UBC University Council

AMS Submission to University Council reviewing Board of Governor’s Policy #13: “Serving and Consumption of Alcohol at University Events or on University Premises”

To Whom It May Concern,

This submission is being made on behalf of the Alma Mater Society (AMS) of UBC Vancouver in response to the request for feedback from the University Council on Board of Governor’s Policy #13 entitled “Serving and Consumption of Alcohol at University Events or on University Premises.” This submission outlines the student response and concerns with the proposed amendments to the policy.

Overall, the AMS extend its support to the proposed amendments. The AMS recognizes the importance of having an animated campus culture, especially in the stressful academic environment of the university. However, the AMS would like clarification on sections 3.3 and 3.4 of the procedures. It is unclear why there is a difference between events held at UBCV or UBCO and at Robson Square. Under the law, private SOLs must only be provided to the police if requested. This policy mandates that all private SOLs must go to the police, and it is unclear why UBC is mandating this, unless the RCMP has requested it. The AMS would recommend that sections 3.3 and 3.4 of the Policy Procedures be consolidated, as UBCV, UBCO and UBC Robson Square all fall under the same statutory regime. This would allow for more flexibility in accommodating event-specific circumstances within a common regulatory structure, whereas having separate rules removes that flexibility.

The AMS would also like clarification as to why licence exempt events at UBC facilities have the requirement that only UBC employees and their guests may attend. The AMS would like to see inclusion of private student events that meet the remainder of the requirements in this category.

The AMS thanks the University Counsel for the opportunity to include input in the consultation and we hope that these comments and questions will be clarified and recommendations will be included in revisions of the policy.

Sincerely,

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