

Interest Group Committee Report

November 26, 2012

Interim Status Clubs Approved

- 1. McGill Brain Resource and Interest Network for Students (BRAINS)**
- 2. East-Central and Southeastern European Appreciation League**

Full Status Clubs Approved

- 1. McGill Students' Comparative Healthcare Systems**

Clubs Tabled

- 1. Lunchbox for All**
- 2. Korean Professional Alliance**

Other

- 1. Motions put forward to amend full status application process and edit by-laws**

Interim Status Clubs

McGill Brain Resource and Interest network for Students (BRAINS)

Mandate:

- Increase public awareness on areas of the brain and promote interest in the topic.
- Actively strive to provide resources and information to the McGill community.
- Provide students of any discipline the opportunity to volunteer or gain experience in the areas of the brain.
- Raise funds to run and implement all of the above initiatives.
- Network with local organizations that are affiliated with any aspect of the brain, including, but not limited to, neuroscience, cognitive science, brain injury prevention and care, in an effort to build lasting relationships and provide our members with new opportunities.
- Donate excess funds to brain-related organizations or charities.

They were approved as they do not overlap with other clubs and fill a niche in SSMU. When being reviewed for full status, attention will be paid to whether they engaged students who were not studying subjects related to the brain (i.e. the larger SSMU community).

Eastern-Central and Southeastern European Appreciation League

Mandate:

- Explore Eastern European culture through community events and campus activities

- Explore Eastern European history through lectures, seminars and papers
- Explore Eastern European philosophy through readings and discussions
- Raise awareness of current and past issues and perspectives of Eastern Europe within the world
- Connect students interested in Eastern European culture with events and organizations related to Eastern Europe in Montreal
- Raise funds for the purpose of promoting Eastern European culture, diversity and literature on campus

This club was approved for interim status.

Full status Clubs

McGill Students' Comparative Healthcare Systems Program (CHSP)

Was approved over five months ago but their application was lost by the former IGC due to the MUNACA strike.

Three events:

1. Two radio shows at CKUT April 10 and June 12
2. Went to visit various hospitals around the Montreal area May 1st and 2nd. This seems to be part of the CHSP Taiwan program that some of their members went on which they organize
3. CHSP Annual Conference March 21st

Tabled

Lunchbox for All

This group somewhat overlaps with other groups but interest group committee did not want to reject them before the interest group coordinator met with them and understood better what their mandate was.

Korean Professional Alliance

This group was tabled because they initially were focused only on management students and thus were recommended by the interest group committee to consider becoming an MUS club. They opted to change their mandate but did not demonstrate any change in what their club would actually be doing. The interest group coordinator will meet with them and discuss this issue.

Other

Changes to By-laws

The interest group committee felt that it was necessary make changes to the full status application because in its current state it makes it very difficult for some clubs to fulfill their mandate and engage their members. The new applications were discussed and reviewed several times by the interest group committee and changes have been accordingly put forward to SSMU council.