



Club Committee Report to Council November 5, 2015

October 19, 2015 Club Committee Recommendations

Present: Kimber Bialik (Vice President Clubs and Services)
Francois-Paul Truc (Clubs Representative)
Dewy Tripp (Clubs Representatives)
Serena Luk (Representative of Clubs)
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Vicky Cheng (Member at Large)
Zachary Carson (Member at Large)

Absent: Erin Strawbridge (Club Committee Coordinator)
Brighita Lungu (PGSS Representative)

Interim Status Applications:

McGill Students Chapter of End Poverty Now

The Club's mandate shall be to:

- Educate the public and raise awareness about issues related to global and local poverty. Create discussion platforms on issues of poverty in different areas around the globe.
- Hold fundraising events to contribute to the organization's grassroots, sustainable, and community-led development and redistributive projects
- Provide local volunteer opportunities for students to help alleviate poverty at the community level through reaching out to community organizations
- Involve all members in EPN grassroots projects and local volunteering opportunities to fight poverty together

Committee Recommendation: Reject

The Committee recommends the rejection of McGill Students Chapter of End Poverty Now due to their score of 18/30 on the Interim Status Approval Rubric and their mandate overlap with existing SSMU Clubs focusing on poverty alleviation.

McGill Students Naginata Club:

The Club's mandate shall be to:

- Hold regular practices of the Japanese martial art "Naginata."
- The club will encourage active participation by holding events such as gradings (skill exams), tournaments, and seminars (extended practices) as well as informal social events.
- The Club shall be mandated to provide opportunities for physical training as well as to create a forum for discussion of the philosophy of budo and Japanese martial arts and sports culture.
- The Club shall be mandated to pursue correct Naginata as taught by trained instructors.
- The Club shall be accessible for both competitive and non-competitive Naginata practitioners.



Committee Recommendation: Reject

The Committee recommends the rejection of McGill Students Naginata Club due to their score of 18/30 on the Interim Status Approval Rubric.

McGill Students' Birding Club

The Club's mandate shall be to:

- Provide the opportunity to discover the diversity of bird life in and around Montréal through scheduled group outings
- Educate members on issues of field identification and habits of the bird species we encounter
- Provide opportunities to participate in excursions to birding hotspots outside the city
- Connect members with the larger birding and conservation community of Montréal
- Promote conservation awareness on issues that affect birds and wildlife

Committee Recommendation: Reject

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

McGill Students' Chapter for Lean In

The Club's mandate shall be to:

- Foster an environment for students, men and women, to Lean In together by the power of peer support
- Prepare students to Lean In by learning new skills and encouraging them to take new opportunities and challenges
- Raise awareness of the misconceptions about gender differences and systemic bias found in science-based research

Committee Recommendation: Reject

The Committee recommends the rejection of McGill Students Chapter of Lean In due to their score of 21/30 on the Interim Status Approval Rubric and their mandate overlap with existing groups, including McGill Women in Leadership Students Association, Women in Tech, POWE, and similar networking clubs on campus.

McGill Students' for Room to Read

The Club's mandate shall be to:

- Raise awareness about Room to Read on campus
- Provide members with hands-on experience of how to fundraise for charity events whilst raising fund for Room to Read's global initiative
- Provide members who are interested in a development (especially education and women's rights) with leadership roles in a well-know organization
- Involve students in the Room to Read's Greater Montreal events so that they have the opportunity to foster professional contacts

Committee Recommendation: Reject

The Committee recommends the rejection of McGill Students Birding Club due to their score of 12/30 on the Interim Status Approval Rubric.



October 26, 2015 Club Committee Recommendations

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Interim Status Applications:

SSMU Explore the World Club

The Club's mandate shall be to:

- Collect and provide information regarding foreign customs and cultures for beginner and veteran travelers
- Build a McGill student network of communication for the specific purpose of sharing tips and personal experiences
- Offer a dynamic and friendly environment to underline the importance of traveling in a student's formative years
- Promote correct and respectful behaviour when traveling abroad, thus encouraging open-mindedness
- Provide a wide range of different activities bi-monthly to keep a tight community and maintain kinship among members

Committee Recommendation: Table

The Committee reviewed two applications for travel clubs to be reviewed at the October 25 committee meeting. The Committee is tabling both applications and connecting the Explore the World Club application with Travel Magazine application and recommending their combination into one single travel club.

McGill Students for the Yellow Door

The Club's mandate shall be to:

- Engage youth in the community via the non-profit organization, the Yellow Door
- Fundraise for the Yellow Door
- Raise awareness about various activities and workshops ran by the Yellow Door
- Create connections and a network among McGill students who volunteer for the Yellow Door
- Give members information and tools to engage in the local community

Committee Recommendation: Reject

The Committee recommends the rejection of McGill Students for the Yellow Door due to their score of 20/30 on the Interim Status Approval Rubric.



McGill Students' Yoga Club

The Club's mandate shall be to:

- Introduce McGill students to the practice of yoga
- Increase the accessibility of practice through a multitude of strategies
- Provide information on the benefits of yoga, specifically for students
- Create a community based on respect and shared interest in yoga and meditating

Committee Recommendation: Approve

The Committee recommends the approval of McGill Students' Yoga Club, due to their score of 24/30 on the Interim Status Approval Rubric.

McGill Students for School of Music Montreal

The Club's mandate shall be to:

- Promote education equality by providing children who are at risk with musical education in a safe and supporting environment.
- Establish music education programs in various Montreal elementary schools
- The Club will work towards fulfilling the following short-term goals within the Interim Club Status period of five months:
 - Run successful pilot programs in one elementary school.
 - Identify gaps as well as successes in the pilot programs and rework the operations and programming plans.
- Promote children's emotional growth and education in a safe environment.
- The Club will work towards fulfilling the following long-term goals in a timeline extending beyond the Interim Club Status period:
 - Reach out to more students by expanding the program throughout more elementary schools.

Committee Recommendation: Reject

The Committee recommends the rejection of School of Music Montreal due to their score of 17/30 on the Interim Status Approval Rubric.

McGill Students Effective Altruists

The Club's mandate shall be to

- Raise awareness about effective altruism, which is a philosophy and social movement that applies evidence and reason to determine the most effective ways to improve the world
- Help other McGill student organizations direct their fundraising to the most effective causes, thereby saving more lives
- Help interested students evaluate which career paths would have the highest social impact

Committee Recommendation: Reject

The Committee recommends the rejection of McGill Students Effective Altruists due to their score of 19/30 on the Interim Status Approval Rubric.



Generation Screwed

The Club's mandate shall be to:

- To stress the importance of balancing the budget of the government to ensure that the younger generation does not get left with large amounts of debt.
- To promote and uphold the principles of fiscal responsibility on campus.
- Offer opportunities to members to get further involved on campus and with the Canada-wide organization itself.

Committee Recommendation: Reject

The Committee recommends the rejection of Generation Screwed due to their score of 19/30 on the Interim Status Approval Rubric.

McGill Students Chapter of GOVision

The Club's mandate shall be to:

- Promote the student entrepreneurship and development in Asia
- Provide a platform for those interested to exchange, communicate and collaborate
- Provide networking opportunities to aid interested students in meeting and connecting with industry professionals
- Hold events relating to entrepreneurship and business development in the Asian continent
- Encourage the development of professional skills

Committee Recommendation: Reject

The Committee recommends the rejection of McGill Students Chapter of GOVision due to their score of 14/30 on the Interim Status Approval Rubric and their mandate overlap with Global China Connection, the Junior Hong Kong Business Association, and other non-SSMU groups active on campus.

McGill Students Travel Magazine

The Club's mandate shall be to:

- Inspire travelling by creating an open network of McGill Students travel experiences
- Provide a platform for students to share their travel stories
- Establish connections with McGill clubs and institutions that provide international exchange programs; and promote their goals by highlighting successful trips
- Network with organizations that promote educational trips abroad
- Raise awareness of successful travel experiences by McGill Students and Alumni
- Promote developmental and educational trips during Reading Week and Summer Holidays
- Give useful and practical advice and first hand travel tips from students experiences
- Provide an abundance of resources to help students plan their trips with ease. For example, lists of different modes of transit while travelling through Europe/Asia/Oceania or types sleeping accommodations for any budget
- Hold events relating to specific trip types, destinations, budgets and time constraints

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McGill Students for Parkinson's

The Club's mandate shall be to

- Raise awareness on campus for Parkinson's by informing students about the nature of the disease and the current challenges that are being faced by the researchers;
- Raise funds for charities supporting Parkinson's patients and their caregivers as well as biomedical research focused on finding a cure for the disease.

Committee Recommendation: Approve

The Committee recommends the approval of McGill Students for Parkinson's due to their score of 25/30 on the Interim Status Approval Rubric.

McGill Students for Tabitha

The Club's mandate shall be to:

- Raise awareness on campus about the projects that Tabitha Foundation Canada is involved in, including the savings program, school building program and women's hospital program.
- Raise awareness on campus about the immense poverty that exists within Cambodia as well as introducing students to Cambodian culture.
- Raise funds for the Tabitha organization through various events and activities, such as silk sales and lollipop sales.
- Consult with Tabitha Foundation Canada about our progress and events we plan to organize.
- Work closely with Tabitha Foundation Canada in order to ensure that we are providing maximum support for the organization.

Committee Recommendation: Reject

The Committee recommends the rejection of McGill Students for Tabitha due to their score of 21/30 on the Interim Status Approval Rubric and their mandate overlap with existing charity groups on campus.

November 2, 2015 Club Committee Recommendations

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Interim Status Applications:

Tyrannus Society of McGill Students



The Club's mandate shall be to:

- Promote biblical literacy on campus
- Provide opportunities to study the bible on one-on-one and group basis for those seeking to know more about Christianity and for those who are looking to grow deeper in their faith.
- Hold events relating to Christian apologetics and philosophical and spiritual topics
- Provide opportunities for volunteer work to benefit the Montreal community

Committee Recommendation: Reject

The Committee recommends the rejection of the Tyrannus Society due to their score of 14/30 on the Interim Status Approval Rubric and their mandate overlap with existing Christian groups on campus both affiliated and not affiliated with SSMU, including the McGill Christian Fellowship, Power to Change, and the McGill Christian Students Association.

McGillography

The Club's mandate shall be to:

- Provide a platform for publicize the events of clubs/charity organization
- Build a bridge between McGill officials and students by conducting interviews in which students and participate in question-making
- Capture the diversity of campus and its changes overtime
- Provide students with the opportunity to get involved in photojournalism

Committee Recommendation: Reject

The Committee recommends the rejection of McGillography due to their score of 21/30 on the Interim Status Approval Rubric.

BJJ and MMA Club

The Club's mandate shall be to:

- Provide a space for students of all skill levels to train Brazilian Jiu Jitsu and Mixed Martial Arts
- Provide affordable, safe, inclusive classes
- Network with Montreal's martial arts scene by inviting guest teachers
- Hold non-training events relating to BJJ and MMA

Committee Recommendation: Approve

The Committee recommends the approval of the Brazilian Jiu Jitsu and Mixed Martial Arts Club due to their score of 30/30 on the Interim Status Approval Rubric. The Committee congratulates the BJJ and MAA club for being the first group to ever achieve a perfect score on the Interim Status Approval Rubric!

Her Campus

The Club's mandate shall be to:

- Provide an online hub for McGill's women by providing content that is both a resource and a source of entertainment



- Produce content on campus news, news, interesting students, faculty, alumni, campus photos, fashion, and lifestyle tailored for women at McGill

Committee Recommendation: Reject

The Committee recommends the rejection of Her Campus McGill due to their score of 12/30 on the Interim Status Approval Rubric.

McGill Students for the Terry Fox Foundation

The Club's mandate shall be to:

- Raise awareness and funds for the Terry Fox Foundation in a fun and educational way by organizing events open to the entire student body
- Contribute and add to the 650 million dollars already raised in Terry Fox's name for discovery based cancer research
- Further work toward Terry Fox's dream of a world without cancer

Committee Recommendation: Reject

The Committee recommends the rejection of McGill Students for the Terry Fox Foundation due to their score of 12/30 on the Interim Status Approval Rubric. As an alternative, the Committee recommends collaborating with the McGill Students Cancer Society on the hosting of a Terry Fox Run on campus.

Students for C.A.R.E.

The Club's mandate shall be to:

- Recruit volunteers for the C.A.R.E. center. Students will have the opportunity to volunteer under the supervision of staff members.
- Enhance the quality of life of clients at C.A.R.E. through increasing social inclusion.
- Provide an opportunity for McGill students to gain a unique perspective, learn about disability, communication aids, and interaction.
- Organize outings where C.A.R.E. clients get to explore Montreal. (Volunteers are needed for one-on-one support and pushing wheelchairs)
- A side project called "one wish at a time" asks one C.A.R.E. member every month what is one thing they want to do or one place they would like to go. Through fundraising initiatives and the help of our volunteers, our club aims to empower C.A.R.E. clients to achieve their own goal.
- Provide means of social inclusion of C.A.R.E members at McGill (student organizations, events, talks/lectures). Potentially, this would include regular visits from certain interested C.A.R.E members to McGill events allowing clients to explore a new community and grow in social skills.

Committee Recommendation: Reject

The Committee recommends the rejection of McGill Students for C.A.R.E. due to their score of 16/30 on the Interim Status Approval Rubric and their mandate overlap with McGill Students for Best Buddies.

Make it Yours – DIY Cooperative



The Club's mandate shall be to:

- Spread awareness about sustainable lifestyles and choices to reduce reliance on mass-produced chemical products which are detrimental to the health of individuals and the environment.
- Hold workshops and events to provide members with the skills to create healthy and do-it-yourself self-care products which maintain sustainable lifestyles
- Provide low-cost, sustainably-sourced DIY products made in volunteer and collective-led workshops to the McGill and Greater Montreal community
- Network with local organizations and institutions that are sustainable and equitably organized to further our mandate
- Carry out all club activities as a cooperative operating under anti-oppressive principles through collective, cooperative leadership

Committee Recommendation: Reject

The Committee recommends the rejection of Make It Yours – DIY Cooperative due to their score of 13/30 on the Interim Status Approval Rubric and mandate overlap with existing environmental groups on campus.

Full Status Applications:

McGill Students Mahjong Club

Committee Recommendation: Table

The Committee recommends tabling the application of the McGill Students Mahjong Club pending updates to the application.

Policy:

Due to an upsurge in web-based club applications, the Club Committee would like to establish new guidelines governing club applications. The Committee feels that events and community building are fundamental to the purpose of a club and resolve that groups that exist solely for online publications, including groups that exist as a social media platform, (including but not limited to Facebook pages) shall not be eligible for club status.