



## Club Committee Report to Legislative Council February 25, 2016

### Club Committee Decisions – February 15, 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)  
Vicky Cheng (Member at Large)

Absent: Brighita Lungu (PGSS Representative)

### Interim Status Applications:

#### McGill Positive Psychology Students Association

The Club's mandate shall be to:

- Help McGill community to identify and cultivate its strengths and virtues by being an active agent in times of unfavorable circumstances
- Create a bridge between the “ivory tower” (the academics) and the “main street” (the general public in McGill and Montreal) by merging the rigor, substance, empirical foundation and the science from academic positive psychology research with accessibility of the self-help movement
- Shift the public perception of psychology from the pathological approach to the health approach
- Organize “Positive Psychology” workshops and conferences focusing on relationships, self esteem, motivation, resilience, and well-being
- Share the positivity by organizing fundraising events involving the application of positive psychology techniques
- Cooperate with other clubs focusing on promoting McGill community's psychological wellbeing by introducing the research behind
- Introduce “Values in Action Inventory” to help identify and cultivate an individual's personal character strengths and virtues
- Use social media as a positive sharing environment thus counteracting the negative bias of mainstream media
- Organize professor-student social gathering to promote students' involvement in research about positive psychology

Club Committee Recommendation: Reject

The Club Committee recommends the rejection of McGill Positive Psychology Students Association based on their score of 14/30 on the Interim Status Approval Rubric and their overlap with existing groups on campus.



### McGill Students Chapter of Scientista

The Club's mandate shall be to:

- Empower women majoring in science, technology, engineering, mathematics, and medicine by providing a strong campus community, online resources, and visible role models;
- Provide programs and creation online content, including student spotlights, networking opportunities with successful women in STEMM, and socials and study groups.

Club Committee Recommendation: Reject

The Club Committee recommends the rejection of McGill Students Chapter of Scientista and recommends that the club join one of the existing groups related to the promotion of women in the STEM fields.

### McGill Students for Ronald McDonald House Montreal

The Club's mandate shall be to

- Sensitize students to the importance of bringing joy to sick children.
- Offer volunteer opportunities for McGill students by offering them the chance to spend time at the Ronald McDonald house of Montreal once a week.
- Collaborate with the Ronald McDonald house of Montreal to organize their events, but also offer supplemental events planned by our Club.
- Raise funds for the organization.

Club Committee Recommendation: Reject

The Club Committee recommends the rejection of McGill Students for Ronald McDonald House based on their score of 16/30 on the Interim Status Approval Rubric.

### McGill Students for STRIVE

The Club's mandate shall be to:

- McGill Students for STRIVE is an organization inspired by Objectivism, the philosophy of Ayn Rand.

Club Committee Recommendation: Reject

The Club Committee recommends the rejection of McGill Students for STRIVE based on their score of 14/30 on the Interim Status Approval Rubric and their overlap with existing groups on campus.

### McGill Students Chapter of TeamUp Science

The Club's mandate shall be to:

- Empower under-represented youth by providing numerous opportunities for academic development and personal growth;
- Dynamically strengthen the education of youth by providing awareness and access to educational opportunities ;
- Strive to inspire the academic development of youth by organizing engaging events and activities;
- Work arduously to improve scientific imagination of youth by providing the sources of motivation and well established mentorship;



- Explain the most recent scientific breakthroughs to the general population and youth by providing summarized and illustrated journals.

Club Committee Recommendation: Reject

The Club Committee recommends the rejection of McGill Students for TeamUp Science based on their score of 15/30 on the Interim Status Approval Rubric,

## Full Status Applications

### McGill Students Mafia Club

The Club's mandate shall be to:

- Introduce students to the game of Mafia.
- Provide a stable, safe space free of discrimination and judgement in which students may gather together on a weekly basis to play Mafia and related games.
- Develop an environment in which students can improve their abilities to bluff, critically think, induce information, detect verbal slips, and read body language and nonverbal signals.
- Organize activities through which members sharing a common interest in Mafia may further develop friendships outside of the game.

Events:

1. **Weekly Mafia Club Meetings:** Our weekly meetings are dedicated to playing Mafia and other social intrigue games. Meetings officially start at 7pm, however it generally takes some time before enough people are present to start a game of Mafia (this is usually by 7:30). In the meantime, those already there will play other games designed for less players. If there is anyone new at the meeting, then one of the veteran members will take the time to teach them the game before they start playing. Once there are 10 or more people, one of the execs present will start the first game of Mafia. Typically most attendees show up by 8pm and at this time we will usually have 20 or more people present. Attendance usually peaks around 8:30. Since the ideal number of people for a game is 10 to 13, we usually start a second game of Mafia such that we have two separate games running simultaneously. Attendees who are not currently in a game of Mafia (either they just arrived or have been eliminated from an ongoing game) generally either observe the current game(s) or play one of our other games which require less people (e.g. One Night Ultimate Werewolf, The Resistance, or Coup). With two games of Mafia running simultaneously and other smaller social intrigue games being played at the same time, the exclusion period for those not in a game is very low, as new games are being started regularly. Around 10pm we move to the clubs lounge (if our meeting started in another room) and by this time the number of people at the meeting starts to decline as people go home. Since there are less people present and those who do stay this late are generally the more enthusiastic players, the atmosphere of the meeting becomes more intimate and competitive. Our meeting end time depends entirely on how late people are willing to stay. Usually they end by midnight but on occasion they have lasted to 1am or later. Sometimes after the meeting members will go to get food together.
2. **McGill Escape Room:** The McGill Escape Room was a fundraiser event run by members of the Mafia Club for the McGill Community. An escape room is a team-building activity in which a team of 5 to 7 people work together to solve a series of riddles and uncover a



mystery, with the ultimate goal being to complete this task within a designated time in order to “escape the room”. The puzzles and riddles were all designed, created and tested by members of the Mafia Club, over a period of two months. We sold tickets online to interested parties, and garnered the interest of hundreds of McGill students on our Facebook event. The event itself was very successful, and the attendees of the escape room were all thoroughly entertained by the setup that we created. Since the event was so successful, we plan to run it again in March so that more people have an opportunity to experience it, and in addition, we plan to design different escape rooms in the future and make this a yearly or biannual event.

3. **A Date with the Mafia: Deadpool and Dinner:** This event was designed to be a fun Valentine’s Day-themed outing with two components: first we would watch the movie “Deadpool” at the Scotiabank cinema and then afterwards walk two blocks to the Brigade Pizzeria for dinner. We had originally planned to meet up at the Roddick Gates as a group and then walk to the movie theatre but it was extremely cold outside so we chose to meet inside the theatre instead. Since the theatre had assigned seating, we booked seats together in 4 rows of 5 a week in advance to ensure that everyone sat together. After the movie we regrouped in the lobby before heading over to the pizzeria where we had a reservation for 20 people that had been made several days in advance. They had a long table reserved for us and we all ordered our own custom pizzas in the shape of hearts for Valentine’s Day. Everyone enjoyed the food and company of their fellow Mafiosi and we left around 2 hours later with full bellies and happy hearts.
4. **Mafia on Ice 2016:** This event was a simple get-together of club members to go ice skating. We held the same event last year so it is becoming a tradition of sorts. We met at the Roddick Gates and walked together to 1000 de la Gauchetière, which has an indoor skating rink and skate rentals. Each person paid individually for their rental skates (if they needed them) and entry fee. The group spent around 3 hours at the rink, taking several breaks to rest and have snacks. Afterwards, many of us went to get ramen for dinner, although this was not planned beforehand.
5. **Mafia Hot Pot:** This was our first event after Activities Night in the Fall Semester. It was a simple “meet, greet, and eat”-style event so it was quite simple to plan and carry out. A reservation was made once we had an idea of how many people would be in attendance, and the restaurant accommodated us nicely with a very long table. Hot Pot is an Asian dining experience similar to fondue in which food is cooked in broth simmering in a pot in front of oneself on a table. This sort of eating experience is good for conversations as one has to wait quite a bit for their food to cook. The food was nice and everyone seemed to have a good time. We were there for around 2 hours and afterwards many of us walked back to campus and stayed there to observe the lunar eclipse that happened on that night.

Club Committee Recommendation: Approve

The Club Committee recommends the approval of McGill Students Mafia Club based on their score of 30/30 on the Full Status Approval Rubric.

#### McGill Brazilian Students' Association

The Club’s mandate shall be to:

- Foster unity among Brazilian students at the McGill University as well as motivating them to live as one community driven by a sense of solidarity;
- Promote the Brazilian culture at McGill University, projecting a positive image of Brazil and its cultural values and identity;
- Encourage academic excellence among Brazilian students at the McGill University;



- Serve as a platform to integrate the Brazilian students to the McGill community;
- Provide opportunities for students who are interested in Brazil and its culture to exchange information about it;
- Network with local organizations and institutions that benefit Brazilian national;
- Hold events relating to Brazilian culture;
- Increase the visibility of McGill University in Brazil, as well as to prospective Brazilian students;
- Raise funds for charities that benefit Brazilian nationals inside and outside campus, as well as causes that are deemed pertinent to the Club.

#### Events:

1. **Bailamos:** The event was a welcome back party hosted by SLASA in partnership with MBSA and the Mexican society. It was purposed to bring Latin culture to McGill students. Out of the 20 volunteers on the day of the event, 2 were members of our Collective members. A total of 7 Collective members volunteered selling 50 tickets and promoting it in the previous days. We agreed in receiving 10% of the profit, as we haven't participated in the initial investments for the expenses of the party. The profits of the party were CAD 1407.01, resulting in a final revenue of CAD 140.70 for MBSA, as well as being an important learning experience for us to organize future events. This revenue will be used for the organization of our future events. In addition, this party was important for us to create connections with other Latin American-related student societies, promote our association for a general public as well as a nice mixer for our MBSA members.
2. **Brazilian Atelier:** The event consisted of a Brazilian fair, with Brazilian food stands, a Brazilian jiu-jitsu table, a Brazilian traditional arts table, a representative of the Consulate General of Brazil and live music performances, including a band and two Brazilian dance instructors. Admission for this event was free, and the costs were recovered by holding a brigadeiro sale (brigadeiro being a traditional dessert from Brazil) at the same time. We also had a table to promote our association. 32 people subscribed to our listserv, and 7 other decided to become full-members, including payment of the fees. The event went on for about 2h 30 min, from 4:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.. There were approximately 65 people in the first head count at 5 p.m., with a turnover of about 50 people every hour. The general feedback was excellent. The association gained visibility through this event and recognition for being able to organize such a successful event, despite being such a new club. The Consulate General of Brazil also displayed interest in future partnerships for charities related to the Brazilian community, which will be very valuable in the near future.
3. **Canadian premiere of the documentary "Light-Year":** The event consisted in the exhibition of the Brazilian/Bolivian documentary "Light-Year", and subsequent discussion with the movie Brazilian director, Felipe Carrelli. This event was very important to raise awareness of the indigenous and rural communities in Brazil, as well as the status of science education there. Since the event was free and all the people engaged were volunteers, there were absolute no costs involved. All the material was available beforehand by the director of the documentary (who participated of the screening and afterwards answering questions) and the room was kindly booked by the Astrophysics and Physics Outreach Group. The event went on for about 2h 30 min, being 1h 30min of screening and 1h for discussions in general. Approximately 60 people attended the exhibition, and around 30 remained for the Q&A session. The general feedback was excellent and we plan to hold more event like this in the future.



Club Committee Recommendation: Extension of Interim Status

The Club Committee recommends that the Interim Status Period of McGill Brazilian Students Association be extended to allow time for the club to hold one more event prior to re-applying for Full Status.

McGill Students Circus Collective

The Club's mandate shall be to:

- Provide opportunities for the practice of circus arts at McGill at an accessible level for beginners and intermediate levels. Our club will offer a weekly "jam" session where members can practice and share their circus art, for example juggling, partner balance, hand balance, hula hoop, poi, object manipulation, basic acrobatics, etc.
- Provide opportunities for the learning of circus arts in the form of short workshops that promote the safe practice of these performance activities.
- Network with local circus organizations and institutions that offer a more specialized level of instruction regarding the recreational practice of circus arts.
- Hold events relating to the circus arts.

Events:

1. **Circus Jam:** Every week, the McGill Students Circus Collective hosts at least one Circus Jam, and event that provides a safe space for members to practice their preferred circus art. Members learn from each other and encourage each other's practice by helping guide each other through new moves, spot each other or provide feedback on execution of certain moves. Members also have the chance to work on partner moves such as partner balance or partner juggling. They also can inspire each other by bringing a new move they wish to learn to the jam and learning it as a group. This is also a good time to catch up on what is happening in the circus community and learn about shows or special events happening in Montreal. Members also have access to collective circus materials and shared equipment that can be used to discover new circus arts or to stay safe while practicing (floor mats!).
2. **Workshop:** This workshop focused on partner balance, lasted an hour and a half, and was led by one of our members, Haley Alcock. Anyone was welcome to join. We borrowed floor mats from the McGill Students Outdoors Club, and laid them out all over the floor. After everyone introduced themselves, Haley led us in a warm up and some introduction activities. Next, she explained the different roles in partner balance (base, flyer, spotter) and explained how to stay safe while practicing partner balance. She then taught us different beginner poses to practice in small groups, and circulated as everyone practiced. There were enough volunteers present that there was always someone available to answer questions or provide guidance if needed.
3. **"Sortie Triptyque:"** As a group, we went to see the show "Triptyque" at TOHU, a performance given by the circus troupe *Les 7 doigts de la main*. Most of us met up at a volunteer's apartment before, and left together to bike up to the TOHU, located at 2345 Rue Jarry E. We watched the show together... it was amazing! The tickets were bought beforehand in order to obtain a group rate. This was organized by a volunteer club member.

Club Committee Recommendation: Approve

The Club Committee recommends the approval of McGill Students Circus Collective based on their score of 26/30 on the Full Status Approval Rubric.