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SECTION I: GENERAL

Article 1. Authority and Interpretation of the Code

1. Pursuant to Bylaw 5(1)(f), this Code of Procedure shall be binding on the Society, including but not limited to the following Society bodies: Student Council, Student Court, the Commissions, the Subsidiary Organizations, and any committees of any of the above bodies.

2. The rules contained in the current edition of Robert’s Rules of Order, Newly Revised, shall govern the Society in all cases to which they are applicable and in which they are not inconsistent with the Society’s Code or Bylaws.

3. This document is intended to be free of gender bias.

4. In this Code, unless the context otherwise requires:

   “Administrative Assistant” shall mean the permanent employee of the Society charged with the duty of assisting the Executive Committee and Council with their administrative and secretarial needs;

   “AMS Student Nest” shall mean the Society’s main building, located at 6133 University Boulevard and also including the basement and other areas in the SUB remaining under the control of the Society;

   “Archivist & Clerk of Council” shall mean the permanent employee of the Society charged with the duty of managing the Society’s archives and providing historical information and advice on the Society’s rules to the Executive Committee, Council, and the Managing Director;

   “Club” shall mean either a Club or an Association constituted under Bylaw 13;

   “Communications Manager” shall mean the permanent employee of the Society charged with promoting the Society and providing it with strategic communications advice;

   “Designer” shall mean the permanent employee of the Society charged with carrying out renovations for the Society and its Constituencies;

   “Events Manager” shall mean the permanent employee of the Society charged with putting on concerts and other events;

   “Executive Procedures Manual” shall mean the rules and regulations adopted by the Executive Committee pursuant to Section VI, Article 3(6) of the Code;

   “Financial Controller” shall mean the permanent employee of the Society charged with the duty of assisting the Managing Director and the Finance Committee with the
management of the Society’s finances;

“Food and Beverage Manager” shall mean the permanent employee of the Society charged with the duty of managing the food and beverage operations of the Society;

“Forum” shall mean Room 4301 of the AMS Student Nest;

“Honorary Members” shall be another term for what are referred to in the Bylaws as “Associate Members”;

“Human Resources Senior Manager” shall mean the permanent employee of the Society in charge of the Society’s HR functions;

“Mission Statement” shall mean the Mission Statement of the Society adopted by Council under Bylaw 5(1)(f);

“Officers of the Society” shall mean any individual holding an elected or appointed position within the Society, including its Subsidiary Organizations, but not including voting members of Council;

“Policy Advisor” shall mean the permanent employee of the Society charged with the duty of assisting Council and the Executive Committee with the political concerns of the Society;

“Sales Manager” shall mean the permanent employee of the Society charged with the duty of assisting with the operations of the sales and retail part of the Society.

“Student At Large” shall, subject to Section V, Article 2(7) below, mean an Active Member who is eligible to serve in an appointed position by virtue of not being a member of Council and not currently holding any other position, other than a position on the Finance Committee, to which he or she has been appointed by Council, a Council Committee, the Ombudsperson, the Executive Committee, an individual member of the Executive, or the Student Services Manager;

“SUB” shall mean the building formerly known as the Student Union Building located at 6138 SUB Blvd.;

“Winter Session” shall mean the School Year, as defined in the Bylaws.

5. Unless the context otherwise requires, expressions in the Code which are defined in the Bylaws shall have the meanings so defined; words imparting the singular shall include the plural, and vice-versa; and words imparting persons shall include bodies corporate and the Subsidiary Organizations.
Article 2. Amendments to the Code, Suspension of Code

1. The Code shall only be amended or altered by a Two-thirds (2/3) Resolution of Council, in accordance with Bylaw 5(1)(e).

2. Amendments to the Code shall take effect the day after they are approved or on another date and time as determined by Council. This provision notwithstanding, Council shall not amend the Code retroactively, and amendments to the Code may be rescinded before they take effect by Two-thirds (2/3) Resolution of Council.

3. No provisions of the Code may be suspended except by Two-thirds (2/3) Resolution of Council. When Council suspends a provision or provisions of the Code, such suspension shall only be in effect for the duration of the meeting at which it is made unless Council, by Two-thirds (2/3) Resolution, sets some other fixed period of time for the suspension.

4. When amendments to the Code are brought to Council for consideration, every effort shall be made to ensure that those amendments are consistent with other provisions of the Code.

5. When Council approves amendments that affect other provisions of the Code, Council shall alter every provision of the Code so affected to be consistent with the amendments.

6. The Archivist & Clerk of Council may, once a term, submit to Council corrections of the Code needed to ensure the consistency referred to in paragraph 5 above and also to correct errors in grammar, spelling, cross-referencing, and numbering, so long as the corrections do not affect the intent or meaning of the Code. Such corrections shall be submitted for approval as a Consent Item requiring a Two-thirds (2/3) Resolution to pass in accordance with Section III, Article 1(8).

Article 3. Master Copies

1. Pursuant to Bylaw 5(3)(d)(ii)(1), the Vice-President Academic and University Affairs shall cause to be kept the master copies of the Constitution, the Bylaws, the Mission Statement, the Code of Procedure, the Internal Policies, and the Student Services Operations Manuals by forwarding such to the Society’s Archivist & Clerk of Council, and shall cause the External Policy Manual to be kept by forwarding it to the Policy Advisor.

2. Amendments to the Code shall be incorporated in the master copy within thirty (30) days of being approved by Council.
Article 4. Circulation of the Code and other Documents

1. The Executive Committee shall ensure the circulation and availability of the Code and the Society’s other documents in accordance with this article.

2. Complete and up-to-date versions of the Constitution, Bylaws, Code of Procedure, and Policy Manual shall be:

   (a) posted on the Society’s website; and

   (b) distributed in hardcopy form to the following persons if they so request:

      (i) members of Council; and
      (ii) members of the Governance Committee.

3. The Society’s Personnel Handbooks shall be circulated to all members of the Executive at the beginning of their term of office and to all staff in accordance with Section IX C, Articles 1 and 2.
SECTION II: COUNCIL, COUNCIL MEMBERS AND OTHERS

Article 1. Conflict of Interest for Directors of the Society

1. Voting members of Council, as Directors of the Society, shall act honestly and in good faith in the best interests of the Society as a whole, and exercise the care, diligence and skill of a reasonably prudent person in carrying out their duties.

2. Directors shall use the utmost care and discretion in the handling of confidential and privileged information and shall not use such information for personal benefit or gain. Furthermore, Directors shall not disclose any information discussed in an in camera meeting of Council without the authorization of Council.

3. No Director may, in his or her role as a Director, participate in any decision, exercise an official power or perform an official duty or function in which he or she may have either a conflict of interest or an apparent conflict of interest.

4. (a) Without limiting the generality of paragraph 3 above, if a Director has a conflict of interest or an apparent conflict of interest relating to an issue being deliberated on by Council, or a Committee of Council, he or she shall declare the nature of the conflict and abstain from speaking or voting on the issue, or on any subsidiary motion related to the issue, except to raise a question of privilege.

(b) If a proxy is attending Council or a Committee of Council in the place of a Director who has a conflict of interest or an apparent conflict of interest, or if the proxy themselves has a conflict of interest or an apparent conflict of interest, the proxy shall state the nature of the conflict and abstain from speaking or voting on the issue or on any subsidiary motion related to the issue, except to raise a question of privilege.

(c) Paragraphs (a) and (b) above notwithstanding, at the request of the Chair, or if Council or the Committee so directs by Resolution, the Director or proxy may answer questions pertaining to the issue on which they have a conflict of interest or an apparent conflict of interest.

(d) For greater certainty, the rules restricting participation in paragraphs (a) and (b) above shall apply during discussion of an issue even if no formal motion is on the table.

5. If a Director or proxy who has a conflict or apparent conflict of interest is chairing a Council or a Committee of Council, they shall relinquish the chair while the issue on which they have a conflict or apparent conflict is being discussed.

6. If Council, or a Committee of Council, moves in camera to discuss an issue on which a Director or their proxy is in a conflict of interest or an apparent conflict of interest, that
Director or proxy shall be required to remove himself or herself from the in camera session in which the issue is to be discussed, unless specifically invited to stay by a Two-thirds (2/3) Resolution of Council or the Committee.

7. In the event that a Director is uncertain about whether or not he or she is in either a conflict of interest or an apparent conflict of interest, the Director shall inform Council or a Committee of Council of the possible conflict and the Chair shall decide whether there is an actual conflict. If the Chair’s decision is appealed, or if the issue of a Director’s conflict becomes a resolution before Council, or a Committee of Council, for any other reason, then that Director shall abstain from speaking or voting on the resolution.

8. If a Director believes that another Director may be in a conflict of interest or an apparent conflict of interest, he or she shall ask the Chair to decide the matter. If the Chair’s decision is appealed, or if the matter becomes a resolution before Council or a Committee of Council for any other reason, then the Director who is in a possible conflict shall abstain from speaking or voting on the resolution.

9. If the Managing Director or the Senior HR Manager believes that a Director may be in a conflict of interest or an apparent conflict of interest, he or she shall ask the Chair to decide the matter. If the Chair’s decision is appealed, or if the matter becomes a resolution before Council or a Committee of Council for any other reason, then the Director who is in a possible conflict shall abstain from speaking or voting on the resolution.

10. A Director has a conflict of interest when the Director, in his or her capacity as a Director, exercises an official power or performs an official duty or function and at the same time knows that in the exercise of the power or in the performance of the duty or function there is an opportunity to further his or her private interest. A Director shall also be considered to be in a conflict of interest on an issue if the issue concerns relations with an organization outside the Society and if the Director serves on the board of that other organization, unless the Director is serving on the other board by virtue of being the Society’s representative on that board.

11. A Director has an apparent conflict of interest if there is a reasonable perception, which a reasonably well-informed person could properly have, that the Director's ability to exercise an official power or perform an official duty or function, in his or her capacity as a Director, may have been affected by his or her private interest.

12. A Director must not use his or her office to seek to influence a decision, to be made by another person, to further the Director's private interest.

13. A Director’s private interest shall include the private interests of his or her family and the private interests of a companion, business associate or a close personal friend of the Director.

14. The definitions of conflict of interest and apparent conflict of interest for Directors in
paragraphs 10 through 13 above shall apply to proxies. In addition, any proxy who is an employee of the Society shall be considered to be in a conflict of interest on all issues that come before Council or a Committee of Council.

15. (a) No Executive Member of Council or other Director of the Society may accept a fee, a gift, a personal benefit or hospitality that is offered or tendered by virtue of his or her position as an Executive or a Director, unless authorized to do so by Council.

(b) Subsection (a) above does not apply to a gift or personal benefit that is incidental to the protocol or social obligations that normally accompany the responsibilities of office.

(c) If a gift or personal benefit referred to in subsection (b) above exceeds $150 in value, or if the total value received directly or indirectly from one source in any twelve (12) month period exceeds $150, the Executive or Director must immediately disclose to Council, in writing:

(i) the nature of the gift or benefit;
(ii) its source; and
(iii) the circumstances under which it was given and accepted.

(d) Upon receipt of a written disclosure referred to in subsection (c), Council shall either allow the recipient to keep the gift or benefit, direct that the gift or benefit be returned, or direct that the gift or benefit be disposed of in any other manner it sees fit.

16. No Executive Member of Council shall hold a significant position, including but not limited to executive positions, within a Constituency, Student Resource Group, or Affiliated Institution student association.

17. No Executive Member of Council shall hold a significant position, including but not limited to executive positions, within a Club except that with the approval of Council by a Two-thirds (2/3) Resolution the President, the Vice-President Academic and University Affairs, and the Vice-President External Affairs may hold such positions.

18. An Executive Member who is permitted by Council to hold a significant Club position in accordance with paragraph 16 above, still may not do any of the following:

(a) sign any cheque or contract on behalf of the Club or be the Society signing officer approving funds for that Club;

(b) advocate within the Society on behalf of the Club.

19. All Directors shall sign an oath of office, prior to their first meeting of Council, in which they agree to abide by the provisions of this Article. All Executive Members shall sign
the oath prior to the commencement of their term of office. If a Director appoints a proxy to take his or her place on Council or a Committee for a meeting, the proxy shall sign the oath of office before the meeting.

20. Any Director who contravenes this Section of Code may be:

(a) directed by a Resolution of Council to:

   (i) pay restitution to the Society for any financial loss suffered by the Society as a direct result of his or her action;
   (ii) account for, and dispose of, any profits made as a result of a breach of this Section;
   (iii) return or otherwise restore the Society's property taken, damaged or destroyed by a direct action of that Director;

   and may be:

(b) removed from office pursuant to the Bylaws of the Society or, in the case of Constituency Representatives and representatives of student associations at the Affiliated Institutions, pursuant to the Constitution and Bylaws of their respective Constituencies or student associations.

21. Proxies appointed by Directors shall abide by all the rules concerning Directors contained in this Section of Code. Any proxy who contravenes this Section of Code shall be subject to the penalties outlined in paragraph 19(a) above.

22. Directors shall not receive monetary compensation from the Society unless such monetary compensation is received as a direct result of their positions:

   (a) as a Director; or
   (b) within one of the Society's Constituencies or one of the Affiliated Institutions' student associations.

**Article 2. Conflict of Interest for Members of the Executive**

1. Members of the Executive, as voting members of Council, are Directors of the Society and shall be subject to Article 1 in their capacity as Directors.

2. Members of the Executive shall also be subject to the provisions of Article 1 in their capacity as executives, notwithstanding their status as employees of the Society.
Article 3. Conflict of Interest for Non-Voting Members of Council

1. Non-voting members of Council shall act honestly and in good faith in the best interests of the Society as a whole, and exercise the care, diligence and skill of a reasonably prudent person in carrying out their duties.

2. Non-voting members of Council shall abide by the conflict of interest provisions for Directors contained in Article 1 above as though they were Directors.

Article 4. Conflict of Interest for Others

1. Officers and employees of the Society other than Directors of the Society shall act honestly and in good faith in the best interests of the Society as a whole, and exercise the care, diligence and skill of a reasonably prudent person in carrying out their duties.

2. Officers and employees of the Society other than Directors of the Society shall not, in their capacity as officers or employees of the Society, participate in any decision, exercise an official power or perform an official duty or function in which they may have either a conflict of interest or an apparent conflict of interest.

3. The Executive Committee shall establish further provisions regarding conflict of interest in relation to Officers, such provisions to be contained in the Executive Procedures Manual. The Managing Director shall develop further provisions regarding conflict of interest in relation to employees, and shall take steps to ensure that such provisions are contained in the Personnel Handbooks in accordance with Section IX C of the Code.

4. All Officers, not including officers of Subsidiary Organizations or Student Resource Groups, shall sign an oath of office in which they agree to abide by the provisions of this Article and the provisions regarding conflict of interest contained in the Executive Procedures Manual.

Article 5. Protection of Directors, Officers and Others

1. Every Director, officer and employee of the Society and their heirs, executors, administrators and other legal personal representatives shall from time to time be indemnified and saved harmless by the Society from and against:

   (a) any liability and all costs and expenses that they sustain or incur in respect of any action, suit or proceeding that is proposed or commenced against them for or in respect of anything done or permitted by them in respect of the execution of their duties; and
(b) all costs, charges and expenses that they sustain or incur in respect of the affairs of the Society;

provided that they have complied with the Bylaws and Code of the Society and with the other legal obligations related to their duties.

Article 6. Duties of Members Elected from Constituencies

1. As voting members of Council, Constituency representatives and representatives of the student associations at the Affiliated Institutions are first and foremost Directors of the Society and owe their first duty to the Society.

2. Each member of Council elected from a Constituency or from an Affiliated Institution student association shall seek election to be a voting member on at least one (1) Standing Committee of Council.

3. Each member of Council elected from a Constituency or from an Affiliated Institution student association shall be responsible for the orientation of his or her replacement.

4. Whoever is chairing a Council meeting shall ensure that one representative from each Constituency or Affiliated Institution student association makes a verbal report at that meeting on the current affairs of their Constituency or student association. Current Constituency or student association publications shall be presented along with this report.

Article 7. Absenteeism

1. Pursuant to Bylaw 5(2)(j) and (m), any member of Council representing a Constituency or an Affiliated Institution student association who has missed three (3) regularly scheduled Council meetings during the School Year shall be notified in writing by the Archivist & Clerk of Council that he or she will cease to be a member of Council if he or she misses five (5) regularly scheduled meetings.

2. The Archivist & Clerk of Council shall send a copy of the notification referred to in paragraph 1 to the president of the Constituency or student association whose representative has missed three (3) Council meetings.

3. If a member of Council representing a Constituency or an Affiliated Institution’s student association misses five (5) regularly scheduled Council meetings during the School Year, the Archivist & Clerk of Council shall issue a written notice stating that the member has ceased to be a member of Council and that there is a vacancy on Council for that Constituency. Such notice shall be sent to:

(a) the member who has missed five meetings;
(b) the president of the member’s Constituency or student association, and
(c) Council.

4. In accordance with section 63 of the Society Act, proxies appointed by Council members in accordance with Bylaw 5(4)(b)(ii) may only be appointed for one meeting at a time.

**Article 8. Speaker of Council**

1. The Speaker of Council shall be a non-voting member of Council appointed by a Two-thirds (2/3) Resolution of Council on the recommendation of the Human Resources Committee, as specified in Section V, Article 9. The Speaker’s term of office shall be from April 1 to March 31.

2. The Speaker shall not hold any other elected, staff or appointed position in the Society, including positions within Constituencies. A Speaker who becomes a candidate for an elected position within the Society or any of its Constituencies immediately ceases to hold the position of Speaker.

3. The Speaker of Council shall:

   (a) chair Council meetings;

   (b) post notices of Council meetings no less than forty-eight (48) hours in advance, by any means he or she deems necessary, including electronic media, in order to notify both Council members and other Active Members of the Society;

   (c) ensure, to the best of his or her ability, adequate security for the Forum and the contents therein during, and immediately before and after, Council meetings;

   (d) chair Election Appeals Committees; and

   (e) have such other duties as are outlined in the Code or assigned by Council from time to time.

4. The Speaker shall not be the Spokesperson of Council. As prescribed by Code Section VI, Article 4(1)(c) the President at all times is the Spokesperson of the Society and of Council.

5. In the absence of the Speaker, the President or the President’s designate shall chair Council meetings, provided however that Council may, by Two-thirds (2/3) Resolution, elect an alternate chair.
Article 9. Non-voting Members

1. Pursuant to Bylaw 5(2)(b)(ii), the non-voting members of Council, in addition to the Ombudsperson and the Speaker of Council, shall be:

   (a) the Student Services Manager;
   (b) the UBC Vancouver student members of the Board of Governors; and
   (c) two (2) students elected by and from the student members of the UBC Vancouver Senate.

2. Non-voting members of Council are Officers but not Directors of the Society.

Article 10. Ombudsperson and Advocacy Office

1. The Ombudsperson shall be appointed by Council on the recommendation of the Human Resources Committee, following the procedures specified in Section V, Article 9.

2. The Ombudsperson shall not hold any other elected or appointed position within the Society, including positions within Constituencies. An Ombudsperson who becomes a candidate for an elected position within the Society or any of its Constituencies immediately ceases to hold the position of Ombudsperson.

3. The Ombudsperson may apply to Council for a leave of absence. If Council grants such a leave, it shall designate a replacement who shall have all the powers and duties of the regular Ombudsperson for the period of the leave.

4. Council may, either of its own volition or on the application of an interested Active Member of the Society, direct the Ombudsperson to investigate a matter and report back to Council.

5. In addition to those powers and duties set out in the Bylaws, the Ombudsperson shall:

   (a) be responsible for investigating and reporting to Council, or the appropriate member of the staff or the Executive, any reasonable complaint or question that a staff member of the Society has with the Society or its organizations, including but not limited to complaints or questions regarding the administration of the personnel procedures of the Society or the procedures themselves;

   (b) be responsible for the resolution of any such complaint referred to in paragraph (a) above, where possible;

   (c) make known to the Active Members and the staff of the Society that he or she is available for the hearing of complaints;

   (d) keep no less than ten (10) office hours per week during the School Year;
(e) post, on or about his or her office door:

   (i) his or her specific office hours; and
   (ii) a means by which the staff of the Society and Active Members can contact
        him or her outside of the posted office hours;

(f) direct and train his or her successor, and provide a verbal and written report
    annually to Council at the end of his or her term of office;

(g) further to Bylaw 9(1)(f), and notwithstanding any other provision in the Code,
    have the right to attend any meetings of Council, Committees, or any other bodies
    of the Society, including meetings held in camera;

(h) act in an impartial and unbiased manner in the exercise of his or her duties;

(i) maintain confidentiality in respect of all matters, insofar as such confidentiality is
    not inconsistent with the Bylaws and the Code, that come to his or her knowledge
    in the performance of his or her duties;

(j) manage and maintain the office of the Ombuds-person, including but not limited
    to:

   (i) recruiting, training and providing recognition for volunteer assistants; and
   (ii) preparing a budget for the operations of the office of the Ombudsperson;

(k) have such other powers and duties as are assigned by Council from time to time.

6. A report of the Ombudsperson, prepared under the authority of paragraph (5)(a) above, or
   under the authority of Bylaw 9(1)(a), shall be made available to all interested parties and
   to the President of the Society. If the President is an interested party, the report shall also
   be made available to another member of the Executive. If the Executive Committee as a
   whole is an interested party, the report shall also be made available to Council.

7. The Ombudsperson may refuse to investigate or may cease investigating a complaint
   which in the Ombudsperson’s opinion is not reasonable. Examples of unreasonable
   complaints include but are not limited to those in which:

   (a) the complaint concerns a matter which last occurred more than one calendar year
       prior to the date of the complaint;

   (b) the subject matter of the complaint primarily affects a person other than the
       complainant, and the complainant does not have sufficient personal interest in the
       issue;
(c) there are existing administrative procedures for the complaint, and the complainant does not have reasonable justification for not pursuing the complaint using those procedures;

(d) the complaint is frivolous, vexatious, not made in good faith or concerns a trivial matter; or

(e) in the circumstances, investigation would not benefit the complainant.

8. Pursuant to Bylaw 9(1)(d), the Ombudsperson shall refer Active Members seeking assistance with complaints or questions regarding the University either to the University Ombudsperson or to the Advocacy Office. The Ombudsperson shall formally refer Active Members to the Advocacy Office in matters regarding the University when:

(a) the adversarial nature of the conflict is such that the Ombudsperson does not believe that a mediated settlement is possible or reasonable under the circumstances; or

(b) an advocate would, in the opinion of the Ombudsperson, be necessary and beneficial to the Active Member for some other reason.

9. Notwithstanding paragraph 8 above, the Ombudsperson may refuse to refer an Active Member to the Advocacy Office when the Ombudsperson deems such advocacy not to be in the interests of the Society. Such a decision of the Ombudsperson is appealable, in writing, to the Executive Committee.

10. The Advocacy Office may refuse to pursue or may cease pursuing a complaint which in the opinion of the Advocacy Office is not reasonable. Examples of unreasonable complaints include but are not limited to those in which:

(a) the complaint concerns a matter which last occurred more than one calendar year prior to the date of the complaint;

(b) the subject matter of the complaint primarily affects a person other than the complainant, and the complainant does not have sufficient personal interest in the issue;

(c) there are existing administrative procedures for the complaint, and the complainant does not have reasonable justification for not pursuing the complaint using those procedures;

(d) the complaint is frivolous, vexatious, not made in good faith or concerns a trivial matter; or

(e) in the circumstances, the intervention of the Advocacy Office would not benefit the complainant.
11. If, in accordance with paragraph 10 above, the Advocacy Office refuses to pursue or ceases pursuing a complaint, the complainant may appeal the refusal or cessation to the Ombudsperson.

12. The Ombudsperson shall not investigate or shall cease investigating a matter that is or becomes before a court, including Student Court.

13. The Ombudsperson may conduct, or cause to be conducted, either a formal or an informal investigation into any matter brought before him or her. If a complainant makes a written request for a formal investigation, the Ombudsperson must, subject to the discretion granted to him or her in paragraph 7 above, conduct a formal investigation.

14. In conducting a formal investigation pursuant to paragraph 13 above, the Ombudsperson shall, at a minimum:

   (a) conduct research into the rules and regulations, and applicable laws if any, that are pertinent to the complaint;

   (b) interview all parties involved, and invite such parties to make a written submission if they so choose;

   (c) produce a written report, summarizing all information gathered in accordance with clauses (a) and (b) above, and provide recommendations if appropriate; and

   (d) distribute the report as required in paragraph 6 above.

15. When approached by an Active Member in accordance with Bylaw 9(1)(a) or by a staff member in accordance with paragraph 5(a) above, concerning complaints or questions related to the Society and its organizations, the Ombudsperson shall ensure that all reasonable steps have been taken within the appropriate Society organization or department before accepting the case.

16. Transitional Honorarium

   (a) The outgoing Ombudsperson shall be responsible for the orientation of his or her replacement, such orientation to include but not be limited to:

      (i) completion of a comprehensive transitional report no later than the incoming Ombudsperson’s first day of work;
      (ii) in-person training of the incoming Ombudsperson;
      (iii) consultation on Ombuds matters at the request of the incoming Ombudsperson for a period of not less than one (1) month after the incoming Ombudsperson’s first day of work; and
      (iv) organization of the Ombudsperson’s office and files.
(b) Council may direct the Human Resources Committee to review the amount of a transitional honorarium for the Ombudsperson. On the recommendation of the Human Resources Committee, Council may alter the amount of the transitional honorarium.

(c) An Ombudsperson who is reappointed to the position shall not be granted an honorarium. If not already serving in the position, the incoming Ombudsperson shall be eligible for an honorarium or a portion of an honorarium, based on the extent to which he or she fulfils the requirements of paragraph (a) above.

(d) The incoming Ombudsperson shall decide the extent to which the outgoing Ombudsperson has fulfilled the requirements of paragraph (a) above in accordance with the Transition Checklist below. If there is a dispute, the outgoing Ombudsperson may appeal to the Agenda Committee.

(e) Transition Checklist

(i) Further to paragraph a(i) above, the comprehensive transitional report shall be worth one-third (1/3) of the amount of the transitional honorarium and shall include but not be limited to:

1) a review of the Ombudsperson’s duties, including duties related to internal Society matters and duties related to matters to do with the University;

2) a review of the successes and failures of projects and new initiatives of the outgoing Ombudsperson, including suggestions for improvements; and

3) a timeline indicating when events are to take place and by what dates tasks need to be completed.

(ii) The transitional report shall be a new document focusing on the events, achievements, and challenges of the previous year and on the outlook for the upcoming year, and must not be simply a copy of a previous year’s transitional report.

(iii) The outgoing Ombudsperson shall inform the incoming Ombudsperson how to obtain copies of previous years’ transitional reports.

(iv) Further to paragraph (a)(ii) above, the in-person training of the incoming Ombudsperson shall be worth one-fifth (1/5) of the amount of the transitional honorarium and shall include but not be limited to:

1) introduction to the staff, especially the staff members with whom the Ombudsperson works particularly closely; and
2) familiarization of the incoming Ombudsperson with day-to-day tasks.

(v) Further to paragraph (a)(iii) above, consultation on Ombuds matters after the incoming Ombudsperson’s first day of work shall be worth one-third (1/3) of the amount of the transitional honorarium and shall include, but not be limited to, informing the incoming Ombudsperson of any outstanding issues to be resolved and work to be completed.

(vi) Further to paragraph (a)(iv) above, organization of the office and files shall be worth two-fifteenths (2/15) of the amount of the transitional honorarium and shall include but not be limited to:

1) organizing the outgoing member’s paper and computer files, including e-mail files, by the time of the incoming Ombudsperson’s first day of work;

2) removing all personal belongings of the outgoing Ombudsperson by the time of the incoming Ombudsperson’s first day of work; and

3) ensuring the availability of all required keys and other necessary equipment by the time of the incoming Ombudsperson’s first day of work.

Article 11. Policies

1. Council may create external and internal policies as well as combined policies.

2. Types of Policies

   (a) Council may express opinions, sentiments or principles about external matters by means of External Policies.

   (b) Council may establish principles for the Society, or for some part of the Society, along with procedures for implementing those principles, by means of Internal Policies.

   (c) Council may create Combined Policies that both express an opinion, sentiment or principle in the manner of External Policies and establish principles for the Society in the manner of Internal Policies.

3. All policies shall be created in accordance with an internal policy on the format, development, and administration of policies.
4. Council may assign an expiry date for a policy, in which case the policy shall expire on that date. Council may alternatively assign a review date for a policy, in which case the policy shall be reviewed by that date but shall not automatically expire.

5. A policy with a review date shall be reviewed by the date specified in that policy and shall be sent to Council by the Archivist & Clerk of Council (for Internal Policies) or by the Policy Advisor (for External and Combined Policies) no more than six (6) months after that date, at which time Council may rescind, renew, suspend, or amend it or send it to the body charged with reviewing it.

6. A policy with an expiry date shall be reviewed by the date specified in that policy and shall be sent to Council by the Archivist & Clerk of Council (for Internal Policies) or by the Policy Advisor (for External and Combined Policies) no more than six (6) months after that date, at which time Council may choose to take no action, allowing the policy to expire. Alternatively, Council may renew or amend the policy or direct the body responsible for it to review it further.

7. Policies, whether external, internal, or combined, may only be adopted, amended, renewed, suspended, or rescinded by a Two-thirds (2/3) Resolution of Council. Once amended, the expiration date of an external or combined policy shall be three (3) years from the date of amendment, unless Council specifies an earlier date.

8. All external and combined policies shall be documented in an External Policy Manual maintained by the Policy Advisor. Internal Policies shall be grouped together in an Appendix to the Code. Once they expire or are rescinded, external and combined policies shall remain in the External Policy Manual as expired or rescinded policies.

9. External Policy Guidelines
   (a) Council shall by a Two-thirds (2/3) Resolution approve a set of guidelines to govern the creation of external policies, such guidelines to be maintained by the Policy Advisor.
   (b) The policy guidelines shall include a checklist of appropriate steps for the proper development of policy, including but not limited to:
       (i) potential individuals or bodies to contact or notify;
       (ii) steps for initial policy framework development;
       (iii) steps to conduct appropriate and thorough research;
       (iv) policy review and refinement.
   (c) Before a policy can be debated at a Standing Committee, a policy guidelines checklist shall be completed by the Executive member or other person bringing it forward in consultation with the Policy Advisor. A completed guidelines checklist shall be submitted with the policy to the relevant Standing Committee and Council.
(d) If the policy guidelines checklist has not been completed, the relevant Standing Committee or Council may require that discussion of the policy be postponed until such time as the checklist has been completed. Sections of the guidelines may be omitted or not followed, so long as there exists a satisfactory explanation for the omission as judged by the relevant Standing Committee and Council.

(e) On the recommendation of the Advocacy Committee, or on its own initiative, Council may amend the external policy guidelines by a Two-thirds (2/3) Resolution.

**Article 12. Strategic Framework**

1. The Society shall have a Strategic Framework approved by Council by a Two-thirds (2/3) Resolution, such Framework to establish the priorities and direction of the Society.

2. Council may amend the Strategic Framework by a Two-thirds (2/3) Resolution.

3. The Strategic Framework shall be circulated to all members of Council as an Appendix to the Code of Procedure.

4. The President, with the assistance of the Executive Committee and the Society’s staff, shall be responsible for ensuring that the provisions of the Strategic Framework are implemented.

**Article 13. Orientation**

1. In addition to the documents specified in Section I, Article 4, the Executive Committee shall ensure that each member of Council receives, upon assuming office, a copy of the Student Council Handbook.

2. The Executive Committee shall arrange a comprehensive orientation session for all members of Council during April or May. This session shall include, but not be limited to:

   (a) the rules of order of meetings;

   (b) the role of the members of Council;

   (c) the structure and processes of the Society;

   (d) the resources and administrative support available to members of Council; and

   (e) plans for the upcoming year.

1. Reimbursement for child care expenses shall be provided to Council members and proxies for time spent attending meetings of Council and its committees and for time spent travelling to such meetings, such travel time not to exceed one (1) hour before and one (1) hour after a meeting.

2. Reimbursement for child care expenses shall be at the actual rate charged by the child care provider up to the rate of the current provincial minimum wage per hour. No reimbursement shall be paid for amounts exceeding the minimum wage.

3. Reimbursement shall not be provided for child care services provided by a spouse or immediate family member.

4. No reimbursement shall be provided to cover the cost of child care services that the recipient would have paid for in any case even if there had not been a meeting to attend. Reimbursement is only to be made for child care expenses over and above the recipient’s regular child care expenses.

5. Reimbursement shall be limited to the cost of child care services for children under the age of twelve (12).

6. Upon receipt of a completed Child Care Reimbursement Form, the Vice-President Academic and University Affairs shall arrange for the reimbursement.

7. Reimbursements shall be limited to a maximum of $800 per recipient per year.

Article 15. Late Night Travel

1. If a Council meeting continues past midnight, Council members and proxies shall be entitled to reimbursement for cab fare, such reimbursement to be paid only if the Council member or proxy could not reasonably have been expected to travel home by public transit, carpool, or some other less expensive means.

2. Council may vote to authorize reimbursement for cab fare for Council members and proxies during a Council meeting even if the meeting does not reach midnight, such reimbursement to be paid only if the Council member or proxy could not reasonably have been expected to travel home by public transit, carpool, or some other less expensive means.
Article 16. CiTR

1. In accordance with the bylaws of CiTR, Council shall appoint three (3) members to the CiTR Board of Directors, at least two (2) of whom shall be both Active Members of the Society and members of Council.

2. All appointees to the CiTR Board of Directors must be Canadian citizens.

3. One of the Council members appointed to the CiTR Board of Directors shall be the Vice-President Finance unless the Vice-President Finance is not a Canadian citizen, in which case Council shall appoint another of its members to the CiTR Board of Directors in place of the Vice-President Finance.

4. If not eligible to sit on the CiTR Board of Directors by reason of not being a Canadian citizen, the Vice-President Finance shall attend meetings of the CiTR Board of Directors as a guest.

Article 17. Establishment of Constituencies

1. The Vice-President Academic and University Affairs shall notify the Executive Committee when the first cohort of students registers in a new degree granting School or Faculty, and the Executive Committee shall then, giving fourteen (14) days’ notice, call a meeting of interested Active Members in the new School or Faculty with a view to establishing a Constituency, such a meeting to take place during the School Year and to be called the Organizing Meeting.

2. The Executive Committee shall also notify the President of any Constituency which will lose members as a result of the creation of the new Constituency so that the President may attend the Organizing Meeting.

3. The Organizing Meeting shall elect an Organizing Committee from among those present to draft a constitution for the prospective Constituency and to arrange with the Elections Committee for a referendum of the Active Members in the School or Faculty.

4. For the purposes of this Article, Active Members in a School or Faculty are those students enrolled in a School or Faculty and registered in a course or courses fulfilling the requirements of their degree.

5. The Organizing Committee shall consist of six (6) voting members, all of whom shall be Active Members of the Society who are students in the new School or Faculty.

6. The Organizing Committee shall also consist of the following officials and staff of the Society, who shall be non-voting and whose role shall be to assist the voting members of the Committee:
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(a) the Vice-President Academic and University Affairs;
(b) one (1) member of the Governance Committee, appointed by the Governance Committee; and
(c) the Archivist & Clerk of Council.

The President of any Constituency which will lose members as a result of the creation of the new Constituency shall be entitled to attend all meetings of the Organizing Committee.

7. The Chair of the Organizing Committee shall be chosen by and from the voting members of the Committee.

8. The Organizing Committee shall be considered a prospective Constituency and as such shall have access to funding from the Constituency Aid Fund in accordance with Code Section IX B, Article 6(6)(e). It shall also be granted account numbers, booking rights, and a locker in the manner of one of the Society’s clubs, and shall be entitled to designate a signing officer in accordance with Code Section IX B, Article 2(7).

9. The Organizing Committee shall draft a constitution for the prospective Constituency, after which it shall arrange for a referendum to take place among the Active Members in the newly created School or Faculty, such referendum to be conducted by the Society’s Elections Committee in accordance with the following rules:

   (a) The referendum shall be conducted by secret ballot and be held during the School Year.

   (b) The question in the referendum shall state: “Do you support ______ (the name of the prospective Constituency as indicated in the draft constitution) as the organization representing the students in _____ (name of the Faculty or School)?”

   (c) In Faculties or Schools with one thousand (1,000) Active Members or more, quorum in the referendum shall be ten percent (10%) of the Active Members in that Faculty or School.

   (d) In Faculties or Schools with less than one thousand (1,000) Active Members, quorum in the referendum shall be fifteen percent (15%) of the Active Members in that Faculty or School, or one hundred (100) Active Members in that Faculty or School, whichever is less.

   (e) There must be at least fourteen (14) days’ notice for the referendum, and all Active Members in the Faculty or School shall be entitled to vote.

10. If a majority of the votes in the referendum are in support of the prospective Constituency, then in accordance with Bylaw 13(2)(a), Council shall recognize it as the Constituency for that Faculty or School.
11. As soon as possible after a successful referendum, the Organizing Committee shall arrange for the Society’s Elections Committee to conduct elections for the new Constituency. Once the elections are called, the Organizing Committee shall disband, and its voting members shall be eligible to run in the elections.

12. Once disbanded, the Organizing Committee shall lose its account numbers, its locker, its booking rights, and any other rights it held as a prospective Constituency under paragraph 8 above. If it received money from the Constituency Aid Fund and any of that money has not been spent, the unspent money shall be returned to the Constituency Aid Fund.

13. The Society’s Elections Administrator shall present the results of the new Constituency’s elections to Council. Once presented, the results shall be official, and those elected shall immediately take office as the first Executive of the new Constituency.

14. After a successful referendum, the new Constituency shall submit its constitution to the Governance Committee, along with other governing documents if those additional governing documents are requested by the Committee.

15. If the Governance Committee is not satisfied with the constitution or other governing documents of the new Constituency, it may recommend to Council that, pursuant to Bylaw 13(2)(e), it cease to recognize the new Constituency or that, pursuant to Bylaw 13(2)(c), it amend the constitution or bylaws of the new Constituency.

**Article 18. Constituency Minutes**

1. The Archivist & Clerk of Council shall ensure that Constituencies are reminded to post the minutes of their council meetings on their website so that they may be preserved for historical and reference purposes.
SECTION III: MEETINGS OF COUNCIL

Article 1. Rules of Order

1. Council members, in their deliberations during Council meetings, should strive to “cultivate unity and goodwill” and should “encourage free and open debate” and a “respect for differing views,” as stated in the Mission Statement.

2. (a) The Chair shall call the Council to order once quorum is present.

   (b) The Chair shall dissolve the sitting should no quorum be present within thirty (30) minutes after the scheduled time of the sitting.

   (c) At any time during the proceedings of Council, if quorum as defined in Bylaw 5(4)(c) is not present, the Chair shall dissolve the meeting immediately following completion of the question currently on the floor.

   (d) For the purposes of quorum, only members of Council and their proxies physically present at the meeting location shall be considered.

3. (a) Council meetings shall be held in the Forum, unless Council resolves, by a Two-thirds (2/3) Resolution, to meet elsewhere.

   (b) The seats at the Forum tables shall be reserved for members of Council and for those Society employees, named in paragraph 26(c) below, who are permitted to attend the in camera portions of Council meetings. Observers and guests shall sit away from the tables.

   (c) Seats shall not be pre-assigned except that the Chair, the President, the Managing Director, the Archivist & Clerk of Council, and the Administrative Assistant shall sit at the front.

4. No smoking or alcohol consumption shall be allowed within the Forum or in any other location where Council meets while Council is meeting there.

5. During the Membership section of the meeting, the time devoted to introduction of Council members shall not exceed five (5) minutes.

6. During the Speaker’s Business and Land Acknowledgement section of the meeting, the Speaker or other person chairing the meeting may inform Council of rules of order or other relevant business during a period not to exceed five (5) minutes. They shall also acknowledge that the meeting is taking place on the traditional, unceded territory of the Musqueam people.

7. During the section of the meeting for Statements from Students At Large, up to three (3)
Students At Large may address Council for no more than three (3) minutes each. If members of Council wish to respond to any statement, the total time for such responses must not exceed three (3) minutes for each statement.

8. During the Consent Items portion of the agenda, there shall be a single vote on all the consent items requiring a regular Resolution to pass; such a vote shall be considered a regular Resolution. There shall be a separate vote on all the consent items requiring a Two-thirds (2/3) Resolution to pass; such a vote shall be considered a Two-thirds (2/3) Resolution. No discussion shall be allowed on any of the consent items in either of these Resolutions. Discussion may only take place on a consent item if it is removed to the regular portion of the agenda in accordance with Article 2(10) below.

9. If a Resolution to approve consent items fails, all the individual items covered by that Resolution shall be considered to have failed. Any of these individual items may be brought forward for consideration by Council at the same meeting that they failed by means of amending the Council agenda in accordance with Article 2(14) below; no motion to reconsider shall be required in such a case.

10. Presentations to Council shall be limited to ten (10) minutes, unless Council approves an extension by Resolution. The question period following a presentation shall be limited to five (5) minutes, unless Council approves an extension by Resolution. Motions that might otherwise go elsewhere on the agenda may appear here if they are related to a presentation.

11. During the Consultation Period, those seeking consultation on an issue shall have no more than five (5) minutes to present on it, unless Council approves an extension by Resolution. The discussion period following a consultation presentation shall be limited to ten (10) minutes, unless Council approves an extension by Resolution.

12. During the President's Remarks to Council, the President shall speak for no more than five (5) minutes, unless Council approves an extension by Resolution. The President’s remarks shall be confined to current business, reports about committees that the President serves on, and requests from constituencies. After the President’s Remarks, Council members may ask questions of the President. No more than three (3) questions in total from all Councillors shall be allowed.

13. During Executive Remarks, each Executive member and the Managing Director shall speak for no more than three (3) minutes, unless Council approves an extension by Resolution. The Executives and the Managing Director shall confine their remarks to current business and to reports about committees that they serve on. After each Executive’s Remarks, Council members may ask questions of that Executive. No more than three (3) questions in total from all Councillors shall be allowed per Executive. Council members may also ask up to three (3) questions of the Managing Director.

14. During Committee Reports, the chairs of the Standing Committees shall report on business conducted by their committees. Such reports shall last for no longer than five (5) minutes. Also under Committee Reports, the chairs of Extraordinary Committees and
Council appointees to University committees may report. Chairs and appointees wishing to report shall inform the President in time for the report to be listed as an item on the agenda. After each chair’s or appointee’s Report, Council members may ask questions of that chair or appointee. No more than three (3) questions in total from all Councillors shall be allowed per chair or appointee.

15. Every person appointed to a University committee shall present a report to Council on the work of that committee at least once each term during the Winter Session.

16. During the Report from the Presidents Council, the President or their designate shall speak for no more than two (2) minutes, unless Council approves an extension by Resolution. The President shall report on the deliberations and activities of the Presidents Council.

17. Reports by the Board of Governors representatives, Student Senate Caucus representatives and the Ombudsperson shall each last no longer than two (2) minutes respectively.

18. During the Historical Update, the Archivist & Clerk of Council shall speak for no more than one (1) minute, presenting some interesting tidbit from the Society’s past.

19. Non-members of Council may speak if recognized by the Chair, or if a member yields to them. They may not, however, move or second motions.

20. Non-voting members, except for the Speaker of Council, may move or second motions, and may take part in debate, but shall not vote on any motion.

21. The Speaker shall not move, second, or vote on any motion.

22. Anyone other than the Speaker who is acting as Chair of Council, for a meeting or a portion of a meeting, shall not move or second motions while occupying the chair and, if a voting member of Council, shall not vote on a motion while occupying the chair except to break or create a tie or otherwise to affect the result.

23. The Speaker, and anyone other than the Speaker who is acting as Chair of Council, shall not take part in the debate on any motion except for motions arising from points of order and motions to appeal decisions of the Chair.

24. If the Speaker or other person chairing a meeting is involved in an issue under debate, or wishes to enter into the debate, they must relinquish the chair and may not retake it until the issue is resolved. But the Speaker or other person chairing a meeting need not relinquish the chair in order to take part in debate on a point of order or on a ruling by the Chair.

25. The Chair shall ensure that members speak to the motion on the floor. The Chair may interrupt a member and direct the member to speak to the motion on the floor if the member has digressed.
26.  (a) Any three (3) members may request that Council be moved in camera for further discussion. Upon moving in camera, the members shall state their reason for the action, and Council shall decide, by Two-thirds (2/3) Resolution, whether to stay in camera.

(b) No vote shall be held in camera except to decide whether to remain in camera or in accordance with paragraphs (c), (d), or (e) below or in accordance with Section II, Article 1(6).

(c) When Council moves in camera, all individuals other than the voting and non-voting members of Council and the proxies attending in the place of a Council member must leave the meeting, except that, unless requested to leave by the Chair, the following employees or appointees of the Society may remain: the Managing Director, the Chair of the Advisory Board, the Policy Advisor, the Administrative Assistant, the Communications Manager, and the Archivist & Clerk of Council. Council may also, by Resolution, invite other specified individuals to attend the in camera portion of a meeting.

(d) Proxies attending in the place of a Council member may remain for the in camera session unless Council decides, by Resolution, to exclude them. If there is a Resolution to decide this matter, the proxies may not vote on it.

(e) No one attending the in camera portion of a Council meeting may disclose any information discussed in camera without the authorization of Council, except that:

(i) members of Council and other individuals permitted to attend in camera sessions may be informed about what was said during in camera sessions that they were entitled but unable to attend;

(ii) current members of Council may be informed about what was said during in camera sessions that occurred before they took office;

(iii) proxies who are allowed to remain for an in camera session may be informed during that in camera session of what was said during previous in camera sessions.

(f) Minutes of the in camera portion of a meeting shall be kept for the future reference of Council members. The Archivist & Clerk of Council shall keep the in camera minutes in a secure place and shall disclose them only to current members of Council, to the Society employees mentioned in paragraph (c) above, and to other individuals designated by Council. They shall not be published.

(g) To allow members to speak freely, in camera minutes shall not include the names of those speaking during discussions; nor shall they include details of the Society’s strategy in legal and other confidential matters. In camera minutes shall
include a summary of the information provided to Council, as long as that information does not reveal details of the Society’s strategy in legal and other confidential matters.

(h) Minutes from the in camera portion of a Council meeting shall not be circulated with other Council minutes and documents, nor presented in open session, but Council members shall be provided with the opportunity to consult them no less than forty-eight (48) hours before the next meeting. Council may approve in camera minutes without going in camera, as long as there is no discussion of those minutes.

(i) Audio and video recording of the in camera portion of a Council meeting is prohibited.

(j) Whenever possible, the in camera portion of a Council meeting shall be held at the end of the meeting, after all other business has been discussed.

27. Subject to paragraph 26(i) above, audio recording of Council meetings shall be permitted so long as the recording process does not interfere with the normal functions of Council and so long as the recording devices remain visible at all times.

28. Subject to paragraph 26(i) above, video recording of Council meetings by the public, Council members or the media shall not be permitted unless Council approves such recording by a Two-thirds (2/3) Resolution. Where possible, notice of video recording shall be given to Council members at least forty-eight (48) hours prior to the Council meeting. If video recording does take place, arrangements shall be made to accommodate those persons not wishing to appear on camera.

29. Any three (3) members may ask that a question be voted upon by secret ballot. If Council approves this request by a Two-thirds (2/3) Resolution, such a secret ballot shall be held. Ballots shall be distributed, and after a reasonable time the ballots shall be collected and counted, and the results given to the Chair, who shall decide whether the question succeeded. Once Council has decided to vote by secret ballot on a question, no member may make a motion that would force the disclosure of how members voted on that question, for instance by calling for a roll call vote or a vote by a show of hands.

30. Provided that Council has not resolved to hold a secret ballot vote, a roll call vote shall automatically be conducted for all motions voted on by Council. The minutes shall then note the vote of each member, indicating whether each member voted in favour or against, or abstained. Notwithstanding this provision, Council may by a Two-thirds (2/3) Resolution decide not to hold a roll call vote.

31. When the Chair feels that one or several members of Council are using the rules of order to impede the process of a meeting, the Chair shall inform those members of the same, and may refuse to recognize them further. Such a ruling cannot be appealed by those members affected.
32. The Chair may eject individuals from the Forum for reasons of safety and in cases of repeated deliberate disruptions of a Council meeting that prevent Council from functioning. In accordance with Robert’s Rules, any such decision by the Chair may be appealed by Council.

33. Before Council may appoint an individual to a position, that individual must have agreed to be a candidate for that position. Such agreement must be indicated in one of the following ways:

(a) by being present at the meeting and accepting the nomination verbally;

(b) by written submission to the Chair in which the individual accepts the nomination; or

(c) by virtue of having applied, in writing, to the appropriate Committee for the position.

34. The author of a motion, or the Chair of the Committee or other body of the Society from where a motion came, shall have the first opportunity to move and motivate said motion.

35. For motions on which there is debate, the Chair shall seek to have the debate begin with one speaker for the motion, followed by one speaker against the motion.

36. In accordance with Robert’s Rules, no member of Council shall speak more than twice on any motion or amendment, except to raise or answer a point of information, to raise a point of order or privilege, to move an amendment, or to move to refer.

37. Council may by a Two-thirds (2/3) Resolution decide to limit debate for all or part of a meeting. If Council so decides, debate shall be limited as follows:

(a) Except as specified in paragraph (b) below, speakers may speak for no more than two and a half (2-1/2) minutes at any one time.

(b) Paragraph (a) notwithstanding, the mover of a motion may speak for up to five (5) minutes in moving it, and if there is a speaker against the motion who speaks next, that speaker may speak for up to five (5) minutes.

(c) After thirty (30) minutes of debate on a main motion and any amendments thereto, there shall be a vote on whether to call the question on the main motion and on any pending amendments of the motion.

(d) After sixty (60) minutes, there shall be a vote on the main motion and any pending amendments thereto, unless Council, by a Two-thirds (2/3) Resolution, decides to continue debate.

(e) If Council decides to continue debate beyond sixty (60) minutes, there shall be a vote on whether to call the question after another thirty (30) minutes has passed,
and after a second sixty (60) minutes has passed, there shall be a vote on the motion, unless Council again decides by a Two-thirds (2/3) Resolution to continue debate.

(f) If Council decides to continue debate beyond a second sixty (60)-minute period, the rules in paragraph (e) above shall apply for each subsequent sixty (60)-minute period.

(g) When debate is limited in accordance with these provisions, the Chair shall endeavour to ensure that speakers alternate between members of Council and guests.

38. Council meetings shall last no more than four (4) hours, unless extended by a Resolution of Council.

39. The Chair shall ensure that all the time limits in this Article are strictly adhered to.

40. Remote Attendance

(a) During the months of September through April inclusive, Council members who are unable to attend a meeting of Council shall not be permitted to take part in debate or vote by telephone or electronic means. They may only take part in debate and vote if physically present.

(b) Between the months of May and August inclusive, Council members shall, at the discretion of the Chair, be permitted to attend Council meetings remotely, that is, to take part in debate and vote by telephone or electronic means, provided that the conditions specified in paragraphs (c) and (d) below are met.

(c) The Executive Committee and the Speaker of Council shall maintain a reliable means for members of Council to attend meetings remotely, preferably by a video conferencing system or alternatively by speaker phone or other similar device, so long as whatever system or device is used all members attending, whether in person or remotely, can hear each other and participate in debate.

(d) The Executive Committee and the Speaker of Council shall also maintain a reliable means for members of Council who are attending meetings remotely to cast both roll call votes and secret ballot votes.

(e) Council members attending remotely shall not count towards quorum. Only Council members or their proxies attending in person shall count towards quorum.

**Article 2. Agendas and Minutes**

1. (a) The President shall ensure that the agenda for each regularly scheduled Council meeting is circulated by 4 pm three (3) business days in advance of the meeting to
members of Council and other interested parties; any accompanying material shall be circulated at the same time; such material shall include background information on motions detailing the rationale for them.

(b) Before circulating the agenda to members of Council, the President shall first circulate it to the other members of the Executive and to the Chairs of the Standing Committees in order to consult with them on it.

2. (a) The President must add to Council’s agenda any motion submitted by a Committee of Council, the Executive Committee, a Constituency, or the Presidents Council, provided that the submission is made in writing to the President, accompanied by all relevant supporting documentation, by 10 am three (3) business days in advance of the Council meeting. This provision notwithstanding, the President may delay the addition of such a motion until the next regular Council meeting or the one after that, provided that the body submitting the motion agrees to the delay.

(b) A motion submitted by a Committee of Council, the Executive Committee, a Constituency, or the Presidents Council must have been approved for submission by a Resolution of the body submitting it at a meeting where quorum was present. For the purposes of this provision, approval by email vote in accordance with Section V, Article 1(22), Section VIII A, Article 1(19), or Section XVII, Article 2(8) shall be considered to be equivalent to approval at a meeting where quorum was present.

3. Motions submitted in accordance with paragraph 2 above shall appear on the agenda under the appropriate topic: for example, motions submitted by a Committee shall appear under Committee Motions.

4. The President must add to Council’s agenda a motion received from the Chair of a Committee calling for Council to remove a member from that Committee in accordance with Section V, Article 4(2), provided that the motion is received by 10 am three (3) business days in advance of the Council meeting.

5. The President must add to Council’s agenda any motion submitted by an individual member of Council, provided that the submission is made in writing to the President, accompanied by all relevant supporting documentation, by 10 am three (3) business days in advance of the Council meeting, and provided also that it is signed by a second member of Council. This provision notwithstanding, the President may delay the addition of such a motion until the next regular Council meeting or the one after that, provided that the Council member submitting the motion agrees to the delay.

6. Motions submitted in accordance with paragraphs 4 and 5 above shall appear on the agenda under Other Business.

7. Notwithstanding other provisions in this Article, motions shall be arranged on the agenda in order of time sensitivity as determined by the President.
8. Motions and presentations shall only appear on Council’s agenda if they are added to the agenda in accordance with this Article.

9. At the discretion of the President, routine, non-controversial items not requiring discussion may be grouped together as consent items, to be approved in omnibus fashion as a single motion. Documentation for such items must be circulated at the same time as the agenda.

10. A consent item shall be moved to the regular portion of the agenda to allow discussion of the item if there is a request to that effect made by any one (1) Council member at any time before the Resolution including that consent item has been moved and seconded.

11. Presentations may be added to the agenda at the discretion of the President or under the provisions of paragraph 14. No more than three (3) presentations may appear on the agenda, unless the President decides that additional presentations are necessary, or Council so decides by Resolution. Presenters shall submit background material for their presentations to the President in time for it to be circulated to members of Council at the same time as the agenda.

12. Topics for the Consultation Period may be added to the agenda at the discretion of the President, or under the provisions of paragraph 14. No more than three (3) topics may appear on the agenda, unless the President decides that additional topics are necessary, or Council so decides by Resolution. Those presenting a topic shall submit background material for their topic to the President in time for it to be circulated to members of Council at the same time as the agenda.

13. Topics for Discussion Period shall, if possible, be submitted to the President in time to be listed on the agenda. If it is too late to put a topic on the agenda, the Chair shall be notified of it before the meeting, if possible, or before the beginning of Discussion Period. Topics in Discussion Period shall be discussed in order of time sensitivity as determined by the Chair.

14. (a) During the portion of the Council meeting set aside for adoption of the agenda or at any other time during the meeting as long as no motion is being discussed, any member of Council may move to amend the agenda by adding a new motion or other new business to it or by rearranging the order of business on it.

(b) If a proposed new motion has not originated in the Executive Committee or a Committee of Council, the Chair may order it to be referred to an appropriate committee or other body of the Society for consideration before being brought before Council.

(c) If the Chair decides that such a referral is not necessary, the motion to amend the agenda shall take effect if approved by unanimous consent or by a Resolution passed by a majority of Council members present, including abstentions and blanks, but not including abstentions by Council members or their proxies who
are forced to abstain because they have been determined to be in a conflict of interest in accordance with Section II, Article 1.

(d) Council may, by a Resolution passed by a majority of Council members present, including abstentions and blanks, override a decision of the Chair to refer a motion.

15. At the President’s discretion, emergency motions may be added to the agenda after it has been circulated to Council. These emergency motions may appear on an addendum or on a revised version of the agenda.

16. No motions may be discussed by Council unless they are on the agenda prepared by the President and circulated by 4 pm three (3) business days before the Council meeting in accordance with paragraphs 1 through 5 above, or unless they are added to the agenda in accordance with paragraphs 14 or 15 above.

17. The President shall ensure that the Students At Large are informed before each Council meeting that they may address Council during the Statements from Students At Large section of the meeting by signing up for such statements with the Administrative Assistant before the meeting. Sign-up shall be on a first come, first served basis, with a maximum of three (3) Students At Large speaking at any meeting.

18. The President shall also ensure that a notice be posted in the Forum inviting Students At Large to approach the Chair before the meeting is called to order to sign up to make Statements. If less than three (3) Students At Large have signed up with the Administrative Assistant, the Chair shall accept requests to make Statements on a first come, first served basis, as long as the total number of Students At Large addressing Council does not exceed three (3).

19. The order of business on the agenda of a regular meeting of Council shall be as follows:

(a) Call to order and adoption of the agenda
(b) Membership: introductions, new members, declaration of vacancies
(c) Speaker’s Business and Land Acknowledgement
(d) Statements from Students At Large
(e) Consent Items
(f) Presentations to Council and Accompanying Motions
(g) Consultation Period
(h) Appointments
(i) President’s Remarks
(j) Executive Remarks
(k) Committee Reports
(l) Report from Presidents Council
(m) Board of Governors, Senate, and Ombudsperson Reports
(n) Historical Update
(o) Minutes of Council and Committees of Council
(p) Executive Committee Motions
(q) Constituency and Affiliates’ Motions
(r) Committee Motions
(s) Other Business, including Notices of Motions
(t) Discussion Period
(u) Submissions
(v) Next meeting
(w) Adjournment
(x) Social Activity

20. All motions shall indicate where they originate.

21. Subject to the restrictions on recording Council’s in camera discussions, as prescribed in Article 1(26)(g)-(h) above, the minutes of Council shall record the resolutions of Council and a summary of discussions and shall, at minimum, provide the motivation for substantive motions that are brought to Council.

22. Subject to the restrictions on distributing Council’s in camera discussions, as prescribed in Article 1(26)(g) above, the Archivist & Clerk of Council shall ensure that the minutes of Council meetings, once approved by Council, are posted on the Society’s website or on an equivalent or affiliated electronic site in order to make them publicly accessible.

23. If the President calls a special meeting of Council in accordance with Bylaw 5(4)(a)(ii), the President shall ensure that all members of Council receive at least forty-eight (48) hours notice of the meeting, and an agenda for the meeting shall be circulated at least forty-eight (48) hours before the meeting.
SECTION IV: STUDENT SENATORS AND BOARD OF GOVERNORS REPRESENTATIVES

Article 1. Resources

1. The student representatives on the Board of Governors and on the UBC Vancouver Senate shall be provided with the same secretarial and office support as is provided to Committees of Council.

2. The student representatives on the Board of Governors and on the UBC Vancouver Senate shall be granted booking privileges for meeting rooms in the AMS Student Nest by the Operations Committee without having to apply for it annually.

Article 2. Senate Vacancies

1. Mid-term vacancies among the student members of the UBC Vancouver Senate shall be filled in accordance with the procedures established by the Senate in October 1981. These procedures are as follows:

   (a) For student representatives from individual faculties, Senate is to appoint a replacement on the recommendation of the appropriate undergraduate society or societies, the recommendation to be forwarded in writing to Senate by Council.

   (b) For student representatives from the student body at large, Senate is to appoint a replacement on the written recommendation of Council.

2. In the case of 1(a) above, where a Student Senator’s seat from an individual faculty becomes vacant in mid-term, Council shall recommend to Senate a replacement on the basis of a Council-approved selection process held by the appropriate undergraduate society or societies. The recommendation by Council shall be a Resolution having the following form:

   That Council recommend to Senate the appointment of ________ as the student representative for the Faculty of _________ and direct the President of the Society to inform the Secretary of Senate in writing of Council’s decision.

3. In the case of 1(b) above, where a Student Senator’s seat at large becomes vacant in mid-term, Council shall require the student members of the UBC Vancouver Senate to interview and present one or more appropriate nominations to Council for written recommendation to the Senate. The recommendation by Council shall be a Resolution having the following form:

   That Council recommend to Senate the appointment of ________ as a student representative at large, and direct the President of the Society to inform the Secretary of Senate in writing of Council’s decision.
SECTION V: COMMITTEES OF COUNCIL

Article 1. General

1. There shall be Standing and Extraordinary Committees of Council. Council may also appoint ad hoc committees.

2. The Standing Committees shall be:
   (a) the Steering Committee;
   (b) the Advocacy Committee;
   (c) the Human Resources Committee;
   (d) the Finance Committee;
   (e) the Operations Committee;
   (f) the Student Life Committee; and
   (g) the Governance Committee.

3. The Extraordinary Committees shall be:
   (a) the Elections Committee;
   (b) the New SUB Project Committee, which shall operate under the terms of reference for the Ad Hoc New SUB Project Committee until the completion of the New SUB Project, at which time this clause shall expire;
   (c) the Advisory Board.

4. Notice, including agendas, for all Committee meetings shall be issued by each Committee’s Chair no less than forty-eight (48) hours before a meeting. Should this fail to occur, the failure shall be noted in the minutes. Notice and agendas shall be issued to the members of the Committee and also posted on the Society’s website.

5. (a) Quorum for any Committee is a majority of its voting membership unless a higher quorum is set out in Code. If quorum is not present at a Committee meeting, the lack of quorum shall be noted in the minutes of the meeting and shall be brought to the attention of Council if it is asked to approve any recommendation of said Committee.

   (b) Beyond making recommendations in accordance with paragraph (a) above, a Committee may not, at a meeting at which quorum is not present, pass any motions or approve any action. Notwithstanding this provision, the Committee may make recommendations at a meeting where quorum is not present, such recommendations to be presented to a later Committee meeting which shall have the power to approve them if quorum is then present.

6. The meetings of all standing and extraordinary Committees shall be open to the public, unless otherwise specified in the Code, or unless the Committee decides otherwise by Resolution.
7. In accordance with paragraph 6 above, when a meeting or a portion of a meeting is closed to the public, that is, when the Committee goes in camera, all those who are not members of the Committee must leave the meeting unless invited to stay by a Resolution of the Committee.

8. No vote shall be held in camera except to decide whether to remain in camera or in accordance with paragraph 7 above or paragraphs 9 and 10 below or in accordance with Section II, Article 1(6).

9. Proxies attending a Committee meeting in the place of a Council member may remain for the in camera portion of the meeting unless the Committee decides, by Resolution, to exclude them. If there is a Resolution to decide this matter, the proxies may not vote on it.

10. No one attending the in camera portion of a Committee meeting may disclose any information discussed in the in camera portion without the authorization of the Committee, except that:

   (a) members of the Committee may be informed about what was said during in camera sessions that they were entitled but unable to attend;

   (b) current members of the Committee may be informed about what was said during in camera sessions that occurred before they took office;

   (c) proxies who are allowed to remain for an in camera session, may be informed during that in camera session of what was said during previous in camera sessions; and

   (d) in camera information shall be disclosed to Council if Council, by Resolution, asks to hear it, though if the Committee requests that the information be disclosed in camera, Council may decide to hear it in camera.

11. Minutes of the in camera portion of a meeting shall be kept for the future reference of Committee members. The Archivist & Clerk of Council shall keep the in camera minutes in a secure place and shall disclose them only to current members of the Committee and to other individuals designated by the Committee. They shall not be published.

12. To allow members to speak freely, in camera minutes shall not include the names of those speaking during discussions; nor shall they include details of legal or other confidential matters. In camera minutes shall include a summary of what was discussed, as long as that summary does not reveal details of legal or other confidential matters.

13. Minutes from the in camera portion of a Committee meeting shall not be circulated with other Committee minutes, nor presented in open session, but Committee members shall be provided with the opportunity to consult them no less than forty-eight (48) hours before the next meeting. Committees may approve in camera session minutes without going in camera, as long as there is no discussion of those minutes.
14. Minutes from the in camera portion of a Committee meeting shall not be sent to Council with the other minutes of the Committee, unless Council by Resolution directs that they be sent, in which case they may be examined at Council during the in camera portion of a Council meeting.

15. All Committees may submit a budget to the Vice-President Academic and University Affairs. If a Committee does not submit a budget, the Vice-President Academic and University Affairs shall submit one on its behalf to the Vice-President Finance.

16. Subject to the restrictions on distributing a Committee’s in camera discussions, as prescribed in paragraphs 11, 13, and 14 above, the minutes of all meetings of all Committees and the minutes of all meetings of each Committee’s working groups, once approved by the Committee, shall be submitted to Council for approval by the Chair of the Committee. Minutes of each Committee shall be approved at the following meeting of that committee, or else no further business of that Committee shall be conducted, unless unanimous consent of the Committee is given. Approved minutes from Committees shall be sent to Council at the next sitting of Council after the Committee meeting at which they were approved.

17. All minutes of Committee and Committee working group meetings, except the meetings of in camera sessions, shall be posted on the Society’s website within a week of Council approval.

18. Subject to the restrictions on recording a Committee’s in camera discussions, as prescribed in paragraph 12 above, the minutes of meetings of Committees and their working groups shall include the motivation for any substantive motions, recommendations, and actions discussed at the meetings, along with a report of the discussions at such meetings.

19. Unless there is unanimous consent from the Committee or working group members present at a meeting, audio and video recording of Committee and working group meetings is prohibited.

20. Committees may, at their discretion, allow members who cannot take part in a meeting in person to phone in or to connect to the meeting electronically, so long as a speaker phone or some other similar device is used to allow all members present in person or connecting from afar to hear each other and participate in debate. If this standard is met, members connecting from afar may both participate in debate and vote on motions.

21. If an issue has already been discussed at a Committee meeting, the Chair of the Committee may conduct a vote on the issue by email and the Committee may send any resulting recommendation to Council or act on any resulting decision as if the recommendation or decision had been approved at a regular meeting of the Committee, provided that the following conditions have been met:

(a) There must already have been substantive discussion of the issue at a regular
meeting of the Committee.

(b) The Chair must send the request for an email vote to all members of the Committee and allow at least forty-eight (48) hours for the members to submit their email votes, with the understanding that in emergency cases a shorter time period may be allowed.

(c) For a vote to pass, a majority of those voting must vote in favour, and the number of members voting must be at least equal to quorum for the Committee.

(d) If any one (1) member of the Committee asks for additional discussion, the email vote shall not take place, and instead the issue shall be discussed at a subsequent meeting of the Committee.

22. The results of any email vote shall be recorded in the minutes of the next meeting of the Committee.

Article 2. Appointment of Committee Members

1. Unless otherwise stipulated in the provisions describing the composition of a Committee, Council shall appoint the members of all Committees.

2. Council shall appoint members of Standing Committees twice a year. Winter Session appointments shall be made for a term beginning at the first Council meeting in September and continuing until a Council meeting in May. Summer appointments shall be made for a term beginning at a Council meeting in May and continuing until the first Council meeting in September.

3. Council shall appoint members of Extraordinary Committees for terms established by Council from time to time.

4. If a vacancy occurs in a Council-appointed position on a Committee, Council shall appoint a replacement member as soon as possible to complete the term of the previously appointed member. Notwithstanding the fact that a Committee member’s term has expired, that Committee member shall serve until replaced.

5. Notwithstanding the preceding provision, where a Committee member must hold some other office in order to occupy a specific seat on a Committee, his or her appointment shall terminate when he or she ceases to hold that other office. For example: (1) the President shall be an ex-officio member of all Society Committees only so long as he or she is the President; and (2) where a Committee member occupies a seat reserved for Council members on that Committee, he or she shall be a member of the Committee only so long as he or she is a member of Council.

6. Recruitment of Students At Large
(a) The President shall ensure that advertisements for positions for Students At Large on the Society’s Committees appear on the Society’s website and social media sites and on the University’s online careers site.

(b) The advertisements shall include:

(i) a description of the function or mandate of the Committees for which recruitment is taking place;
(ii) the frequency and time of the Committees’ meetings;
(iii) the date, time and location of information sessions that will be held for prospective Committee members;
(iv) if possible, a summary of upcoming business for each Committee;
(v) a statement that individuals can, with certain exceptions, serve on only one Committee at a time as a Student At Large;
(vi) a statement that prospective Committee members may put their names forward either in person at the Council meeting appointing Committee members or by submitting their names beforehand.

(c) Advertisements shall be posted at least fourteen (14) days before each of the two appointment meetings referred to in paragraph 2 above: the Winter Session appointments meeting in September and the Summer appointments meeting in May. For appointments at other times, advertisements shall be posted at least seven (7) days before the Council meeting at which the appointments are to be made.

(d) The President shall arrange that information sessions be held twice a year, before each of the two appointment meetings referred to in paragraph 2 above: the Winter Session appointments meeting in September and the Summer appointments meeting in May. The sessions shall provide prospective members with information about the Society’s governance structure in general and the Committees in particular. The Committee Chairs shall attend the information sessions.

(e) The President shall arrange a system for prospective Committee members to submit their names beforehand, either by email or online or by some other method.

(f) Prospective Committee members who submit their names beforehand and who do not attend the Council meeting appointing Committee members shall submit a brief statement explaining why they would be a good choice to serve on a Committee. Such prospective members may only apply for one Committee.

(g) A prospective Committee member who attends the Council meeting appointing Committee members may make a brief statement to Council explaining why they would be a good choice to serve on a Committee.
(h) A prospective Committee member who attends the Council meeting appointing Committee members may put their name forward for additional Committees if they are not named to the Committee of their choice.

7. (a) If no Student At Large has been found to fill a Student At Large position on a committee at the time Council is considering a motion to appoint such a Student At Large, then the motion to appoint that Student At Large shall be postponed until the next Council meeting and further advertising to fill the position shall be conducted.

(b) If no Student At Large can be found to fill a position on a committee even after the postponement and advertising referred to in paragraph (a) above, then notwithstanding the definition of Student At Large in Section I, Article 1(4) of the Code, an individual already appointed to a committee as a Student At Large may be appointed to additional committees as a Student At Large.

(c) Except in accordance with paragraph (b) above, no one may serve simultaneously on more than one committee as a Student At Large, and in no case may anyone serve on more than two (2) committees as a Student At Large.

Article 3. Committee Chairs

1. Chairs of Standing Committees

(a) Each of the following Standing Committees shall be chaired by a non-Executive voting member of Council appointed by Council:

(i) the Human Resources Committee;
(ii) the Governance Committee.

(b) Each of the following Standing Committees shall be chaired by a voting member of Council (Executive or non-Executive) appointed by Council:

(i) the Advocacy Committee;
(ii) the Student Life Committee.

(c) Each of the following Standing Committees shall be chaired by the Executive member designated below, unless Council decides by a Two-thirds (2/3) Resolution to name another voting member of Council to be Chair:

(i) the Steering Committee: the President;
(ii) the Operations Committee: the Vice-President Administration;
(iii) the Finance Committee: the Vice-President Finance.

(d) Council shall appoint the Chairs of all Standing Committee that it is in its power to appoint twice a year. Winter Session appointments shall be made for a term
beginning at the first Council meeting in September and continuing until a Council meeting in May. Summer appointments shall be made for a term beginning at a Council meeting in May and continuing until the first Council meeting in September.

(e) Chairs of Standing Committees, unless an Executive member and except for the Chair of the Human Resources Committee, shall receive remuneration as established by a Resolution of Council on the recommendation of the Human Resources Committee. The Chair of the Human Resources Committee shall receive remuneration as established by a Resolution of Council on the recommendation of the Governance Committee.

(f) Chairs of Standing Committees shall work on average three (3) hours per week as Chairs.

(g) Chairs of Standing Committees shall:

(i) set the agendas for meetings;
(ii) call and publicize meetings;
(iii) cause minutes to be taken and approved at meetings and reported to Council;
(iv) ensure quorum is met at meetings;
(v) ensure that reports are made to Council on the activities of the Committee, such reporting to include an oral report at every regularly scheduled Council meeting and a written report submitted two (2) business days before the last regularly scheduled Council meeting of each month, such written report to include but not be limited to what the Committee has been working on, what its current goals are, and what motions it is recommending to Council, with the last such written report in a Chair’s term also including suggested goals for the next Chair;
(vi) seek to remove and replace Committee members who fail to attend meetings, in accordance with Article 4 below;
(vii) be entitled to booking privileges for meeting rooms in the AMS Student Nest.

(h) Council may remove any person it has appointed Chair of a Committee by following the procedure stipulated in Bylaw 5(1)(c).

(i) Chairs shall notify Council of any vacancies on their Committees, at the next meeting of Council after the vacancy becomes known.

2. (a) Unless otherwise indicated in Code or by a Council Resolution, Council shall appoint the Chair of each Extraordinary Committee and each ad hoc committee for the duration of that Committee’s existence.

(b) Council shall have the power to authorize remuneration for the Chairs of ad hoc
committees, such remuneration to be established by a Resolution of Council on the recommendation of the Human Resources Committee.

3. General Provisions for Chairs of both Standing, Extraordinary, and Ad Hoc Committees

(a) The Chair shall preside over the meetings of the Committee, and shall not vote except to break or create a tie or otherwise to affect the result.

(b) Each Committee shall designate from its membership a Vice-Chair, who shall chair meetings in the absence of the Chair and have such other duties as may be assigned by the Chair or the Committee from time to time. If both the Chair and the Vice-Chair are unable to attend a meeting, the Committee shall elect an acting chair for that meeting.

(c) The Chair shall administer the budget of the Committee as approved by Council, and shall be the signing officer of the Committee.

(d) The Chair shall liaise with the Graduate Student Society committee or committees most relevant to that Chair’s committee.

(e) All Chairs shall have access to secretarial support in performance of their duties, and the Executive Committee shall ensure that Chairs have such access.

Article 4. Replacement and Attendance

1. The Chair may, at his or her discretion, ask for the resignation of any Committee member who has missed at least three (3) regularly scheduled Committee meetings.

2. If a Committee member does not submit his or her resignation after being requested to do so by the Chair of the Committee in accordance with paragraph 1 above, the Chair may submit a motion to Council to remove the Committee member from the Committee in accordance with Bylaw 5(1)(c). The Chair shall ensure that the Committee member facing removal shall receive no less than seven (7) days notice of the Council meeting at which the motion to remove him or her is to be considered.

Article 5. Working Groups

1. Standing Committees may establish Working Groups by resolution to deal with specific aspects of their responsibilities.

2. Standing Committee Working Groups shall invite relevant members of the Society’s staff to attend their meetings.

3. Working Groups shall produce minutes of their meetings, which they shall submit for approval to the Standing Committee of which they are a working group.
4. Subject to the provisions of this Code Section, Standing Committees shall establish their own operating procedures, including but not limited to the frequency of their meetings and the relationship with their Working Groups.

Article 6. Advisory Board

1. The Advisory Board’s composition and duties are as stipulated in Section VII of the Code.

Article 7. Steering Committee

1. The Steering Committee shall be composed of:
   (a) the President;
   (b) the Vice-President Finance;
   (c) the Chair of each Standing Committee or their designate, with the exception of the Steering Committee;
   (d) one (1) Student at Large; and
   (e) the Student Services Manager, who shall be non-voting.

2. The Steering Committee shall:
   (a) approve and coordinate the goals of the Executive and the goals put forward by the Standing Committees, recommend a long-term strategic plan to Council every three (3) years, and update Council on the strategic plan every year no more than two (2) months after a new Executive takes office;
   (b) conduct regular reviews to ensure that all Committees are making progress on their approved goals;
   (c) provide regular updates to Council on the annual goals of the Committees; and
   (d) have such other duties as are outlined in the Bylaws or the Code or assigned by Council from time to time.

Article 8. Advocacy Committee

1. The Advocacy Committee shall be composed of:
   (a) the Vice-President Academic and University Affairs;
   (b) the Vice-President External Affairs;
   (c) four (4) non-Executive Council members; and
   (d) one (1) Student at Large.
2. The Advocacy Committee shall:
   (a) assist the Vice-President Academic and University Affairs and the Vice-President External Affairs in advocating to the University, the various levels of government, and other external organizations on behalf of the Society’s Active Members;
   (b) advocate for equity for the Society’s Active Members;
   (c) propose annual goals for itself to the Steering Committee and be responsible for completing those goals; and
   (d) have such other duties as are outlined in the Bylaws or the Code or assigned by Council from time to time.

**Article 9. Human Resources Committee**

1. The Human Resources Committee shall be composed of:
   (a) the President;
   (b) five (5) non-Executive Council members;
   (c) one (1) Student at Large; and
   (d) the Ombudsperson, who shall be non-voting.

2. The Human Resources Senior Manager shall be invited to all meetings of the Committee.

3. The Human Resources Committee shall:
   (a) assist the Human Resources Senior Manager in creating and enforcing the Society’s standards on employment;
   (b) ensure the equitable treatment of the Society’s employees;
   (c) review the activities of the Ombudsperson thrice yearly;
   (d) following processing by the Society’s Human Resources Department recommend candidates to Council for the positions of Ombudsperson, Speaker of Council, Elections Administrator, other positions on the Elections Committee, and members of the Advisory Board;
   (e) in consultation with the Finance Committee make recommendations to Council concerning financial compensation and benefits for appointed positions in the Society;
   (f) make recommendations to Council concerning terms of employment for newly created appointed positions in accordance with Section IX C, Article 2(9);
(g) decide on proposed changes to the terms of appointment for appointees or make recommendations to Council concerning such changes in accordance with Section IX C, Article 2(9);

(h) take part in the appointment process for members of the Advisory Board in accordance with Code Section VII, Article 3 and in consultation with the Finance Committee review the fee level and the contract terms for members of the Advisory Board in accordance with Section VII, Article 5;

(i) in consultation with the Finance Committee review the remuneration of the members of the Executive and recommend changes in that remuneration to Council;

(j) propose annual goals for itself to the Steering Committee and be responsible for completing those goals; and

(k) have such other duties as are outlined in the Bylaws or the Code or assigned by Council from time to time.

Article 10. Finance Committee

1. The Finance Committee shall be composed of:

   (a) the Vice-President Finance;
   (b) one (1) member of the Executive chosen by the Executive;
   (c) three (3) Council members;
   (d) two (2) students at large;
   (e) the Managing Director, who shall be non-voting; and
   (f) the Associate Vice-President Finance, who shall be non-voting.

2. The Finance Committee shall provide oversight and accountability for the finances of the entire Society and advise the Vice-President Finance and the Managing Director on business and financial matters.

3. Without limiting the generality of paragraph 2 above, the Finance Committee shall:

   (a) approve and prepare the preliminary and final budgets for the Society, in accordance with Section IX B;
   (b) monitor the Society’s financial activities;
   (c) administer the Society’s funds,
   (d) exercise stewardship over the Society’s investment policy;
   (e) approve and make any necessary changes to the Club and Constituency Finance Policy Guide, including the Club and Constituency Credit Card Policy;
oversee the Society’s IT policies;

submit quarterly reports to Council in August, November, February, and May, in accordance with the following provisions:

(i) the reports shall be compiled by the Vice-President Finance and the Managing Director and approved by the Committee before going to Council;

(ii) the reports shall state the Society’s actual expenditures, which shall include line item spending actuals by department to date;

(iii) the reports shall state the Society’s business contributions by business outlet;

(iv) the February report shall include a reforecast of the Society’s budget;

(v) the May report shall include an extension to reflect year-end and the audit timeline;

make recommendations about dealing with deficits, surpluses, and unallocated revenue from donors and sponsors, in accordance with Section IX B, Articles 4 and 5;

have the power to approve short-term loans to Constituencies and Clubs;

carry out such duties concerning the Society’s Funds as are given to it in Section IX B of the Code;

monitor the accounts of Constituencies and Clubs;

ensure compliance with the Code’s Fiscal Procedures by all individuals and organizations within the Society;

review short-term performance of the Society’s businesses and suggest improvements to the Vice-President Finance;

assist the Vice-President Finance in ensuring the financial health of the Society;

propose annual goals for itself to the Steering Committee and be responsible for completing those goals; and

have such other duties as are as outlined in the Bylaws or the Code or assigned by Council from time to time.
Article 11. Operations Committee

1. The Operations Committee shall be composed of:

   (a) the Vice-President Administration;
   (b) four (4) non-Executive Council members; and
   (c) two (2) Students at Large.

2. The Operations Committee shall:

   (a) oversee the management and infrastructure of all facilities operated by the Society;
   (b) oversee the management and policy of bookings, space allocation, and security in the AMS Student Nest;
   (c) establish regulations for clubs and other recognized student organizations and publish such regulations in the Operations Committee Policy Handbook;
   (d) ensure the Society is meeting its sustainability goals and recommend any action necessary to meet those goals;
   (e) work to make the Society more equitable in its operations;
   (f) ensure the regulation of the Society’s art collection;
   (g) consider necessary or desirable renovations to the AMS Student Nest and any other Society buildings, as well as other capital projects, present options and recommendations about such renovations and projects to Council, and verify that all such renovations and projects have been completed satisfactorily;
   (h) propose annual goals for itself to the Steering Committee and be responsible for completing those goals; and
   (i) have such other duties as are outlined in the Bylaws or the Code or assigned by Council from time to time.

Article 12. Student Life Committee

1. The Student Life Committee shall be composed of:

   (a) the President;
   (b) the Vice-President Administration;
   (c) four (4) non-Executive Council members;
   (d) one (1) Student at Large; and
   (e) the Student Services Manager, who shall be non-voting.
2. The Student Life Committee shall:

   (a) develop and implement an annual student engagement strategy;
   (b) provide input on projects brought forward by the Student Services Manager, the Events Manager, and the Communications Manager;
   (c) ensure that the Society is properly supporting its Clubs and Services;
   (d) propose annual goals for itself to the Steering Committee and be responsible for completing those goals; and
   (e) have such other duties as are outlined in the Bylaws or the Code or assigned by Council from time to time.

Article 13. Governance Committee

1. The Governance Committee shall be composed of:

   (a) one (1) member of the Executive chosen by the Executive;
   (b) five (5) non-Executive Council members; and
   (c) one (1) Student at Large.

2. The Governance Committee shall:

   (a) take stewardship of the Code and Bylaws of the Society;
   (b) work on periodic governance reviews of the Society;
   (c) propose annual goals for itself to the Steering Committee and be responsible for completing those goals; and
   (d) have such other duties as are outlined in the Bylaws or the Code or assigned by Council from time to time.

Article 14. Elections Committee

1. The Elections Committee’s composition and duties are as stipulated in the Electoral Procedures section of the Code (Section IX A).
SECTION VI: EXECUTIVE

Article 1. General

1. Council may direct the Human Resources Committee in consultation with the Finance Committee to review the remuneration and benefits of the members of the Executive in accordance with Section V, Article 9(3)(i). If the Oversight Committee recommends an alteration in remuneration or benefits, such an alteration shall be considered an amendment to the Society’s budget, and shall be sent to the Vice-President Finance, the Finance Committee, and then Council for approval by a Two-thirds (2/3) Resolution in accordance with the procedures for amending the budget in Bylaw 11(1)(f).

2. Any change in the remuneration or benefits of the members of the Executive shall take effect when the newly elected Executive takes office.

3. In the event that a yearly amount has been set as the salary for Executive members, and if Executive members serve for less than, or more than, a full year, their salary shall be prorated.

4. Each Executive member shall work, on average, no less than forty (40) hours per week.

5. Each Executive member shall keep no less than five (5) office hours per week, including at least one (1) hour a week in a public location.

6. Each Executive member shall post, on or about his or her office door:
   (a) his or her specific office hours; and
   (b) a means by which Society staff and Active Members can contact him or her outside of the posted office hours.

7. The Financial Controller shall instruct each Executive member on the operations of the Administration Office.

Article 2. Transitional Honoraria

1. Each Executive member shall be responsible for the orientation of his or her replacement, such orientation to include but not be limited to:
   (a) completion of a comprehensive transitional report no later than the date that the incoming Executive member takes office;
   (b) in-person training of the incoming Executive member;
   (c) consultation on Executive matters at the request of the incoming Executive.
member for a period of not less than one (1) month after the incoming Executive member takes office;

(d) organization of the Executive member’s office and files; and

(e) assisting in position reviews for appointees reporting to them, in accordance with Section IX C, Article 2(8)(d).

2. Council may direct the Human Resources Committee in consultation with the Finance Committee to review the amount of the transitional honoraria, in accordance with Section V, Article 15(3)(c). On the recommendation of the Human Resources Committee, Council may alter the amount of the transitional honoraria.

3. If an Executive member is re-elected to the same position, said Executive member shall not be granted an honorarium. All other outgoing members of the Executive shall be eligible for an honorarium or a portion of an honorarium, based on the extent to which they fulfil the requirements of paragraph 1 above.

4. The member of the Executive who is being trained shall decide the extent to which the outgoing member has fulfilled the requirements of paragraph 1 above in accordance with the Executive Transition Checklist below. If there is a dispute, the outgoing member may appeal to the Ombudsperson.

5. If an Executive member from one year is elected to another Executive position in the following year, said Executive member must complete all the training activities required by this Article outside the forty (40) hours per week of work time required by Section VI, Article 1(4) of the Code.

6. If in the course of a year more than one person serves in the same Executive position because of a resignation or for any other reason, then the amount of the transitional honorarium for each person serving in the position shall be pro-rated in proportion to the amount of time each one serves.

7. Executive Transition Checklist

(a) Further to paragraph 1(a) above, the comprehensive transitional report shall be worth one-third (1/3) of the amount of the transitional honorarium and shall include but not be limited to:

(i) a comprehensive description of each committee the Executive member sits on, including discussions of the committee’s work in the previous year and of the current items on the committee’s agenda, along with suggestions for the direction of the committee in the coming year;

(ii) information about the student staff positions directly associated with the Executive member (e.g., Commissioners, Assistants), including information on the current roles of each staff position and suggestions for
the positions in the coming year;

(iii) a review of important issues that came up in the media during the previous year, including enough information to make the incoming Executive member familiar with the issues;

(iv) a review of the successes and failures of projects and new initiatives of the outgoing Executive member, including suggestions for improvements; and

(v) a timeline indicating when events are to take place and by what dates tasks need to be completed.

(b) The transitional report shall be a new document focusing on the events, achievements, and challenges of the previous year and on the outlook for the upcoming year, and must not be simply a copy of a previous year’s transitional report.

(c) The outgoing Executive member shall inform the incoming member how to obtain copies of previous years’ transitional reports.

(d) Further to paragraph 1(b) above, the in-person training of the incoming Executive member shall be worth one-fifth (1/5) of the amount of the transitional honorarium and shall include but not be limited to:

(i) introduction to the staff, especially the staff members with whom the Executive member works particularly closely;

(ii) familiarization of the incoming member with day-to-day tasks;

(iii) attendance of both the incoming and outgoing member at no less than three (3) meetings of Standing Committees the member sits on; and

(iv) for those Executive members who are also signing officers, arrangement of instruction by the Director of Finance and Administration on appropriate procedures for reviewing cheques and the related supporting documentation.

(e) Further to paragraph 1(c), consultation on Executive matters after the incoming Executive has taken office shall be worth one-fifth (1/5) of the amount of the transitional honorarium and shall include, but not be limited to, informing the incoming Executive member of any outstanding issues to be resolved and work to be completed.

(f) Further to paragraph 1(d), organization of the office and files shall be worth two-fifteenths (2/15) of the amount of the transitional honorarium and shall include but not be limited to:
(i) organizing the outgoing member’s paper and computer files, including e-mail files, by the time the incoming Executive member takes office;

(ii) removing all personal belongings of the outgoing Executive by the time the incoming Executive member takes office; and

(iii) ensuring the availability of all required keys, the Executive member’s cell phone, and other necessary equipment by the time the incoming Executive member takes office.

(g) Further to paragraph 1(e), assisting in position reviews shall be worth two-fifteenths (2/15) of the amount of the transitional honorarium and shall include, but not be limited to, taking part in reviews for any relevant position that the incoming Executive member thinks need to be reviewed.

Article 3. Executive Committee

1. There shall be an Executive Committee, composed of the five members of the Executive, with the President as the Chair. The Managing Director and the Archivist & Clerk of Council shall attend meetings of the Committee unless directed otherwise by the Committee. The Policy Advisor, the Student Services Manager, and the Chair of the Advisory Board shall attend by invitation.

2. Subject at all times to the Constitution, Bylaws, and Code of Procedure, and to the Society’s policies, the powers of Council, and the Executive Procedures Manual, the Executive Committee shall:

(a) supervise and provide direction for the implementation and administration of the policies and procedures of the Society;

(b) be responsible for internal and external communications for the Society;

(c) present options and make recommendations to Council on matters of concern to members of the Society;

(d) provide full, succinct and timely disclosure of its activities and decisions to Council on an ongoing basis;

(e) coordinate and engage in (or delegate the authority to coordinate and engage in) negotiations with parties on contractual matters;

(f) determine the resource needs of the Society so that the Society can pursue its constitutional purposes effectively;

(g) ensure that all deserving students involved in the Society receive some form of recognition for their contribution and service to the Society;
ensure that minutes of all Executive Committee meetings, once approved by the Committee, are submitted to Council for approval, such minutes to include the motivation for any substantive motions, recommendations, and actions discussed at meetings of the Executive Committee, along with a report of the discussions at such meetings;

ensure the circulation of the Code and the Society’s other documents in accordance with Section I, Article 4(1) and Section II, Article 13(1);

arrange for a comprehensive orientation session for Council members in accordance with Section II, Article 13(2);

recommend to Council the creation and dissolution of Student Services;

have the power to name a Councillor of the Year in accordance with Section XII, Article 2;

assist in the establishment of new Constituencies in accordance with Code Section II, Article 17;

assist the President in preparing the agenda for each Council meeting and for general meetings of the Society; and

have such other powers and duties as are assigned by Council from time to time.

3. Nothing in this Article shall be interpreted so as to restrict the authority of Council as established in the Bylaws.

4. When a question arises over whether the Executive Committee or Council is the appropriate body to deal with an issue, the Executive Committee shall decide the matter, subject to the Bylaws, Code and policies of the Society, and shall note the decision in its minutes. However, Council may overrule the Executive Committee’s decision and choose to deal with the issue itself.

5. Pursuant to Bylaw 5(1), no information shall be withheld from Council notwithstanding the confidential nature of the information. The Executive may request that the information be disclosed in an in camera session, at which time Council shall decide whether to go into an in camera session.

6. In addition to the rules and regulations set out in the Code and Bylaws, the Executive Committee may make such other rules and regulations as it considers necessary, provided such rules and regulations are consistent with the Constitution, Bylaws and Code of the Society. Such rules shall be adopted by a Two-thirds (2/3) Resolution at a meeting of the Executive Committee where all the Executive members are in attendance, and shall be placed in an Executive Procedures Manual. Council may amend this Manual at any time by Resolution.
7. Executive Projects and Executive Project Officers

(a) Upon recommendation of the Executive Committee, Council may, by Resolution, establish Executive Projects of a temporary, ad hoc, or trial nature to be directed by an Executive Project Officer. This provision notwithstanding, the approval of a project or event in the budget of the Society shall be deemed establishment per this section.

(b) Executive Project Officers shall be appointed by the person or body they report to, in accordance with the Hiring Process provisions in Section IX C below.

(c) The terms of office for an Executive Project Officer shall be no more than one (1) year.

(d) On the recommendation of the Human Resources Committee, Council shall set the remuneration for each Executive Project Officer.

(e) Executive Project Officers shall not hold any other elected or appointed positions within the Society, excluding those in Subsidiary Organizations.

8. Appointments to External Committees

(a) When a student position on a University committee or other external body needs to be filled, the Executive Committee may provisionally appoint a member of the Executive to that position if the position is within the mandate of that member of the Executive.

(b) Once a year the Executive Committee shall submit a list of such appointments to Council for approval by Resolution.

(c) If a position on an external committee is not within the mandate of a member of the Executive, the Executive Committee shall ask Council to appoint someone to the committee. Unless otherwise specified by the external body requesting the appointment, the position shall be open to members of the Executive, other members of Council, and Students At Large.

(d) If such a position is open to Students At Large, the President shall advertise it in the same manner as for Student At Large positions on the Society’s committees, in accordance with Section V, Article 2(6).

Article 4. President

1. In addition to those powers and duties set out in the Bylaws, the President shall:
(a) coordinate, in general, the activities of the Executive and the Society as a whole;

(b) be the Spokesperson for Council and the Society;

(c) write letters on behalf of Council;

(d) represent the Society on the Alumni Association Council, or designate a representative;

(e) chair the Presidents Council in accordance with the provisions of Section XVII;

(f) oversee and coordinate the activities of the Presidential Officers, and provide for all expenses relating to these positions within his or her budget;

(g) review the advice provided by the Advisory Board and direct the Managing Director in accordance with that advice;

(h) be responsible for implementing the Strategic Framework in accordance with Code Section II, Article 12;

(i) communicate or cause to be communicated to appropriate staff members decisions of Council, including but not limited to HR decisions, the expenditure of funds, and decisions related to bookings;

(j) arrange for a review of the Student Services to be done every three (3) years, such a review to be conducted with the assistance of the Student Services Manager in accordance with Section X, Article 6; and

(k) have such other powers and duties as are assigned by Council or the Executive Committee from time to time.

Article 5. Vice-President Academic and University Affairs

1. In addition to those powers and duties set out in the Bylaws, the Vice-President Academic and University Affairs shall:

   (a) lobby the University on issues of interest to students and involving the University, including but not limited to daycare, equity, safety, academics, University policies, campus planning, mental health and well-being, and student housing;

   (b) assist Constituencies with academic and other issues between them and their Faculty or School;

   (c) liaise with the Constituencies on academic matters and relations with the University;
(d) inform Council members if they are not in compliance with the requirement to seek election to serve on a minimum of one (1) Standing Committee, in accordance with Section II, Article 6(2);

(e) ensure that bodies and individuals report back to Council on actions Council has directed them to take;

(f) along with the Council Senators, act as a liaison between Council and the student members of the UBC Vancouver Senate;

(g) after an Annual General Meeting, cause to be filed with the Registrar of Companies the documents as required by the Society Act, and any other documents; and

(h) liaise with organizations at the University representing the faculty, the sessional instructors, the teaching assistants and the non-teaching staff concerning University affairs;

(i) assist in the establishment of new Constituencies in accordance with Code Section II, Article 17;

(j) present options and recommendations to Council regarding policies or plans that are related to the mandate of the Vice-President Academic & University Affairs; and

(k) have such other powers and duties as are assigned by Council or the Executive Committee from time to time.

Article 6. Vice-President Finance

1. In addition to those powers and duties set out in the Bylaws, the Vice-President Finance shall:

   (a) manage the financial affairs of the Society in accordance with the Fiscal Procedures of the Code;

   (b) further to Bylaw 11(1) prepare the budget so that it includes actual results, budgeted results, variances and the prior year’s comparative results;

   (c) ensure that Clubs and Constituencies submit annual financial reports in accordance with Bylaw 13(9);

   (d) have the power to authorize any expenditure provided for in the budget as approved by Council;
(e) serve as a director on the CiTR Board of Directors or, if not eligible to serve, attend meetings of the CiTR Board of Directors;

(f) work with the Society’s businesses and its building and facility managers to implement the Society’s sustainability strategy; and

(g) have such other powers and duties as are assigned by Council or the Executive Committee from time to time.

2. The Vice-President Finance, pursuant to Bylaw 5(3)(d)(iii)(2), shall have the power to suspend transactions from the account of any Committee or Subsidiary Organization which is in debt and which, in his or her opinion, has made no reasonable attempt to get out of debt. The suspension shall remain in effect until such time as the Vice-President Finance is satisfied the delinquent organization can repay its debt or Council has made a decision as to the organization’s future status.

3. Further to paragraph 2 above, the Vice-President Finance shall immediately notify a delinquent organization, in writing, of the decision to suspend transactions from its account, and shall help the organization devise a method of repaying its debt.

4. Pursuant to Bylaw 5(3)(d)(iii)(4), a “Function Control Report” shall mean a budget of expenditures and revenues for a particular function, and shall include copies of previous reports and budgets if required by the Vice-President Finance.

**Article 7. Vice-President Administration**

1. In addition to those powers and duties set out in the Bylaws, the Vice-President Administration shall:

   (a) keep the Operations Committee and Council informed as to the use, maintenance and condition of the AMS Student Nest;

   (b) be the signing officer for the Operations Committee;

   (c) liaise with the Constituencies and the Student Resource Groups on administrative matters and the use of the Society’s facilities;

   (d) represent the Society on the University Athletic Council, the Aquatic Centre Management Committee, and the Walter Gage Memorial Fund Committee, or designate a representative to sit on those Committees;

   (e) make regular reports to Council about the operation of the Aquatic Centre;

   (f) have the right to attend meetings of all Society Clubs and to speak and present motions at such meetings, or to send a delegate with these powers to such
meetings;
  
(g) ensure the implementation of the Society’s sustainability policies;

(h) ensure that sustainability presentations or submissions are made to Council as follows:

  (i) in June a report on annual sustainability priorities for actions and projects, such priorities to be approved by Council;

  (ii) in October an update on the fulfillment of the sustainability priorities;

  (iii) in March an annual sustainability report; and

(g) have such other powers and duties as are assigned by Council or the Executive Committee from time to time.

Article 8. Vice-President External Affairs

1. In addition to those powers and duties set out in the Bylaws, the Vice-President External Affairs shall:

   (a) be responsible for community outreach and external political events of the Society;

   (b) liaise with, and represent the Society on, external organizations, committees and coalitions, unless such duties have been otherwise assigned in the Bylaws or Code;

   (c) liaise with residence associations;

   (d) be responsible for lobbying local, provincial and federal governments;

   (e) liaise with organizations at the University representing the faculty, the sessional instructors, the teaching assistants and the non-teaching staff concerning external issues and lobbying; and

   (f) have such other powers and duties as are assigned by Council or the Executive Committee from time to time.

Article 9. Expenses and Guidelines for Executive Members

1. An Executive Member may incur and be reimbursed for reasonable and justifiable expenses that have been budgeted for or are incurred while acting on behalf of the
Society.

2. Expenses that have not been specifically budgeted for must be approved by Council for reimbursement to occur.

3. Reimbursement may be made for the following expenses incurred by an Executive member while away on Society-related business:
   
   (a) Transportation: bus, rail, air, etc. at the economy rate. Receipts are required for reimbursement.
   
   (b) Meals: Council shall approve a certain amount each day to be spent on meals.
   
   (c) Accommodation: reasonable rates. Council may impose a rate format or a maximum accommodation budget.
   
   (d) Out of pocket expenses: incidental expenses incurred may be claimed. Receipts are required for amounts over $2.00.

4. Expenses shall be reported within sixty (60) days for reimbursement to occur.

5. Reimbursement may be made for the following expenses incurred by an Executive member within the Society:

   (a) Food Outlets

   An amount specified in the Executive compensation package may be incurred by an Executive member at the Society's food outlets. No alcoholic beverages shall be included.

6. General Guidelines:

   (a) The Executive shall not hold, control, or have access to any separate accounts of the Society, except with prior approval of Council by Resolution.

   (b) Refreshments, whether alcoholic or non-alcoholic, shall not be purchased with Society funds unless budgeted and approved by Council.

Article 10. Associate Vice-Presidents

1. Upon the request of a Vice-President, the Executive Committee may create one or more Associate Vice-President positions to assist that Vice-President.

2. Associate Vice-Presidents shall be appointed by the appropriate Vice-President in accordance with the Hiring Process provisions in Section IX C below.
3. Associate Vice-Presidents shall report to the appropriate Vice-President.

4. Associate Vice-Presidents must be Active Members of the Society and shall not be members of Council.

5. Associate Vice-Presidents shall:
   (a) assist their supervising Vice-President in the execution of programs and policies of Council as they pertain to that Vice-President’s portfolio;
   (b) assist in lobbying as directed by their supervising Vice-President;
   (c) provide recommendations and advice on policy options to their supervising Vice-President;
   (d) perform research functions as prescribed by their supervising Vice-President;
   (e) at the request of their supervising Vice-President attend meetings of the Executive Committee, Council, Council committees, or University committees; and
   (f) have such other powers and duties as are assigned by their supervising Vice-President from time to time.

6. Associate Vice-Presidents shall, on average, work no less than twenty (20) hours per week.
SECTION VII: ADVISORY BOARD

Article 1. General

1. The Advisory Board shall provide oversight and accountability for the entire Society and shall advise Council, the President, and the Managing Director accordingly.

2. The Advisory Board shall make recommendations to Council concerning the long-term goals of the Society.

3. On the advice of the Advisory Board, Council shall set the long-term goals of the Society.

4. The goal of the Advisory Board shall be to provide a long-term perspective on the entire Society. The Advisory Board shall take the goals of all of Council’s Standing Committees and the Executive, and review them each year before submitting them to Council.

5. The Advisory Board shall also provide a long-term perspective on Society-wide goals.

Article 2. Composition

1. The Advisory Board shall be composed of the following voting members:

   (a) two (2) Student Members; and
   (b) three (3) Professional Members.

2. The Advisory Board shall also include the following non-voting members:

   (a) the five (5) members of the Executive;
   (b) the Student Services Manager;
   (c) the Managing Director; and
   (d) two (2) members of Council.

3. The Student Members shall be appointed by Council for two-year terms and must be Active Members of the Society. Student Members may not at any time in their term be members of Council, employees of the Society, or full-time employees of the University.

4. The Professional Members shall be appointed by Council for three-year terms and must be professionals as determined by the Human Resources Committee.

5. No voting member of the Advisory Board may serve more than two (2) consecutive terms.
Article 3. Appointment Process

1. Positions on the Advisory Board for both Student and Alumni Members shall be filled according to the following process:
   
   (a) The positions shall at minimum be advertised on the Society’s website and announced at the two (2) meetings of Council prior to the application deadline.
   
   (b) The application deadline shall be the Friday after the second Council meeting in October.
   
   (c) Applications shall be submitted to the Human Resources Committee.
   
   (d) At the first Council meeting in November the Chair of the Human Resources Committee shall present a shortlist of qualified candidates as determined by the Human Resources Committee.
   
   (e) Council shall appoint from the shortlisted candidates presented by the Human Resources Committee at the meeting where the statements are read, with the appointees to take office on January 1 of the next calendar year.

2. Mid-term vacancies shall be filled within two (2) months or as soon as possible by means of applications to the Human Resources Committee, shortlisting by the Human Resources Committee, and appointment by Council, as for new appointments.

Article 4. Chair

1. The Chair of the Advisory Board shall be elected by the Advisory Board from among its voting members at the first the Advisory Board meeting of the calendar year, for a term that expires upon the first meeting of the next calendar year, or 380 days from the date of their appointment, whichever is shorter.

2. The outgoing Chair shall be responsible for convening the first meeting of the calendar year. In the absence of the outgoing Chair, the President shall be responsible for convening the first meeting of the calendar year.

3. The Chair, or their designate, shall attend meetings of Council as required.

4. The Chair shall designate a Deputy Chair at the meeting at which they are elected. The Deputy Chair shall assume the Chair's duties at meetings from which the Chair is absent.

5. The Chair and the Managing Director shall jointly present to Council each of the thrice-yearly reports made by the Managing Director to the Advisory Board, such presentations to be made at the next regular Council meeting after such a report is presented to the Advisory Board.
6. The Chair and the Managing Director shall jointly present to Council the Annual Report of the Advisory Board, prepared pursuant to Article 9 below.

**Article 5. Contract**

1. Voting members of the Advisory Board shall sign a non-disclosure agreement and a contract outlining their duties and requiring them to adhere to the conflict of interest rules outlined for the Society’s directors in Code Section II, Article 1.

2. Voting members of the Advisory Board shall receive a fee for their services, as defined in their contract.

3. The fee and the terms of the contract shall be reviewed by the Human Resources Committee in consultation with the Finance Committee every three (3) years, and any changes shall be sent to Council for approval.

4. (a) The Chair of the Advisory Board shall be eligible for a bonus of up to one hundred percent (100%) of their fee, in recognition of the workload of the position.

   (b) The amount of the bonus shall be decided on by the Advisory Board at its last meeting of the year.

   (c) The criteria the Advisory Board uses in deciding on the amount of the bonus shall include but not be limited to timely distribution of agendas, minutes, and associated documents, and attendance at meetings of Council.

   (d) The bonus shall be paid out of the revenues generated by the business and administrative operations of the Society, unless it has been budgeted for in the Society’s budget.

**Article 6. Meetings**

1. The Advisory Board shall hold at least five (5) regular meetings a year, including:

   (a) four (4) meetings to review quarterly reports prepared by the Managing Director and the President; and

   (b) one (1) transitional meeting held when the Society’s outgoing Executive is replaced by the incoming Executive.

2. The dates of the current year’s meetings and the date of the first meeting of the next year shall be determined at the first meeting of the current year.
3. The date, time, and location of each regular meeting, along with the agenda for that meeting, shall be published on the Society’s website no later than one (1) week in advance of that meeting.

4. Special meetings of the Advisory Board shall be called by the Chair of the Advisory Board:
   (a) at the Chair’s discretion;
   (b) at the request of the President or the Managing Director; or
   (c) upon receipt of a written request from at least four (4) members of the Advisory Board.

5. The agenda for any special meeting must be sent to all the Advisory Board members at the time the meeting is called and at least forty-eight (48) hours before the meeting, and the date, time, and location of the meeting, along with the agenda for the meeting, shall be communicated to Council and published on the Society’s website as soon as possible, and this communication must take place before a special meeting may be called to order.

6. Quorum for a meeting of the Advisory Board shall be four (4) voting members, including at least one (1) Professional Member, and either the President or the Vice-President Finance.

7. The Chair of the Advisory Board shall invite the Managing Director to all meetings, and the invitation shall include any staff member whom the Managing Director requires to attend.

8. Meetings of the Advisory Board shall be open to the public, unless the Advisory Board by Resolution decides otherwise. Reasons for closing a meeting may include, but are not limited to, holding a discussion on personnel matters or forward financial planning.

9. Unless otherwise indicated in this Section or elsewhere in the Code, the general provisions on Committees in Section V of the Code apply to the Advisory Board, including but not limited to the rule allowing committees to conduct electronic meetings so long as a speaker phone or some other similar device is used to allow all members present in person or connecting from afar to hear each other and participate in debate.

**Article 7. Removal and Attendance**

1. Any voting member of the Advisory Board who misses two (2) regular meetings of the Advisory Board shall be subject to a vote of “no confidence.”

2. If the Advisory Board, by Resolution, votes no confidence in such a member, the Chair of the Advisory Board shall submit a motion to Council to remove the Advisory Board
member from the Advisory Board in accordance with Bylaw 5(1)(c). The Chair of the Advisory Board shall ensure that the Advisory Board member facing removal receives no less than seven (7) days notice of the Council meeting at which the motion of removal is to be considered.

3. If the Chair of the Advisory Board is the member in whom the Advisory Board votes no confidence, the President shall submit to Council the motion described in paragraph 2 above and also provide the notice required in that paragraph.

4. Council may also remove a member of the Advisory Board, without specific cause, in accordance with the procedures prescribed in Bylaw 5(1)(c).

**Article 8. Powers and Duties of the Advisory Board**

1. The Advisory Board shall:
   
   (a) review all the annual goals coming from Council’s Standing Committees;
   
   (b) advise the Executive Committee on Businesses, Services, and all other Society matters;
   
   (c) provide long-term oversight of Society goals to increase continuity for the Society;
   
   (d) construct metrics to review all aspects of the Society;
   
   (e) ensure that the Executive Committee is advised on all relevant Society matters;
   
   (f) provide project reviews and ad hoc advice for large capital projects;
   
   (g) provide advice on large Society issues, including but not limited to human resources;
   
   (h) monitor and facilitate a long-term strategic plan; and
   
   (i) assist in the creation of a search committee for the hiring of a Managing Director, which shall make a hiring recommendation to Council.

**Article 9. Reports and Minutes**

1. The Advisory Board shall prepare quarterly reports to be submitted to Council in August, November, February, and May.
2. Each quarterly report shall describe major Society projects launched since the submission of the previous quarterly report and shall describe the progress made on major Society projects previously presented.

3. The reports shall include but not be limited to:

   (a) Business Performance and Recommendations;
   (b) Society Metrics Performance and Recommendations;
   (c) Services Metrics Performance and Recommendations;
   (d) Executive Goals Review and Recommendations;
   (e) Major Capital Projects Review and Recommendations;
   (f) Strategic Plan Review and Recommendations.

4. The rules on Committee minutes prescribed in Section V of the Code shall apply to the Advisory Board, including but not limited to the rule requiring that minutes of each committee be approved at the following meeting of that committee. Approved minutes from the Advisory Board shall be sent to Council at the next sitting of Council after the Advisory Board meeting at which they were approved.

SECTION VIII: COMMISSIONS

[repealed September 2016]
SECTION IX: CODE PROCEDURES

A. ELECTORAL PROCEDURES

Article 1. Elections Committee

A. Composition

1. The Elections Committee shall be composed of the following six (6) voting members, all of whom shall be Active Members of the Society:

   (a) the Elections Administrator, who shall be Chair;
   (b) the Chief Returning Officer;
   (c) the Communications Officer;
   (d) the Events Officer; and
   (e) two (2) poll clerks.

The Archivist & Clerk of Council and the Executive Director or their designate shall attend meetings of the Committee at the invitation of the Chair.

2. All members of the Elections Committee except the two poll clerks shall be appointed by Council on the recommendation of the Human Resources Committee in accordance with Section V, Article 9 of the Code.

3. The two poll clerks shall be appointed by Council on the recommendation of the rest of the Elections Committee before the close of nominations.

4. The Elections Administrator may recommend that Council remove a member of the Committee for failing to maintain impartiality as required in 7(a) below, for failing to attend Committee meetings, or for non-performance of duties.

5. Members of the Elections Committee shall not at the same time:

   (a) be members of Council or an Associate Vice-President;
   (b) hold any position to which they have been appointed by or in which they report to Council, an Executive, the Executive Committee, the Managing Director, or the Student Services Manager;
   (c) hold any position to which they have been appointed or in which they report to anyone in a position referred to in paragraph (b) above; or
   (d) hold any Executive position in a Constituency.

6. Prospective members of the Elections Committee holding positions in the Society referred to in paragraph 5 above other than positions on the Executive Committee shall become eligible to serve on the Elections Committee as soon as they resign from their other Society positions, but the fact that they have recently held such positions must be pointed out to Council by the Human Resources Committee if that Committee
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 recommends that they be appointed to the Elections Committee. Members of the Executive Committee are not eligible to serve on the Elections Committee during an academic year in which they serve on the Executive Committee.

7. Candidates in any election overseen by the Elections Committee, including but not limited to the Society’s own elections and elections in Constituencies and other organizations, as described in Articles 9, 10, and 12 below, are ineligible to be or to remain members of the Elections Committee. A member of the Committee who becomes a candidate during his or her term of office immediately ceases to be a member of the Committee.

8. (a) Members of the Elections Committee shall act impartially and shall not show bias towards any candidate in an election being conducted by the Committee.

(b) Members of the Elections Committee shall not sign the nomination form of any candidate in an election currently being overseen by the Elections Committee.

(c) Members of the Elections Committee shall not sign a petition related to a referendum overseen, or meant to be overseen, by the Elections Committee.

B. Powers and Duties

1. Unless otherwise indicated in this Section or elsewhere in the Code, the general provisions on Committees in Section V of the Code apply to the Elections Committee.

2. The administration and conduct of Executive elections, as defined in Bylaw 5(3), and of Society referenda, as defined in Bylaw 4, shall be vested in the Elections Committee. Without limiting the generality of the foregoing, the Committee shall:

   (a) conduct elections and referenda in an unbiased and impartial manner;
   
   (b) publicize the opening of nominations for positions in Executive elections in order to encourage as many candidates as possible to run;
   
   (c) publicize Executive elections and Society referenda in advance of the voting in order to encourage voter turnout;
   
   (d) prepare a budget for its operations, which shall be submitted to the Vice-President Finance for approval by the Finance Committee;
   
   (e) verify nomination forms for Executive positions pursuant to Article 2(3)(f);
   
   (f) determine the campaign spending limit, the reimbursement limit, and the assessed market cost for materials and services in accordance with Article 2(9);
   
   (g) determine the campus publication or publications in which candidates may be
interviewed in accordance with Article 2(5) and in which the All-Candidates Forums will be advertised in accordance with Article 2(6);

(h) ensure that candidates are informed about the Electoral Procedures contained in this section of Code;

(i) hire poll clerks, staff to remove campaign material, and other staff deemed necessary;

(j) regulate polling stations in accordance with Article 5;

(k) report the results and an overview of the logistics of Executive elections and Society referenda to Council, and publish the results of such elections and referenda in a campus publication or publications;

(l) record the results of Executive elections and Society referenda for Society records, and provide the Society’s archives with a copy of the ballot, a copy of the results, and all Committee files with personal information removed;

(m) recommend various options to Council for amendments to this Section of the Code if deemed necessary;

(n) have the power to interpret these Electoral Procedures;

(o) have the power to create additional rules and regulations for the running of elections and referenda, to be published in a Candidates’ Handbook and a Referendum Handbook, provided such rules and regulations are consistent with the Constitution, Bylaws, Code and Policies of the Society;

(p) have the power to rule on election and referendum irregularities in accordance with Article 8;

(q) have the power to penalize candidates for election irregularities in accordance with Article 3;

(r) have the power to rule on the validity of an election or referendum based on whether irregularities have materially affected the results; and

(s) have the power to enforce the rules against slates in accordance with Article 2.

3. Subject to the provisions of Article 12 below, the Committee shall have the power to conduct elections and referenda for other organizations, including the election of students to the Senate and the Board of Governors. In conducting such elections and referenda, the Committee shall have the same powers and duties as specified in paragraph 2 above, subject to the provisions of Article 12 and subject to agreements made with the other organizations for conducting the said elections and referenda.
4. The Committee shall conduct elections for Subsidiary Organizations if so directed by Council, and in such elections shall have the same powers and duties as specified in paragraph 2 above.

5. The Committee shall provide advice and assistance to Subsidiary Organizations if requested and may also do so on its own initiative if it determines that there has been a violation of Article 9 in a Constituency election or referendum.

6. The Committee shall rule on the validity of Constituency elections and referenda in accordance with Article 9 below.

7. The Committee shall provide advice to the Vice-President Administration on Club elections in accordance with Article 10 below.

8. (a) During the Official Campaign Period for the Society's executive elections, as defined in Article 2(6)(a) below, and until any and all appeals have been adjudicated by an Election Appeals Committee, at least one member of the Elections Committee shall be on duty every weekday between the hours of 9 a.m. and 5 p.m.

    (b) The Elections Administrator shall be on duty every weekday during the Official Campaign Period, and until any and all appeals have been adjudicated by an Election Appeals Committee, during hours posted on the Elections Committee office door and shall post information on how he or she can be reached outside the posted hours.

9. All rules and regulations created by the Committee in accordance with paragraph 2(p) above must be in writing, and the Committee must not introduce non-written rules or regulations.

10. The Committee must not introduce new rules or regulations, or alter existing rules or regulations, during the period lasting from twenty-four (24) hours prior to the beginning of the Official Campaign Period of an election or the beginning of a referendum campaign until the final determination of the election or referendum results.

C. Duties of Committee Members

1. The Elections Administrator shall:

    (a) in collaboration with the Human Resources Department and the Human Resources Committee, conduct interviews of candidates for other positions on the Elections Committee;

    (b) provide potential interview questions and other relevant information that may be of assistance in hiring the next Elections Administrator;
(c) chair the Elections Committee;

(d) be the official liaison with other organizations whose elections or referenda are being conducted by the Elections Committee in accordance with Article 1B(3) above;

(e) be the signing officer for the Elections Committee;

(f) place ads in a campus publication or publications on behalf of the Committee;

(g) organize the All-Candidates Meeting pursuant to Article 2(4);

(h) be responsible for preparing and updating the handbook for candidates referred to in Article 2(4);

(i) cause all necessary election forms to be prepared;

(j) approve campaign material pursuant to Article 2;

(k) cause the ballots for elections and referenda to be prepared;

(l) be the technical liaison between the Elections Committee and the organization whose computers are handling the electronic aspects of the election or referendum, but neither the Elections Administrator nor any other member of the Elections Committee shall have access to the voting results before the end of the voting period;

(m) along with the Chief Returning Officer, supervise the initial viewing of voting results at the end of the voting period;

(n) have the power to bar unauthorized persons from the Elections Office during the initial viewing of results;

(o) submit a written report on the ballot counting and the results of each election or referendum to the Elections Committee;

(p) be the official spokesperson for the Elections Committee and be responsible for the official release of results and reports to Council;

(q) prepare an election or referendum report in accordance with Article 7(9);

(r) publish the results of an election after they have been reported to Council in accordance with Article 7(9);

(s) prepare a transition report for his or her successor, providing details and
recommendations about the running of elections and referenda, the duties of the various members of the Elections Committee, and so on, in return for which the Elections Administrator shall receive a transitional honorarium in an amount established by Council on the recommendation of the Human Resources Committee;

(t) be the bookings officer for the Elections Committee;

(u) work with the Vice-President Administration to obtain space for an Elections Office for the term of the Elections Administrator, such space to be located outside the main administrative office area of the Society;

(v) keep and maintain all files, records, memoranda, agendas, and minutes of the Committee until transferred to the archives; and

(w) have such other powers and duties as are outlined in the Bylaws or the Code or assigned by Council or the Elections Committee from time to time.

2. The Chief Returning Officer shall:

(a) ensure that poll clerks are adequately trained pursuant to Article 5(8)(a);

(b) be responsible for preparing and distributing information on relevant rules and regulations to the poll clerks;

(c) assign poll clerks to polls, and ensure that the polls are adequately staffed during the polling period;

(d) be responsible for the design and layout of the Society’s polling stations;

(e) along with the Elections Administrator, supervise the initial viewing of voting results at the end of the voting period; and

(f) have such other powers and duties as are outlined in the Bylaws or the Code or assigned by Council, the Elections Administrator, or the Elections Committee from time to time.

3. The Communications Officer shall:

(a) oversee all promotions for Society elections and referenda, including but not limited to promotions done through social media and the Society’s election website;

(b) monitor the online activity of candidates in Society elections; and
(c) have such other powers and duties as are outlined in Code or assigned by Council, the Elections Administrator, or the Elections Committee from time to time.

4. The Events Officer shall:

(a) assist the Elections Administrator in organizing the All-Candidates Meeting;

(b) manage the All-Candidates Forums and other events associated with the Society’s elections; and

(c) have such other powers and duties as are outlined in Code or assigned by Council, the Elections Administrator, or the Elections Committee from time to time.

D. Exigency Provisions

1. Notwithstanding Article 1A(2), if a member of the Elections Committee other than the Elections Administrator is removed two (2) weeks or less before the polls for an election or a referendum are to open, Council may appoint a replacement on the advice of the Elections Administrator without a recommendation from the Human Resources Committee.

2. If the Elections Administrator is removed by Council pursuant to Bylaw 5(1), Council must appoint a new Elections Administrator.

Article 2. Nomination and Campaign Regulations

1. Pursuant to Bylaw 5(3)(b)(i), the Elections Administrator shall determine when, in the period between February 15 and March 15, the election of members of the Executive shall be held, with the proviso that polling may not begin earlier than one week after the close of nominations.

2. Nominations

(a) Nominations shall open in the first full week of classes in the second term of the School Year, and close on the Friday before the mid-term break in that term (also known as Reading Week), unless the break occurs at such a time that it will be impossible to complete the election by March 15, in which case the Elections Administrator shall ensure that nominations close at such a time as to allow the election to be completed by March 15. For the purposes of this provision, a full week of classes shall mean a week containing at least four (4) School Days.

(b) The Elections Committee shall advertise the opening and closing of nominations for Executive candidates and for candidates for Senate and the Board of Governors in two (2) editions of a campus publication or publications as determined by the Committee. The first advertisement shall be in the edition
immediately preceding the opening of nominations, and the second advertisement in the edition preceding the closing of nominations.

(c) Each candidate running for an Executive position shall be an Active Member of the Society, and shall submit in person to the Administrative Assistant a nomination form duly signed by the candidate and no less than fifty (50) nominators, each of whom shall be an Active Member of the Society entitled to vote in that election. Forms shall be available in the Administrative Assistant’s office.

(d) Even if nominated for more than one position, a candidate may run for only one Executive position in a given election.

(e) The Administrative Assistant shall submit completed nomination forms to the Elections Administrator upon the request of the Elections Administrator.

(f) The Elections Committee shall confirm the eligibility of candidates and nominators.

(g) The names of the candidates in an election shall not be made public until the end of the All-Candidates Meeting, at which time they shall be released by the Elections Administrator.

3. All-Candidates Meeting and Candidates’ Handbook

(a) The Elections Administrator shall organize an All-Candidates Meeting to take place following the close of nominations, on the same day as the close of nominations.

(b) At the All-Candidates Meeting, the Elections Administrator shall provide instructions concerning the parts of the Electoral Procedures relevant to candidates and shall distribute a copy of a candidates’ handbook to all candidates.

(c) The All-Candidates Meeting shall be closed to everyone but the candidates and the Elections Committee. At the meeting candidates may withdraw from the election if they so choose without their candidacies being made public.

(d) At the All-Candidates Meeting members of the Elections Committee must declare any conflicts of interest they have in relation to candidates, in accordance with paragraph 8 below.

(e) All candidates must either attend the All-Candidates Meeting or meet privately with the Elections Administrator following the close of nominations to receive instructions on these Procedures and to receive a copy of the candidates’ handbook.
(f) The handbook for candidates shall contain a summary and explanation of the parts of these Electoral Procedures relevant to candidates, including but not limited to the provisions on market cost, on spending and reimbursement limits, and on permissible forms of campaigning. The handbook shall also include a summary and explanation of rules and regulations which candidates are required to abide by but which are not in these Electoral Procedures.

(g) Candidates must sign the handbook and agree that they and anyone assisting them in their campaigns will follow the rules in the handbook.

4. Interview by a Campus Publication

(a) The Elections Committee shall arrange for the publication in a campus publication of an interview with each candidate at no cost to the candidate.

(b) The Elections Committee shall determine which campus publication shall conduct and publish these interviews.

(c) The Elections Committee, in consultation with the designated campus publication, shall set the time or times for conducting the interviews and the date of publication of the interviews.

(d) Candidates who decline to be interviewed shall have a statement to that effect published by the Elections Committee.

5. All-Candidates Forums

(a) The Elections Committee shall organize two or more All-Candidates Forums during the Official Campaign Period prior to the commencement of voting.

(b) The All-Candidates Forums shall be publicized in at least one issue of a campus publication or publications as determined by the Elections Committee.

(c) Each All-Candidates Forum shall be for one or more positions in the Society’s Executive elections and for one or more positions in non-Society elections such as the elections for the University Senate and for the University Board of Governors.

(d) The Elections Committee shall organize forums so that all candidates in the Society's Executive elections have the opportunity to participate in at least one such forum.

(e) The Elections Committee shall have final say over the location, budget, questions, rules, and moderation for the forums.

(f) At least two (2) members of the Elections Committee shall be present at each forum.
The Elections Administrator may remove the moderator at a forum at any time before or during the forum, in which case a member of the Elections Committee shall conduct the rest of the forum.

All candidates for each position in the Society's Executive elections shall have the right to participate in all forums to which candidates for that position are invited.

All candidates for each position in the non-Society elections shall have the right to participate in all forums to which candidates for that position are invited.

6. Campaigning

There shall be an Official Campaign Period beginning after the conclusion of the All-Candidates Meeting at a time and for a duration as determined by the Elections Committee no later than January 15. In no case shall the Official Campaign Period be less than ten (10) school days in length, including at least five (5) calendar days of voting.

Outside the Official Campaign Period, public campaigning, including but not limited to the forms of campaigning listed below, shall be prohibited:

- classroom announcements;
- announcements on listservs, social media, or websites;
- public speaking, especially when amplified by megaphones, microphones, or other similar devices;
- distributing buttons, leaflets, brochures, handbills, food or drink;
- distributing or wearing T-shirts with campaign slogans or other campaign messages on them; and
- mass mailings, including e-mail mass mailings.

The prohibitions in paragraph (b) above shall apply to the candidates themselves and to any persons, groups, or organizations acting on their behalf and with their consent.

Notwithstanding the prohibitions in paragraph (b) above, the following activities shall be permitted even if engaged in before the beginning of the Official Campaign Period:

- private communication concerning election plans, including but not limited to private communication by means of:
  1) in-person conversations;
  2) e-mail;
  3) letters sent by regular mail or social media message; and
  4) telephone conversations;
(ii) the circulation of nomination forms and other reasonable measures as approved by the Elections Committee and taken in order to fulfill the nomination requirements in this section of Code.

(e) Notwithstanding the prohibitions in paragraph (b) above, the following activities shall be permitted even if engaged in before the beginning of the Official Campaign Period, but only after the All-Candidates Meeting:

(i) meeting privately with the leaders of organizations in order to seek endorsements;
(ii) responding to inquiries from the media about elections plans.

(f) Only the following forms of campaigning, and no others, shall be permitted during elections and referenda:

(i) distribution of buttons: buttons may be distributed without restrictions, but may not be affixed to bulletin boards or other stationary objects;

(ii) distribution of leaflets, brochures, and handbills: non-adhesive leaflets, brochures, and handbills may be distributed without restrictions, but may not be affixed to bulletin boards or other stationary objects;

(iii) e-mailing and web pages: campaign-related e-mail messages may be sent, and campaign-related material may be posted on web pages, subject to restrictions put in place by the Elections Committee;

(iv) social media: social media may be used for campaigning, subject to restrictions put in place by the Elections Committee;

(v) distribution of food and non-alcoholic drink;

(vi) the distribution and wearing of T-shirts with campaign slogans or other campaign messages on them;

(vii) speech-making and any other form of oral communication;

(viii) advertising in the media: advertising in all forms of media shall be permitted, including in Society publications;

(ix) letters to the editor and opinion pieces: these may be published in any newspaper or other media outlet, including Society publications; and

(x) any other form of campaigning approved by the Elections Committee before the beginning of the Official Campaign Period.
(g) All campaigning must comply with all relevant University and Society policies, and with the provisions of the Society’s Policies, Code, and Bylaws.

(h) Except as provided in Article 5(6) below, each polling station shall be surrounded by a buffer zone in which no campaigning shall be permitted, so as to allow voting to be carried on free of interference from campaigners; this zone shall be ten (10) metres in all directions from the polling station, as determined by the poll clerks. For the purposes of this provision, a polling station shall include any computer used by the Elections Committee, poll clerks, candidates, or their volunteers on which more than one voter is casting a vote.

(i) All campaign material must be approved by the Elections Administrator, or their designate in case of a conflict of interest, before it is used.

(j) The Elections Administrator shall not approve campaign material which he or she deems to be offensive.

(k) A decision of the Elections Administrator to approve or not approve campaign material may be appealed to the Elections Committee, in accordance with the appeal procedures in Article 8(2) below.

(l) Candidates and campaign organizations must ensure that their physical campaign material is removed within one (1) week following the end of the Official Campaign Period. If this is not done, the Elections Committee may deny a candidate their reimbursement.

7. Conflict of Interest Involving Members of the Elections Committee

(a) No member of the Elections Committee may participate in Elections Committee discussions, debates, or votes concerning candidates with whom they have a close connection, as defined in paragraph (e) below.

(b) No member of the Elections Committee may discuss election issues with a candidate with whom they have a close connection, as defined in paragraph (e) below, except that an Elections Committee member in such a situation may communicate with the candidate in question if such communication is necessary for the discharge of that member’s duties, but only so long as another member of the Elections Committee is present.

(c) If the Elections Administrator has a close connection with a candidate, the Elections Administrator must relinquish the chair if an issue concerning that candidate is being discussed at an Elections Committee meeting.

(d) If the Elections Administrator has a close connection with a candidate, the Elections Administrator shall designate some other member of the Elections Committee to approve that candidate’s campaign material and to make
preliminary rulings under Article 8 concerning that candidate.

(e) A close connection between an Elections Committee member and a candidate includes but is not limited to:

(i) Being a family member or relative.
(ii) Being a member of the same club, fraternity, or similar organization.
(iii) Being a former or current employer, employee, or co-worker (not including any such work relationship created by being a member of the Elections Committee).
(iv) Being a close personal friend.

(f) The Elections Committee may at any time, by Resolution, declare that one of its members is in a conflict of interest for any reason. That member may not vote on the Resolution.

(g) Members of the Elections Committee shall avoid socializing with candidates and shall not release confidential information to candidates or anyone else.

(h) Candidates must not offer gifts to members of the Elections Committee and must not request confidential information from them.

(i) Candidates shall avoid socializing with members of the Elections Committee.

8. Other Forms of Conflict of Interest

(a) Candidates and anyone directed by a candidate shall not use the materials or resources of the Executive, the Commissions, the other branches of the Society’s student government, the Student Services, the Student Resource Groups, the Constituencies, the Society’s Clubs, the Administration Office, the Events Office, or other staff offices, including, but not limited to, office supplies, photocopiers, phones, faxes, computers, and printers. This prohibition does not apply to materials and resources available to Society members generally, such as free phones in Constituency offices.

(b) Candidates shall not use the Administration Office, the Events Office, other staff offices, Executive offices, or other offices of the various branches of the Society’s student government, or the offices of the Student Services, the Student Resource Groups, or the Society’s Clubs, or bookable rooms in the AMS Student Nest, for any purpose related to elections, including, but not limited to, use of such offices as campaign offices and for storage of campaign materials, display of campaign materials, campaigning, and campaign meetings. To facilitate enforcement of this provision, candidates shall report to the Elections Committee all privileged access they have to University buildings.
(c) Neither the Student Resource Groups nor the Society’s Constituencies shall spend money or resources on behalf of any candidates. Any candidate who benefits from a violation of this provision may, at the discretion of the Elections Committee, be penalized in accordance with Article 3 below.

(d) In accordance with Section X, Article 1(5)(a), the Student Services shall not take part in any Society election campaigns.

9. Spending limits and Reimbursement of expenses

(a) By January 15 of each year, the Elections Committee shall set an upper limit for campaign expenses. This upper limit shall be re-evaluated each year.

(b) By January 15 of each year, the Elections Committee shall set an upper limit for the amount of reimbursement candidates may receive for campaign expenses. This upper limit shall be re-evaluated each year. The reimbursement limit need not be the same as the spending limit described in paragraph (a) above.

(c) By January 15 of each year, the Elections Committee shall also set a limit for the amount of partial reimbursement candidates may receive for campaign expenses. This limit shall be re-evaluated each year and may be up to a maximum of half of the upper reimbursement limit.

(d) Material used during the Official Campaign Period shall be valued at market cost, which shall be set annually by the Elections Committee. The market cost of campaign material as well as the data used to determine market cost shall be included in the Candidates’ Handbook.

10. Declaration of Expenses and Application for Reimbursement

(a) To demonstrate compliance with the spending limits established pursuant to paragraph 9(a) above, every candidate must submit to the Elections Committee a statement of campaign expenses. This statement, signed by the candidate and supported by itemized receipts, must be submitted no later than the end of the Official Campaign Period. The submitted material may be audited at the discretion of the Elections Committee. Additional statements may be considered at the discretion of the Elections Committee, but in no case more than forty-eight (48) hours after the end of the Official Campaign Period.

(b) The Elections Committee shall assess each candidate the market cost or the actual cost, whichever is higher, for each declared campaign expenditure. A candidate’s total assessment must not exceed the upper limit for campaign expenses set by the Committee in accordance with paragraph 9(a) above.

(c) All candidates who submit proper expense statements shall be considered as having applied for reimbursement of those expenses.
(d) Candidates shall be reimbursed for each of their actual expenditures up to market cost. Their total reimbursement, including their reimbursement for minor supplies in accordance with paragraph (e) below, shall not exceed the limit set in accordance with paragraph 9(b) above. Reimbursement shall be made only for expenditures on forms of campaigning permitted by paragraph 6(f).

(e) Minor supplies (tape, staples, etc.) as determined by the Elections Committee need not be declared on the statement of expenses.

(f) If an organization to which a candidate belongs spends money on campaign materials explicitly endorsing that candidate, the money so spent shall be counted as part of that candidate’s expenses when determining whether the candidate remained within the campaign spending limits, but the candidate shall not be eligible for reimbursement for such expenses. The term “campaign materials” in this provision does not include the publication of written endorsements by media outlets.

(g) Other third party spending on behalf of a candidate shall be dealt with in accordance with paragraph 16 below.

11. Candidates shall not run in slates, real or apparent, or share expenses for campaign materials. A slate shall mean a group of candidates who run for elected office (including but not limited to Executive positions and positions in the Senate and on the Board of Governors) on a similar platform for mutual advantage.

12. For further clarity, but without limiting the generality of paragraph 11 above, the following slate-like activities shall be prohibited:

(a) appearing on another candidate’s campaign materials, including but not limited to flyers, handouts, websites, and other social media sites;

(b) producing campaign materials that resemble those of another candidate in colour, branding, design, or appearance; and

(c) using the same slogan or slogans as one or more other candidates.

13. At its discretion, the Elections Committee may prohibit other activities it decides are slatelike.

14. Candidates are expected to campaign independently, but if joint campaign activities, including but not limited to classroom announcements and leafleting, do occur, they must be reported to the Elections Committee. Such reports must be made every seventy-two (72) hours. At its discretion, the Elections Committee may approve such activities or order them to cease.
15. Pursuant to the rules against slates in paragraphs 11 through 14 above, candidates may not endorse other candidates, either in public or in private, and also may not help other candidates in any way, including but not limited to helping with the preparation of graphics or other campaign materials.

16. Third Party Endorsements

(a) Candidates must publicly declare their acceptance or rejection of third party endorsements by media outlets and any other group or individual.

(b) These acceptances and rejections shall be posted by the Elections Committee. This posting by the Elections Committee shall constitute the public declaration required of candidates as far as rejections are concerned. Candidates must themselves post the names of all groups or individuals whose endorsements they accept.

(c) When a third party endorsement is made, candidates must notify the Elections Committee of their acceptance or rejection within twenty-four (24) hours. However, the Elections Committee may at its discretion extend this period in exceptional circumstances. If the Elections Committee discovers an endorsement unknown to a candidate, it shall inform that candidate, who shall then have twenty-four (24) hours to accept it or reject it; the Elections Committee may at its discretion extend this period in exceptional circumstances.

(d) Candidates who accept a third party endorsement must state whether that third party will be solely an endorser or also a financial supporter.

(e) Any spending by a financial supporter on campaign materials explicitly endorsing a candidate shall be counted as part of that candidate’s expenses when determining whether the candidate remained within the campaign spending limits, but the candidate shall not be eligible for reimbursement for such expenses. The term “campaign materials” in this provision does not include the publication of written endorsements by media outlets.

(f) If a third party endorser who has not been accepted as a financial supporter begins spending money on campaign materials explicitly endorsing a candidate, that candidate may notify the Elections Committee that they no longer accept the endorsement, at which point the Elections Committee shall determine how much of the spending will be counted as part of that candidate’s expenses. If the candidate decides to continue accepting the endorsement, the third party shall be considered a financial supporter, and the rules in paragraph (e) shall apply.

Article 3. Violations and Penalties

1. The Elections Committee may penalize any candidate and determine the penalty for campaigning in violation of the campaign rules in Article 2(6) above and for any other
breach of the Electoral Procedures and any other election irregularity.

2. For serious offences, as defined in the Candidates’ Handbook, the Elections Committee may disqualify a candidate. If they decide not to disqualify, they must impose at least one of the penalties for intermediate offences.

3. For intermediate offences, as defined in the Candidates’ Handbook, the Elections Committee may withdraw one or more of a candidate’s campaign rights, including, but not limited to, the rights enumerated in Article 2(6) above. However, the Committee shall not remove a candidate’s right to have an interview published in a campus publication pursuant to Article 2(4) above. And the Committee shall not remove a candidate’s right to have a picture and a statement on the election website and on the ballot. If the Elections Committee decides not to impose the penalties for intermediate offences, they must impose the at least one of the penalties for minor offences.

4. For minor offences, as defined in the Candidates’ Handbook, the Elections Committee may withhold a candidate’s reimbursement for campaign expenses and may reduce their spending limit.

5. The Elections Committee may, at its discretion, issue a warning rather than imposing a penalty for minor offences, especially in the case of a first offence.

6. The Elections Committee shall not deduct votes as a penalty in any election or referendum.

7. If serious offences have been committed by more than one candidate in an election, the Elections Committee may declare the results of that election invalid.

8. If serious offences have been committed in a referendum, the Elections Committee may declare the results of that referendum invalid.

9. For similar offences in the same election or referendum, the Elections Committee shall impose similar penalties, except for repeat offenders.

10. If the Elections Committee disqualifies a candidate or declares an election or referendum invalid, such disqualification or declaration may be appealed to an Election Appeals Committee in accordance with Article 8(8) below.

**Article 4. Referendum Regulations**

1. The Elections Committee shall conduct Society referenda in accordance with Bylaw 4, the applicable portions of these Electoral Procedures, and other rules and regulations developed by the Committee, provided that those rules and regulations are consistent with the Constitution, Bylaws and Code of the Society.
2. For greater clarity, to be duly signed in accordance with Bylaw 4(1)(b) a petition signature must have been freely given without coercion and must not have been provided in exchange for alcoholic beverages or monetary benefits. They must also be kept secure in accordance with the internal policy on petition privacy and they must each include the following elements:

   i) the Active Member’s name (printed);
   ii) the Active Member’s student number; and
   iii) the Active Member’s signature, either handwritten on paper or in electronic form produced by means of a system approved by Council on the recommendation of the Vice-President Academic and University Affairs.

3. On receiving a petition in accordance with Bylaw 4(1)(b), the Vice-President Academic and University Affairs shall verify that it meets the requirements of the Bylaw and of this Article. If it has done so, the Vice-President Academic and University Affairs shall forward the question on the petition to the Elections Administrator, the President, and Council so that a referendum may be held on it.

4. Referendum questions shall adhere to a standard format and conform to the following rules:

   (a) The question shall be phrased in such a way that it can be answered ‘yes’ or ‘no’.
   (b) Nothing illegal may be proposed by the question.
   (c) In cases where the proposed question would break a contract, the intent to break the contract must be specifically stated and the penalty for breaking the contract must be included as part of the question.

5. Staff resources shall be made available to assist the drafters of potential referendum questions to assist them in an impartial and confidential manner. Staff providing such assistance shall do so in an impartial manner and shall not discuss potential questions except with members of Council or the Society’s senior managers.

6. The Elections Committee shall publicize each referendum by means of advertisements containing the wording of the referendum question, such advertisements to appear in a campus publication or publications no later than seven (7) days prior to the referendum and during the week of the referendum.

7. (a) Campaign material must be approved by the Elections Administrator before being posted or published.
   (b) The Elections Administrator shall not approve campaign material which he or she
deems to be offensive.

(c) A decision of the Elections Administrator to approve or not approve campaign material may be appealed to the Elections Committee, in accordance with the appeal procedures in Article 8(2) below.

(d) All campaign material must be removed within one (1) week of the end of voting.

8. Neutrality

(a) The Society shall be neutral in all referenda unless Council decides by resolution to support a side. Council may only support one side in a referendum.

(b) If Council does not decide to support a side in a referendum, then none of the Society’s offices, materials, or resources, as described in Article 2(8) above, may be used by either side in the referendum.

(c) If Council decides to support a side, it must abide by all campaign rules set out in the Code or in the Referendum Handbook. It must also make public its campaign expenditures.

9. Yes and No committees:

(a) The Elections Committee shall allocate $1,000 for reimbursement of expenses for one Yes committee and $1,000 for reimbursement of expenses for one No committee in every referendum.

(b) To qualify for funding, a Yes or No committee must:

(i) obtain a copy of the referendum handbook referred to in paragraph 9 below; and

(ii) submit to the Elections Committee a petition for funding before voting has begun on which must appear the following:

1) the signatures and student numbers of at least one hundred and fifty (150) Active Members;

2) a list of the members of the Yes and No Committee identifying them as members of that committee; and

3) a budget outlining any proposed expenditures.

(c) The Elections Committee shall verify through the Registrar’s office that the names and numbers appearing on petitions presented in accordance with paragraph (b) above are those of Active Members.

(d) In the case of a referendum initiated by petition, the petitioning side shall be
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deemed to have fulfilled the requirements of paragraph (b) above, provided that it includes on the petition for a referendum a list of committee members as required by paragraph (b).

(e) When originally submitting its petition for funding, a Yes or No committee must consist of five members. If the committee fulfills the requirements of this Article, the Elections Committee shall designate it as the body entitled to receive referendum funding. Notwithstanding this provision, the Elections Committee may decide to put a different committee in place or to add or subtract members from the original committee.

(f) A committee must submit an application for reimbursement and supporting receipts to the Elections Committee in order to receive reimbursement.

(g) The Elections Committee shall publicize the availability of funding for Yes and No committees by means of advertisements appearing in a campus publication or publications within two (2) business days of the receipt of a referendum petition by the Vice-President Academic and University Affairs or the passing of a motion by Council calling for a referendum.

10. The Elections Administrator shall organize a Referendum Meeting to take place no later than seven (7) days prior to the referendum. At this meeting, the Elections Administrator shall provide interested parties with information about the parts of the Electoral Procedures relevant to referenda and shall distribute a copy of a referendum handbook to interested parties.

11. The referendum handbook shall contain a summary and explanation of the parts of these Electoral Procedures relevant to referenda. The handbook shall also include a summary and explanation of rules and regulations relevant to referenda which are not in these Electoral Procedures.

Article 5. Polling Regulations

1. The Elections Committee shall ensure that all Active Members have an opportunity to vote and shall establish polling stations and take other measures to publicize the election or referendum so as to ensure that as many Active Members as possible do vote.

2. Polling stations shall be in conspicuous locations, including locations in the AMS Student Nest and in other conspicuous locations at the discretion of the Elections Committee. Staffing times shall be at the discretion of the Elections Committee, but each polling station must be staffed for at least four (4) hours per voting day during Society elections and referenda.

3. The election or referendum shall be advertised in a campus publication or publications as determined by the Elections Committee.
4. Except in the case of by-elections, paper ballot elections, or other special elections, voting during Society elections and referenda through electronic or paper means shall be available for at least five (5) calendar days.

5. (a) The Elections Committee shall ensure that each polling station has the equipment and personnel required to conduct the voting in an efficient and secure manner, making sure to preserve the secrecy of each voter’s ballot and ensuring that voters are properly informed about voting procedures and how to mark their ballots.

(b) Instructions on voting procedures shall be clearly posted at each polling station.

6. (a) Each candidate shall be permitted to have a picture and a statement on the election website and on the ballot, the word limit and picture size to be determined by the Elections Committee. The deadline for submission of the picture and statement shall be set by the Elections Committee and publicized in the Candidates’ Handbook.

(b) Each Yes or No committee in a referendum shall be permitted to have a statement on the election website, the word limit to be determined by the Elections Committee. The deadline for submission of the statement shall be set by the Elections Committee and publicized in the Referendum Handbook.

(c) At the discretion of the Elections Committee, other groups or individuals wishing to publicize their point of view on a referendum question may be granted the same right to have a statement on the election website as is granted to the Yes and No committees.

7. The Elections Committee shall take whatever steps necessary to ensure that only eligible voters cast ballots and to ensure that each eligible voter votes only once.

8. Poll Clerks

(a) Poll clerks shall be required to attend a training session arranged by the Chief Returning Officer, at which they shall be given information on the rules and regulations relevant to them.

(b) While working at a polling station, no poll clerk shall make remarks supporting or opposing any candidate or referendum question; nor may a poll clerk inspect a voter's marked ballot; nor may a poll clerk vote while working. Once hired, a poll clerk shall not work as a volunteer or otherwise assist in any way in any candidate’s campaign or in any referendum campaign.
Article 6. Ballots

1. In Executive elections, candidates may choose to have their full name appear on the ballot as it appears on their UBC card or they may choose to have any combination of their given names or initials of their given names appear along with their surname. At the discretion of the Elections Administrator, candidates may choose to have a reasonable nickname appear on the ballot in place of or in addition to their given names, as long as the nickname does not indicate affiliation to a group and as long as it is not obscene or libellous or an attack on other candidates.

2. For all ballots, if possible, various versions shall be prepared with the names of the candidates listed in different random orders on each version, so that voters will not all vote on identically ordered ballots.

3. In Executive elections, the positions to be voted on shall appear in the following order on the ballot:
   
   (a) President;
   (b) Vice-President Academic and University Affairs;
   (c) Vice-President Finance;
   (d) Vice-President Administration; and
   (e) Vice-President External.

4. If elections are being conducted for other organizations, those positions shall appear on the ballot after the Executive positions in the following order:

   (a) University Board of Governors;
   (b) University Senate;
   (c) Ubyssey Publications Society;
   (d) Student Legal Fund Society; and
   (e) any other organizations.

5. On referendum ballots, “Yes” shall appear above “No” or to the left of it.

Article 7. Counting of Ballots and Release of Results

1. The Elections Committee shall take whatever measures necessary to ensure the security of the ballots and the balloting process.

2. Ballot counting: General

   (a) The Elections Committee shall take all measures necessary to ensure that an accurate count of the ballots cast is obtained.

   (b) The Elections Committee shall take all measures necessary to ensure that only
validly cast ballots are counted.

(c) At least two (2) members of the Elections Committee must be present at all times during ballot counting.

5. Ballot Counting System

(a) Ranked ballots shall be used for Executive elections. The voters shall be asked to rank candidates for each position using numeral marks, with “1” indicating the most preferred, “2” the second most preferred, and so on.

(b) Identically marked (or unmarked) candidates shall be counted equally, with no preference between them.

(c) Candidates who are not ranked shall be considered to have a lower preference than any ranked candidate.

(d) The ballot shall contain the following statement: “Rank the candidates on the ballot using numbers, with 1 indicating the most preferred, 2 the second most preferred, and so on. You may leave blanks; these will be counted as your lowest preference. You may also give equal rankings, for instance ranking two candidates as your number 1 choice.”

(e) The Condorcet voting method with Ranked Pairs shall be used to determine the winner for each Executive position:

(i) The set of all unique candidate pairs for that position shall be established.

(ii) For each unique pair of candidates on each ballot, if the ballot indicates a preference for one of the candidates over the other, then a tally of one shall be counted for the preferred candidate, within that candidate pair. If the ballot does not indicate a preference for one of the candidates over the other, then no tally shall be counted within that pair.

(iii) Within each pair, the absolute difference between the candidates’ tallies shall be called the “margin of victory” for that pair. Once all ballots cast have been tallied, the pairs shall be ordered in decreasing order of margin of victory beginning with the largest margin of victory and ending with the smallest. Starting with the pair with the largest margin of victory and progressing to the smallest margin of victory, it shall be determined whether the candidate preference in each pair is compatible with all previously determined preferences (i.e. introduces no circular ambiguities or contradictions). If the preference is incompatible or there is a tie, the result from that pair shall be ignored. Otherwise, the candidates’ names shall be joined by a “greater than” sign (>) from the winner to the loser (it
may be possible to express some preferences more compactly in a chain, as \( A > B > C \).

(iv) Once all pairs have been processed, if there is only one candidate that is greater than all other candidates, (i.e., at the front of all chains) this candidate shall be declared the winner.

(v) If there is no clear winner as defined in paragraph (iv) above, the election shall be decided by a coin toss or some other method that ensures a random result.

6. (a) Ballot counting shall be completed no more than two (2) hours after the close of polling on the last day of polling.

(b) As soon as the counting has been completed in Executive elections, the Elections Administrator shall release “partial unofficial results,” to include only the winners for each Executive race. “Full unofficial results” for Executive elections shall be withheld for no less than forty-eight (48) hours and no more than seventy-two (72) hours after the release of the partial unofficial results to allow winning candidates to withdraw. In the case of Society referenda, “unofficial results,” consisting of the number of votes received by each side, shall be released by the Elections Administrator as soon as the counting has been completed. The results of Executive elections and Society referenda shall be official only when received by Council.

(c) If a winning candidate withdraws from an Executive election before the release of the “full unofficial results,” a new winner shall be determined by recounting the ballots using the procedure described above in paragraph 5(f), but excluding all candidate pairs in which the withdrawn candidate appears.

7. Results for elections conducted for other organizations shall be released in accordance with the agreements made with those organizations.

8. Records of elections and referenda shall be kept intact until the results become official by being presented to Council and shall then be stored for a year where technically feasible.

9. Presentation of results

(a) The Elections Administrator shall prepare a written report on the election or referendum, including the results, such results to include the number of votes received by each candidate in the election and the number of votes received by each side in the referendum. The Elections Administrator shall present the report to Council once any complaints or appeals pending before the Elections Committee or an Election Appeals Committee have been ruled on in accordance with Article 8 below.
(b) Once the Elections Administrator’s report is presented to Council, the results shall be official and binding upon the Society. A Resolution of Council to receive or approve the report is not required for the results to be binding. Once the results have been presented to Council, the Elections Administrator shall publish them in a campus publication or publications.

Article 8. Interpretations, Rulings, Complaints, and Appeals

1. During an election or referendum, the Elections Administrator, or their designate in the case of a conflict of interest, may make preliminary rulings and interpretations which must be ratified by the Elections Committee within forty-eight (48) hours. Decisions of the Elections Administrator regarding the approval of campaign material need not be ratified by the Elections Committee; but such decisions may be appealed to the Elections Committee in accordance with the appeal procedures in paragraph 2 below.

2. Protests or complaints of irregularities regarding candidates, referendum campaign groups, or election officials may be submitted to the Elections Committee, provided that the protest or complaint is in writing, is signed by at least three (3) Active Members, and is submitted no more than three (3) calendar days after the close of balloting. The Elections Committee must reach a decision on the protest or complaint no more than twenty-four (24) hours after it has been received in person by a member of the Committee.

3. Complainants are encouraged to submit their complaints promptly. Excessive delays in bringing complaints forward shall be taken into consideration by the Elections Committee in making its decision.

4. Rulings and interpretations made by the Elections Administrator and ratified by the Elections Committee in accordance with paragraph (1) above, and decisions made by the Elections Committee regarding protests or complaints as described in paragraph (2) above, may be appealed to an Election Appeals Committee.

5. An Election Appeals Committee shall consist of:

(a) the Speaker of Council, who shall be Chair;
(b) one (1) representative of the person appealing the ruling, interpretation, or decision referred to in paragraph 4 above; and
(c) one (1) representative of the Elections Committee.

6. In the absence of the Speaker of Council, Election Appeals Committees shall be chaired by a person designated by the Speaker.

7. In the case of an appeal of a ruling or interpretation made by the Elections Administrator, the appellant must submit an application in writing to the Administrative Assistant no more than forty-eight (48) hours after the Elections Committee ratifies the ruling or interpretation. The Administrative Assistant shall immediately forward the application to
the Chair of the Election Appeals Committee.

8. In the case of an appeal of a decision made by the Elections Committee, the appellant must submit an application in writing to the Administrative Assistant no more than forty-eight (48) hours after the Elections Committee has made its decision. The Administrative Assistant shall immediately forward the application to the Chair of the Election Appeals Committee.

9. The appellant’s application must include:

(a) a description of the issue in question;
(b) a report of the decision being appealed;
(c) a statement of the remedy being sought;
(d) a description of the errors allegedly made by the Elections Administrator or the Elections Committee; and
(e) the name of the representative the appellant wishes to see appointed to the Election Appeals Committee.

10. The appellant must also provide copies of all supporting documents that the appellant wishes to have considered by the Election Appeals Committee.

11. On receiving the appellant’s application, the Chair of the Election Appeals Committee shall decide whether it meets the requirements of paragraphs 8 and 9 above. If it does, the Chair of the Election Appeals Committee shall notify the Elections Committee of the appeal, provide it with a copy of all relevant documentation, and invite it to name a representative to the Election Appeals Committee. If the Elections Committee fails to name a representative, the Chair of the Election Appeals Committee shall name a representative for them.

12. The Elections Committee shall make a written response to the appellant’s application.

13. The two representatives named to an Election Appeals Committee must be Active Members and must not be candidates in any ongoing Society election or any ongoing election being conducted for another organization by the Society. They must also not be members of Council, Student Court, the Executive Committee, the Elections Committee, or the Commissions. Appellants may not represent themselves on Election Appeals Committees.

14. Once constituted, an Election Appeals Committee shall create procedures as it sees fit to deal with the issue before it.

15. After receiving an appeal application submitted in accordance with the provisions of this
Article, an Election Appeals Committee may overturn a decision of the Elections Administrator or the Elections Committee if it determines that in arriving at that decision:

(a) the Elections Administrator or the Elections Committee acted in a manner inconsistent with the Electoral Procedures in the Code or with the procedures contained in the candidates’ handbook issued by the Elections Committee;

(b) the Elections Administrator or the Elections Committee failed to consider relevant evidence;

(c) the Elections Administrator or the Elections Committee acted in an obviously unfair manner; or

(d) the Elections Administrator or the Elections Committee imposed inconsistent penalties for similar offences in the same election or referendum.

16. If the Election Appeals Committee decides to overturn a decision of the Elections Administrator or the Elections Committee in accordance with paragraph 15 above, it may:

(a) substitute its own decision for that of the Administrator or the Committee; or

(b) order the Elections Committee to reconsider the decision.

17. An Election Appeals Committee must hold its first meeting concerning an application made in accordance with paragraphs 7 or 8 above no more than forty-eight (48) hours after the submission of that application.

18. An Election Appeals Committee must come to a decision no more than forty-eight (48) hours after holding its first meeting.

19. The decision of an Election Appeals Committee must consist of the following elements:

(a) the decision itself;

(b) the reasons for the decision; and

(c) a dissenting opinion if there is one.

20. All the elements of the decision referred to in paragraph 19 must be in writing, and copies must be given to the appellant, the Elections Committee, and Council.

21. (a) No protests or complaints of irregularities regarding candidates, referendum campaign groups, or election officials may be submitted to an Election Appeals Committee unless they have first been submitted to and ruled on by the Elections Committee in accordance with the procedures prescribed in this Article.

(b) Notwithstanding paragraph (a) above, a complaint may be submitted to an Election Appeals Committee before the Elections Committee has ruled on it if:
(i) the Elections Committee has failed to rule on it within a reasonable time; or
(ii) the Election Appeals Committee determines that it would be unreasonable to wait for a decision by the Elections Committee.

22. Candidates and other persons involved in elections or referenda must comply with rulings of the Elections Administrator and the Elections Committee even if those rulings are in the process of being appealed to an Election Appeals Committee. Only if an Election Appeals Committee overturns a ruling may compliance with it cease.

**Article 9. Constituency Elections and Referenda**

1. Constituencies shall determine the rules and procedures to be followed in conducting their elections and referenda, provided however that the following conditions are adhered to:

   (a) the Constituency must appoint a chief elections official and an elections committee to conduct its elections;

   (b) the Constituency’s chief elections official and its elections committee must conduct elections in an unbiased and impartial manner;

   (c) candidates in a Constituency election may not serve during that election on the Constituency’s elections committee or on any other election appeal body in the Constituency; nor may they serve as the Constituency’s chief elections official;

   (d) the Constituency must establish rules governing election procedures and the penalties for violating such rules;

   (e) the Constituency’s rules and penalties must be in writing, and the Constituency must not introduce non-written rules or penalties;

   (f) the Constituency must not introduce new election rules, or alter existing election rules, during the period lasting from the beginning of an election campaign until the final determination of the election results;

   (g) no votes shall be deducted as a penalty in any Constituency election;

   (h) for similar offences in the same election or referendum, the Constituency's elections committee shall impose similar penalties;

   (i) the Constituency’s council shall not have the right to overturn or refuse to accept the results of a Constituency election;

   (j) all members of a Constituency in good standing shall be entitled to vote in all
elections and referenda conducted by that Constituency;

(k) all members of a Constituency in good standing shall be entitled to run for any elected position in that Constituency;

(l) voting in all elections and referenda shall be by secret ballot;

(m) notice of elections and referenda shall be advertised in the Constituency publication or another campus publication and posted in prominent locations at least seven (7) days prior to the election or referendum;

(n) notice of deadlines for nominations shall be advertised in the Constituency publication or another campus publication and posted in prominent locations at least seven (7) days prior to the deadlines;

(o) if only one candidate is nominated for a position, an election must still be held using a “Yes or No” ballot, and the candidate shall be declared elected only if more than half of the voters vote Yes for that candidate;

(p) a candidate who loses a “Yes or No” election for a position as described in paragraph (o) above must not be appointed to that position;

(q) in the case of a referendum to alter Constituency fees, the Constituency must follow the quorum requirements and other procedures in Bylaw 14 and Code Section XIII, Article 6;

(r) the Constituency must establish an internal appeals procedure to deal with protests and complaints concerning its elections and referenda;

(s) the Constituency shall require its chief elections official to not approve campaign material he or she deems to be offensive; and

(t) the decision of a Constituency chief elections official to not approve campaign material shall be appealable within the Constituency and may be subsequently appealed according to the procedures outlined in paragraph 2 below.

2. Provided that all internal appeals procedures within a Constituency have been exhausted, the Elections Committee shall rule on the validity of a Constituency election or referendum upon presentation to the Elections Administrator of a written petition from ten (10) Active Members of the Constituency or ten percent (10%) of the Active Members of the Constituency, whichever is less.

3. Appeals of Elections Committee decisions on Constituency elections and referenda may be made to an Election Appeals Committee in accordance with Article 8 above.
Article 10. Club Elections

1. The Vice-President Administration may regulate the elections of the Clubs constituted under Bylaw 13(3).

2. The Vice-President Administration shall rule on the validity of an election in a Club if it is presented with a written petition from ten (10) Active Members belonging to the Club or ten percent (10%) of the active members of the Club, whichever is less.

3. The Vice-President Administration may direct the Elections Committee to provide advice concerning an election in a Club or Association.

4. If an election is ruled invalid under paragraph 2 above, the Vice-President Administration may direct the Elections Committee to conduct a new election.

5. A decision made under paragraph 2 above is subject to an appeal to the Elections Committee.

Article 11. By-Elections, Paper Ballot Elections, and Other Special Elections

1. Notwithstanding the provisions elsewhere in these Electoral Procedures prescribing the number of polling hours for elections and the procedures to follow for nominations, the Elections Committee may set different polling hours and prescribe different procedures for nominations in the case of a by-election to fill an Executive vacancy and in the case of other special elections.

2. (a) Council may decide, by Resolution, to hold an election or referendum exclusively by paper ballot, or for technical reasons it may be necessary for all or some of the voters to vote by paper ballots.

   (b) If all or some of the voters are voting by paper ballot in accordance with paragraph (a) above, the Elections Committee shall prescribe procedures for conducting such a vote. Such procedures may deal with any or all of the following:

   (i) the rules on the timing of the vote,
   (ii) the deadline for finishing the counting of the ballots,
   (iii) the use of Condorcet voting,
   (iv) absentee voting,
   (v) scrutineers,
   (vi) procedures for handling ballot boxes, and
   (vii) the rules for counting paper ballots.
Article 12. Conduct of Elections for Other Organizations

1. The Elections Committee shall conduct elections and referenda for other organizations, including the election of students to the Senate and Board of Governors, only under the following conditions:

   (a) The election must primarily involve the Society’s Active Members.

   (b) A contract to run the election must exist between the Society and the other organization, such a contract to be approved by Council.

   (c) The contract between the Society and the other organization must specify that the Elections Committee shall manage and administer the whole election from the close of nominations through to the counting of ballots.

   (d) The contract must specify the rules to be followed concerning the eligibility of candidates and voters.

   (e) The rules referred to in paragraph (d) must be in accord with the basic principles of democratic elections.

   (f) The contract between the Society and the other organization must state that the election shall be conducted according to the relevant provisions of the Electoral Procedures except for those rules specified in the contract.

   (g) The contract must specify what body or person in the other organization shall be the liaison with the Elections Committee.

   (h) The contract must specify what the duties of the other organization shall be in the running of the election.

   (i) The contract must specify who shall pay for the costs of running the election and specify in what manner payment will be made.

   (j) The contract must prescribe a procedure for appealing decisions of the Elections Committee.

2. Where relevant, and unless otherwise stipulated in this section of Code or in the contract to run an election required by paragraph 1 above, the Elections Committee shall conduct elections and referenda for other organizations in accordance with the rules and procedures contained in this section of Code.

Article 13. Elections Award

1. At its discretion, the Elections Committee may award the Evelyn Lett Elections Award to
a candidate who it feels best exemplified the ideals of respect, honesty, and fair play during the January elections.

2. Any candidate running in the January elections for any one of the Society’s Executive positions or for a position on the Board of Governors or Senate shall be eligible for the award. For further clarity, this shall mean both candidates who win their elections and those who do not.

3. The award shall include an appropriate gift worth no more than $50. There shall be no more than one award each year.

4. The Elections Committee shall announce the winner of the award before releasing any unofficial results for the Executive elections.
B. FISCAL PROCEDURES

Article 1. Administration Office Procedures

1. The Finance Committee shall establish and maintain accounts and account codes in accordance with the allocation of monies set out in the Society’s budget. No accounts or account codes shall be created or deleted except with the approval of the Finance Committee. Unless otherwise stipulated in the Code, the Finance Committee shall determine the signing officer(s) for all accounts.

2. Withdrawals from accounts, including cheque requisitions, shall be made according to the following procedures:

   (a) all withdrawal requests must be signed and authorized by the signing officer for the account and, if the signing officer is the individual initiating the purchase resulting in the withdrawal request, by another member of the executive for the organization to which the account belongs or by another individual designated by the Financial Controller;

   (b) the Financial Controller may require the signing officer for an account to show identification at the time of the withdrawal;

   (c) withdrawal requests shall be made through the use of the proper forms and shall be accompanied by the appropriate supporting documentation;

   (d) appropriate supporting documentation shall be receipts, invoices or approved contracts;

   (e) if receipts, invoices and approved contracts are unavailable, official minutes of the appropriate body authorizing the expenditure may suffice as supporting documentation, upon the approval of the Vice-President Finance or the Financial Controller;

   (f) if a purchase order is obtained through the procedures described above, such purchase order shall be considered appropriate supporting documentation for the issuance of cheques;

   (g) requests for advances or petty-cash disbursements against accounts may only be made in accordance with procedures established by the Financial Controller;

   (h) notwithstanding the foregoing provisions, expenditures made under the budgeted line items of telephone, office supplies and postage, and any purchase made through the Society’s copy centre, require no supporting documentation other than the signature of the signing officer as referred to in paragraph (a) above; and
(i) in special, emergency situations in which neither minutes nor receipts, invoices, or contracts are available, or in which the signing officer for an account is not available, withdrawals may be made according to procedures established by the Financial Controller.

3. Deposits into accounts shall be made according to the following procedures:

(a) any and all monies of the Society, which include any monies in the control of Subsidiary Organizations and other Society bodies, shall be deposited into the Society’s accounts through the Administration Office;

(b) any individual may deposit monies into an account in accordance with the procedures established from time to time by the Financial Controller; and

(c) any Subsidiary Organization or other Society body found to have monies deposited outside the Society’s Administration Office shall have transactions from its accounts suspended and its booking privileges discontinued.

4. The Finance Committee may grant Constituencies additional accounts and account codes for Constituency-sponsored events and groups; however, such accounts shall only be approved, and maintained, if funding guarantees are provided by the Constituency.

5. The Financial Controller shall:

(a) ensure that all Subsidiary Organizations and other Society bodies and the Society’s officers and staff have sufficient monies in their accounts to carry out their financial transactions;

(b) ensure that all of the Society’s financial transactions are approved by the appropriate signing officer with the appropriate documentation; and

(c) create other procedures relating to the operation of the Administration Office as are required from time to time.

6. Journal vouchers must be used to transfer funds from one account to another, and must be approved by the organization or individual being charged. The Financial Controller may create such other procedures concerning journal vouchers as are deemed necessary.

7. Food, drink and other inventory from any Society operation may only be transferred in accordance with the Society’s budget and with the appropriate documentation as determined by the Financial Controller.

Article 2. Signing Authority

1. The Society signing officers, as designated in Bylaw 8, shall be responsible for making sure that they are instructed by the Financial Controller on appropriate procedures for
reviewing cheques and the related supporting documentation.

2. Pursuant to Bylaw 8(2), the Managing Director shall have the authority to be one of the two Society signing officers on cheques and administrative contracts relating to the business or financial operations of the Society. This provision notwithstanding, the Managing Director shall not be a signing officer for contracts involving the Society’s Services.

3. A Society signing officer who approves a cheque requisition shall not sign the related cheque.

4. In addition to the Society’s signing officers, who have the authority to sign on behalf of the Society in its dealings with external organizations, there shall be internal signing officers, who shall have the authority to initiate financial transactions with regard to individual accounts within the Society.

5. Individuals may become internal signing officers in one of the following five ways:

   (a) they may be designated by a Subsidiary Organization or Student Resource Group, in accordance with paragraph 7 below, as the signing officer for that Subsidiary Organization or Resource Group;

   (b) they may be designated by the Code as the signing officer for a Committee, another Society body, or a specific set of accounts;

   (c) they may be designated as the signing officer for a staff department or position by a joint decision of the Managing Director and the Vice-President Finance;

   (d) they may be designated as the signing officer for a Fund of the Society by a joint decision of the Managing Director and the Vice-President Finance; or

   (e) they may become the signing officer for an Executive position or the Managing Director’s position by virtue of holding that position.

6. A list of all the above internal signing officers, indicating which departments they have signing authority for, shall be maintained by the Director of Finance and Administration in the Administration Office.

7. A Subsidiary Organization or Student Resource Group shall designate its signing officer by Resolution, and that person shall register at the Administration Office by:

   (a) bringing in a copy of the minutes of the Subsidiary Organization or the Student Resource Group recording the Resolution;

   (b) presenting his or her UBC card and one additional piece of ID; and

   (c) signing in.
8. A Subsidiary Organization or Student Resource Group may at any time, by Resolution, remove and replace its signing officer if that signing officer fails to manage the funds of the Organization or Resource Group in a responsible manner, or for any other reason. The replacement signing officer shall register at the Administration Office in the manner specified in paragraph 7 above.

Article 3. Budget Procedures for Subsidiary Organizations and Student Resource Groups

1. All Subsidiary Organizations shall submit budget proposals to the Vice-President Finance in accordance with Bylaws 11(1) and 13(9). Information derived from these budget proposals, as approved by the Finance Committee, shall be included in the draft budget submitted by the Committee to Council.

2. Budgeting for the Student Resource Groups shall be done in accordance with Section XI of the Code.

3. When a Subsidiary Organization has not submitted a budget proposal in accordance with Bylaw 13(9), the Vice-President Finance shall inform the delinquent organization that a budget proposal is required prior to the current fiscal year end. Should the organization fail to submit a budget proposal by that time, then pursuant to Bylaw 5(3)(d)(iii)(2), the Vice-President Finance shall suspend transactions from the accounts of the delinquent organization and report his or her actions at the next meeting of the Finance Committee and the next meeting of Council.

4. A Subsidiary Organization shall not spend money from its accounts or incur any other liability within a fiscal year until its budget for that fiscal year has been approved by Council, except in accordance with paragraph 5 below.

5. When a Subsidiary Organization’s budget has not yet been approved by Council, but the organization wishes to spend money or incur a liability, the Vice-President Finance, in consultation with the Financial Controller, may authorize that organization to spend money or incur a liability provided that:

   (a) the Subsidiary Organization’s budget proposal would not put the organization into a deficit position with the Society;

   (b) there are sufficient funds in the organization’s account to cover any proposed expenditure which the organization will incur prior to Council’s approval of the organization’s budget proposal; and

   (c) such liability or expenditure does not exceed twenty-five percent (25%) of the anticipated expenditures of the organization for the current fiscal year.

Where the Vice-President Finance has authorized an organization to spend money or incur liability in accordance with this paragraph, such authorization shall be reported to the Finance Committee and to Council.
6. (a) A Subsidiary Organization which is deconstituted or ceases to exist shall have its accounts frozen until the fiscal year end, at which time its accounts shall be transferred to a general holding account of the Society with a notation of any surplus or shortage in its accounts.

(b) After any such surplus or shortage has been in a general holding account of the Society for one (1) year, the surplus or shortage shall be transferred to the Clubs Benefit Fund or the Constituency Aid Fund, whichever is appropriate.

7. Club or Constituency expenditures that would create a projected deficit for the year of over $1,000 must be approved by the Finance Committee, the Vice-President Finance and the Vice-President Administration in advance. Such approval shall be in writing.

8. All credit card reimbursements for Clubs and Constituencies over the amount of $5,000 may be subject to review and approval of the Finance Committee.

**Article 4. Contingency, Deficits and Surpluses**

1. The five percent (5%) margin established by Bylaw 11(1)(a) shall be known as the Contingency and shall be equivalent to five percent (5%) of the discretionary revenues of the Society.

2. The discretionary revenues of the Society shall be calculated according to the following formula:

   (a) the total revenue from all Society fees levied upon Active Members;

   (b) less non-discretionary charges which have been included in the Society’s fees by referendum (e.g., the Capital Projects Fund);

   (c) less the required allocations to reserve funds specified in the Bylaws (e.g., SUB Art Fund);

   (d) plus the net contribution that is expected from all business and administrative operations of the Society.

3. The Contingency shall only be used to cover an unforeseen deficit the Society has during the year. It shall not be allocated by Council for any other purpose.

4. If an unforeseen deficit occurs that is larger than the Contingency can cover, the Finance Committee shall recommend to Council how to cover it.

5. If there is an unforeseen surplus, it shall be deposited in the AMS Endowment Fund.
Article 5. Allocating Revenue from Donors and Sponsors

1. Revenue from donors and sponsors shall be allocated in accordance with the provisions of contracts entered into with those donors and sponsors.

2. If there is a surplus remaining after allocating revenue from donors and sponsors in accordance with donor and sponsor contracts, the surplus shall be allocated by the Finance Committee.

3. Revenue from donors and sponsors for which no allocation is specified in donor or sponsor contracts shall be allocated by the Finance Committee.

Article 6. Funds

1. The following are the funds of the Society as established by referendum, by Bylaw 11(2), or, pursuant to Bylaw 11(2)(a)(vii), by this provision of the Code:

   (a) Funds established by referendum:

      (i) Capital Projects Fund;
      (ii) AMS Athletics and Intramurals Benefit Fund;
      (iii) External and University Lobbying and Advocacy Fund;
      (iv) Resource Group Fund;
      (v) AMS Refugee Student Fund;
      (vi) Student Services Fund;
      (vii) AMS Student Legal Fund;
      (viii) AMS Health and Dental Fund;
      (ix) AMS Financial Assistance Fund;
      (x) Sexual Assault Support Services Fund;
      (xi) Sustainability Projects Fund;
      (xii) CiTR Fund;
      (xiii) International Projects Fund;
      (xiv) Child Care Bursary Fund;
      (xv) Ombudsperson Fund; and
      (xvi) Campus Culture and Performance Fund.

   (b) Funds established by Bylaw 11(2):

      (i) Student Union Building Art Fund;
      (ii) Student Union Building Repairs and Replacement Fund;
      (iii) AMS Special Bursary Fund; and
      (iv) AMS Endowment Fund.
(c) Funds established pursuant to Bylaw 11(2)(a)(vii) by this provision of the Code:

(i) Resource Group Event Fund;
(ii) Health Plan Assistance Fund;
(iii) Grad Class Fund;
(iv) Student Initiatives Fund;
(v) Sexual Assault Initiatives Fund;
(vi) SUB Renewal Fund;
(vii) SUB Renewal Subsidy Fund;
(viii) Election Reserve Fund;
(ix) Impact Grant Fund;
(x) Constituency Aid Fund;
(xi) Clubs Benefit Fund; and
(xii) Competitive Athletics Fund.

2. Monies from a fund may only be allocated if:

(a) a body empowered to make recommendations concerning the Fund has recommended the allocation;

(b) the Finance Committee has been consulted about the allocation; and

(c) the body responsible for administering the Fund has approved the allocation by a Two-thirds (2/3) Resolution.

3. An allocation from a Fund shall only be approved if it:

(a) is in accordance with the Society’s budget as required by Bylaw 11(2)(b); and

(b) conforms with the stated purpose of the Fund as required by Bylaw 11(2)(b).

4. Pursuant to Bylaw 11(2)(b), monies from Funds that are designated for allocation in the Society’s Budget in accordance with paragraph 3(a) above shall, if not spent, remain in the Fund and shall not be transferred to any other account.

5. Funds Established by Referendum

(a) The Capital Projects Fund:

(i) The Capital Projects Fund shall, subject to paragraphs (iv) and (v) below, be administered by Council on the recommendation of the Finance Committee or the Executive Committee.

(ii) The Fund shall be used to finance specific capital projects authorized by the referenda of November 1982, November 1991, and January 2014 and not yet completed or made irrelevant, these being:
1) the construction of new day care facilities;
2) development of athletic facilities in the vicinity of the AMS
   Student Nest;
3) development of on-campus student housing;
4) AMS Student Nest renovations and expansion; and
5) additions and improvements to the Society’s software systems.

(iii) To ensure sustainability of the Fund, Council shall not spend more than
      fifty percent (50%) of the annual intake of the Fund. Of the remaining
      fifty percent (50%), twenty percent (20%) shall remain in the Fund and
      thirty percent (30%) shall be transferred to the Student Union Building
      Repairs and Replacement Fund.

(iv) Paragraph (i) notwithstanding, an expenditure of more than five percent
     (5%) of the annual intake of the Fund must be approved by the Finance
     Committee before being submitted to Council for approval.

(v) Paragraph (i) notwithstanding, an expenditure of less than one percent
     (1%) of the annual intake of the Fund may be approved by the Finance
     Committee without submission to Council.

(vi) When a proposed expenditure must go to Council, it shall first be
     presented as a consultation item at the Council meeting preceding the
     meeting at which Council approval is being sought.

(vii) If a proposed expenditure involves a third party contractor, the
     expenditure proposal must be accompanied by quotes from at least two (2)
     third party contractors.

(b) The AMS Athletics and Intramurals Benefit Fund shall be administered by the
    Finance Committee. In accordance with the referenda of March 1979, November
    1982, January 1996, March 1998, and March 2011, the Fund shall be used to
    benefit the Athletics and Intramurals programs at UBC Vancouver.

    Every fiscal year the Finance Committee may transfer monies from the Fund to
    the Competitive Athletics Fund in accordance with paragraph 7(l) below.

(c) The External and University Lobbying and Advocacy Fund shall be
    administered by Council on the recommendation of the Advocacy Committee or
    the Executive Committee. In accordance with the referendum of January 1996,
    the Fund shall be used to allow the Society to adequately lobby the government,
    the University and the community at large on issues concerning the students of
    UBC.

    The Fund shall not be used to finance either Executive salaries, benefits, and
honoraria or the expenses incurred in the offices of the Vice-President Academic and University Affairs or the Vice-President External Affairs.

Every fiscal year Council shall allocate a minimum of $15,000 from the Fund to the Election Reserve Fund in accordance with paragraph 7(i) below.

(d) **The Resource Group Fund** shall be administered by the Resource Group Allocation Committee. In accordance with the referendum of January 1996, the Fund shall be used to ensure adequate funding for the Student Resource Groups.

(e) **The AMS Refugee Student Fund** shall be administered by the Finance Committee upon recommendations from the affiliate of the World University Service of Canada constituted as a Club of the Society. In accordance with the referenda of January-February 1985 and January 1996, the Fund shall be used to allow two or more refugee students to attend the University each year.

(f) **The Student Services Fund** shall be administered by Council on the recommendation of the Executive Committee. In accordance with the referenda of September-October 1999 and March 2011, this Fund shall be used to improve and expand the Student Services (such as Safewalk, Tutoring, and Speakeasy).

(g) **The AMS Student Legal Fund** shall be administered by the board of directors of the Student Legal Fund Society. In accordance with the contract entered into between the Society and the Student Legal Fund Society and the referenda of March 1998 and March 2011, the Fund shall be used to finance legal cases brought by and for the Active Members with the purpose of improving education and the accessibility to education at UBC Vancouver.

(h) **The AMS Financial Assistance Fund** shall be administered by Council on the recommendation of the Finance Committee or the Executive Committee. In accordance with the referenda of March 1998 and March 2011, this Fund shall be used to provide bursaries to UBC Vancouver students in financial need.

(i) **The AMS Health and Dental Fund** shall be administered by a joint committee composed of representatives of the Society and of the Graduate Students Society. In accordance with the contract entered into between the Society and the Graduate Students Society, the contracts between the Society and insurance brokers and providers, and the referendum of September-October 1999, this Fund shall be used to provide health and dental insurance for the Active Members.

(j) **The Sexual Assault Support Services Fund** shall be administered by Council on the recommendation of the Finance Committee. In accordance with the referenda of February 2003 and January-February 2005, the Fund shall be used to provide sexual assault support services.
A minimum of two-thirds of the money deposited in the Fund each year shall be allocated to the Sexual Assault Support Centre. On the recommendation of the Finance Committee, Council may at its discretion allocate additional money from the Fund to the Sexual Assault Support Centre.

The money in the Fund not allocated to the Sexual Assault Support Centre shall be transferred to the Sexual Assault Initiatives Fund.

Any money collected as a result of the Sexual Assault Support Services referendum or as a result of donations to the Sexual Assault Support Centre or to the Sexual Assault Initiatives Fund and not used in a given year shall accumulate and remain in the designated funds of the Society for use in a subsequent year for sexual assault support services.

(k) **The Sustainability Projects Fund** shall be administered by the Finance Committee in accordance with the following provisions:

(i) The purpose of this Fund shall be to provide funding to Active Members for sustainability projects that enhance opportunities in:

1) student engagement related to sustainability;
2) reduction of the Society’s ecological footprint and the ecological footprint of UBC Vancouver;
3) education and outreach related to sustainability;
4) the environmental, ecological and socially sustainable operations of the Society and UBC Vancouver.

(ii) Only Active Members will be eligible to receive funds; UBC Vancouver’s faculty, staff and community partners may work with resources from the Fund only through partnering with Active Members.

(iii) An individual or group wishing to receive moneys from this Fund shall submit a project proposal to be evaluated by the Sustainability Projects Committee.

(iv) Council shall add a minimum of the balance in the Sustainability Projects Fee account to this Fund on an annual basis.

(v) Accountability measures shall be established by the Sustainability Projects Committee to ensure timely and successful completion of projects.

(vi) When approving grants from this Fund, the Sustainability Projects Committee may impose such conditions or restrictions as it sees fit, provided however that such conditions are consistent with this section of Code.
The CiTR Fund shall be administered by the board of directors of CiTR. In accordance with the contract entered into between the Society and CiTR and with the referendum of March 2011, the Fund shall be used to finance the general operations and capital improvements of CiTR.

The International Projects Fund shall be administered by Council on the recommendation of the Executive Committee or the Advocacy Committee. In accordance with the referendum of March 2011, the Fund shall be used to finance student projects on the UBC Vancouver campus that have an international focus. Such financing may be arranged by means of donations to University funds, such as the Global Fund.

The Child Care Bursary Fund shall be administered by Council on the recommendation of the Executive Committee or the Finance Committee. In accordance with the referendum of March 2011, the Fund shall be used for the following purposes:

(i) to increase the principal amount in the Evelyn Lett Child Care Bursary Endowment Fund;
(ii) to provide subsidies to Active Members for childcare expenses.

The Ombudsperson Fund shall be administered by Council on the recommendation of the Executive Committee. In accordance with the referendum of January 2012, the Fund shall be used to provide funding for ombuds services to UBC students.

The Campus Culture and Performance Fund shall be administered by the Finance Committee. In accordance with the referendum of March 2016, money in the fund shall be split equally among the following organizations: UBC Film Society, Blank Vinyl Project, UBC Debate Society, UBC Slam, UBC Jazz Café Club, UBC Players’ Club, and UBC Musical Theatre Troupe, or their successors, such successors to be determined based on procedures established by the Finance Committee.

The following provisions for the fund shall also apply:

(i) The purpose of the fund shall be to promote art and culture on campus.
(ii) Clubs must submit applications to the Finance Department at least three (3) weeks prior to the start date of a project or event.

(iii) Funds may be used to purchase equipment and other products necessary to promote art and culture on campus or necessary for performances, including but not limited to film equipment, sound equipment, and costuming, but shall not include personal merchandise such as T-shirts, hats, or other memorabilia.

(iv) Any equipment purchased by a Club with money from this fund shall be owned by the Society for the use of the Club.

(v) Any performance receiving money from this fund must be offered at a discounted price to the Society’s members.

(vi) If a project or event is approved, the Club shall submit a report documenting expenses no more than three (3) weeks after the end of the project or event.

(vii) If two or more Clubs put on a joint event, they shall draw evenly on their annual allotments to pay for it.

6. Funds established by Bylaw 11(2)

(a) The Student Union Building Art Fund shall be administered by the Operations Committee in accordance with Bylaw 11(2)(a)(ii).

(b) The Student Union Building Repairs and Replacement Fund:

(i) The Student Union Building Repairs and Replacement Fund shall, subject to paragraphs (ii) and (iii) below, be administered by Council on the recommendation of the Operations Committee, the Finance Committee, or the Executive Committee. In accordance with Bylaw 11(2)(a)(ii), this Fund may only be used to purchase, replace or repair the Society’s student government furnishings and equipment, including fixed structural features of the Society’s buildings, such as doors, ceiling frames, walls, carpets and floors, as well as business equipment, furniture in the AMS Student Nest, computers, printers and audio-visual equipment. The minimum limit of the Fund shall be fifteen percent (15%) of the replacement value of the Society’s student government furnishings and equipment as determined from the audits carried out by the Managing Director and the Finance Committee.

(ii) Paragraph (i) notwithstanding, an expenditure of more than five percent
(5%) of the total amount in the Fund must be approved by at least two (2) of the Committees authorized to make recommendations on expenditures from the Fund before being submitted to Council for approval: that is, at least two (2) of the Finance Committee, the Executive Committee, and the Operations Committee.

(iii) Paragraph (i) notwithstanding, an expenditure of less than 0.5% (half of one percent) of the total amount in the Fund may be approved by the Finance Committee or the Operations Committee without submission to Council.

(iv) If a proposed expenditure involves a third party contractor, the expenditure proposal must be accompanied by quotes from at least two (2) third party contractors.

(c) **The AMS Special Bursary Fund** shall be administered by Council on the recommendation of the Finance Committee or the Executive Committee in accordance with Bylaw 11(2)(a)(iii) and the following provisions:

(i) the purpose of the Special Bursary Fund shall be to provide a large endowed Fund whose interest earnings shall support Active Members in need of financial assistance, provide maximum publicity exposure for the Society, and complement rather than compete with or replace other financial aid programs;

(ii) only the interest earned by the Fund shall be used for bursaries;

(iii) the principal of the Fund shall not be spent for any reason;

(iv) Council may direct, through the Society’s budget, that interest from the Fund in each fiscal year be donated to the University’s Financial Awards Office by the end of that fiscal year; and

(v) any unused interest in a given fiscal year shall be added to the principal of the Fund at the end of the fiscal year.

(d) **The AMS Endowment Fund** shall be administered by Council on the recommendation of the Finance Committee in accordance with the following provisions:

(i) The principal of the Fund shall be retained as an endowment which cannot be spent.

(ii) The interest and other income derived from investment of the principal shall be used to advance the mission of the Society, including but not limited to funding initiatives in the areas of strategic planning,
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governance, sustainability, marketing, services, and other programs developed to advance the mission of the Society.

7. Funds Established by this Section of Code

(a) **The Resource Group Event Fund** shall be administered by the Resource Group Allocation Committee. This Fund shall be used to finance special events and projects, of a non-recurring nature, proposed by any Resource Group or Groups.

(b) **The Health Plan Assistance Fund** shall be administered by a joint committee composed of representatives of the Society and of the Graduate Students Society. In accordance with the agreement entered into between the Society and the Graduate Students Society, this Fund shall be used to provide bursaries to Active Members in need of financial aid to cover all or part of the Society’s health and dental insurance fee charged to those Active Members in accordance with the referendum of September - October 1999.

(c) **The Grad Class Fund** shall be administered by the Grad Class Council in accordance with Section XVI below.

(d) **The Student Initiatives Fund** shall be administered by the Finance Committee in accordance with the following provisions:

   (i) The purpose of this Fund shall be to provide funding to Active Members of the Society for:

      1) projects that benefit the University community;
      2) philanthropic activities; and
      3) other projects deemed worthy by the Finance Committee.

   (ii) Preference shall be given to projects on or near campus and affect local communities as opposed to more distant projects.

   (iii) Only individual active members of the Society or informal groups of such members shall be eligible to receive monies from this Fund.

   (iv) Neither the Society’s Subsidiary Organizations nor its Student Resource Groups shall receive monies from this Fund.

   (v) An individual or group wishing to receive monies from this Fund shall submit a request to the Vice-President Finance, who shall make a recommendation to the Finance Committee based on the availability of funds.

   (vi) Individuals working together on a project should form themselves into an informal group and submit one joint application for the project rather than
submitting individual applications. If the Finance Committee determines that separate applications belong to individuals who should have formed themselves into an informal group, it may, at its discretion, direct the individuals to submit a single joint application, or it may approve the applications on a first come, first served basis.

(vii) Council shall add a minimum of $5,000 to this Fund every fiscal year.

(viii) The maximum amount of a grant from this Fund shall not exceed $500, whether the grant is to an individual applying separately or to a group making a joint application.

(ix) No more than one grant shall be made to any applicant in any one fiscal year. An individual who is part of a group receiving a grant shall not be eligible for a separate grant as an individual in that same fiscal year.

(x) Grants from the Fund shall cover no more than half of the cost of a project and shall not be used for travel expenses.

(xi) If a project is approved, money for the project shall be paid to the applicant only after the project is completed and a list of expenses has been submitted to the Vice-President Finance for verification.

(xii) When approving grants from this Fund, the Finance Committee may impose such conditions or restrictions as it sees fit, provided however that such conditions are consistent with this section of Code.

(e) **The Sexual Assault Initiatives Fund** shall be administered by the Finance Committee in accordance with the following provisions:

(i) This Fund shall be used to finance projects proposed by members of the University community.

(ii) All such projects must be directly related to sexual assault on campus, including but not limited to educational and promotional campaigns.

(iii) In addition to money transferred from the Sexual Assault Support Services Fund, this Fund may be supplemented by donations.

(iv) Representatives of the Sexual Assault Support Centre shall be invited to assist in the Finance Committee’s deliberations on whether a proposed project should receive funding, unless that project is one being proposed by the Sexual Assault Support Centre itself.

(f) **The SUB Renewal Fund** shall be administered by Council on the recommendation of the New SUB Project Committee or the Executive Committee. The Fund shall
be used to finance the building of a new SUB or the building of an addition to the existing SUB or the renewal through renovations of the existing SUB.

(g) **The SUB Renewal Subsidy Fund** shall be administered by the Finance Committee. This Fund shall be used to provide bursaries to Active Members in need of financial aid to cover all or part of the Society’s SUB Renewal fee charged to those Active Members in accordance with the referendum of March 2008.

(h) **The Election Reserve Fund** shall be administered by Council on the recommendation of the Advocacy Committee or the Executive Committee in accordance with the following provisions:

(i) The purpose of this Fund shall be to set aside money that the Society may spend in future federal, provincial, and municipal elections, with the understanding that such money shall not be used to support a particular candidate or party.

(ii) Subject to paragraph (iii) below, Council shall add a minimum of $15,000 to this Fund every fiscal year, transferring this sum from the External and University Lobbying and Advocacy Fund and dividing it into three portions, with at least $5,000 going into each of the following subsidiary funds:

1) the Federal Election Subsidiary Fund;
2) the Provincial Election Subsidiary Fund, and
3) the Municipal Election Subsidiary Fund.

(iii) Paragraph (ii) above notwithstanding, Council shall cease transferring money to a subsidiary fund once the amount in that fund reaches $30,000 and shall only resume transferring money to such a fund when the amount drops below $30,000, at which point it may transfer additional money to the fund, but at no point shall the amount in any subsidiary fund exceed $30,000.

(iv) Money in each subsidiary fund shall be accumulated to be spent on elections for the level of government designated for that subsidiary fund until there is a general election for that level of government. If there is money remaining in a subsidiary fund after a general election, the money shall remain in that subsidiary fund.

(i) **The Impact Grant Fund** shall be administered by the Finance Committee in accordance with the following provisions:

(i) The purpose of this Fund shall be to provide funding to Active Members to develop knowledge and understanding of issues affecting the Society’s Members, the UBC Vancouver community, residents on the University
Endowment Lands (UEL), or residents represented by the University Neighbourhoods Association (UNA).

(ii) Only Active Members will be eligible to receive funds; UBC Vancouver’s faculty, staff and community partners may work with resources from the Fund only through partnering with Active Members.

(iii) An individual or group wishing to receive moneys from this Fund shall submit a project proposal to be evaluated by the Impact Grant Adjudication Committee.

(iv) Council shall add a minimum of $15,000 to this Fund on an annual basis.

(v) Accountability measures shall be established by the Impact Grant Adjudication Committee to ensure timely and successful completion of projects.

(vi) When approving grants from this Fund, the Finance Committee may impose such conditions or restrictions as it sees fit, provided however that such conditions are consistent with this section of Code.

(j) The Constituency Aid Fund shall be administered by the Finance Committee in accordance with the following provisions:

(i) The purpose of this Fund shall be to:

1) ensure that Constituencies and prospective Constituencies have sufficient funds to hold elections and fee referenda and to communicate with their members through mailouts or newsletters;

2) assist Constituencies in completing special projects related to their academic interest area;

3) enable Constituencies to attend conferences away from the University through conference travel grants; and

4) enable Constituencies to purchase furnishings and equipment, including furniture, rugs and mats, file cabinets, bulletin boards, computers, printers and audio-visual equipment.

(ii) Only organizations recognized as Constituencies in accordance with Bylaw 13(2), or considered prospective Constituencies in accordance with Code Section II, Article 17 (8), shall be eligible to receive monies from this Fund.

(iii) A Constituency or prospective Constituency wishing to receive monies
from this Fund shall submit a request to the Vice-President Finance, who shall make a recommendation to the Finance Committee based on the availability of funds.

(iv) The amount granted to a Constituency or prospective Constituency for an election or fee referendum shall be an aggregate total of 15 cents per Constituency member, but shall be no less than $75 and no more than $375 in any one fiscal year.

(v) The amount granted to a Constituency or prospective Constituency for a newsletter or mailout shall be an aggregate total of 15 cents per student, but shall be no less than $75 and no more than $375 in any one fiscal year.

(vi) Money may only be granted to Constituencies for special projects in accordance with the following provisions:

1) the project must benefit the Constituency as a whole;

2) no more than one special project shall be funded for each Constituency in any one fiscal year;

3) the special project shall be non-recurring in nature; ongoing or year-to-year projects shall not be considered for funding;

4) specifically excluded from funding as special projects are yearbooks, repairs and maintenance to facilities and equipment, and any other project which occurs on a year-to-year basis and should be included in a Constituency’s operating budget; and

5) Constituencies must, upon the request of the Finance Committee, provide evidence that they have exhausted all other possible sources of revenue before applying to this Fund.

(vii) If a special project is approved, money for the project shall be transferred to a Constituency’s account only after the project is completed and a list of expenses has been submitted to the Vice-President Finance for verification.

(viii) Conference travel grants may only be granted to Constituencies in accordance with the following provisions:

1) the maximum amount granted to a Constituency shall not exceed $750 per fiscal year, regardless of the number of grant requests submitted by the Constituency;

2) Constituencies requesting funds must, upon the request of the
Finance Committee, provide evidence that they have exhausted all other possible sources of revenue before applying to this Fund;

3) the money shall be used only for the conference applied for, and any unused portion shall remain in the Fund;

4) travel grants shall be available only for conferences within a Constituency’s area of academic interest;

5) money shall only be provided to cover the expenses of Constituency members;

6) Constituencies must provide evidence that they have made the least expensive travel arrangements possible; and

7) travel grant requests must be made no less than twenty-one (21) days before the conference begins unless permission to make a request at a later date is granted by the Vice-President Finance.

(ix) If a travel grant is approved, funds shall be transferred into the Constituency’s account only after the conference is completed and a list of expenses has been submitted to the Vice-President Finance for verification.

(x) Money may only be granted to Constituencies for purchasing furnishings and equipment in accordance with the following provisions:

1) the furnishings and equipment purchased shall be owned by the Society for the use of the Constituency; and

2) the type of furnishings and equipment purchased shall be directly related to the Constituency’s area of academic interest.

(xi) When approving grants from this Fund, the Finance Committee may impose such conditions or restrictions as it sees fit, provided however that such conditions or restrictions are consistent with this section of Code.

(k) The Clubs Benefit Fund shall be administered by the Finance Committee in accordance with the referendum of March 2011 and the following provisions:

(i) The purpose of this Fund shall be:

1) to assist Clubs in completing special projects related to their area of interest, such projects to include but not be limited to special Club events, activities, and programs;
2) to enable Clubs to purchase furnishings and equipment, including furniture, rugs and mats, file cabinets, bulletin boards, computers, printers and audio-visual equipment;

3) to fund initiatives that assist or benefit clubs as approved by the Finance Committee.

(ii) In order to receive monies from this Fund, organizations must be designated as Clubs or Associations in accordance with Bylaw 13(3).

(iii) A Club wishing to receive monies from this Fund shall submit a request to the Vice-President Finance, who shall make a recommendation to the Finance Committee based on the availability of funds.

(iv) Clubs receiving funding from the Campus Culture and Performance Fund may not apply to the Clubs Benefit Fund in any given year unless they have already spent their allotment from the Campus Culture and Performance Fund for that year.

(v) Money may only be granted to Clubs for special projects in accordance with the following provisions:

1) the project must benefit the Club as a whole;

2) no more than one special project shall be funded for each Club in any one fiscal year;

3) the special project shall be non-recurring in nature; ongoing or year-to-year projects shall not be considered for funding;

4) special multi-instance events or programs may be funded as long as they are contained within one fiscal year;

5) specifically excluded from funding as special projects are executive retreats, travel expenses, yearbooks, repairs and maintenance to facilities and equipment, and any project which occurs on a year-to-year basis and should be included in a Club’s operating budget;

6) upon the request of the Finance Committee, Clubs must provide evidence that they have exhausted all other possible sources of revenue before applying to this Fund; and

7) Clubs may not receive funding from both the Clubs Benefit Fund and the Campus Culture and Performance Fund for the same project; and
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8) the maximum amount granted shall not exceed $1,500 per Club in any given fiscal year.

(v) If a special project is approved, money for the project shall be transferred to a Club’s account only after the project is completed and a list of expenses has been submitted to the Vice-President Finance for verification.

(vi) Money may only be granted to Clubs for purchasing furnishings and equipment in accordance with the following provisions:

1) the furnishings and equipment purchased shall be owned by the Society for the use of the Club; and

2) the type of furnishings and equipment purchased shall be directly related to the Club’s area of interest as stated in its constitution.

(vii) When approving grants from this Fund, the Finance Committee may impose such conditions or restrictions as it sees fit, provided however that such conditions or restrictions are consistent with this section of Code.

(l) The Competitive Athletics Fund shall be administered by the Finance Committee in accordance with the following provisions:

(i) The purpose of this Fund shall be:

1) to assist Clubs competing in special athletic events related to their area of interest, including but not limited to special competitions, meets, marathons and races;

2) to enable Clubs to purchase athletic equipment and gear, including mats, weights, and any other athletic items related to the sport or theme of the Club.

(ii) In order to receive monies from this Fund, organizations must be designated as Clubs in accordance with Bylaw 13(3).

(iii) Clubs with “competitive” status and support from the UBC Athletics program are not be eligible to apply to this Fund.

(iv) A Club wishing to receive monies from this Fund shall submit an application to the Finance Committee; in the case of an application related to an event, the application shall be submitted at least three (3) weeks prior to the event date.
(v) Money may only be granted to Clubs for special athletic events in accordance with the following provisions:

1) the Club must be competing or hosting in formal races and/or special events;

2) no more than one special event shall be funded for each Club in any one fiscal year;

3) upon the request of the Finance Committee, Clubs must provide evidence of financial need before applying to this Fund; and

4) the maximum amount granted shall not exceed $3,000 per Club in any given fiscal year.

(vi) If a special event is approved, money for the event shall be transferred to a Club’s account only after the event is completed and a list of expenses has been submitted to the Vice-President Finance for verification.

(vii) Money may only be granted to Clubs for purchasing athletic equipment and gear in accordance with the following provisions:

1) the equipment purchased shall be owned by the Society for the use of the Club; and

2) the type of equipment purchased shall be directly related to the Club’s area of interest as stated in its constitution.

(viii) When approving grants from this Fund, the Finance Committee may impose such conditions or restrictions as it sees fit, provided however that such conditions or restrictions are consistent with this section of Code.

Article 7. Fiscal Year

1. The fiscal year for the Society shall be May 1 to April 30.

Article 8. Budget

1. Pursuant to Bylaw 11, Council shall approve a preliminary budget for the Society no later than May 31 in each fiscal year for the following fiscal year.

2. Council shall approve a final, detailed budget no later than June 30 in each fiscal year for that fiscal year.
3. Both the preliminary and the final budget shall include the budget projections adopted by Council the previous year, the actual expenditures and revenues to date for the last three (3) fiscal years, variances, and the next fiscal year’s budget projections for all the Society’s operations, including but not limited to the business operations.

4. Both the preliminary and the final budget shall include a statement of the amount of money in each Fund of the Society, along with a note stating that the amount of money allocated from each Fund shall not exceed the amount of money in the Fund.

5. The final budget shall provide a detailed breakdown of revenues and expenditures within each department of the Society, a department in this context meaning an individual student service, business, staff department or position, executive member, and so forth.

6. The preliminary budget shall provide figures for the overall revenues and expenditures of each major division of the Society, the major divisions in this context meaning the business and administrative operations as a whole, all the departments within student government taken collectively, the Student Services as a whole, the Student Resource Groups, and so forth.

7. The detailed notes to each section of the budget shall be considered part of the budget.

8. Approval by Council of the final, detailed budget or any amendment thereto shall be deemed to be authorization for the organization or person responsible for each department mentioned in the final budget to manage the monies allocated to that department. Expenditures shall not deviate from those contained in the budget, unless an amendment has been submitted to the Vice-President Finance, and has been approved by both the Finance Committee and Council in accordance with Bylaw 11(1)(f).

9. Before the final, detailed budget is approved, normal expenditures (such as expenditures on salaries and office supplies) shall be permitted for each department in accordance with the final, detailed budget for the previous fiscal year. Exceptional expenditures (such as for capital projects or special events) may be authorized at the discretion of the Vice-President Finance provided that such an expenditure:

   (a) is consistent with the preliminary budget;
   (b) would not put a division into a deficit position; and
   (c) does not exceed twenty-five percent (25%) of the previous year’s budgeted expenditures for the department.

**Article 9. Contracts**

1. The term “contract” shall include binding agreements, memorandums of understanding, strategic partnerships, binding commitments, or any other business or legal arrangements intended to be enforceable by law. The term shall not include day-to-day commercial transactions or merchandise/food sales.
2. The Vice-President Finance, the Vice-President Administration, the Vice-President Academic and University Affairs, the Vice-President External Affairs, and the President are the only individuals who can bind the Society to a legal contract. The only exceptions to this provision are:

(a) that the Society’s managers and senior staff shall, pursuant to Bylaw 8(2), have signing authority with respect to their specific areas.

3. Except in accordance with paragraph 2 above, members of Constituencies and Clubs, internal signing officers, and Society employees are not authorized to sign any contract on behalf of the Society. If such a non-authorized party signs a contract on behalf of the Society, that party, and not the Society, shall be responsible for the contract.

4. Contracts shall be either regular contracts or sponsorship contracts. The procedures for entering the Society into a sponsorship contract shall be outlined in an Internal Policy on sponsorship. Amendments to the policy may be approved by Council by a Two-thirds (2/3) Resolution in accordance with the provisions in Section II, Article 11 on Policies.

5. Regular Contracts:

If any individual or group wishes to enter the Society into a regular contract, the following protocol must be observed:

(a) the contract shall be submitted to the Vice-President Administration or the Vice-President Finance;

(b) the Vice-President Administration or the Vice-President Finance shall ensure that the contract is consistent with the Code and Bylaws of the Society;

(c) the Vice-President Administration or the Vice-President Finance shall determine if the contract is political or administrative, all contracts being administrative unless they result in:

(i) a visible limiting of choice for the members of the Society;
(ii) an exclusive relationship between the Society and the other party to the contract providing the other party with direct or indirect commercial access to the members of the Society;
(iii) a strategic or far-reaching agreement with the University;
(iv) an original agreement or new contract in excess of two (2) years in duration; or
(v) any other consequences that should reasonably be brought to Council’s attention.

(d) all administrative contracts shall be considered for approval by two Society signing officers and, if approved, signed by them within three (3) business days; and
(e) contracts shall be approved for Subsidiary Organizations and Resource Groups only if they are in good standing.

6. Notwithstanding the provisions of this Article, contracts related to events at venues off-campus at which alcohol may be consumed shall be submitted to the Vice-President Administration or the Vice-President Finance no less than three (3) weeks in advance of the event. Upon submission of the contract, the Subsidiary Organization or Resource Group must also apply for event insurance at the Administration Office, to be paid for by the Subsidiary Organization or Resource Group.

7. The Operations Committee may approve standard administrative contracts for use throughout the Society’s operations, including but not limited to bookings agreements, employment contracts and contracts with suppliers. Such standard administrative contracts need not be reapproved by the Operations Committee each time they are used, provided that the purpose and content of the contract have not changed, other than to indicate specific dates, names of parties, and the level of monetary compensation or payment.

8. Any regular contract that is not administrative shall be considered political. Political contracts may only be approved by a Two-thirds (2/3) Resolution of Council.

9. When approving a political contract other than a lease, Council shall deliberate on the final draft of the contract, and shall not delegate final approval to any other individual or body. A lease that is determined to be a political contract must be brought to Council for approval in principle, but the final draft of such a lease need not be brought to Council.

10. If an existing contract is being renewed for a period of more than two (2) years but the renewed version of the contract would not otherwise be considered political, the renewed version shall be considered administrative and need not be brought to Council for approval; however, it must be submitted to Council for information purposes.

11. Contracts, including leases, that are changed in any meaningful way after Council has approved them must be resubmitted to Council for approval of those changes.

12. Notwithstanding the authority granted to the signing officers to approve administrative contracts, Council has the power, subject to paragraph 15 below, to approve or disapprove any contract.

13. At the request of three (3) voting members of Council, Council must strike an ad hoc Ethical Review Committee to examine any contract prior to approval. Any contract that is to be reviewed by an Ethical Review Committee shall be considered political. The ad hoc Committee shall:

(a) produce a written report to Council on the ethics of all the parties with which the Society is to enter into agreement under the proposed contract;
(b) report back to Council in a timely fashion, usually by the next Council meeting, with a recommendation on whether or not to enter into the proposed contract;
(c) in all other ways conform to the provisions on Committees in Section V of the Code; and
(d) have such other duties as are assigned by Council.

14. Only one Ethical Review Committee may be struck for any contract.

15. Neither Council nor the signing officers shall refuse to approve a contract proposed by a Subsidiary Organization or Resource Group solely because of disagreement with the purpose or philosophy implicit in that contract. Notwithstanding this provision, approval may be refused if a contract is inconsistent with the Society’s Policies, Code or Bylaws or if the procedure required by this Article has not been followed. Such a refusal may be made by Council or, for administrative contracts, by a Resolution supported by at least three (3) of the Society signing officers at a meeting of the signing officers. In the case of a refusal by the signing officers, the decision to refuse to approve a contract may be appealed to Council.

Article 10. Asset Inventory

1. All furnishings and equipment of the Society that have an expected life of more than two years shall be entered into the general asset inventory.

2. The general asset inventory shall be updated every three years by locating all furnishings and equipment and listing them as assets of the Society.

3. The general asset inventory shall include all assets of the Society in the SUB.

Article 11. Disposal of furnishings and equipment from the Asset Inventory

1. Any asset of the Society under the direct jurisdiction of Council, the Operations Committee or a Constituency may be disposed of (either sold or given away) by a Resolution of the respective body, provided that such disposition is in accordance with the Code and Bylaw 11(7), is in the best interests of the Society, and is not intended to benefit any individual or company at the expense of the Society. Both the Operations Committee and the Constituencies shall report any disposition of Society property under their jurisdiction to Council on a quarterly basis.

2. Any asset of the Society under the Managing Director’s jurisdiction may be disposed of (either sold or given away) at his or her discretion, provided that such disposition is in accordance with the Code and Bylaw 11(7), is in the best business interests of the Society, and is not intended to benefit any individual or company at the expense of the
Society. The Managing Director shall report any disposition of Society property under his or her jurisdiction to Council and the Advisory Board on a quarterly basis.

3. Any asset of the Society managed by a Club may only be disposed of (either sold or given away) after the Operations Committee has approved a disposition procedure for Clubs. The Operations Committee shall ensure that Clubs follow the disposition procedure, and it shall, on a quarterly basis, report to Council any disposition by a Club of Society property.
C. PERSONNEL PROCEDURES

Article 1. Regular Employees

1. Council shall establish, by a Two-thirds (2/3) Resolution, personnel procedures for the Society’s regular employees, to be contained in the Personnel Handbooks of the Society. Subject to paragraph 5 below, the Handbooks shall set out the basic employment principles and practices to be followed by the Society’s management and staff, and shall also include recruitment and hiring procedures.

2. There shall be one Handbook for permanent employees and another for part-time student employees.

3. All employees of the Society shall be given the appropriate Personnel Handbook at the time they commence employment.

4. The Human Resources Senior Manager shall regularly review the Personnel Handbooks and, if necessary, propose changes to them which will take effect if approved by a Two-thirds (2/3) Resolution of Council.

5. Paragraph 1 above and Article 2(1) below notwithstanding, the Society’s unionized employees are governed by the principles and practices contained in the collective agreement between the Society and the union representing those employees, and the principles and practices contained in the collective agreement take precedence, for the unionized employees, over the principles and practices contained in the Personnel Handbooks.

6. Collective Bargaining

(a) The Managing Director shall invite the President and the Vice-President Finance to participate in any collective bargaining negotiations, but the Managing Director shall be responsible for the conduct of any such negotiations.

(b) At the conclusion of negotiations, the Managing Director shall make a recommendation to the Advisory Board.

(c) In accordance with Section VII, Article 8(1)(h) above, the Advisory Board shall notify the Finance Committee of any impact on the net contribution to the Society’s budget resulting from collective bargaining, and, upon approval of any necessary budget amendment, the Advisory Board shall provide the Managing Director’s recommendation to the Vice-President Finance, who shall approve all resulting changes in compensation.

(d) Pursuant to Section VI, Article 4(1)(c), designating the President as the spokesperson for the Society, the President shall be the Society official responsible for issuing statements concerning collective bargaining negotiations.
Article 2. Appointees

1. Individuals filling positions reporting to members of the Executive or to Council or to a committee of Council, other than the Advisory Board, or to another appointee shall be considered to be appointees rather than regular employees, and their positions shall be considered to be appointed positions.

2. Such appointees shall include but not be limited to the Ombudsperson, the Elections Administrator, other members of the Elections Committee, the officers of Student Court, the Speaker of Council, Associate Vice-Presidents, assistants to members of the Executive, and Executive Project Officers.

3. Council shall establish, by a Two-thirds (2/3) Resolution, personnel procedures for the appointees, to be contained in a Personnel Handbook of the Society. Subject to Article 1(5) above and paragraph 5 below, the Handbook shall set out the basic employment principles and practices relevant to the appointees, and shall also include recruitment and hiring procedures.

4. Additional provisions regarding employment practices for appointees may be contained in the Executive Procedures Manual.

5. For persons appointed by Council, paragraph 3 above is subject to the provisions of Bylaw 5(1)(c).

6. All appointees shall be given the Personnel Handbook referred to in this article at the time they commence their appointments.

7. The Human Resources Senior Manager shall regularly review the appointees’ Personnel Handbook and, if necessary, propose changes to it, such changes to take effect if approved by a Two-thirds (2/3) Resolution of Council.

8. Hiring Process

(a) This process does not apply to the Society’s regular employees.

(b) The hiring process for the Ombudsperson, the Elections Administrator and other members of the Elections Committee, the Speaker of Council, and officers of Student Court is as specified in the provisions for the Human Resources Committee in Section V, Article 9 above.

(c) The hiring process for other appointees shall be conducted by the person to whom they report, according to the following procedures:
(i) All vacancies shall be advertised in a campus publication, and interested candidates shall have at least five (5) business days to apply to fill such vacancies.

(ii) The person to whom a position reports shall create an interview team by selecting at least one other person to serve with them on the team, that other person being a member of the Human Resources Committee, a Councillor, Executive, Society employee, or outgoing holder of the position, as long as the outgoing holder of the position is not re-applying for it.

(iii) The interview team shall develop standardized questions and evaluation criteria in consultation with the Human Resources Senior Manager and shall apply them equally to all candidates for the same position during the same hiring process.

(iv) All reasonable efforts shall be made to ensure that for any given position the same individuals conduct all interviews.

(v) At least two interviewers shall be present at every interview.

(vi) The Human Resources Department shall provide assistance as requested during the hiring process, but shall not conduct the interviews.

9. Procedure for Setting Terms of Employment

(a) This procedure does not apply to the Society’s regular employees.

(b) When a new appointed position is created, the terms of employment, including but not limited to the job description and the number of hours for that position, shall be set by Council in the Code or by a Council Resolution, on the recommendation of the Human Resources Committee, and those terms of employment shall remain as set for the term of the first appointment to that position unless altered in accordance with paragraph (c)(iv) below.

(c) After the completion of the term of the first appointment to a position, the terms of employment for that position may be altered according to the following procedures:

(i) The person or body to whom a position reports may initiate a change in the terms of employment for that position by conducting a review of the position, such a review to take place before the completion of the current term of appointment and to involve consultation with the appointee currently in the position.
(ii) Once the review referred to in paragraph (i) has been completed, it shall be submitted to the Human Resources Committee, along with a request to change the terms of employment. The Human Resources Committee may make final approval of such a change unless the terms of employment have been prescribed in the Code.

(iii) If the terms of employment for a position have been prescribed in the Code, the Human Resources Committee, in order to obtain final approval for a change in the terms of employment, must submit the review referred to in paragraph (i) to Council, along with the request to change the terms of employment. Council may at its discretion amend the Code to make the requested change.

(iv) A change in the terms of employment for a position made in accordance with paragraphs (ii) or (iii) above shall not take effect during the term of a current appointment, but only at the beginning of a new term of appointment, unless Council, by Two-thirds (2/3) Resolution, directs that the change take effect during the term of a current appointment and unless the current appointee has already agreed to the change in writing.

(v) For positions that report to Council, including but not limited to the members of the Elections Committee, the members of Student Court, the Ombudsperson, and the Speaker of Council, the review contemplated in paragraph (i) above shall be conducted by the Human Resources Committee, which, if it decides that there should be a change in the terms of employment for a position, shall make a recommendation to Council, which may at its discretion approve the change.

10. Pay Rates

(a) Council shall set the remuneration for appointees based on a system devised by the Human Resources Committee in consultation with the Finance Committee.
D. SUBSIDIARY ORGANIZATIONS’ PUBLICATIONS PROCEDURES


1. All Subsidiary Organizations as established in Bylaw 13 shall comply with this Section.

2. The name of the Subsidiary Organization shall appear in full in the masthead of that Subsidiary Organization’s publications.

3. Every Subsidiary Organization’s publication shall have at least one (1) Editor, appointed by the Subsidiary Organization.

4. Subsidiary Organizations shall create policies and procedures governing the operations of their publications. The Subsidiary Organization shall ensure that up-to-date copies of these policies and procedures are submitted to the Society’s Communications Office. Notwithstanding this Article, Council may alter or amend these policies and procedures by resolution at any time.

5. Contributors shall be wholly responsible and liable for all articles and other material published in a Subsidiary Organization’s publication and attributed to them. The Editor of the Subsidiary Organization’s publication shall be wholly responsible and liable for all unattributed, inaccurately attributed or pseudonymous articles and other material appearing in the publication.
SECTION X: STUDENT SERVICES


1. Upon the recommendation of the Executive Committee, or on its own initiative, Council may establish or discontinue a Student Service by a Two-thirds (2/3) Resolution. Should Council so resolve, Article 1(3) shall be deemed to be amended.

2. Council shall not establish a Student Service whose purpose overlaps with the purpose of an already existing Student Service.

3. The following organizations shall be Student Services:

(a) AMS Food Bank;
(b) Safewalk;
(c) Speakeasy Student Support;
(d) Advocacy Office;
(e) Tutoring Service;
(f) Vice;
(g) Entrepreneurship Hub; and
(h) Sexual Assault Support Centre (SASC), whose mandate shall be to serve as an all genders service for the UBC Vancouver campus community, providing support services to all survivors of violence, abuse, and harassment on campus.

4. Each Student Service shall:

(a) offer services and resources to the membership which are in significant demand and aim to further the well-being of the membership as a whole;
(b) aim to enable all students to achieve their potential;
(c) with Council’s approval, work in cooperation with University departments of similar mandate;
(d) advertise its services and resources to the membership;
(e) be accessible to all Active Members of the Society;
(f) have an Operations Manual detailing its purpose, organizational structure and procedures and prescribing how it will carry out its day-to-day operations;
(g) have a Coordinator as its chief operations officer, who shall report to the Student Services Manager, except for SASC, whose chief operations officer shall report to the Managing Director; and
(h) have such other powers and duties as are assigned by Council or the Student...
5. The Student Services shall not:

(a) take part in any Society election campaigns;

(b) take part in any Society referendum campaigns, unless authorized to do so by Council;

(c) negotiate with the University, unless authorized to do so by the Executive Committee; or

(d) engage in lobbying, unless authorized to do so by Council.

6. If authorized to do so in accordance with paragraph 5 above, Student Services shall negotiate with the University or engage in lobbying only through the Student Services Manager or in the case of SASC, through the Managing Director.

Article 2. Space and Financing

1. All Student Services shall be granted office space in the AMS Student Nest without having to apply for it annually. Those Student Services which the Student Services Manager (or in the case of SASC, the Managing Director) determines require visible space shall be granted such space in the AMS Student Nest by the Operations Committee.

2. The Student Services Manager shall submit a consolidated budget for all Student Services except SASC to the Managing Director, who shall submit the budget to the Vice-President Finance. This budget shall be prepared in consultation with the Coordinators of the Student Services. The budget for SASC shall be prepared by the SASC Manager in consultation with the Managing Director.

3. All Student Services shall be provided with secretarial and office support as determined by the Executive Committee, pursuant to Section VI, Article 3(2)(f) of the Code.

4. Safewalk shall be guaranteed sufficient funding to ensure that all safewalkers receive an hourly wage consistent with the wage paid to part-time student employees of the Society.

5. In addition to receiving two-thirds of the money deposited in the Sexual Assault Services Fund each year, SASC may, at the discretion of Council and the Finance Committee, receive additional money from the Fund.


1. An Operations Manual shall only be adopted or amended by a Two-thirds (2/3)
Resolution of Council.

2. An Operations Manual shall include:
   (a) the purpose or objective of the Student Service;
   (b) the terms of office for the staff of the Service;
   (c) the Service’s organizational structure;
   (d) the Service’s hours of operation;
   (e) a description of the duties of the Coordinator, the Assistant Coordinator or Coordinators if such positions exist, or in the case of SASC the Manager and Assistant Manager, and any other staff of the Service;
   (f) the following statement: “Nothing in this document shall be construed in a manner contrary to the AMS Constitution, Bylaws, Code of Procedure or any other rules and regulations enacted from time to time by the AMS.”; and
   (g) the following statement: “An amendment to this Operations Manual is not effective and shall not be acted upon until approved by Council in accordance with the Code.”

3. Student Services may develop and implement, with the approval of the Student Services Manager (or in the case of SASC, the Managing Director), other rules and regulations to guide the Service’s day-to-day operations. Such rules and regulations must be consistent with the Operations Manual of the Service and be attached to the master copy of the Operations Manual forwarded to the Archivist & Clerk of Council pursuant to Section I, Article 3(1) of the Code.

Article 4. Student Services Manager

1. There shall be a Student Services Manager who shall oversee all the Student Services except for SASC, which shall be overseen by the Managing Director. In the following paragraphs in this Article, the term Student Services shall not apply to SASC and the term Student Service Coordinators shall not apply to the SASC Manager.

2. The term of office for the Student Services Manager shall correspond to that of the members of the Executive Committee as stipulated in Bylaw 5(3).

3. The Student Services Manager shall:
   (a) be the liaison person between the Executive Committee and the Student Services designated in Section X of the Code;
   (b) be responsible for the management and administration of the Student Services;
(c) hold a meeting every two (2) weeks with all the Student Service Coordinators;

(d) provide supervision and guidance for the Student Service Coordinators and act as a resource person and advocate for them;

(e) arrange for orientation and transition of Student Service Coordinators;

(f) arrange appropriate training courses for the Student Service Coordinators, including but not limited to courses on human resources practices, employment equity, and human rights issues;

(g) assist the Student Service Coordinators in the preparation of their budgets;

(h) subject to paragraph 5 below, act as the liaison person with the University Administration on issues affecting the Student Services;

(i) provide a monthly report to the Executive Committee;

(j) provide a presentation to Council in July, such presentation to outline the strategies and plans for the Services in the coming year;

(k) provide an annual written report and oral presentation to Council in February, such report to include but not be limited to statistics, finances, operational changes, the number of users, and the cost per user in the Student Services;

(l) be a salaried employee for the duration of his or her term of office;

(m) attend meetings of the Executive Committee if invited by the Committee;

(n) assist with the triennial Student Services review in accordance with Article 6 below; and

(o) have such other duties as are assigned by the Managing Director from time to time.

4. The Student Services Manager shall not:

   (a) negotiate with the University, unless authorized to do so by the Executive Committee; or

   (b) engage in lobbying, unless authorized to do so by Council.

Article 5. Coordinators

1. The Coordinator of every Student Service other than SASC shall carry out the
management and administration of that Service in accordance with the Operations Manual and subject to the direction of the Student Services Manager. The SASC Manager shall carry out the management and administration of SASC subject to the direction of the Managing Director.

2. Coordinators and Assistant Coordinators, if such Assistant Coordinator positions are established by the Operations Manual of a given Student Service, shall be Active Members of the Society, and shall not hold any other appointed or elected positions in the Society. This provision notwithstanding, the SASC Manager and Assistant Manager need not be Active Members of the Society.

3. The Coordinator of a Student Service (or in the case of SASC, the SASC Manager) shall keep or cause to be kept a register of the staff and volunteers of that Service.

4. Changes to the terms of employment for Coordinators and Assistant Coordinators other than the SASC Manager and Assistant Manager may be proposed by the Student Services Manager to the Managing Director. Such proposals must be in writing. Changes to the terms of employment for the SASC Manager and Assistant Manager may be made by the Managing Director.

Article 6. Student Services Review

1. The President shall arrange a review of the Student Services every three (3) years, such a review to be conducted with the assistance of the Student Services Manager.

2. The review shall include but not be limited to a review of Service offerings, key performance indicators, and the operations of the Student Services Department as a whole and of each individual Service.
SECTION XI: STUDENT RESOURCE GROUPS


1. Council may, by a Two-thirds (2/3) Resolution, declare an organization to be, or to no longer be, a Student Resource Group, provided that the Operations Committee has previously recommended such action by a Two-thirds (2/3) Resolution. Should Council so declare, paragraph 4 below shall be deemed to be amended.

2. The Operations Committee shall not recommend that an organization become a Student Resource Group unless:
   (a) the purpose of the proposed Resource Group is clearly defined and does not overlap with the purpose of an already existing Resource Group;
   (b) the proposed Resource Group has already been constituted as a Club, and has been in existence for a minimum of two (2) years;
   (c) the proposed Resource Group’s finances are in good order, as determined by the Vice-President Finance; and
   (d) the Resource Group Allocation Committee has recommended that the proposed Resource Group become a Resource Group.

3. The Operations Committee shall not recommend that an organization cease to be a Student Resource Group unless such a cessation is approved by a Two-thirds (2/3) Resolution of the Resource Group Allocation Committee and a Two-thirds (2/3) Resolution of the Operations Committee.

4. The following organizations shall be the Student Resource Groups of the Society:
   (a) Pride UBC;
   (b) the Social Justice Centre;
   (c) the Student Environment Centre;
   (d) the Women’s Centre;
   (e) Colour Connected Against Racism.

5. Student Resource Groups shall:
   (a) research, provide information and raise awareness on social issues of concern to the membership, as defined by the mandate of the Resource Group;
   (b) be involved in social issues relevant to society at large;
   (c) provide services to the membership, including but not limited to information seminars, public speeches and discussion groups; and
(d) propose and lobby for policy changes within the Society, the University, and society at large.

6. The views expressed by the Resource Groups do not necessarily reflect the policies of the Society.

7. A Resource Group’s objectives and activities shall not be contrary to the Constitution, Bylaws or Code of Procedure of the Society.

8. Any correspondence by a Student Resource Group on official letterhead of the Society shall indicate that its views do not necessarily reflect the policies of the Society.

9. Membership in all Resource Groups shall be open to all Active Members of the Society. This provision notwithstanding, a Resource Group may, in its constitution, limit, for specifically defined groups of members:

   (a) access to specific areas of that same Resource Group's space – or attendance at specifically defined events or activities (excluding general meetings) of that Resource Group – but only in the interests of preserving and protecting the mental, emotional, or physical security of other members of said Resource Group; and

   (b) the ability to hold an executive position on that same Resource Group, but only in the interests of preserving and protecting the mandate of said Resource Group as set out in its constitution.

10. On receipt of a complaint about the application of paragraph 9 above, the Operations Committee may direct the Resource Group to respond to the complaint in writing and may, by a Two-thirds (2/3) Resolution, recommend that Council take further action in the matter.

11. On receipt of the Resolution referred to in paragraph 10 above, Council may, by a Two-thirds (2/3) Resolution, take such action as it sees fit.

12. Each Resource Group shall establish its own rules, regulations, and procedures, and shall record those rules, regulations, and procedures in a constitution or other similar document which it shall submit to the Operations Committee for information purposes. Any amendments to the constitution or other document shall also be submitted to the Operations Committee. In the event that such amendments significantly alter the purposes of the Resource Group, the Operations Committee may, by a Two-thirds (2/3) Resolution, recommend to Council that it reject the amendments. After such a recommendation from the Operations Committee, Council may reject such amendments by a Two-thirds (2/3) Resolution.

13. The rules, regulations, and procedures of a Resource Group must ensure that it operates
democratically and must also ensure that only those members of the Resource Group who are Active Members of the Society shall:

(a) exercise voting rights at Resource Group meetings and other Resource Group events; and

(b) hold Executive positions, or similar positions, within the Resource Group.

14. On receipt of a written complaint that a Resource Group is not complying with the requirements in paragraphs 12 and 13 above, or is not following its own rules, regulations, or procedures, the Operations Committee may direct the Resource Group to respond to the complaint in writing and may, by a Two-thirds (2/3) Resolution, recommend that Council take further action in the matter.

15. On receipt of the Resolution referred to in paragraph 14, Council may, by a Two-thirds (2/3) Resolution, take such action as it sees fit to ensure compliance with the requirements set out in paragraphs 12 and 13 above and with the rules, regulations, or procedures of the Resource Group.

Article 2. Space and Promotion

1. Student Resource Groups shall be granted office space in the AMS Student Nest by the Operations Committee without having to apply for it annually. Such office space shall be open to inspection by the Operations Committee in the same manner as Club office space, provided that two weeks’ notice is given.

2. The Operations Committee shall ensure that Student Resource Groups be given priority over Clubs with regard to booking space in the AMS Student Nest. Such priority shall include, but is not limited to, allowing the Student Resource Groups advance booking opportunities prior to the opportunities set aside for Clubs. However, the Operations Committee may restrict the number of advance bookings granted to each Resource Group, and may specify rooms or areas of the AMS Student Nest which are not available for advance booking.

3. Space shall be made available to the Student Resource Groups on the Society’s website, in its newsletter, and in other communications media as appropriate to allow the Resource Groups to publicize their events and activities.

Article 3. Financing and Communication

1. Instead of Resource Groups applying for funding, Council shall annually budget for and provide them with a lump-sum allocation. This allocation shall not be reduced from the amount allocated in the previous fiscal year except by a specific Two-thirds (2/3) Resolution of Council.
2. Council’s approved lump-sum allocation shall be divided among the Resource Groups by the Resource Group Allocation Committee (hereinafter referred to as the “RGAC”), composed of one voting member elected or appointed by and from each Resource Group. In the event that a representative has not been elected, the Resource Group executive shall appoint a representative from that Resource Group. The RGAC shall divide the lump-sum allocation based on budget proposals submitted to it by the individual Resource Groups. In dividing the lump-sum allocation, the RGAC shall assign no more than eighty percent (80%) of it to the Resource Groups; the remainder shall be placed in the Resource Group Event Fund.

3. The RGAC shall notify the Vice-President Finance of how the lump-sum allocation is to be divided as soon as the RGAC has made its decision on this issue, so that the money can be distributed to the appropriate Resource Group accounts and the Resource Group Event Fund. Such notification shall be in writing and be signed by each voting member of the RGAC who voted in favour of the decision, and shall include copies of the Resource Group budgets as approved by the RGAC.

4. In addition to the powers and duties set out above, the RGAC shall:
   
   (a) determine its own procedures and meeting dates, provided however that its quorum be no less than seventy-five percent (75%) of its voting members, and that resolutions of the RGAC must receive a majority of votes of all members, including absent members, to be considered adopted;
   
   (b) manage and allocate the Resource Group Event Fund, subject to the Fund’s description in Section IX B of the Code;
   
   (c) facilitate communication between the Resource Groups;
   
   (d) act as a liaison between the Resource Groups and the Operations Committee, by doing such things as providing Resource Group contact numbers to the Operations Committee; and
   
   (e) have such other powers and duties as are outlined in the Bylaws or Code or are assigned by Council from time to time.

5. A new Student Resource Group, created by Council under Article 1(1) above, shall not be eligible for funding until the following fiscal year unless such funding has been approved by the RGAC in a manner consistent with this Article.

6. No Resource Group shall make any expenditure or incur any liability that puts it into a deficit situation, unless such deficit has been approved by the Finance Committee.

7. Executive positions within Resource Groups must be voluntary and Executives must not receive salary or honoraria from the Resource Groups in their role as Executives.
8. Resource Groups may not hire their own Executives or enter into any contract providing compensation for services provided by their own Executives outside of the Executives’ regular duties unless the payment for such services would total $100 or less (in 2014 dollars). This provision notwithstanding, Resource Groups may pay an Executive more than $100 for such services if permission is granted in writing by the Human Resources Committee. Such permission shall only be granted if both the Human Resources Committee and the RGAC pass Two-Thirds (2/3) Resolutions granting permission.

9. The process of making the payments referred to in paragraph 8 above shall be facilitated by the Human Resources Committee.

10. In the event that the Resource Groups choose to hire an individual, the hiring process shall be facilitated by the Senior Manager of Human Resources.

11. If a Resource Group does not spend all the money budgeted for it in a fiscal year, the unspent money shall be transferred to the Resource Group Event Fund.

12. If a Resource Group does not submit its budget to the Vice-President Finance, its constitution and executive list to the Operations Committee, or any other documents as required by the Code, its financial account shall be frozen until it submits the required document or documents.

Article 4. Autonomy

1. Neither the Operations Committee, the Finance Committee, an Executive nor the Executive Committee shall interfere with the discharge of duties by the RGAC specified in this section.

2. A Resolution made by the Operations Committee with respect to Student Resource Groups on an issue not dealt with in this section is not effective or enforceable until it has been ratified by a specific Resolution of Council.
SECTION XII: RECOGNITION AND HONORARIA

Article 1. Councillor of the Year

1. The Executive may, at the end of its term, bestow the title of Councillor of the Year on a member of Council to honour that Council member for his or her overall contribution to the Society.

2. The Councillor of the Year title may be bestowed on any member of Council, voting or non-voting, other than members of the Executive, the Speaker, and the Ombudsperson.

3. In addition to the title, the Executive may at its discretion award a gift or honorarium to the Council member it chooses to name Councillor of the Year.
SECTION XIII: FEES

Article 1. Notice and Alteration of Fees

1. In accordance with the University Act, annual notice of the Society’s fees shall be submitted to the Board of Governors of the University by the Vice-President Finance.

2. Notice of any change in the Society’s fees shall be submitted to the Board of Governors of the University by the Vice-President Finance once the new fee amount or rate of change has been approved in accordance with Bylaw 14 and the University Act.

3. Annual notice of the Society’s fees and notice of any change in those fees shall be submitted to the Affiliated Institutions.

4. The Vice-President Finance shall keep or cause to be kept a record of the current fee rate for Active Members, to be provided on request to any Active Member.

Article 2. Refund of Fees

1. Active Members who withdraw from the University or an Affiliated Institution shall receive a full refund of their Society fees if:

   (a) they are registered in both terms of the Winter Session, but withdraw by the end of the third week of classes in the first term of the Winter Session; or

   (b) they are registered in one term of the Winter Session or in either term of the summer session, but withdraw from the University or an Affiliated Institution by the end of the third week of classes in that term.

2. Under normal circumstances, Society fees shall not be refunded except in accordance with paragraph 1 above; however, requests for refunds after the deadlines set out in paragraph 1 may be granted by Council in extreme circumstances.

Article 3. Exemption from Fees

1. In accordance with the referendum of 1966, 3rd and 4th year medical students are exempt from paying the Society’s fees.

2. Pursuant to Bylaw 14(7), Society fees shall also be waived, in whole or in part, for the following categories of Active Members:

   (a) Active Members who are not assessed tuition fees by the University;
Active Members pursuing a University of British Columbia program at an institution other than UBC Vancouver and paying student fees at that other institution;

(c) Active Members taking only distance education courses;

(d) Active Members at the Affiliated Institutions;

(e) Active Members in the Ritsumeikan, Tec de Monterey, and Korea University programs; and

(f) Active Members in a one-year program running from January through December.

3. Without limiting the generality of paragraph 2 above, the following categories of Active Members shall be exempt from paying all the Society’s fees:

(a) senior citizens, meaning persons 65 years or older;

(b) 2nd year medical students pursuing their UBC Vancouver medical degree at the University of Victoria, the University of Northern British Columbia, or some other institution;

(c) Active Members taking only distance education courses;

(d) Youth (Wards of the Province) who age out of government care.

4. Without limiting the generality of paragraph 2 above, the following categories of Active Members shall be exempt from paying all the Society’s fees, except for the U-Pass fee, which they must pay:

(a) exchange students from abroad;

(b) graduate students in the Western Dean program.

5. Without limiting the generality of paragraph 2 above, students from the University’s Okanagan campus doing a term or more of studies at UBC Vancouver shall be exempt from paying all the Society’s fees, except for the AMS Membership Fee and the U-Pass fee, which they must pay.

6. Pursuant to Bylaw 14(8), Active Members in the categories enumerated in paragraphs 1 and 3 above are entitled to all the privileges of membership, with the exception of the following exclusive services:

(a) the health and dental plan;

(b) the U-Pass.

7. Pursuant to Bylaw 14(8), Active Members in the categories enumerated in paragraphs 4 and 5 above are entitled to all the privileges of membership, with the exception of the health and dental plan.

8. Pursuant to Bylaw 14(9), exempted Active Members who are not eligible for one or more of the exclusive services enumerated in paragraph 6 above may agree to pay the full Society fee and thus become entitled to the exclusive services.
9. Without limiting the generality of paragraph 2 above, Active Members at the Affiliated Institutions shall be exempt from paying the Society’s $12 Financial Assistance fee (also known as the bursary fee) and the Society’s $1 Ombudsperson fee, but shall not be exempt from the rest of the Society’s fees. Such Active Members shall be entitled to all the privileges of membership, including the exclusive services enumerated in paragraph 6 above.

10. Without limiting the generality of paragraph 2 above, Active Members in the Ritsumeikan, Tec de Monterey, and Korea University programs shall be exempt from paying the Society’s $12 bursary fee, but shall not be exempt from the rest of the Society’s fees. Such Active Members shall be entitled to all the privileges of membership, including the exclusive services enumerated in paragraph 6 above.

11. Pursuant to Bylaw 14(4), no Active Member shall in any one Academic Year pay more than the full Society membership fee for that year.

12. Pursuant to Bylaw 14(2), Active Members beginning their membership in the summer session at UBC Vancouver shall pay 50% (fifty percent) of the full Society membership fee for the Academic Year ending with that summer session.

13. Without limiting the generality of paragraph 2 above, Active Members in a one-year program running from January through December shall pay the Society’s fees in January for the Academic Year including that January, but shall be exempt from paying the Society’s fees the following September, except for the U-Pass fee and the Health and Dental fee. Such Active Members shall be entitled to all the privileges of membership, including the exclusive services enumerated in paragraph 6 above.

**Article 4. Allocation of Fees**

1. Portions of the Society’s fee may be designated by referendum to be used for certain specific purposes. Below is a list of the designated purposes, with the fee levels as of September 2015. Note that some of these fee levels will change in subsequent years in accordance with paragraph 2 below because of indexing to the Consumer Price Index.

   (a) AMS Membership fee, designated by the referendum of March 2011 and the referendum of January 2014: $38.14 for every Active Member;

   (b) Capital Projects Fund, designated by the referenda of November 1982, November 1991, March 2011, January 2012, and January 2014: $7.44 for every Active Member;
AMS Financial Assistance Fund, designated by the referenda of March 1998 and March 2011: $12 for every Active Member;

AMS Athletics and Intramurals Benefit Fund, designated by referenda in March 1979, November 1982, January 1996, March 1998, and March 2011: $21 for every Active Member;

Resource Groups, designated by the referenda of January 1996 and March 2011: $1.56 for every Active Member, refundable upon request;

AMS Refugee Student Fund, designated by the referenda of January-February 1985, January 1996, and March 2008: $2.61 for every Active Member;

the Student Legal Fund, designated by the referenda of March 1998 and March 2011: $1 for every Active Member;

CiTR, designated by the referenda of September-October 1999 and March 2011: $5.22 for every Active Member, refundable upon request;

Sustainability Projects Fund, designated by the referendum of March 2011: $2.35 for every Active Member;

International Projects Fund, designated by the referendum of March 2011: $0.26 for every Active Member;

an extended health and dental plan, designated by the referenda of September-October 1999, March 2011, and March 2016: $221.94 for every Active Member, refundable upon request for those with an equivalent health and dental plan;

a universal transit pass (U-Pass), designated by the referenda of February 2003, January-February 2005, March 2008, March 2011, and January 2013: $38 per month for every Active Member, except for certain exempt categories;

the Sexual Assault Support Services Fund, designated by the referenda of February 2003, January - February 2005, and March 2011: $3.39 for every Active Member;

the SUB Renewal Fee, designated by the referendum of March 2008 (for the construction of a new Student Union Building): a graduated amount for every Active Member, beginning at $20 in the 2008/09 school year, rising to $30 in 2009/10 and continuing to increase by $10 per School Year up to and including the 2016/17 school year;

the Clubs Benefit Fund, designated by the referendum of March 2011: $1.56 for every Active Member;
(p) the Childcare Bursary Fund, designated by the referendum of March 2011: $1.05 for every Active Member;

(q) the Ombudsperson Fund, designated by the referendum of January 2012: $1.02 for every Active Member; and

(r) the Bike Co-op Fee, designated by the referendum of January 2013: $1.01 for every Active Member, refundable upon request; and

(s) the Campus Culture and Performance Fee, designated by the referendum of March 2016: a graduated amount for every Active Member, refundable upon request, beginning at $1.50 in the 2016/17 school year, increasing by $0.25 per School Year for ten (10) years, after which increasing annually in accordance with CPI.

2. Subject to paragraph 3 below, all fees except the SUB Renewal Fee, the Athletics and Intramurals Benefit Fee, the Student Legal Fund Fee, and the AMS Financial Assistance Fund Fee shall be indexed to the British Columbia Consumer Price Index, using the September statistics from one Academic Year to calculate the increase for the next Academic Year.

3. In accordance with the referendum of March 2016,

   (a) the Campus Culture and Performance Fee shall not be indexed to the Consumer Price Index until ten (10) years after its first introduction;

   (b) even if the Consumer Price Index declines, there shall be no reduction in the amount of the Health and Dental Plan Fee;

   (c) there may be an increase of up to five percent (5%) in the Health and Dental Plan Fee even if the Consumer Price Index increases by less than that, provided that there has been a recommendation for such an increase by the AMS/GSS Health & Dental Plan Committee and that such a recommendation has been approved by a special resolution of the Graduate Student Society council and by a Two-thirds (2/3) Resolution of the Alma Mater Society Council; and

   (d) the recommendation made by the AMS/GSS Health & Dental Plan Committee regarding fee increases referred to in paragraph (c) above shall reflect the financial status of the Health & Dental Plan as well as any coverage changes in the plan.

Article 5. Graduating Class Fee

1. Members of the graduating class, as defined by the constitution of the graduating class, shall pay a graduating class fee, set by the referendum of March 1961 at $7.
Article 6. Determination of Constituency fee levies

1. In accordance with the University Act a Constituency may only raise its fees by referendum, such a referendum to be held in accordance with Bylaw 14, Section IX A, Article 9 of the Code and this Article.

2. A referendum to alter a Constituency fee levy must be held during the Winter Session, and early enough to enable the Board of Governors to order the collection of the levy in time for the following school year.

3. The President shall be provided with documentation of the results of the referendum within one (1) month of the release of results and shall place upon Council’s next agenda a Resolution to accept the new fee. Such a Resolution shall be deemed to have been submitted by the Constituency in accordance with Section III, Article 2(2)(a), and shall appear under the “Constituency and Affiliates’ Motions” section.

4. The Resolution referred to in paragraph 3 above shall take the following form:

   That Council, pursuant to the University Act and Bylaw 14(6) of the Society, give notice to the Board of Governors to increase the fee levy for students in (whichever faculty) from $___ to $___ starting in Winter Session 20___/___, and that the Vice-President Finance send this notice to the Board of Governors.

5. The notice referred to in paragraph 4 shall contain the following elements:

   (a) a letter addressed to the Chair of the Board of Governors notifying the board of a change in the Constituency fee levy;

   (b) a copy of the Resolution adopted by Council; and

   (c) a copy of the documentation specified in paragraph 3 above.

6. The notice referred to in paragraph 4 above shall be sent to the Secretary of the Board of Governors no more than fourteen (14) days after the Council meeting that adopted the Resolution.

Article 7. Donations

1. No money derived from the Society’s fees shall be directly transferred to a third party as a donation, except as provided in this Article.

2. The Society, its Subsidiary Organizations, and its Resource Groups may provide grants to fund services and activities, including but not limited to fundraising events, provided those services and activities take place on the UBC Vancouver campus or elsewhere.
within Metro Vancouver and provided they are reasonably accessible to the Active Members of the Society.

3. The Society may authorize a donation to a third party by means of a referendum to alter the Society’s fees in accordance with Bylaw 14(3).

4. A Constituency may authorize a donation to a third party by means of a fee referendum held in accordance with Bylaw 14(6).

5. The Society’s clubs may make donations to third parties out of the moneys they collect from their members.
SECTION XIV: RIGHTS & OBLIGATIONS OF MEMBERSHIP

Article 1.  Active Members

1.  The rights and obligations of Active Members are contained in the Bylaws and Code of the Society, and include, but are not limited to:

   (a)  the right to attend, speak, and vote at all General Meetings of the Society;

   (b)  the right to participate and vote in all general referenda of the Society;

   (c)  the right to be nominated for and hold office on Council if the Active Members so nominate and elect;

   (d)  the right to be appointed to and hold office on Committees and other bodies of the Society if Council so resolves, consistent with the Bylaws and Code of Procedure of the Society;

   (e)  the right to voice their views and concerns to Council and other appropriate bodies of the Society;

   (f)  the right to use the facilities of the AMS Student Nest and other facilities as may be determined from time to time by the Society, the University, the Operations Committee, and Council; and

   (g)  an obligation to abide by the Society’s Constitution, Bylaws, Code, and other regulations which are considered necessary for the Society.

Article 2.  Associate Members

1.  Associate Members shall have the right to:

   (a)  attend and be heard, but not to vote, at all General Meetings of the Society;

   (b)  use the facilities of the AMS Student Nest as if they were Active Members; and

   (c)  voice their views and concerns about the Society to Council.

2.  Associate Members who are not also Active Members shall neither be nominated for nor hold:

   (a)  any voting position on Council;

   (b)  a voting position on any Society Committee;

   (c)  the position of Chair on any of the Society’s Committees; or

   (d)  any position on an executive committee of any Subsidiary Organization, except where provided for by the constitution or bylaws of that organization.
SECTION XV: STUDENT COURT


1. Any Member of the Society may make an application in writing to the Clerk of the Court requesting:

   (a) a hearing, pursuant to Bylaw 21(1)(c); or

   (b) an interpretation of the Constitution, Bylaws or Code of the Society, pursuant to Bylaw 21(2)(i).

2. No application for a hearing pursuant to Bylaw 21(1)(c) may be submitted to the Clerk of the Court more than six months after the event to which it refers.

3. Judges shall receive the following orientation and materials before hearing their first case:

   (a) an overview of the Society’s Code, Bylaws, and Constitution provided by the Archivist & Clerk of Council;

   (b) a guide to the general workings of the Society, provided by an appropriate Society staff member.

   (c) copies of the Constitution, Bylaws, and Code, along with an index of past Court cases.

4. Guiding Principles

   (a) The Court shall not make rulings of a political nature, or stray into the area of policy making. To this end, the Court shall interpret the Code, Bylaws, and Constitution of the Society without addition to or omission of any language set out within them.

   (b) The Court shall take into consideration the available case law from previous Court rulings.

   (c) The Court shall seek out information and informed opinion from Society officials when relevant to cases before it.

Article 2. Officers

1. The following shall be the Officers of Student Court:
(a) five (5) judges and two (2) alternate judges, one of whom shall be appointed by Council to be the Chief Justice; and

(b) the Clerk of the Court, who shall be an Administrative Officer and who shall not have a vote in making the Court’s decisions.

2. Officers of Student Court, with the exception of the Clerk, must be Active Members of the Society. The Clerk may but need not be an Active Member. Officers shall be appointed by a Resolution of Council, upon the recommendation of the Human Resources Committee. Notwithstanding this provision, Council may appoint Officers of Student Court by a Two-thirds (2/3) Resolution without a recommendation from the Human Resources Committee.

3. To ensure the independence of the Court, Officers shall not hold any other appointed or elected position within the Society and must not have held any such position during the six (6) months prior to appointment. However, this provision shall not be interpreted so as to prohibit incumbent Officers from applying for additional terms as Officers of the Court in the same or other capacities.

4. Any Officer of the Court may ask the Archivist & Clerk of Council or the Ombudsperson to offer advice on procedural matters, investigatory procedures, and operations.

Article 3. The Clerk of the Court

1. Pursuant to Bylaw 21(3) and 21(5)(a), the Clerk of the Court shall:

   (a) submit applications received by him or her in accordance with Article 1 above to the Court within seven (7) days of receipt;

   (b) present, for information, a copy of such applications to Council within seven (7) days of receipt, or at Council’s next meeting, whichever is later;

   (c) publish in a campus publication a notice of hearing no less than three (3) business days prior to the sitting of the Student Court in any matter;

   (d) submit the records of the Court to the Society’s Archivist & Clerk of Council for safekeeping; and

   (e) have such other duties as are assigned by Council from time to time.

Article 4. Rules of Procedure
1. The following text outlines the rules of procedure which shall govern the operation and form of the Student Court of the Society.

   (a) The Court shall publish a notice of hearing in a campus publication or through the Society’s other communications channels at least three (3) business days prior to the hearing of any matter, except where the Chief Justice deems the matter in issue to be one that requires early hearing, whereupon the Court may sit as soon as the notice is published.

   (b) The Court shall, subject to these Rules, assemble at the time and place set by the Chief Justice no less than five (5) business days prior to the hearing.

   (c) The Court may, at its discretion, and upon written application by any party to a hearing, consider a rehearing if that party can satisfy the Court that the Court failed to consider a matter relevant to the hearing. The decision of the Court on an application to reconsider shall be final.

   (d) The decision of the Court shall be the decision of the majority of the judges who have heard the case in its entirety.

   (e) (i) At the conclusion of a hearing, the Court may render its decision orally or reserve its decision for a period not to exceed fourteen (14) days.

         (ii) The Court shall in any case submit a written decision and reasons therefor to Council not later than the first meeting of Council after fourteen (14) days have passed since the conclusion of a hearing.

         (iii) The Court shall publish its decision to the student body at large, provided however that the judgement of the Court has been received by a Resolution of Council prior to publication. Notwithstanding this provision, in disciplinary cases the Court shall not to publish its decision unless Council by Resolution orders it to be published.

         (iv) The Court shall make its reasons for decision available through the Clerk of the Court to any member in good standing.

   (f) The hearings of the Court shall be open to any member in good standing except in disciplinary cases, where an accused may, by petition to be received by the Clerk of the Court at least one (1) day prior to the hearing, request that the proceedings be closed to the public, in which case the Court may, at its discretion, make such an order. All said petitions shall be in writing, setting forth in full the reasons for the request.

   (g) Any notice required to be published by the Constitution, Bylaws, Code of Procedure, or these Rules in the Ubyssey or other campus publication may be
made public by any other method which the Chief Justice shall provide for in the event that the *Ubyssey* or other campus publications are not publishing or fail to publish at the material times.

(h) Any objection based on procedural grounds and presented to the Court during any particular proceeding may only result in an adjournment of one (1) week during which time the matter may be righted. In no case will the jurisdiction of the Court be ousted upon procedural grounds alone.

**Article 5. Disciplinary Cases**

1. Upon the direction of Council pursuant to Bylaw 21(3) or upon application in writing to the Clerk of the Court pursuant to Bylaw 21(3), the Clerk of the Court shall:

   (a) issue to the accused notification of the charge; and

   (b) inform the Chief Justice of the charge and under his or her direction set a date, time and place for a trial.

2. If an accused cannot appear before the Court on the date set for trial, he or she shall submit the reasons in writing to the Clerk of the Court no later than two (2) days before the trial date. Failure to appear before the Court without having submitted sufficient reasons in writing may be deemed contempt of Court.

3. On an initial finding of contempt under paragraph 2 above, the Court shall not treat the accused as being in violation of Bylaw 21(1)(c)(i), and shall not proceed with the trial, but instead shall take such action as it deems appropriate to ensure the appearance of the accused at a later date. Where an accused fails to appear before Court after repeated attempts by the Court to elicit appearance, the Court shall have the discretion to treat said failure as a breach of Bylaw 21(1)(c)(i), and make a ruling accordingly.

4. Procedures for the handling of disciplinary cases shall be set out by the Court. Such procedures may be amended by a Two-thirds (2/3) Resolution of Council.

**Article 6. Reference Cases**

1. Upon the direction of Council pursuant to Bylaw 21(2)(i) or upon the request of the Governance Committee to initiate Student Court proceedings in a case of interpretation of the Constitution, Bylaws or Code, the Clerk shall:

   (a) notify the Chief Justice; and

   (b) under the direction of the Chief Justice, set a date, time and place for hearing the matter and comply with Article 4(1)(a) above.
2. Parties interested in making submissions to the hearing shall either:

   (a) notify the Clerk of the Court in writing of their intention to appear before the hearing commences; or

   (b) provide a written submission to the Clerk of Court no less than one (1) business day before the hearing commences.

3. Should a party choose to appear before the Court to provide a submission, said party shall have no more than ten (10) minutes to make their submission.

4. Further procedures related to the handling of reference cases shall be set out in the procedures of the Court.
SECTION XVI: GRAD CLASS COUNCIL


1. The Grad Class Council shall be the governing body of the graduating class of the University and shall have the power to direct the activities of the graduating class.

2. The graduating class shall consist of all students in the Winter Session who are registered in the final year of a program leading to a bachelor's degree or a post-baccalaureate degree in medicine, dentistry, or law.

3. Without limiting the generality of paragraph 1, the Grad Class Council shall have the power to:
   
   (a) establish the criteria for gifts to be made by the graduating class;
   
   (b) determine which proposals for gifts to be made by the graduating class shall be voted on by the graduating class;
   
   (c) set the rules for voting on gift proposals;
   
   (d) organize activities of the graduating class, including but not limited to a tree-planting ceremony; and
   
   (e) carry out other duties associated with the graduating class, including but not limited to the grad rebate.

4. Student Council reserves the right to amend the criteria for gifts referred to in paragraph 3(a) above.

5. Quorum for meetings of the Grad Class Council shall be a majority of its membership.

Article 2. Appointments

1. The President and the Vice-President Administration shall appoint the members of the Grad Class Council.

2. The Grad Class Council shall consist of the following five (5) volunteer members:

   (a) President of the Grad Class Council;
   
   (b) Treasurer;
   
   (c) Events Chair;
   
   (d) Gift Chair;
   
   (e) Communications Chair.
3. The positions on the Grad Class Council shall be advertised among the members of the graduating class for two (2) weeks, after which the President and the Vice-President Administration shall interview applicants and make appointments.

Article 3. Minutes and Records

1. The Grad Class Council shall submit to the President:
   
   (a) a timetable of all meetings and events of the Grad Class Council, as well as the dates of voting by members of the graduating class, to be submitted no later than the last school day in November;
   
   (b) minutes of every meeting of the Grad Class Council, to be submitted no later than two (2) weeks after the meeting; and
   
   (c) a written record of the gifts to be presented to the University, as decided by the graduating class, to be submitted no later than two (2) weeks after the gifts are decided on.

2. Upon receiving the minutes of the Grad Class Council, the President shall submit the minutes to AMS Council for approval.

3. Failure to comply with the deadline set in paragraph 1(a) above shall result in the President notifying Council of the failure. On receipt of such notification, Council may, at its discretion, dissolve the Grad Class Council and order a new Grad Class Council appointed.

4. Failure to comply with the deadlines set in paragraphs 1(b) and 1(d) above shall result in the immediate freezing of the Grad Class Council’s accounts by the Vice-President Finance.

5. At the conclusion of its work each year, the Grad Class Council shall deposit its correspondence and other records with the Archivist & Clerk of Council.

Article 4. Funding

1. Funding for the gifts presented by the graduating class and for other activities of the graduating class shall be derived from the graduating class fee collected by the University and deposited with the Society in the Grad Class Fund.
SECTION XVII: PRESIDENTS COUNCIL

Article 1. Composition

1. There shall be a Presidents Council composed of:

   (a) the Society’s President;
   (b) the Presidents of the Society’s Constituencies;
   (c) the Presidents of the student associations at the Affiliated Institutions;
   (d) the President of the Graduate Student Society;
   (e) one (1) other Executive as designated by the Executive Committee, who shall be non-voting; and
   (f) the Society’s Communications Manager, who shall be non-voting.

2. The Council shall be chaired by the Society’s President.

Article 2. Meetings and Minutes

1. The President shall call meetings of the Presidents Council at least once a month during the School Year and at the discretion of the Society’s President from May to August.

2. Quorum for meetings shall be a majority of the members.

3. At the written request of a majority of the Presidents of the Constituencies and the Presidents of the student associations at the Affiliated Institutions, the President shall call a meeting of the Presidents Council, to take place within one week of the request.

4. Notice, including agendas, for all meetings of the Presidents Council shall be issued by the President no less than forty-eight (48) hours before a meeting. Should this fail to occur, the failure shall be noted in the minutes. Notice and agendas shall be issued to members of the Presidents Council and also posted on the Society’s website.

5. Meetings of the Presidents Council shall be open to the public, unless the Council decides otherwise by Resolution.

6. The minutes of all meetings of the Presidents Council, once approved by the Council, shall be submitted to AMS Council by the President. Once approved by AMS Council, they shall be posted on the Society’s website.

7. The Presidents Council may, at its discretion, allow members who cannot take part in a meeting in person to phone in or to connect to the meeting electronically, so long as a speaker phone or some other similar device is used to allow all members present in person or connecting from afar to hear each other and participate in debate. If this standard is met, members connecting from afar may both participate in debate and vote on motions.
8. If an issue has already been discussed at a Presidents Council meeting, the President may conduct a vote on the issue by email and the Council may send any resulting recommendation to AMS Council or act on any resulting decision as if the recommendation or decision had been approved at a regular meeting of the Council, provided that the following conditions have been met:

(a) There must already have been substantive discussion of the issue at a meeting of the Presidents Council.

(b) The President must send the request for an email vote to all members of the Presidents Council and allow at least forty-eight (48) hours for the members to submit their email votes, with the understanding that in emergency cases a shorter time period may be allowed.

(c) For a vote to pass, a majority of those voting must vote in favour, and the number of members voting must be at least equal to quorum for the Presidents Council.

(d) If any one (1) member of the Presidents Council asks for additional discussion, the email vote shall not take place, and instead the issue shall be discussed at a subsequent meeting of the Presidents Council.

9. The results of any email vote shall be recorded in the minutes of the next meeting of the Presidents Council.

**Article 3. Powers and Duties**

1. The Presidents Council shall:

   (a) facilitate cooperation between the Constituencies and between the Constituencies and the central AMS (for the purposes of this Article the term Constituencies shall include the student associations at the Affiliated Institutions);

   (b) be the forum in which the Constituencies may update each other and the central AMS on activities, events, and issues within the Constituencies, including but not limited to departmental clubs, negotiations and advocacy within the University, and potential Constituency referendum campaigns;

   (c) be the forum through which the Executive Committee may communicate with the Constituencies;

   (d) advise on yearly Constituency executive orientation;

   (e) oversee and suggest edits to the Constituency Executive Handbook

   (f) collect and review reporting metrics from the Constituencies in accordance with
paragraph 2 below;

(g) have the power to pass a Resolution advising any body within the Society, and that body shall be required to respond to the advice given;

(h) have the power to pass a Resolution to put questions to any body within the Society, and that body shall be required to respond to the questions asked;

(i) have the power to make recommendations to AMS Council on any issue related to AMS-Constituency relations, including but not limited to Society and Constituency events, Society and Constituency communications, media protocols, websites and social media, publications, orientations, budgets and financing, Constituency accounts, contracts, and Constituency operations.

2. Constituency Metrics

(a) Twice a year, in October and March, the Constituencies shall present reports to the Presidents Council.

(b) The report in October shall include:

(i) a high-level budget summary;
(ii) a report on events the Constituency will be involved in throughout the academic year;
(iii) a list of contracts involving the Constituency.

(c) The report in March shall include:

(i) a high-level budget update;
(ii) a report on events in which the Constituency participated;
(iii) a list of contracts involving the Constituency.

(d) The reports shall be made using a template provided by the Presidents Council.