessons/workshops including mutual teaching and interaction with native Japanese speakers. The lesson will be once a month and will also use calligraphy to teach a sense of Japanese art, spiritual tradition, and the history of the language.
- **Cooking Lesson:** Foster a love of Japanese cuisine and educate club members on how to cook day-to-day Japanese food as well as ceremonial cuisine through cooking lessons twice or three times a semester.
- **Volunteer activity:** Raise fund for victims of the Tohoku earthquake, tsunami, and other domestic disasters and for the social poor by selling homemade sushi, or cupcakes to raise awareness of the problems and causes of natural disasters and possible social inequalities and economic disparities affecting Japan once a semester.

Unite for Sight- APPROVED

- Hold fundraising events to raise money for providing basic eye care and cataract surgeries for near- poverty patients in Ghana, India, and Honduras
- Provide opportunities for members to shadow local ophthalmologists
- Raise awareness on campus and in local communities about the importance of eye care
- Network with local organizations and institutions to raise money and support the cause of Unite For Sight

Liberty Children's Association- APPROVED

- Raise awareness about child welfare, with a focus on Central America.
 - o Specifically, we would focus on raising awareness for three issues:
 - The circumstances that brings children into orphanages
 - The link between HIV and orphans
 - Childhood malnutrition
 - o Would do so through guest speakers, movie screenings, and other fun, but informative, events
- Link these issues to the Montreal Community and support local organizations that tackle these local issues through volunteering
 - o Examples of these organization per issue includes
 - The Boys and Girls Club
 - An interesting, though indirect, link to circumstances that bring children into orphanages
 - Head in Hands
 - Promotes sexual awareness for youths in Montreal having an indirect link to HIV and orphans
 - Sun Youth
 - This organization provides food assistance for impoverished children and families through one service
- Use club meetings to learn more about these issues
 - o Possibly through inviting teachers to speak to the group, or making contact with local NGOs (in Central America and other areas).
- Do a fundraiser for either a local or international organization with which we have made contact once a semester or year

Millennium Promise Constitution- Rejected

- Increase awareness of the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs) targeting specifically Goal #1, the eradication of extreme poverty;
- Organize fundraising events to support the Millennium Villages Project;
- Network with local organizations, institutions, and academics to gain support for the achievement of the MDGs;

- Host outreach events to raise awareness and increase support for the Millennium Promise Organization.

Although no chapter of this NGO exists on campus, the Committee believes that the mandate is very vague and overlaps with several other clubs whose main goal is to alleviate poverty. The Committee is also drafting a policy on social responsibility as it relates to clubs with an international focus, which will be applied to this club. The committee also fears that this club will not be sustainable in the long run, as there is institutional history of clubs with broad and vague mandates dying very quickly.

Club to Service

SSMU Musician's Collective

The Interest Group Committee recommends that the SSMU Musician's Collective be upgraded to a service. The recommendation went to the Executive Committee for approval and will later come to council.

Policy

The Committee is drafting a policy to address the social responsibility of clubs. We are specifically creating policy on clubs that focus on taking trips abroad. This policy will be brought to council separately.