MOTION REGARDING THE CREATION OF THE STUDENTS SOCIETY EVENTS COMMITTEE
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### Issue

There is currently no body dedicated solely to planning inclusive, non-drinking events. While SSPN is often given this mandate by Vice-Presidents (Internal Affairs) in campaign promises and debates, in reality it is very difficult to implement that decision due to the time taken up by planning SSPN’s flagship events.

### Background and Rationale

Every VP Internal has at some time or another promised more and more inclusive events. Unfortunately, the nature of SSPN’s flagship events doesn’t allow adequate time for planning and carrying out these events, no matter how much the committee wants to do this. This year, ideas we’ve had for such events, even if they generated interest within the committee, could not be carried out due to other events taking precedence. While two VP Internals in the past have tried to separate the Faculty Olympics committee from the rest of SSPN, this has historically failed, with Faculty Olympics not taking place in 2009 and Faculty Olympics losing a bit of money and not considered a success the other year. The committee that does FacO needs to be the same as the one that carries out the Halloween event/Four Floors, Grad Frosh, and SSMU Awards, since these are similar events and after a couple of them, the team has a set dynamic for how they work during these. As such, a new committee needs to be created. Similar
to SSPN, all the events run would be paid for by the revenue it generates from ticket sales.

Alignment with Mission
The VP Internal is mandated to manage the programming of activities and events of the Society and our engagement strategy.

Consultations Completed
Past exit reports from the office of the VP Internal, current members of SSPN, the Internal Logistics Coordinator, past members of SSMU’s Board of Directors, the next VP Internal.

Risk Factors and Resource Implications
An additional committee for the VP Internal and the Internal Logistics Coordinator (ILC) to handle and coordinate.
Additional hours and workload for the ILC.

Sustainability Considerations
It will improve the social sustainability of the society by having a body dedicated to inclusive, non-drinking events.

Impact of Decision and Next Steps
Putting the committee together, appointing a SSMU Councillor to it, planning at least one event for the 2020-2021 academic year, adding this committee to the Committee Terms of Reference.

Motion or Resolution for Approval
Be it resolved that the Committee Terms of Reference Book be amended to include SSEC, as detailed in Appendix A
Be it resolved that the Committee Terms of Reference Book be amended to strike the following from SSPN’s mandate:

- plan, at the discretion of the Vice-President (Internal Affairs), a number of non-drinking, accessible events over the course of the year;

Results of the Vote

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Appendix A: Students’ Society Events Committee

Students’ Society Events Committee (SSEC)

Oversight
SSEC shall be a committee of the Legislative Council.

General
The Students’ Society Events Committee (SSEC) shall serve as the principal advisory committee for the Vice-President (Internal Affairs) on the organization and execution of all non-drinking, accessible, and inclusive Society events.

Responsibilities
a. provide advice on established events from previous years and continue well-received events;
b. plan, at the discretion of the Vice-President (Internal Affairs), a number of non-drinking, accessible events over the course of the year;
c. help staff the General Assemblies;
d. create new and innovative programming to service a diverse student body;

Membership
SSEC shall consist of:
- the Vice-President (Internal Affairs) (Chair);
- the Internal Logistics Coordinator (Vice-Chair);
- one (1) Councillors; and
- one Member at Large.

Meetings
SSEC will meet weekly, unless an exception is made by the Vice-President (Internal Affairs).

Quorum
The quorum for the SSEC is a simple majority of the voting members.