

## Clubs and Services Committee Report to Council

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I assure you that by the end of this year you will know much about my personal history, heritage and culture. It's the thing with knowing a Pakistani; you become one at heart too.

I must warn you before you read ahead that our last meeting was more “entertaining” than the one that followed BUT fear not clubs always manage to challenge each other in this game of “worst applications” and so you shall be if anything else, mildly amused.

**BODY EMPOWERMENT:** If any of you have ever met a woman, you are probably well aware that we are a tad obsessed with the booty image. Judging from the child bearing, South Asian hips that have been god gifted to me, not only can I easily provide the world population with enough fetuses to make a cricket team but also to appreciate the mandate of this club. They centre on promoting a healthy body image for girls and women, create awareness, campaign for political changes and develop outreach programs to help women and girls deal with pressures from society. I was excited about their application because their events were creative – they planned a “Fat Talk Free Day” and workshops for starters. The club was *approved*.

**UNIVERSITY STRENGTH AND POWER CLUB:** The name of this club really made me think of one of those sweaty fight scenes from Rambo3 or something (in a highly unattractive fashion though) and I managed to come to the conclusion that the founder of the club was probably some buffy with a bf playing for the Redmans. I was right. The buffy club (which I will refer to it as secretly) wanted to create a positive environment for competitive athletes, train with the dynamics of power and strength and create a forum for sharing of experience and knowledge. We were definitely a little confused. Did they want to gym together? Talk about the bulk inducing powers of Omega3? So we *tabled* them and hoped their updated application would cut it. The ‘Buffy Gym Buddies’ didn’t sound too bad, did it?

**STUDENT’S SUPPORTING DISABILITIES:** I was surprised to know that we didn’t already have a disability club and am happy to announce that now we do! They had a solid application overall and their mandate included acting as a network for those effected directly and indirectly by disability, serve as advocates for the disabled community, create greater awareness within the McGill Community. We felt as a club it would be an open forum for all students. We encouraged them to work with Office of Disabilities to help them achieve their mandate. They were *approved*.

**GORILLA COMPOSTING:** While already present at McGill, the brains behind this club backed their application explaining how they were previously a MSE(McGill School of Environment) research project that is now abandoned. They proposed a drop off compost service, working on the sustainability of McGill and SSMU and engage the community through awareness and educational campaigns. This would be a great club especially for individuals like the “anonymous” male speaker of council who came in search of compost with an absolutely enormous bag of organic waste to the SSMU Front Desk! The club was *approved*.

**POLITICS IN MEDIA PRACTICES:** SSMU loves the politics behind the Tribune and Daily (especially when they print articles based on assumptions, it is very amusing). Multiply that by a hundred and I present you our newest club. The mandate of the club was to provide students with a forum to discuss current media issues in Canada Land, the US and the world. Their interests included attempting to create a more democratic media system, raise awareness of current media structures and encourage club publications. Their membership fee was pegged to the cost of a pitcher of Apricot Beer at Gert's. Just a forewarning: INFLATION may equal a sharp ↓ in membership. Just saying.

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