

Clubs and Services Committee Report

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We have a pretty awesome group of people sitting on the committee this year. I am sure that we will have loads of fun throughout the year understanding, not understanding and trying to understand what goes on with clubs.

INTERIM STATUS:

Welcome to the eager beavers of this year. There will be many more to come so please do not be disappointed by the small list that will soon follow. Some of the most interesting encounters were in the summer (i.e – the “awesome” mandate of the Mastermind Club mentioned in last council) but fear not we will entertain you enough.

Gardens: Don't let the name fool you. This club is not about gardens or gardening or about mysterious grasses but in fact about writing, poetry, literature and the aesthetics. Their application was strong and detailed but the committee felt that their mandate overlapped with already existing clubs such as Epilogue and the Fine Arts Club, we felt that they should be *tabled* so that they can make minor changes in their application. We suggest narrowing their mandate, expanding on the workshops they were prepared to offer leading to the creation of bimonthly zine OR then just saving us the paper work and joining the clubs that had similar mandates.

Helping Darfur Club: We love clubs. We really do. We promise. BUT we are happy to announce the first *rejected* club of the year. The main reason for the rejection was the fact that their mandate overlaps entirely with STAND and existing Darfur/genocide related clubs.

Traductions: As a brief introduction to my personal bio..I am not French. I know limited things about the French. I love them but I don't know anything about them. I do enjoy French techno of the 80's though(YOUTUBE IT!). For aloof Pakistani's like myself, this is a great club. They offer translation services to McGill Students and Clubs. BUT they were *tabled* since their financial structure and vetting structure was a little vague. We will ask for more information and lets' hope they do a good job. We could really do with a Translation club.

Bilingual Improv Club: Although McGill already has an Improv club, we feel this club is a little different. They are bilingual which is an added benefit AND they approach improv with a competitive edge. They were *approved* and we also really enjoyed their application, especially where they compared themselves to a “hockey team” and as a “sports team in a cultural field”. Snazzy.

Magic Club: Although I wish this was David Blane style as Nicholas aptly pointed out, a Magic Club is the first of its kind in SSMU. They were *approved* even though they need to be reminded that McGill owns the name McGill. So ya.

Ahmadiya Muslim Association: This was a dead club but they resubmitted an application and were *approved*. They are a different sect of Muslims and so do not overlap with the mandate of MSA.

FULL STATUS:

Iraqi Students' Association: They had no samosa sales. Enough said. HOWEVER, lucky for them we are the awesomest committee and *tabled* them giving them a second chance to complete their budgets, sell some samosas and organize themselves. Their application was weak overall with incomplete budgets and 2/3 events with Concordia.

Students' Offering Support: S.O.S: Please someone save them. After the much entertaining happening (or not) of their OAP event also a huge FAIL moment for this lovely club, we approved them. They spent a lot of money on volunteer T-shirts and one of their events was not exactly in line with their mandate BUT they had some very successful events and the idea of tutorials to raise money for development in Latin America deserves a cookie (and an *approved* Full Status).

Egyptian Students' Society (MESA): They were *approved*. They were so cute with their application. They even attached pictures of the "fun festivities". They had a strong application; all their events had strong funding from external organizations. We as a committee disagreed with one aspect of their mandate that involved the university more than the student society but since they had a strong application overall, we can consult on minor changes after approval.

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