

## **IGC Meeting Minutes April 1, 2012**

### **Full Status Approvals**

#### FIMRC

- Foundation for the International Medical Relief of Children
- Major Events :
  - o Old Brewery Mission Volunteering to raise awareness of local health issues
- FIMRC Fright Nights
  - o Hallowe'en movie marathon to support the Global Health Volunteer Program
- FIMRC Costa Rica Volunteer Trip (1 week)
  - o 5 volunteers went to the FIMRC clinic in Costa Rica

#### Bulgarian Association of McGill

- Three major events
  - o Traditional folk dance classes and competition
  - o Movies Night, Bulgarian Style
    - Showed Bulgarian movies every second week
  - o Global Village 2012
    - Participated in this cultural club event

### **Full Status Tabled**

#### **McGill's Student Network for Economic Development**

- **Major Events :**
  - o **Financing the Future- A Conference on Sustainability**
    - **Included guest speakers, partnered with OI McGill**
  - o **Hot Topics In Poverty**
    - **Series of student led discussions to create an environment of intellectual discourse on poverty**
- **They only submitted two events – we are waiting for a description of a third.**

### **Interim Status Approved**

#### Healthcare Professional Alliance

- This club was originally tabled because it required supporting documents.

#### The Shefa Project

- Engage students with the emerging sustainable paradigm
- Promote and support local food systems by providing meals and access to local food

- Provide experiential educational programming by organizing trips and expeditions
- Support healthy holistic community development by gathering like minded individuals together for constructive and engaging activities
- Create a forum of discussion for the intersection of religion and sustainability

### Music Mania

The Club's mandate shall be to promote different kinds of music from all over the world and to be able to bring people from different musical backgrounds together, to create music with a twist. We will also convert these different art forms into a stage performance. Ideally, we will show our compilation to the McGill community through an end-of-term concert. Our weekly meetings will not only be informative to anyone who attends them, they will encourage people to understand how music is played all over the world, the differences in theory, rhythm and tonal quality. We will collaborate with other current local organizations and institutions; possibly bring in guest speakers to increase our spectrum of knowledge. We will work towards our concert and aim higher for obtaining a recording label within a couple of years. We will stress on the fact that the myriad of music creates our unique individual identities but our love to learn the fantastic kinds of music unites us.

### Radical Christian Students' Association

Operate as a radical Christian community, where we understand radical to mean a returning to the roots of Christianity, embodied in the person of Jesus, and the example of his community, with reference to his life, death and resurrection, and to his teaching on healing, social justice, and relationships.

Work towards the development of radical worship, involving music, prayer, and liturgy. Foster discussion and build consensus among the broader Christian community at McGill, as well as the McGill community generally, regarding issues of social and environmental justice.

Provide teaching and resources exploring the radical Christian heritage to McGill students Mobilise Christians and others on campus to act in solidarity with the marginalised and oppressed

Build relationships with other groups with overlapping mandates, with the intention of working together towards our common goals.

### Surf Team (working on name format)

- To hold river surfing sessions every week when temperature permits
- To have fun, improve surfing skills and meet new people
- Provide opportunities for beginner surfers to join in
- Organize surf trips on east coast and around the world
- Hold events and screenings of surf movies

- Organize surfing lessons for beginners
- Represent McGill through surf trips and competitions

### Youth Opportunities! Through Community

- Research the health and fitness needs of marginalized youth in Montreal, ages 13-18 (minorities by sexual orientation, socio-economic status, ethnicity, race, gender etc.)
- Apply this research to create safe space athletic programming for Montreal youth
- Implement solidarity practices among minority groups in programming
- Develop a network with organizations lobbying for minority rights (eg. Queer McGill)
- Promote the pillars of community, health and equity in all activities

### Croquet Club (working on name format)

- Bring together croquet players of McGill, regardless of skill level
- help members meet as often as the weather permits in various parks around the McGill area
- Engage in various versions of the game including Golf Croquet and 9 Wicket Croquet
- Network with local organizations in order to gain sponsorships for team-related activities

### Student Advocacy Service

- There will be a group named the Student Advocacy Service, known hereafter as the Advocacy Group, or the group.
- The goals of the Advocates of the Advocacy Group will be the following:
  - To serve as a first-contact point for students with questions, both general and specific, about the workings and governance structures of McGill university, about how to get involved on campus, about their duties, rights, opportunities and responsibilities as McGill students, members of the Student's Society of McGill University (SSMU), or members of faculty or departmental associations, about how to create and manage effective advocacy campaigns, and about how to ensure that their voice and opinions are heard and acted upon by the appropriate levels of governance.
  - To act as intermediaries or points of contact between individual or groups of students and student government, the administration, or other groups on or off of campus, in matters relating to advocacy.
  - To create and maintain training programs and reference materials for Advocates, with the intent of ensuring the highest possible quality of advocacy.
  - To seek out members of the student body who may be in need of advocacy services and offer them these services.
  - To maintain a personalized and context-based approach to each advocacy case.
  - To refer students with questions outside of the scope of the advocates, when applicable, to appropriate external groups or sources of information.

- To act, in essence, as student ombudspersons and guides.

### Student Association for Nonviolent Thought

- Raise awareness on campus about the Tibetan refugee community in Northern India, as well as appreciate other cultures that promote nonviolence;
- Create a forum for discussion about nonviolent methods of change and compassion-in-action programs through readings, storytelling and projects;
- Explore nonviolent solutions through a public practice in our community (like smiling more often) and an optional personal practice of yoga;
- Foster a close-knit community focused on developing inner power as preparation for reaching out and participating in positive change in the world;
- Provide network opportunities for volunteering with grassroots NGOs in the Tibetan refugee community of Northern India.

### Interim Status Tabled

#### Interfaith Forum SSMU

- very good idea, but mandate is too vague
- will advise to clarify mandate and be more specific

### **Interim Status Rejected**

#### Schools Building Schools

- many clubs that deal with development and education
- unclear how they are unique
- would not fill a niche on campus/is not needed

#### Friends of NOAH (Nurturing Orphans of AIDS for Humanity)

- serves no unique function
- vague mandate
- could fundraise through another clubs
- doesn't fill a gap on campus