The Alma Mater Society
An Introduction

UBC Board of Governors | September 2017
Organizational Overview

Services

Facilities

Businesses

Student Government

- Senior Student Services
- Other
- Student Government
- Student Services
Governance and History

General Membership

Council (Board of Directors)

Executives

Staff

A Brief History

1915 | AMS established
1922 | Organized the Great Trek
1933 | Thunderbird selected
1967 | Students added to Senate
1968 | Old SUB opens
1974 | Students added to Board
2003 | U-Pass established
2015 | The Nest opens
Recent Victories and Activities

• Opened AMS Student Nest (approx. $110m)
• Working on redevelopment of UBC Life Building (Old SUB)
• Completed first recent governance review with MNP LLP
  • Reduced Council size
  • Staffing restructure
  • Executive oversight overhaul
• Student loan rate lowered from prime rate + 2.5% to prime rate only
• Created fee working with University to establish new student recreational fitness facility

93% of UBC Vancouver students report visiting the AMS Nest (AES 2016)
University Budget Priorities

- Investment in student experience
  - Expansion of recreation space
  - Opportunities for experiential learning
  - Support of wellbeing services
- Commitment to financial aid
  - Merit-based programs
  - Need-based support
- Continuation of diversity initiatives
- Innovation
  - Undergraduate research activities
  - e@UBC & the AMS eHub

56% of students would use recreation facilities more frequently if centralized (AES 2016)
Housing and Campus Development

- Accessibility of campus
  - Expansion of transit options
- Student Housing
  - Increasing availability of rental units
  - Keeping price increases in check
- MacInnes Field and Nest precinct
  - Maintaining AMS as focal point of campus centre
- Stadium Neighborhood
  - Pushing rental availability and diversity of options
- GamePlan
  - Balancing Recreation and Athletics space

Housing affordability rated #1 issue to student voters in pre-provincial election survey (SIS 2016)
Government Advocacy

- **Transit**
  - Broadway Subway Line
  - Development of existing services to the Vancouver campus
- **Housing**
  - Relaxing restrictions on institutional borrowing
- **Affordability**
  - Advocating for favorable student aid policies

61% of students report using public transit primarily to get to campus (SIS 2016)
What’s Next

1. Finalization and implementation of a strategic plan

2. Completion of Old SUB project and occupancy

3. Overhaul of AMS fees and financial structure