



AMS and UBC Finalize NEW SUB Agreement!

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After nearly two years of in-depth and lengthy negotiations, UBC's student union (the Alma Mater Society of UBC Vancouver) and UBC have come to an agreement for a new Student Union Building. Ross Horton, AMS General Manager, said "The process of establishing a nine figure development deal and a 40-plus year operating agreement between the AMS and the University has been lengthy, but I'm absolutely delighted to have arrived at a successful conclusion. It has been worth the time and effort we've all invested to create to a shared vision for such an important project."

The AMS celebrated this monumental event with a signing ceremony this past Friday where AMS President, Bijan Ahmadian said "The New Student Union Building will be the iconic heart of the new University Square Development. A home away from home, the building will house student life and raise the bar for sustainable development on campus."

Ekaterina Dovjenko, VP Administration added, "Our 255,000 sq ft program directly incorporates a wide variety of student feedback. The AMS' brand new SUB will shape heart of our campus and will be the envy of educational institutions everywhere."

The new sustainable, Student Union Building is scheduled to open in September 2014. In a campus-wide referendum, students agreed to increase their fees, which will result in a contribution of three quarters of the \$103-million budget; the rest of the funds will be provided by the University. This will be the single largest cash contribution to the University community in UBC's history. This new SUB will shape the heart of campus and will be adjacent to the new Alumni Centre, and together they will enhance the quality of social, academic and personal lives of many generations of UBC students and alumni.

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About the AMS (Student Society of UBC Vancouver)

The AMS represents over 46,000 students on the Point Grey Campus. Our mission statement is "to improve the educational, social and personal lives of the students at UBC." In addition to standing up for students rights through lobbying the different levels of government and the University Administration, the AMS also runs 14 businesses, hosts student events, oversees approximately 300 clubs and provides many student services and resources.

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