

Interest Group Committee March 12th and 26th Minutes for Council

Clubs approved for Interim Status:

1. McGill Students' Chapter of The Triple Helix
2. The Finance Group

Clubs approved for Full Status:

1. Netroots Students' Society
2. McGill Students We Are Young (McSWAY)
3. McGill Women in Leadership
4. Interfaith Forum
5. McGill Students' Pre-Law Society
6. Healthcare Professional Alliance
7. Azerbaijani Students' Society

Constitutional Changes:

1. Our House Music

Clubs Tables for Interim Status:

1. The Political Bouillon

Clubs Rejected for Interim Status:

1. End Poverty Now

McGill Students' Chapter of The Triple Helix

- Promote scientific discourse and awareness amongst McGill students
- Hold at least one Science Policy event per semester, which provides a forum for local experts (e.g. McGill professors) to speak about a topic that addresses the connections between science and society
- Promote discussion between all McGill students and experts on topics relating to science's role in society through Science Policy events
- Give all McGill students the opportunity to discuss Science Policy subjects with professors in a context outside of their academic courses
- Provide opportunities for McGill students to engage in journalistic writing on matters pertaining to various fields within the sciences, politics, business, and others and to have articles published on a world-renowned professional journalistic website
- Allow members of the Club to network with fellow Triple Helix members (at McGill and other chapters)

- Allow members of the Club to network with local faculty at McGill University, and all other participants of any Science Policy events organized through the chapter

The club fills a niche as there is not a club as such that would be for students not in science to explore such topics.

The Finance Group- SSMU

The Club's mandate shall be to:

- 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.
- Provide students with the necessary tools and skills to pursue their own financial interests, whilst still ensuring that students are fully aware of the risks associated with any actions they may take.

Approved on the condition that they do not do any investing of real money. The interest group coordinator will look into seeing how they can invest money without causing legal issues for the SSMU.

NetRoots

Product: several websites designed by the club for other clubs, students groups, or NGOs in Montreal

- ➔ Borderless World website (<http://borderlessworld.org/>)
- ➔ Africa Soma (<http://www.africasoma.org/>)
- ➔ It Is Well (<http://www.itiswell.ca/>)
- ➔ Off Campus Fellow Program (Hasn't launched yet and is totally Enbal's fault actually)
- ➔ Simonet (<http://www.simonetcanada.com/>)
- ➔ Yellow Door (<http://www.yellowdoor.org/>)
- ➔ Montreal City Mission (<http://www.montrealcitymission.org/en/>)
- ➔ Hand in Hand International (<http://www.handinhandworld.com/teams/canada/montreal/>)
- ➔ Working on 9 more

Fulfilled mandate, approved.

McGill Students We Are Young

Product: "This is My McGill" Community Haiku Project Submissions

- ➔ 41 submissions (include one from HMB!)
- ➔ Flashmob where they read the poetry
- ➔ They also put together an analytical report

Biweekly meetings: sharing poetry events throughout Montreal, discussing past club events, planning future events, sharing and writing poetry, and a surprise (guest poets, recording with CKUT, workshops, etc.)

Fulfilled mandate, approved.

McGill Women in Leadership (should be McGill Women in Leadership Students Association)

Three events:

- Lucie Pepin and Marc Lalonde Guest Speaker Event
 - o Discussion about women in politics
 - o Questionable budgeting, \$400 spent on food for an event with 60 people in attendance
- Consulting Networking Event
- CV Building and Interview Prep Workshop
- CBC Company Tour
 - o Took 12 students around the CBC offices

Was approved by the interest group committee with some hesitation. They did fulfill their mandate but did mismanage funds for their first event and did not seem honest about attendance to their event.

Record will be kept of this for future resource allocation.

Interfaith Forum

Three events:

- Open Dialogues on Faith and Spirituality
 - o Essentially weekly meetings that are 90 minutes long to talk about faith and spirituality
- Interfaith Forum Weekend Retreat
- Like a Rock: Community and Nature Inspired Rock Painting
 - o People talked and painted rocks

Fulfilled mandate, approved.

McGill Students' Pre-Law Society

Events:

1. Wine and Cheese Meet and Greet
2. Canadian Law Forum
3. American Law Forum

Fulfilled mandate, approved.

Healthcare professional alliance

Three events:

1. Kick-off Event at Gerts
2. Interprofessional Panel Discussion and Wine and Cheese
3. Conflict Resolution Workshop

Fulfilled mandate, approved.

Azerbaijani Students' Society

Three events:

1. Screening of the film, La Hora de los Hornos
2. Introduction to Azerbaijan
3. Raising awareness of Karabakh War in Azerbaijan

Fulfilled mandate, approved.

Our House Music

New mandate:

- To expose McGill students to live underground electronic dance music in the Montreal area
- To host events which focus on creating an atmosphere of equality and unity under the collective appreciation of the performance of electronic dance music
- To promote a mentality of acceptance and experimentation to music of all forms
- To use social networking to expose students to quality electronic music tracks and mixes through the Our House Music Facebook and Twitter pages
- To provide exposure opportunities for upcoming producers and DJs through Facebook promotion and the bi-weekly Our House Music Soundcloud mix
- To help upcoming producers and DJs improve their technical skills through the genre-specific expertise of our members
- To teach members entrepreneurial skills and create connections in the Montreal night life industry

Political Bouillon

Mandate:

- be a non-affiliated, non-partisan journal that serves as a platform for a broad spectrum of political opinions;
- engage university students in an intellectual, dynamic and respectful dialogue, making use of their creativity and interest in current affairs;
- give an opportunity to University students of all academic departments to write about their unique and critical views on current affairs;
- publish content daily, including but not limited to articles, videos, photo-essays, cartoons and photographs;
- cater equally to all University students and to both Anglophones and Francophones;
- build a global project uniting students of all regions by publishing content from guest writers and external submissions of other journals in partnership with the Political Bouillon
- host events pertaining to Politics and Journalism, including but not limited to, speaker events, writers' workshops, debating tournaments, and themed trivia nights

The interest group coordinator will meet with them. It is unclear why they need to be a SSMU club and what funding would go towards. Also there is a lot of overlap with other groups in SSMU such as TVM and the Political Issues Club.

End Poverty Now

The Club's mandate shall be to

- Follow the tri-pillar base of grassroots projects, InReach, and education.
- Conduct fundraising for the national End Poverty Now organization in support of the Club's grassroots project, defined as a project which will one day be self-sustaining without the Club's funding.
- Help alleviate poverty in the local community through InReach which includes but is not limited to providing local volunteer opportunities for club members so they can work hands-on in alleviating poverty.
- Raise awareness on the issue of both local and international poverty through spreading information and educational events.

The interest group committee had to reject the club due to overlap with other poverty focused clubs on campus such as SynesthAsia, McGill Students for UN Women Canada National Committee, McGill Students for World Vision, McGill Students for Right to Play, McGill Students for Oxfam-Quebec, McGill Students for Habitat for Humanity Montreal, and MedLife McGill.