



MOTION REGARDING THE APPROVAL OF THE FACULTY OLYMPICS 2025 BUDGET

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Seconded by:	Hamza Abu Alkhair <i>Services Representative</i>		

Issue

Faculty Olympics is a long-standing McGill event that includes a series of sports, academic, and social competitions aimed at fostering friendly competition and inter-faculty engagement among students. This motion seeks approval for the proposed itemized budget to ensure proper planning and execution of the event.

Background and Rationale

The proposed motion would allow for a committee comprised of members of multiple faculties to collaborate and plan for a McGill-SSMU legacy event that will improve SSMU's reputation as an association with student life and enjoyment in mind within their operations. We, as an association, spend a large part of our budget on internal affairs and maintenance and generally have allowed clubs, services, and other faculties to carry the weight of creating good events and memories for McGill students to feel united and look back on a McGill experience.

SSMU beginning to step into these legacy events where students can create fun and safe memories is a huge part of what gives other student associations a good reputation, and I think this would be a project worth



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investing in - for our relationships with faculties as well as the perceptions of students regarding what SSMU does directly for them.

This specific motion and budget has been specifically calculated with a 10% contingency and calculated to break even with ticket sales normal ticket sales ultimately being priced at 112 CAD. Not including the projected one night and staff ticket sales.

Alignment with Mission

This motion aligns with SSMU's mission of fostering student life, representation, and leadership by ensuring that Faculty Olympics—an event promoting inter-faculty community building—is effectively planned and financially supported. By approving the budget, SSMU enables organizers to secure venues, merchandise, and essential services in a timely manner, ensuring the event's success.

Consultations Completed

- VP Finance
- President
- General Manager
- Fac-O Committee

Consultations must adhere to the [Consultation Policy](#).

- I have read and completed the requirements outlined in the Consultation Policy.

Risk Factors and Resource Implications

If approved by the Board, this motion would allow for a **worst-case scenario deficit of \$5,000**, which—based on the recommendation of the **VP Finance**—would be covered by the **interest income budget**. The budget includes a **10% contingency**, ensuring that all expenses are conservatively estimated to mitigate financial risk.

The **event scale has been adjusted** based on insights from previous Faculty Olympics committees, which **overestimated ticket sales in past years**. To ensure financial viability, the 2025 Faculty Olympics will have a **reduced capacity of 330 tickets**—half the number projected in previous years. Given this adjustment, we anticipate a **sellout event**, minimizing



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financial exposure (for reference, the **2023 Faculty Olympics budget is attached in Appendix A**).

Additionally, sponsorship acquisition efforts—including **both in-kind and financial sponsorships**—are ongoing. While not yet confirmed, these partnerships could provide **alternative funding sources or cost reductions**, further safeguarding against potential revenue shortfalls.

Impact of Decision and Next Steps

Be it resolved that the SSMU Board of Directors approve the proposed budget for Faculty Olympics 2025, as outlined in Appendix A, and allocate the necessary funds to Department 3085 for event planning and execution

Motion or Resolution for Approval

Motion for the Board of Directors to approve the budget for Faculty Olympics 2025 to department 3085.

Results of the Vote

In favour	(UNANIMOUS)
Opposed	()
Abstain	()



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Appendix A: Link to the Faculty Olympics Budget

2025:

<https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1xA0jpAfb2E0jqFAs04tqUuwkYQuOfEb-0mL3XmcjWDo/edit?gid=0#gid=0>

2023 (the last time SSMU executed Faculty Olympics):

https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1we-smO6QRjx6UokviEzx2ewn5-IL_gjNt5040h-GKS4/edit?usp=sharing

Key Points to keep in mind:

- 10% overestimated pricing for contingency
- Worst case: 5,000\$ deficit to be taken out of the insurance income operating budget (in my opinion, a good risk to take to do something directly from SSMU to the student experience).
- Alternative funding from sponsorships has not yet been taken into consideration for the budget.

APPROVED