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Well, almost. Our birthday is October 15, and that will be 102 years since the 400 students who made up the entire student body at our first campus near the Vancouver General Hospital gathered to create the Alma Mater Society, which we now just call the AMS – partly because no one could figure out how to pronounce Alma Mater. I wrote a poem about that:

[Poem, title Does It Mater?]

Anyway, back in the day they still said Alma Mater (or Awlma Mawter), and they wore suits and ties. Here, take a look at your ancestors: **[A.3]**

That's a class in the Arts building on the first campus. I'd show you a picture of the student union building there, but there wasn't any. We didn't even have one when we first moved to this campus in 1925. The AMS had to make do with some rooms in what is now the Old Auditorium. **[B.9]** There's the Auditorium in 1927. Can't show you the AMS offices, but here's the original campus cafeteria in the same building **[B.8]**, here's the Auditorium proper

[\[https://open.library.ubc.ca/collections/arphotos/items/1.0020100\]](https://open.library.ubc.ca/collections/arphotos/items/1.0020100), and here's a General Meeting in the auditorium **[B.44]**.

Eventually, the AMS built itself a student union building **[Brock Hall, 1940]**: you may recognize it, it's Brock Hall. Still used, just not by us. By the University. And then in 1968 we built another student union building **[old SUB]**, which will also be used again – eventually – by both us and the University. And finally we built our most recent home, or Nest **[A.0]**, into which we moved in June 2015, just over two years ago.

So what have we been doing here for two years?

Well, we put up a giant building **[J.80]**, but we shrunk Student Council **[some photo to indicate this: perhaps a recent composite, then a smaller version of it]**. No more BoG and Senate reps, at least as voting reps, half as many reps from Arts and Science and Engineering and the GSS, and so on.

And we introduced Consent Items and remote attendance (though just for the summer; and there's Jakob, one of our remote attenders **[photo of Jakob Gattinger, Remote Attender]**). And we abolished the Agenda Committee and the Oversight Committee. In fact, we restructured committees altogether, and got rid of Commissions, including the oldest commission of them all, **SAC [photo of sack and meeting]**, which used to oversee clubs and bookings, and also there's no more **Unecorn**, the old University & External Relations Committee **[photo of the Unicorn and meeting? From old presentations]**

Now we have a new set of committees, including the Steering Committee [**ship's wheel from April presentation**] and a bunch more that we're going to fill tonight.

And we renamed our Art Gallery, calling it the **Hatch**, and decided to sell some of our expensive art [**Mona Lisa** – oh, sorry, not that one], and we passed a referendum to add a new fee to pay for a recreation and fitness space [**photo of people in a gym? J.71**]

And we created new services: **Vice** [**logo plus ?**] for people with problems with drugs and alcohol, and **eHub** [**logo? Plus**

https://www.google.ca/search?q=entrepreneur&rlz=1C1CHWA_enCA596CA596&source=Inms&tbm=isch&sa=X&ved=0ahUKEwiA0dfu1ZjWAhUY52MKHQCLBQYQAUICigB&biw=875&bih=390#imgrc=ueuyqi390jL1jM: to encourage entrepreneurship.

And we revived the **Blue & Gold Society** to encourage campus spirit and work with our Student Life Committee. And we created a draft for a new strategic plan [?

<http://www.ams.ubc.ca/wp-content/uploads/2010/07/200-17-Strat-Plan-Presentation.pdf>] And another draft and another draft ... I think we're at draft 4.0 now

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And we've passed policies on sexual assault and made submissions to UBC about their policy on sexual assault, and the businesses were separating and not doing well, but now they are reuniting with the mother ship [**some Star Trek shuttle thing?**] and storming along [**storm**]. And we went from **BAGB** [**the bag and a bee photo from April presentation**], the Business and Administration Governance Board, to **ABBA** [**music group photo**], the Advisory Board for Business and Administration. But now ABBA's disbanded, and become just the Advisory Board, with a broader mandate to advise on everything, not just business.

And we had Executives chairing all committees, then regular Councillors doing some, then having it be either Executives or Councillors, and we got rid of the old Fincom (the Finance Commission) and the Budget Committee, and created a Finance Committee, so that's a new Fincom [**bags of money from April presentation**], I suppose. We'll see what people start calling it. I wrote a whole song about our acronyms one year, but it's out of date now because we keep changing them.

And we've gone from deficits to surpluses (except perhaps in the **AUS**); there were problems there, which led to a special ad hoc committee on Constituencies, which led to the creation of the new Presidents Council [**photo of Mt. Rushmore**]. Oops, wrong presidents. It will be our Constituency Presidents on the Presidents Council. And **Alan** [**J.93a**] will be reporting on what they're up to.

You all know Alan. He was the **Engineers Cairn** in the last elections: the first joke candidate to become President. Better than the **fire hydrant** (**I.60**), who fell just short of being elected to the Board of Governors many years ago.

And we overhauled our election rules, so it's goodbye to candidates' **posters [Action Nude from 2000 or so]**, at least after the upcoming by-election. And good-bye to Voter Funded Media.

And some people wanted to say goodbye to certain types of investment [**BDS, fossil fuel**]. We even passed policy calling for fossil fuel divestment. And we have now created our own investment policy, having freed ourselves from restrictions that kept us mostly to bonds. That was the work of last year's VP Finance, **Louis Retief**.

And while some things have gone or are going, some things are coming back.

Upper Case is leaving us, but just to be renamed as **Blue Chip Cafe**. **The Honour Roll** is already back (replacing **Peko Peko**). And of course after we tried the **Perch** on the top floor, we have now replaced it with the second coming of the **Gallery Lounge**, which was so popular in the Old SUB that students voted in a referendum to bring it back.

And our **Volunteer** service went away, because it was duplicating what UBC is offering, and Rezgo, the ticket purchase service, has been replaced by Showpass. And **MacInnes Field** went away, but is supposed to be coming back, and one day **Block Party** and the **Welcome Back Barbecue** may have a field again, unless we decide we like them better where they are now.

And the **GSS** may be going – but maybe not. And there's been talk of a Fall Reading Break, but not yet. And **Safewalk** tried to get rid of walking, but then decided that maybe some walking is good for you [**walking?**]. Maybe drinking is good for you too, and we have a revived Brewery Committee working on bringing a microbrewery to campus [**maybe <https://www.bevancoover.com/media/110248/beer-flight.jpg>**]

But **dancing** may not be good for TV's, and we had to move some screens into the Atrium [**do we have a photo?**].

And along with the Oversight Committee, which used to judge the Executives, we have gotten rid of the Performance Accountability Restriction or Incentive. PAR or PAI [**photo of pie**]. Now the only pie is **Pie R Squared**, and perhaps the Engineers on Pi Day [**pieing?**]: watch out on March 14. If you still want judging, maybe you can find some in the Ubysey [**a report card article?**]

And there will be no more quarterly reports or ternaries from each Executive; instead they'll be producing a joint report (or reports) to come to Council. No more Constituency Reports either (except for the report from the **Presidents Council**).

And no more Flipside for burgers, but there will be a Burger Bar outside in a food cart, and in the old Flipside space **Iwanataco** serving Mexican food. And replacing Palate as our vegetarian/vegan outlet: Garden Grove. And **ice cream** is back at Pie R Squared, and we should be getting an Ombudsperson soon too.

And in October a project dear to my heart, the **history of the AMS [see cover]**, the book I worked on for three years, will be published, telling the history of UBC's students from 1915 up till almost the present. Coming soon to a bookstore near here, the UBC Bookstore, in fact.

And now you are entirely up to date.