Introduction

The Alma Mater Society of UBC Vancouver (AMS) represents the over 50,000 graduate and undergraduate students at the Point Grey Campus. We are a not-for-profit organization that operates the Student Union Building, numerous services, 12 businesses, student events, and over 350 clubs. We advocate for students rights to the various levels of government and the University's administration.

Five student executives are elected annually by UBC students to manage the AMS and its annual budget of $16 million.

Our Mission

To improve the quality of the educational, social, and personal lives of the students of UBC.

Our Goals

- Promote high-quality student learning;
- Advocate student interests, as well as those of the University of British Columbia and post-secondary education as a whole;
- Provide our members with diverse opportunities to become exceptional leaders;
- Flexible to accommodate the changing world.

Our Values

- Honesty
- Effectiveness
- Accountability
- Respect
- Teamwork
2013-2014 AMS Leadership Team

Executive

President: Caroline Wong
Vice President Academic & University Affairs: Kiran Mahal (March-September), Mona Maleki (interim, October), Anne Kessler (October-February)
Vice President Finance: Joaquin Acevedo
Vice President External Affairs: Tanner Bokor
Vice President Administration: Derek Moore (March-January), Barnabas Caro (interim, January), Ava Nasiri (January-February)

Council

Speaker of Council: Michael Begg
Student Services Manager: Matthew Duguay
Arts: Nina Karimi, Roshak Momtahen, Sebastian Silley, Barnabas Caro, Ahmed Barry, Marina Favaro, Maria Mohan, Sean Gallagher, Harsev Oshan, Anne Kessler
Board of Governors: Mike Silley, Matt Parson
Commerce: John Lee, Lauren Telford, Sean Flemming, Enzo Woo
Education: Cassandra Whelan, Phaidra Ruck
Engineering: Andrea Palmer, Armin Rezaiean-Asel, Owen Lui
Forestry: Riley Fisher, Ravi Parhar
Graduate Studies: Conny Lin, Christopher Roach, Daniel Wood, Tobias Fridel, Colum Connolly, Michael Firmin, Arni Mar Thrastarson, Sara Moayedinia, Lena Patsa, Natalie Marshall, Sara Simon
Kinesiology: Aram Karakas
Land & Food Systems: Stephanie Goh
Law: Michelle Gillespie
Library/Archival: Helen Halbert
Medicine: Tahara Bhave
Nursing: Ron Oh
Ombudsperson: Sunnie Fang, Satoshi Iura
Pharmacy: Mitch Prasad
Planning: Jaarad Maran
Regent College: Jeremy Britton
Science: Celia Yang, Serena Ng, Paul McDade, Eric Toyota, Aaron Bailey
Senate: Cole Leonoff, Graham Beales, Mona Maleki
VST: Linda McLaren
Executive Summaries

President, Caroline Wong

This year has been one of change – some extremely positive, and others challenging. The AMS welcomed new and amazing senior staff to the team affecting student government, including our Senior Human Resources Manager, Ken Yih; Communications Manager, Abby Blinch; and Executive Director, Daniel Levangle. We worked with the University to increase our New SUB budget by $3.5M when we encountered unexpected costs during our New SUB construction. We responded and led changes following the CUS Frosh Chants and the series of sexual assaults on campus. President Toose announced his resignation in April and I have served on the Presidential Search Committee to find our new University President. We held a successful referendum that restructured our finances to eliminate our structural financial deficit, and gave us the ability to sell the Whistler Lodge and update our bylaws. All the student petition referendum questions passed to secure a fee to build a microbrewery, advocate to the University to lower tuition and divest from fossil fuels. Two Executives resigned at different times for personal reasons but we moved forward to accomplish our goals with dedicated interim VPs. We brought back the University Athletics Council in a time of massive change to the University Competitive Sports Model and represented students in the Sport Targeting Assessment Team. We updated our logo and continue to plan our transition into the New SUB!

Vice President Academic and University Affairs, Anne Kessler

This year has been an active and exciting year for the VP Academic and University Affairs Office. Kiran Mahal served as the VP until her resignation in September. Mona Maleki was appointed by AMS Council as the interim VP and in October, and I was elected in a by-election. This year, the Office worked with the Acadia Park community to create the Needs Assessment Report which outlined the needs of the community and recommendations for it to continue to be sustainable. The Office is pleased that some of the recommendations are being addressed and continues to advocate for better consultation practices and re-opening of the land use plan designation. At the March meeting of UBC Vancouver’s Senate, the Central Exam Database was officially endorsed and the project is underway. In partnership with the AMS Services Department, a thorough review of services was done during the summer resulting in a report which recommended certain services to be retired as well as opportunities for new services. The Academic Experience Survey was run for the second year and once again highlighted important student needs and areas for improvement at UBC. The Office continues to advocate for students to be included in the population counts in UBC’s regional context statement.

Vice President Finance, Joaquin Acevedo

Over the past 12 months the VP Finance Office has completed a great deal of work in order to move the Society forward. After a tense budgeting process the AMS was able to control the deficit growth by decreasing governance spending by 40% and creating 13% efficiencies in delivering Student Services. Soon after, we hit the ground running in developing a strategy to take the AMS out of the structural
deficit. As a result we went to referendum and successfully passed changes that would allow us to restructure our fees, dispose of the Whistler Lodge, and update Bylaws. In addition, the office has spearheaded a number of projects to improve internal efficiencies and provide a better level of service to our members. Finally, the Sustainability Office has made great strides in restructuring and developing a lighter footprint strategy to continue being leaders in sustainability.

Vice President External Affairs, Tanner Bokor

The VP, External Affairs portfolio was active and changing how business was done in 2013-2014. Between a provincial election campaign in April, signing a new U-Pass BC contract in March, reintroducing Lobby Days as an AMS tradition, holding the annual Student Union Development Summit in August, launching OutreachAMS and the Build Broadway transit campaign in September, and finally formalizing the Alliance of BC Students in November, 2013-2014 was nothing short of successful and surprising. However, that did not come without controversy. In April, the office held two all-candidate debates to allow students to hear about candidates platforms, but due to a number of factors caused both by the party and the AMS, a BC Liberal candidate was not permitted to debate, leading to outcry from the UBC community. Overall, the office moved away from its traditional policy-development primary function and began to connect with the UBC community through engaging and active campaigns, and pushed the AMS forward on the provincial stage, making lasting and beneficial relationships with members of government and other student unions.

Vice President Administration, Derek Moore

With the opening of the New SUB coming closer, the office of the VP Admin focused a lot of its time and energy on this project. We successfully got an additional $3.5 million in funding from UBC after we encountered some unexpected costs with the building development. A New SUB naming campaign was run, with mixed feedback on its effectiveness. Regardless, the office is poised to move forward on choosing a name for the New SUB early in the next VPs tenure. A sub-committee was developed to focus on wayfinding for the new building, and design firm Letterbox won the RFP to develop the signage. Aside from the New SUB, I was actively involved in working on the Competitive Sport Model with the University, Shinerama ran a successful campaign raising over $20,000, and the Art Gallery has been consistently running shows all year. I chaired the Microbrewery committee which, after some setbacks, ran a successful referendum campaign to introduce a new fee to students to build at the UBC Farm. Eighteen new clubs were started, including: A Club of Ice and Fire, Nerdfighter Club, and Rapperz Without Borders. I tendered my resignation for personal reasons on January 22; Barnabas Caro acted as the interim VP until the newly elected Ava Nasiri took over the office early, in mid-February.

Student Services Manager, Matthew Duguay

This past year has been one of great change for AMS Services. After completing the first Services Review since 1994, the Services were streamlined to build upon their strengths and allow for the creation of new, dynamic services for UBC students. We said goodbye to AMS Minischool, a service that while providing personal enrichment to students had seen declining participation in
recent years. The AMS Advocacy Office continued to represent students and their interests with the University. AMS Connect grew partnerships with outside organizations providing even more internship and volunteer opportunities to students. The AMS Food Bank has helped more students and their families and with new resources will continue to do so in the future. Speakeasy, the oldest AMS service, expanded its outreach to become the premier peer support network on campus. AMS Tutoring continued to be a valuable partnership between the AMS and UBC that provides first- and second-year students with the academic support they need. Our greatest accomplishment this year was AMS Safewalk stepping up and meeting the needs of UBC students following the wave of sexual assaults on campus. Through the efforts of our Safewalk staff, UBC will continue to be a safer place at night.

Highlights for 2013-2014

March 2013
- Senate approves the establishment of a centralized exam database, at the urging of the AMS.
- BAGB (the Business and Administrative Governance Board) holds its first meeting.
- Council defeats a motion to spend $30,000 from the Student Spaces Fund on an investigation into the cost of refurbishing the Whistler Lodge.

April 2013
- Council determines its priorities for the provincial elections: that postsecondary education should be accessible and affordable; that Metro Vancouver should be authorized to find a long-term rapid rail transit solution for the Broadway corridor; and that a province-wide childcare program should be implemented as soon as possible.
- The creation of a new international students program in Vantage College is supported by Council along with a call to the University to minimize tuition costs for the program.

May 2013
- The Charter for the new Alliance of BC Students (ABCS) is approved by Council.
- The AMS and GSS reach an agreement that the AMS will take over the administration of the finances of the MBA Society by making it a departmental club.

June 2013
- The 2013-2014 AMS budget is approved by Council, with a running deficit.
- Ken Yih is hired as the new Senior Human Resources Manager for the AMS.

July 2013
- The second Academic Experience Survey is presented to Council with a recommendation that it continue to be done annually.
- After the AMS called for the change, UBC reported it will now include students in the population count submitted to Metro Vancouver.
August 2013
- Council is informed that The New SUB contingency fund is being burned through at a fast rate due to unexpected costs.
- VP Academic, Kiran Mahal, announced her resignation effective September 12.
- The Services Review is reported on. Major recommendations include closing Minischool and VolunteerConnect, expanding Speakeasy, saving money on Safewalk, re-evaluating the Internship and Externship programs, and looking into potential new services.
- U-Pass machines were installed in the niche.
- Abby Blinch is hired as the new Communications Manager for the AMS.

September 2013
- A successful FirstWeek and Farmade are held by the AMS.
- Council participated in and promoted events during Truth and Reconciliation Week.
- Council passed a motion to increase the New SUB budget by $3.5 million and to ask the University to amend the financing agreements accordingly.
- Minischool is closed.
- Mona Maleki is voted in as interim VP Academic.
- Outreachams.ca is launched.
- CUS Frosh chants are reported by the media, resulting in the resignation of the chairs of the events as well as CUS president, Enzo Woo. Caroline Wong speaks to numerous media outlets on behalf of the CUS and AMS. The AMS collaborates with the University during their fact-finding report.
- In response to the Frosh chants SASC holds a community roundtable and will be giving Anti-Violence Ally Training to all involved.
- Acadia Park report is finalized.
- The Whistler Lodge is determined not to be a service and BAGB is directed to prepare a decommissioning plan for the Lodge.

October 2013
- Anne Kessler is voted in as the new VP Academic.
- A string of sexual assaults on campus result in SASC and Safewalk receiving numerous media requests and an increase in Safewalk operating hours.
- BAGB presents two options for the Whistler Lodge: selling it or working out a leasing agreement.
- The title of Executive Coordinator of Student Services is changed to Student Services Manager.

November 2013
- The name for the pizza place in the New SUB will be Pie R Squared.
- The AMS joins the Alliance of BC Student (ABCS) and they hold their
Inaugural General Meeting.

December 2013

- A new logo is approved which will be phased in with the opening of the New SUB.

January 2014

- Council approved three referendum questions to be put to the membership January 27-31 (at the same time as the elections): getting permission to sell or otherwise dispose of the Whistler Lodge; approving administrative changes to the AMS Bylaws; approving a restructuring of AMS fees.
- Council votes not to include a referendum question regarding a microbrewery in their Yes campaign.
- VP Administration, Derek Moore, announced his resignation effective January 24.
- VolunteerConnect will be shutting down with the service being transitioned to UBC Centre for Student Involvement by May 2014.
- Barnabas Caro will serve as an interim VP Administration until the newly elected VP takes office.
- A new Respectful Environment Policy is adopted.
- Council approved an agreement with the University on the distribution of $57,000 to subsidize some students for their U-Pass fees.
- The University agrees to reimburse the Safewalk program for the extra expenses that occurred in the fall as a result of the sexual assaults on campus.
- Executives are required to log their hours and present logs to the Oversight Committee.

February 2014

- Every question on the referendum is passed including a fee for a microbrewery.
- A new AMS Executive is elected and will take office on Monday, March 3, 2014. The new team is: President Tanner Bokor, VP Academic Anne Kessler, VP External Bahareh Jokar, VP Admin Ava Nasiri, VP Finance Mateusz Mjadlikowski.
- Daniel Levangie is hired as the new Executive Director of the AMS.
Budget 2013-2014

Revenue: Fees

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Total from Fees                                | $395.92  | $16,608,331      |
### Other Revenues

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**Total from Other**

- Budget 13/14: -$417,770
- Actuals 12/13: -$275,143
- Budget 12/13: -$188,817

### Expenditure Summary

#### STUDENT GOVERNMENT

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**Total Student Government**

- Budget 13/14: $429,813
- Actuals 12/13: $665,642
- Actuals 12/13: $674,139

*Until January 31 2014*
### STUDENT SERVICES

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**Total Student Services**

$266,223  $448,001  $446,991

### PROGRAMS AND PUBLICATIONS

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**Total Programs and Publications**

$159,088  $373,824  $293,790

### TOTAL STUDENT ACTIVITY AND GOVERNMENT EXPENDITURES

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2013-2014 STATISTICS

“I FEEL SAFE ON CAMPUS AT NIGHT”
- 18% strongly agree
- 46% agree
- 28% neutral
- 9% disagree
- 2% strongly disagree

“I have used an AMS service in the last 12 months”
- 73% No
- 14% Yes
- 13% Unsure

“CAMPUS IS MAINLY BEING DEVELOPED WITH STUDENT NEEDS IN MIND”

What values do you associate with the AMS?
- Student-run
- Involvement
- Friendly
- Professional
- Socially oriented
- Dependable
- Team work
- Fun
- Advocacy
- Charitable
- Sustainability
- Responsible
- Educational

18 new clubs created

$20,000 raised by Shinerama

Social Media Users:
- Facebook: 2,227 likes
- Instagram: 3,189 likes
- Twitter: 3,203 followers

Statistics are drawn from the 2013 Academic Services Report. The Board of Directors conducted by the AMS Communications Department, and analytics sourced from the AMS Web Site.