The McMaster Students Union

PRESIDENT’S PAGE

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If you had the opportunity to make the McMaster campus a better place, what would you add? I often ask myself this very question. I picture a campus with heated bus shelters, nap stations, and an indoor soccer field. Many students have such ideas but lack the resources to execute them.

This is where the Student Life Enhancement Fund (SLEF) can help. SLEF is a large pool of money set aside to support projects, innovations, and ideas that enhance the student experience at McMaster. This fund is derived from a portion of the Student Services ancillary fee, and administered by the Student Services Committee (SSC). The membership of the SSC consists of representatives from the MSU and the University.

Thanks to the many McMaster students who submitted their ideas last year, new seating, lounge space, and electrical outlets are currently being installed in the Student Centre. In addition, a new fitness and boulder circuit has been installed near the Mona Campbell outdoor track. Past projects include the creation and expansion of the Queer Students Community Centre (QSACC) and Women and Gender Equity Network (WGEN) resource libraries. In addition, the 3D printer located on the fourth floor of Mills Library was purchased with funds from SLEF. Other enhancements include the expansion of study space in numerous campus locations and the creation of the McMaster Teaching and Community Garden. Finally, various conferences, speaker series, and accessibility upgrades have all benefited from the fund.

Great ideas are easy to come by on a campus blessed with exceptionally smart and creative people. If you want your ideas to come to fruition, submit them at enhance.mcmaster.ca before November 20. Not only can you submit ideas, you can view and comment on other submissions, as well as see past projects that have been funded through SLEF.

All ideas will be vetted by the SSC for financial and logistical feasibility, as well as sustainability. In January 2016, around the time of the MSU Presidential election, students will have the opportunity to vote on these ideas. Funding will be guaranteed to those ideas with the most student support. No idea is too big or too small, and detailed proposals are not required. Visit enhance.mcmaster.ca and share your great ideas to enhance McMaster University.

HOW WOULD YOU ENHANCE McMaster?

No idea is too big or too small. Submit your enhancements online.

October 26th to November 20th.

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