

UNIVERSITY of HOUSTON
HOMECOMING

Student Fee Advisory Committee Base Augmentation Request

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FY26 Base Augmentation Request #1- Bed Races

In an effort to expand on Homecoming Week, the Homecoming Board began a new signature event of mattress racing called “Bed Races” in the fall semester of 2017. Spirit teams are able to race against each other down a racing strip, competing for the fastest time. With the continuation of this tradition, we have seen the event grow significantly in attendance and participation each year. This past year, we used the FY26 One Time Allocation to incorporate additional pieces of entertainment to the event including inflatable games and food trucks, allowing for wider participation in the event for any students as opposed to just Spirit Cup Teams. For Homecoming 2025, entertainment pieces we are looking to add include but are not limited to an inflatable obstacle course, air brush t-shirts, and continuing to include local food trucks. In regard to the inflatable obstacle course, we want to keep the competitive spirit within the event by allowing individuals to compete against one another even if they are not on a Spirit Cup Team. We hope to continue this event funding to provide for operational costs, attractions, and food to not only serve the teams competing, but also make every student feel welcomed. While these additional attractions continue to raise awareness and excitement for the event, our goal is for this tradition to continue to grow and last for years to come on campus.

Vendors	\$6,300.00
Lights	\$840.00
Security/EMS	\$800.00
Facilities	\$300.00
Marketing and Promotion	\$1,200.00
Food and Beverage	\$6,000.00
Subtotal	\$15,440.00
UH Administrative Charge (6.0%)	\$926.40
Total	\$16,366.40

Homecoming will continue to set forth the objectives of the Division of Student Affairs, while showcasing an example of what it means to be a part of the University of Houston community. The Homecoming Board strives to foster and promote student pride in the University, through the exciting experiences offered to students during Homecoming Week every year. Our peer institutions across the Big 12 approach Homecoming activities in a variety of different ways including initiatives led by student groups, alumni associations, or some combination of the two. While many institutions offer a variety of tradition-based events at or leading up to the game, Homecoming at the University of Houston holds a unique tradition within the Big 12 with Bed Races, offering students the opportunity to take part in a unique event. This request will allow us to continue to instill campus pride in our current students and alumni and become a premier Homecoming tradition throughout the state of Texas. Programs like Bed Races and Homecoming as a whole help build campus pride, student connection, and are shown to improve performance indicators among students. The Homecoming Board would like to thank you for your time and consideration of our budget request.