SSMU BUDGET OVERVIEW

REPORT TO LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL





AGENDA



1. INTRODUCTION INTO SSMU FINANCES

2. DIFFERENT STUDENT GROUPS

3. REVENUE STREAMS:
STUDENT FEES
SPONSORSHIP
COMMERCIAL TENANTS

- **4. OPERATIONS**: SRC, GERTS, MINICOURSES, EVENTS
- **5.** MAJOR EXPENDITURES

GENERAL ADMINISTRATION

GOVERNANCE

PUBLICATIONS AND COMMUNICATION



- Around \$4,000,000 in revenues and expenses year over year
- Capital Expenditures Reserve Fund (CERF):
 - ~\$5.0M total long term investments and assests
 - ~\$2.7M in investments (Lester Managed)
 - Rest of CERF: Cash & Cash Equivalents, Property & Equipment, Term Deposits.
- Difference between Financial statements that are useful for Auditors & Accountants versus statements that are useful for managers and student representatives:
 - Restricted vs Non-restricted fees
 - Services Surplus
 - Clubs Surplus
- Ultimately leads to an inflated source of revenue / surplus

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DIFFERENT SSMU STUDENT GROUPS 225



INDEPENDENT STUDENT GROUPS

- Often Larger more established student groups
- Finances are not internalized by SSMU
- Still retains certain SSMU student group privileges

SERVICES

- Finances are fully internalized Budget, Expenditures, Admin Overhead
- Provided space in SSMU Building free of charge

CLUBS

- Provided Bank accounts and many other support functions through VP Student Life portfolio
- Run finances independently



REVENUE STREAMS



1. Student Fees

Operations:

2. Sponsorship

Student Run Café

3. Commercial Tenants

Gerts Campus Bar

SSMU Minicourses

Events



FEES



RESTRICTED FEES

Student fees that are allocated to a specific fund, project, or service

• Eg. All Funding committee funds (Ambassador, Club Fund, Equity Fund etc.), Health & Dental Reserve Fund, All Service Fees, University Centre Fee.

UNRESTRICTED FEES

The SSMU Base fee (\$44.24 FT, \$20.77 PT)

• Can be used to fund General SSMU operations, roughly \$1.7M



STUDENT GROUPS REVENUE STREAMS

PERATIONS

MAJOR EXPENDITURES

FY 2017 UPDATE



SPONSORSHIP



PROFITS

- 2015: Revenues: \$75,015.35
 - Expenses: \$79,824.83 (-\$4,809.48)
- 2016: Revenues: \$62,567.96
 - Expenses: \$62,350.25 (+\$567.71)

CHALLENGES

- Balancing impact on student body with necessary revenues to make events possible and reduce overall deficit.
- Finding ways to make process more student centered.
- Explaining where funds go and why they are necessary

RISKS

• Sponsorship contract negotiation

OPPORTUNITIES

• More student involvement in reviewing sponsorship, finding ways add value to student life through sponsorship.

MAJOR EXPENDITURES



COMMERCIAL TENANTS



PROFITS

- Revenues: 2015: \$214,526.83 2016: \$154,284.99
- Expenses: Costs absorbed by tenants

CHALLENGES

- Admin overhead in maintaining positive tenant relationships.
- Balancing tenant revenue with cannibalization of SRC sales.
- Striking balance between student ran initiatives and commercial tenants. low sales during summer

RISKS

• Short term leases due to MoA. Reduced traffic.

OPPORTUNITIES

• Opportunities: finding more student groups looking for rental space

OPERATIONS

STUDENT RUN CAFÉ EVENTS & CATERING

GERTS CAMPUS BAR SPONSORSHIP

SSMU MINICOURSES COMMERCIAL TENANTS



SRC



PROFITS

- 2015: Revenues: \$76,360,
 - Expenses: \$143,479 (-\$67,119)
- 2016: Revenues: \$221,872.
 - Expenses: \$342,668 (-\$120,796)

CHALLENGES

 Advertising, Mandates, Costs, Admin overhead, managing staff overhead based on sales

RISKS

• Major budget implications, more investment likely needed,

OPPORTUNITIES

- Off campus sales
- Catering
- Card Scanners
- On-campus collaboration.

FINANCES INTRO STUDENT GROUPS

REVENUE STREAMS

OPERATIONS

MAJOR EXPENDITURES FY 2017 UPDATE



GERTS



PROFITS

- 2015: Revenues: \$540,618.
 - Expenses: \$530,867. (+\$9,751)
- 2016: Revenues: \$368,901
 - Expenses: \$365,809 (+\$3,092)

CHALLENGES

- Low student engagement,
- Managing security and server overhead based on sales

RISKS

• Balancing Student enjoyment with Regie des alcohol regulations

OPPORTUNITIES

- Low price point, great location,
- Increasing cooperation from student organizers around campus
- New promotions.

OPERATIONS

MAJOR EXPENDITURES

FY 2017 UPDATE



MINICOURSES



PROFITS

- 2015: Revenues: \$540,618.
 - Expenses: \$\$530,867. (+\$9,751)
- 2016: Revenues: \$368,901
 - Expenses: \$365,809 (+\$3,092)

CHALLENGES

- Remaining profitable among low enrollment
- HR overhead with instructor contracts
- Student Staff overhead

RISKS

• Continued low engagement with student body will likely result in downsizing of program, or reinvestment in structure and promotion.

OPPORTUNITIES

• More courses, more promotion, different enrolment structures.



EVENTS & CATERING



PROFITS

- 2015: Revenue: \$67,809.94.
 - Expense: \$77,43.89 (+\$67,479.69)
- 2016: Revenues: \$52,360.71
 - Expense: \$1,597.24 (+\$50,763.47)

CHALLENGES

- Limited space,
- Improving spaces to reach different customers
- Customer relationship management

RISKS

• Major restrictions in space due to construction

OPPORTUNITIES

- Space Improvements
- Increasing awareness among Montreal community

MAJOR EXPENDITURES

UNIVERSITY CENTRE - Cleaning, Porter Fees, Rent, Security (\$568,363 in 2016)

GENERAL ADMINISTRATION – Permanent Staff, Professional Fees, Printing, Photocopying (\$1.38M in 2016)

GOVERNANCES – VP Portfolios (\$41,426 in 2016)

PUBLICATIONS & COMMUNICATIONS – Handbook, Yearbook (ret.), printing, advertising & promotion (\$44,155 in 2016)

FY 2017 UPDATE

- SRC Sales increasing to over \$1,000 per day (~300 transactions)
- Gerts sales need improving, set \$20,0000 per week targets
- Events sales increasing, becoming our most profitable operation. Catering steadily improving.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR ATTENTION!



QUESTIONS?