

Should QMSU be more generous in using its Liberation funds, society funds and other funds to allow students to spend on food (and not just cultural food) when QMSU events are organised? QMSU reps and reps that sit on boards to make financial decisions should also do the same.

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What do you want?

At the moment, Liberation funds, society funds and other funds are only allowed to be used for cultural food. However, after internal conversations with staff at QMSU, it has been agreed that temporarily, funds can be used on all food (and not just cultural food). However, this policy aims to make sure that this is the norm going forward and not just a temporary measure. Furthermore, when reps sit on boards or make decisions on how money can be spent on different events, they should fund all food requests for different events.

Why do you want it?

Firstly, there is the cost of living crisis, which has adversely affected many students. Moreover, most of our students are mostly from low income backgrounds.

Organisations and reps should not hoard money and should spend it on the welfare of students and for many students, free food would be incentive to attend events.

This not only helps students during their difficult financial times, but also will make our events more popular.

Furthermore, there are many liberation months or other social events organised by SU that does not have cultural food. For example, Disabilities awareness fortnight does not have any cultural food, whereas, other months have cultural food and therefore, it does not seem fair that certain groups cannot benefit from spending on food, whereas others can. In order to encourage everyone to be able to benefit, it is important to fund all food requests.

What impact will this have?

It will encourage more students to come to campus and enjoy free food.

It will encourage more students to participate in liberation campaigns and other SU organised events.

It will help students in overcoming financial difficulties.