



Club Committee Report to Legislative Council February 11, 2016

Club Committee Decisions: February 1, 2016

Present: Kimber Bialik (Vice President Clubs and Services)
Francois-Paul Truc (Clubs Representative)
Dewy Tripp (Clubs Representatives)
Kahli Douglas (Services Representative)
Serena Luk (Representative of Clubs)
Li Peng Wang (Representative of Clubs)
Zachary Carson (Member at Large)

Absent: Vicky Cheng (Member at Large)
Brighita Lungu (PGSS Representative)

Interim Status Applications:

Socialist Fightback Student Association

The Club's mandate shall be to:

- Provide a Marxist analysis of current events;
- Provide education on basic Marxist theory to its members and those who wish to participate;
- Strongly encourage active participation in the movement against austerity while bringing forward a socialist perspective within the movement.

Committee Recommendation: Approve

The Club Committee recommends the approval of the Socialist Fightback Students' Association due to their score of 24/30 on the Interim Status Approval Rubric.

Young Greens @ McGill

The Club's mandate shall be to:

- Inspire and engage students in the political process in order to develop conscientious community leaders capable of confronting mounting global challenges;
- Progress Green values and principles at a grassroots level;
- work in solidarity with green parties at the global, federal, provincial, and municipal levels;
- Facilitate party outreach and expansion;
- Unite persons with a shared vision and provide a forum for them to apply their interests and passion in the political sphere.

Committee Recommendation: Reject

The Club Committee recommends the rejection of the Young Greens @ McGill due to their score of 22/30 on the Interim Status Approval Rubric.



McGill Students Reading Club

The Club's mandate shall be to:

- Promote the continued reading for pleasure of McGill students, throughout the academic year;
- Provide a space for book, prose and poetry lovers to gather and discuss various works
- Promote the discovery of new genres, and an openness to all literature;
- Hold events which facilitate students' access to reading for pleasure, such as used book exchanges and monthly book discussions;
- Promote continued learning and intellectual stimulation through literature for McGill students.

Committee Recommendation: Tabled

McGill Integrative Bioscience Students' Society

The Club's mandate shall be to:

- Represent the views of its members in student government affairs
- Facilitate academic program changes and discussion between faculty and students
- Foster a community through social activities and events
- Provide students research opportunities through MIBS' network of associated professors
- Advise students on post-graduate opportunities
- Promote enrolment in integrative biology academic programs at McGill

Committee Recommendation: Reject

The Club Committee does not approve department associations as SSMU Clubs and recommends that the McGill Integrative Bioscience Students' Society approach the Science Undergraduate Society for affiliation.

Fit for a Cause

The Club's mandate shall be to:

- raise money for the betterment of Sun Youth Organization, our parent charity, and occasionally for other charities
- provide low-cost fitness classes for the benefit of the wider McGill community with the end-goal of providing underprivileged youth in our community with after-school fitness opportunities

Committee Recommendation: Approve

The Club Committee recommends the approval of Fit for a Cause due to their score of 25/30 on the Interim Status Approval Rubric.

McGill Students Naginata Club

The Club's Mandate shall be to:

- Hold regular practices of the Japanese martial art "Naginata;"
- Encourage active participation by holding events such as gradings, tournaments, and seminars.
- Provide opportunities for physical training;



- Create a forum for the discussion of the philosophy of budo and Japanese martial arts and sports culture;
- Pursue correct Naginata as taught by trained instructors and be accessible for competitive and non-competitive Naginata practitioners.

Committee Recommendation: Approve

The Club Committee recommends the approval of the McGill Students Naginata Club due to their score of 25/30 on the Interim Status Approval Rubric.

Interim Status Appeals:

McGill Students Basketball Association

The Club's mandate shall be to:

- Provide opportunities for members to engage with children at local schools in Montreal
- Help young children understand the benefits of staying active, allow them the possibility to grow as individuals on and off the court, and to first and foremost enjoy basketball activities
- Create a forum for discussion for those interested in basketball by providing the possibility for both players and passionate fans to exchange information about basketball-related events and access basketball-related news
- Give members information about recent basketball-related news through curated posts, articles, reports, and videos
- Hold events relating to basketball such as, but not limited to, pickup games, March madness bracket contests, and watching live games
- Network with local organizations and institutions that have an interest in basketball and make their resources available to its members

Committee Recommendation: Reject

The Club Committee recommends the rejection of the McGill Students Basketball Association due to their score of 22/30 on the Interim Status Approval Rubric.

Full Status Applications

McGill Students for AISES

The Club's mandate shall be to:

- Spread awareness about Aboriginal misrepresentation in Science & Engineering related disciplines.
- Provide opportunities for Aboriginal students within Science & Engineering to volunteer and give back to local communities
- Allow networking of Aboriginal Science & Engineering students within the campus itself
- Collaborate with other organizations (e.g. McGill First Peoples' House) for outreach and assistance in promoting post-secondary studies
- Provide support for secondary students and university students
- Try and send at least one student to attend the AISES national conference

Committee Recommendation: Approve



The Club Committee recommends the approval of McGill Students for AISES as a full status club. The requirement that a member list of 25 students be submitted as a component of the application for Full Status was waived.

Herbivore Society for Peace and Justice

The Club's mandate shall be to:

- Raise awareness in and outside of the McGill community about the mistreatment of animals
- Create a forum for discussion about the social, environmental, and personal benefits of the animal cruelty-free lifestyle
- Provide opportunities for vegans, vegetarians, and curious meat eaters to exchange information about practicing sustainable veganism

Events:

1. **Vegan Potluck and Meeting and Greet:** "A full evening of food and recipe sharing! Along with these activities, due to the nature of the event, common topics for conversation included reasons for being vegan and discussions of vegan activism, organizing, and future events the club planned on hosting. The large turnout meant that there was a fantastic variety of foods, desserts, and drinks for everyone to enjoy. Since this event was open to vegans, vegetarians, and meat eaters alike, the information sharing was able to reach those within and outside of the vegan community. This event was also attended by McGill and non-McGill students alike, proof that our groups popularity has expanded beyond the limits of the McGill community. This varied turnout also allowed us to recruit new members to the club! Smiles, laughs, and dances were also shared!"
2. **Zines for Peace and Justice:** "Members of The Herbivore Society for Peace and Justice set up tables at the aforementioned McGill Rez Cafeterias on the specified dates in order to promote "Meatless Mondays". The volunteers happily informed curious students about the different aspects of veganism and vegetarianism. Topics of discussion included, but were not limited to: environmental factors, animal rights, health, and accessibility and how and where to seek support. These events were information sessions and were used to spread the objective of The Herbivore Society and inform of future club events. Attendees also received free zines."
3. **Veganism and Privilege:** "An Open Discussion with Emily Von Euw: A discussion event in the form of an open discussion, featuring four panelists. The position of the panelists was to give an informed introduction to each sub heading of the discussion on privilege and ask questions in order to inspire discussion among all those in attendance. Furthermore, the panelists were available for questioning, as well. Because of the quantity of the turn out, as well as the diversity of those in attendance, the discussion was as inclusive and productive as we wished it would be! The three sub topics discussed were "veganism and gender," "veganism and thin privilege," and "veganism and white privilege." Due to the presence of attendees from different gender and racial identities, as well as folks with different body types, we were able to conduct a discussion wherein people were able to think through ideas about veganism and their own lived experience. Participation was constant and panelists received positive feedback after the event came to a close."

Committee Recommendation: Approve

The Club Committee recommends the approval of the Herbivore Society for Peace and Justice due to their score of 28/30 on the Full Status Approval Rubric.



Club Committee Decisions: February 8, 2016

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Interim Status Applications:

McGill Bulgarian Students Association

The Club's mandate shall be to:

- Promote the Bulgarian heritage and customs through food sales, potlucks, and the celebration of Bulgarian holidays;
- Provide a medium for Bulgarians and/or those interested in the Bulgarian culture to learn more about Bulgaria and to form networks and relationships;
- Offer monthly Bulgarian and Cyrillic alphabet lessons;
- Raise money to send to SOS Children's Villages Bulgaria
- Hold events relating to Bulgarian culture and festivities

Committee Recommendation: Approve

The Club Committee recommends the approval of the McGill Bulgarian Students' Association due to their score of 26/30 on the Interim Status Approval Rubric.

McGill Students' Peak Performance Society

The Club's mandate shall be to:

- Act as a mentor to students in guiding a lifestyle of empowerment and self-development
- Provide the necessary learning platforms, materials and opportunities for all students to step outside of their comfort zone and realize their full potential
- Create a community of highly motivated and determined individuals who can inspire their peers
- Provide students with motivational advice through a collaborative support forum and club material (posters, social media, etc.)

Committee Recommendation: Reject

The Club Committee recommends the rejection of the McGill Students' Peak Performance Society due to their score of 21/30 on the Interim Status Approval Rubric.

McGill Students Innovation Club

The Club's mandate shall be to:

- Promote the importance of innovation;



- Provide opportunities for entrepreneurship lovers to exchange information about their ideas;
- Network with local organizations and institutions that promote entrepreneurship and innovation and make their resources available to its members;
- Hold events relating to the study of innovation.

Committee Recommendation: Reject

The Club Committee recommends the rejection of the McGill Students Innovation Club due to their score of 14/30 on the Interim Status Approval Rubric and mandate overlap with the McGill Entrepreneurs Society.

Full Status Applications:

McGill Students Chapter of Canadian Students for Sensible Drug Policy

The Club's mandate shall be to:

- Promote a harm-reduction and health-based approach to drug use;
- Educate students and the surrounding community on the negative effects of drug war policy;
- Highlight the various ways human cultures have used psychoactive compounds throughout history;
- Promote local, national, and international efforts which seek to mitigate the harms of the drug war and implement more just policy approaches;
- Provide an open and non-judgmental forum where students can access reliable drug information;
- Host screenings, invite speakers, and collaborate with local organizations, including compassion clinics and harm reduction groups, in pursuit of the above goals;
- Table regularly to recruit members, provide harm-reduction information, and establish a presence on campus.

Events:

1. "Envisioning the Legalization of Cannabis:" The event kicked off with offerings of some snacks and tea, and brief chatting before the screening of a "McGill Talks" video featuring Dr. Mark Ware (director of the Canadian Consortium for the Investigation of Cannabinoids). Following the short film, the audience as well as executive members of the CSSDP McGill Students' Chapter engaged in conversation led by Gonzo Nieto (CSSDP national co-chair). The chat debuted with a short PowerPoint presentation held by Robert Douglas (executive member), introducing our club's mission and purpose. As was done, the audience gathered into a circle to question as well as discuss their presence and purpose at the gathering. Concerns, hopes and enthusiasm were shared over the broad theme of the legalization of Cannabis whereby the talk of safety and policy were rooted.
2. The Culture High Film Screening: CSSDP hosted a film screening of The Culture High at The Yellow Door. The documentary brings to light the arguments supporting and opposing the current marijuana laws. The film was followed by a non-judgmental discussion on drug safety, use and policy. The discussion was facilitated by Adam Greenblatt, the Executive Director and Co-Founder for Santé Cannabis, Montreal's first cannabinoid clinic and medical cannabis resource center, and Gonzo Nieto, CSSDP National Co-Chair, and Drug Educator. Tea and cookies were served. The event provided a safe space for people to ask questions and get educated on the subject of marijuana and the existing laws governing its use.



3. 920 Psilocybin Mushroom Day: 920 Psilocybin Mushroom Day seeks to bring attention to the medicinal and spiritual effects of psychedelic psilocybin mushrooms and counteract the stigma that surrounds them. This event was in association with Psymposia and Canadian Students for Sensible Drug Policy National.

Committee Recommendation: Approve

The Club Committee recommends the approval of the McGill Students' Chapter of Canadian Students for Sensible Drug Policy due to their score of 27/30 on the Full Status Approval Rubric.

Policy

Application Revision:

The Club Committee reviewed and approved a new online application format for [Interim Status Applications](#) and [Full Status Applications](#).

Rubric Revision:

The Committee approved revisions to the Interim Status Approval Rubric and the Full Status Approval Rubric.

The addition of a budget submission requirement for a score of 5/5 on "Financial Sustainability" was added to the Interim Status Approval Rubric.

The Environmental Sustainability metric was replaced with an Institutional Sustainability metric and the Sustainability Policy was added to the list of required policy adherence on the Full Status Approval Rubric.

The full revised rubrics can be found on the following pages.



Interim Status Club Approval Rubric

	Poor 1 point	Fair 3 points	Good 5 points
Uniqueness of Activities	Club activities show some overlap with existing SSMU clubs and services and other McGill groups.	Club activities show some overlap with McGill student groups.	Club's activities are unique and show no overlap with existing SSMU clubs or other McGill student groups.
Institutional Sustainability	Club does not demonstrate a realistic plan for sustaining club membership and for managing executive turnover.	Club demonstrates a short-term plan for sustaining club membership and for managing executive turnover.	Club demonstrates a realistic long-term plan for sustaining club membership and for managing executive turnover.
Finances	Club does not demonstrate a plan for financial management or fundraising or demonstrates a need for consistent SSMU funding.	Club demonstrates understanding of some strategies for financial management, budgeting and fundraising.	Club demonstrates well thought out strategies for budgeting, financial management, and fundraising and submits a proposed annual budget.
Autonomy	Club is reliant on an outside organization or group to operate or cannot operate without SSMU resources.	Club is somewhat reliant on an outside organization or group or may be reliant on SSMU resources to operate.	Club is not reliant on an outside organization or group or on SSMU resources in order to operate.
Benefits	Club offers no new opportunities or benefits to club members, McGill students, or the SSMU community.	Club offers few new opportunities and benefits to club members, McGill students, and the SSMU community.	Club offers substantial new opportunities and benefits to club members, McGill students and the SSMU community.
Student Interest	Club provided a list of at least 10 prospective members	Club provided a list of 11-20 prospective members	Club provided a list of more than 20 prospective members

The club is in violation of: SSMU Equity Policy Score: /30
 SSMU Policy on Travel and Charity Based Clubs
 SSMU Dual Club Status Rule
 Mandate overlap with an existing SSMU club

Comments:

For approval a club must score at least 24/30 on the above rubric and not be in violation of any of the SSMU policies or procedures listed above.



Full Status Club Approval Rubric

	Poor 1 point	Fair 3 points	Good 5 points
Achievement of Mandate	Club has not fulfilled its mandate as outlined in the Club constitution.	Club has fulfilled some aspects of its mandate as outlined in the Club Constitution.	Club has fulfilled all aspects of its mandate as outlined in the Club Constitution.
Club Events	Club events were sparsely attended or provided no benefit to students or the SSMU community.	Club events were relatively well-attended or provided some benefit to students or the SSMU community.	Club events were well attended and provided a significant benefit to students or the SSMU community.
Institutional Sustainability	Club has not demonstrated any effort to ensure institutional sustainability.	Club has developed some internal practices for ensuring institutional sustainability.	Club has developed strong internal practices for ensuring institutional memory and executive turnover.
Finances	Club budget or audit does not demonstrate good financial management or sets unrealistic targets that could negatively impact Club operations.	Club budget or audit demonstrates weak financial management or sets targets that could have a limited negative on impact Club operations.	Club budget or audit sets realistic financial expectations demonstrates excellent financial management.
Autonomy	Club is reliant on an outside organization or group to operate or cannot operate without SSMU resources.	Club is somewhat reliant on an outside organization or group or may be reliant on SSMU resources to operate.	Club is not reliant on an outside organization or group or on SSMU resources in order to operate.
Membership	Club provided a list of at least 25 current members.	Club provided a list of 26-50 current members.	Club provided a list of more than 50 current members.

The club is in violation of:

- SSMU Equity Policy
- SSMU Policy on Travel and Charity Based Clubs
- SSMU Dual Club Status Rule
- SSMU Sustainability Policy

Score: /30

Comments:

For approval a club must score at least 24/30 on the above rubric and not be in violation of any of the SSMU policies or procedures listed above.