



Office of the Vice-President, External Affairs

U-Pass BC Contract Negotiations Update to AMS Council

Overview & History of the Program

- ❑ **Started in 2003 at UBC Vancouver and SFU.**
- ❑ **U-Pass BC program launched at 11 public post-secondary institutions in September 2011.**
- ❑ **Mandatory program relying on bulk purchase to afford relative low-cost.**
- ❑ **96% of students who voted in 2013 AMS Referendum approved the current program cost.**

Who is eligible?

- Full-time or Part-time students at UBC, and**
- Be assessed AMS student fees, and**
- Satisfy at least one:**
 - Registered in a minimum of three physical credits
 - Paying at least \$720 in tuition fees

Program Participation Conditions

- Only the student registered to the account can use the U-Pass BC**
- You must carry valid student ID at all times**
- U-Pass BC is valid for unlimited three zone travel on TransLink buses, SeaBus and SkyTrain (discount fares on WCE)**
- Subject to the South Coast British Columbia Transportation Authority Transit Tariff. Violation could lead to confiscation or legal prosecution.**

The Compass Card



- ❑ **Previous contract contained language surrounding the Compass distribution phases. (Will have to be removed this time around)**
- ❑ **Digital Fare Medium with built-in RFID chip.**
- ❑ **U-Pass BC is a *virtual product loaded onto the card.***
- ❑ **Tap In/Out is essential to data analysis and future contract negotiations. (Identity & Privacy Protection maintained)**

The Contract Negotiation Process

- Current contract expires in May 2016.**
- Contract negotiations target price and other terms & conditions.**
- Usually spans across a couple of months.**
- Price has to be approved by referendum (fee directly collected from students).**

To Date

- ❑ Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure received Treasury Board approval for additional two years.
- ❑ No price increase above inflationary costs of transit services.
- ❑ Allows time for designing what a sustainable U-Pass BC program will look like in the future.
- ❑ Extra time to examine properly collected data from the Compass Card.

2015/16 =
\$38/month

2017/18 =
\$41/month

2016/17 =
\$39.50/month

Contract will run from May 2016 to April 2018

Next Steps

- Referendum of the student membership needs to be called to approve the fee.**
- Meetings with the U-Pass Advisory Committee (UAC) to have the final legal document ready.**
- Final legal document will have to be signed after the previous two steps are completed.**



Questions?

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