

Interest Group Committee Report for February 21st

Clubs approved for interim status:

1. Dietary Restrictions Club
2. PLQ @ McGill
3. Shamal: The Voice of North Africa

Clubs tabled:

1. McGill Toheed Student Society
2. McGill Students Finance Group

Clubs rejected:

1. McGill Christian Students' Association
2. McGill Students support for Afghanistan

Full Status Clubs approved

1. Investment Bank of Happiness
2. Open Media

Approved for Interim Status

Dietary Restrictions Club

- Raise awareness about ailments and dietary restrictions in the McGill community
- Create group meetings so that people with ailments and dietary restrictions do not feel alone and can communicate with one another
- To host events such as talks so that people can learn more about and learn to cope with their dietary restrictions in a better way.
- Provide a support group for people with dietary restriction; something that can be lonely and overwhelming at times.

Interest group committee felt that they would be useful for students on campus but has approved them with this name (they had originally wanted to be the McGill Dietary Control Club)

PLQ @ McGill

2 Article II: Mandate

2.1 The Club's mandate shall be to:

- *Promote the Liberal ideas and values at McGill University.*
- *Introduce the concepts of Canadian federalism and Quebec politics to the McGill community.*
- *Promote political involvement among students.*
- *Hold events relating to the activities of the Quebec Liberal Party.*
- *Hold occasional Policy Commission meetings in order to propose policy at the upcoming annual Youth Convention of the Quebec Liberal Party.*
- *Inform the McGill community about formal events of the Quebec Liberal Party.*

Shamal: The Voice of North Africa

Mandate:

1. Inform McGill community about the political development happening in North Africa.
2. Provide a safe discussion space about North African issues.
3. Educate and raise awareness amongst McGill community about North Africa.
4. Represent culturally and politically North Africa (Morocco, Algeria, Tunisia, Libya, Egypt) in McGill.
5. Fundraise for humanitarian causes relating to North Africa.

Approved under the condition that their events do not overlap with those of the Moroccan or Egyptian students association and this will be checked when being reviewed for full status.

Clubs Tabled for Interim Status

McGill Toheed Student Society

Mandate

- Expand its members' awareness and knowledge by arranging lectures and creating open panels.
- Hold special programs for Islamic occasions, in particular, the events that are respected mainly by Shia Muslims.
- Help students of different beliefs to discover Islamic values and the active role that one can play in the contemporary life in the view of these values.
- Network with other Muslim and non-Muslim Club's to hold events based on common interests and objectives.
- Collaborate with McGill's academic centers involved in Islamic studies, in its future perspective.
- Run social events that provide Shia Muslims leisure within their religious framework, as well as social environment to interact with non-Muslim students. These events include outdoor activities, social gatherings and trips.
- Organize information tables in McGill's social events.
- Raise funds for charitable activities suggested by Islam.

- Introduce other active Islamic Centers to McGill students by running collaborative projects and events.

Need to discuss with the Muslim Students Association before decisions can be made

McGill Finance Group

Mandate:

- Educate and inform members about the finance world through weekly newsletters and other social media such as an active facebook page.
- Host biweekly member meetings structured as conferences or discussion sessions about new stock opportunities.
- Create and operate a fully-functioning website to facilitate active communication between members and executives and serve as a learning resource for members.
- Provide opportunities for people to network with financial institutions in the region.
- Host virtual investing competitions with prizes for top investors and in the process, provide a risk-free medium through which students can learn to invest.
- Organize occasional speaker events or inform members about existing speaker events aimed at addressing various financial issues.

Interest group coordinator will meet with them to discuss putting in clauses regarding the usage of student funds.

Clubs Rejected for Interim Status

McGill Christian Students' Association

Mandate:

To study the Bible in view of the central line of the Bible—i.e., the Word of God reveals the Triune God, whose desire in His economy is to dispense the all-inclusive Christ as the life-giving Spirit into the believers to constitute the Body of Christ, ultimately consummating in the New Jerusalem—which vision has been lost to many believers, and setting aside religious practices and doctrines.

2.1.2 To spread the deeper truths in the Bible to seeking students on campus, through:

2.1.2.1 Large group Bible studies: We have weekly group Bible studies covering a specific topic each semester.

2.1.2.2 One-on-one Bible studies: The content and time of one-on-one Bible studies are more flexible and are arranged according to each individual's needs and schedule.

2.1.2.3 Having each member speak their unique portion of Christ

- 2.1.3 To encourage members to exercise our human spirit to contact and know Christ in a subjective way.
- 2.1.4 To build companionships to corporately pursue and encourage one another to grow in life for the building up of Christ's Body through:
 - 2.1.4.1 College meetings where students gather once a week to sing, study the truth, and enjoy mutual fellowship.
- 2.1.5 To connect students with Christian families in the community and alumni, providing them with the environment and tools necessary to continue their Christian life after graduation through:
 - 2.1.5.1 Home meetings where Christian families in the community open their homes for dinner and a time to read the Bible.
- 2.1.6 To distribute free New Testament Bibles on campus and in the community and further follow-up with interested recipients.
- 2.1.7 To preach the gospel: Our Savior God desires all men to be saved, so we announce Christ as the gospel to cause people to be regenerated (born again) and become living members of His Body.

Very much overlaps with the Christian Fellowship

McGill Students support for Afghanistan

Mandate:

- Engaging youth to participate and contribute to social development around the world
- Identifying and creating community-based, culturally-focused social, cultural, civic, environmental, and educational opportunities that promote one or more of the following themes:
 - o Cultural development
 - o Community engagement
 - o Leadership development
 - o Youth engagement
 - o Life skills and wellness
- Raising awareness among youth in promoting women's rights in Afghanistan
- Promoting charity events in order to provide health care services in rural regions in Afghanistan
- Hold discussions that develop student awareness in knowledge about social development efforts around the world.
- Encourage youth-led initiatives to promote culture and social integrity
- Provide opportunities for student to share their passion for charity work and exchange information about one's culture and traditions
- Establish a strong Afghan identity among Afghans and share it with everyone.

Their cover letter did not have the same information as their mandate. There was concern by the interest group committee that this group would be too focused on charity work. Their charity is also

going towards a municipality which conflicts with the Policy on Trip and Charity Clubs which states that clubs must work in tandem with a credible NGO.

Clubs Approved for Full Status

Investment Bank of Happiness

Events:

1. Movie screening
2. Joy of Singing Karaoke
3. Happiness Symposium
4. Gingerbread house making
5. Happiness Conference

Mandate was fulfilled

Open Media

They held a campaign called "What's Your Cell Phone Horror Story?" that looked into why people get outrageous phone bills and what to do about them. They have a nice online newsletter where they promote other events related to social media and also their own events such as a workshop on how to fight against unfair cell phone bills and a field trip to the CRTC Hearing on Bell Astral Merger. They also just had a trip to Ottawa for another hearing.

Mandate was fulfilled

Adopted