



Report to the Legislative Council

February 12, 2026

Referendum Winter 2026

I have received, reviewed and gave guidance on the following fee requests for the Winter 2026 Referendum (either directly or through committees) as required by the Internal Regulations of Finance:

- Anti-violence Fee
- Mental Health Fee
- Grocery/Food Bank fee
- SSMU Daycare Fee
- McGill Writing Center Fee
- Student Services Auxiliary Fee
- University Center Fee
- ÉCOLE project
- WUSC

Budget 2026-2027

The Budget 2026-2027 process is expected to begin at the end of February 2026 and will continue until mid-April 2026. The target approval date by the Board of Directors is April 16, 2026.

Consultation process

As agreed by the VP Finance and the Accounting Department, the Budget 2026-2027 will follow a similar process as the Revised Budget 2025-2026, which used a decentralized approach, which means that the department themselves are responsible for consulting with their team, analyse the needs for the next year, estimate amount or resources needed, develop proposals for their budget, and send them to the VP Finance for final examination and approval. We use the premise that the departments themselves know more about what their needs are and where we can improve operations and that we have confidence in the skills and experience of our department and unit leaders and their staff.

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The VP Finance and Accounting Department's job is to balance these ideas and proposals with the long term stability and sustainability of the organization as a whole at the same time as maintaining quality operations and services to our members. A task force composed of the VP Finance, the Comptroller and the Assistant-Comptroller, are responsible for the consultation process as well as analysing and making the final decision on the Budget 2026-2027. The VP Finance expects to meet with every department and unit leaders in this consultation process and the task force remains active and ready to assist any department or unit in this process.

This process aims to increase collaboration and engagement in the different departments and units at SSMU, give place for creativity, innovation and initiative from our departments and units leaders and staff, and maintain accountability and responsabilisation from the department leads.

Funding Committee

Work

Since the beginning of the Winter 2026 Semester, the Funding Committee reviewed and made decisions on 29 applications received in January 2026. The Committee approved a total of \$34,995.77 to 28 applicants. Disbursement for these applications have already been processed or should be done within the next 2 weeks. We are currently on par with the service standard described in the Funding Guidelines 2025-2026.

Members-at-large recruitment

The Committee can function with the current membership of 2 Executives and 2 Council members, but the recruitment process for an additional 4 members-at-large position has started and should be completed by the end of February. To date, we received 3 applications.

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Key projects for remainder of mandate

1. Supporting the hiring and the onboarding of the new General Manager
2. Budget 2026-2027
3. Modernization of the Internal Regulations of Finance
4. Focus on improving resources, support, procedure and services related to Clubs, Services and Funding. (Tied to Budget 2026-2027 and IRs of Finance)
5. Capital Expenditure strategic planning and management
6. Other procedural, admin and organizational improvement and efficiency projects.

Other

- Supporting Executives, Department and Unit leaders in their work and in meetings
- Advising on many key files for the organization
- Signing documents (like hundreds of documents per week!)
- Meeting with club executives and members on a different finance related matters