



# **The Alma Mater Society** *An Introduction*

**UBC Board of Governors | September 2017**

# Organizational Overview



## Services



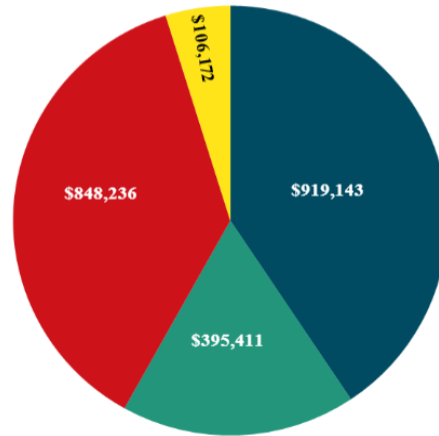
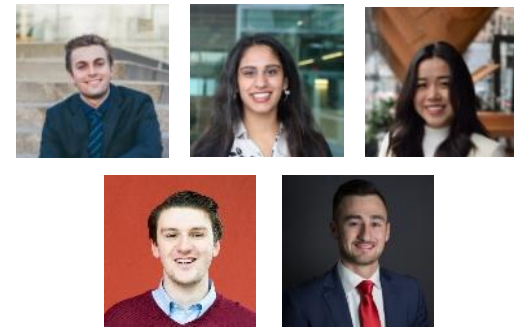
## Businesses



## Facilities



## Student Government



- Senior Student Services
- Other
- Student Government
- Student Services

# Governance and History



General Membership



Council (Board of Directors)



Executives



Staff

## A Brief History

- 1915 | AMS established
- 1922 | Organized the Great Trek
- 1933 | Thunderbird selected
- 1967 | Students added to Senate
- 1968 | Old SUB opens
- 1974 | Students added to Board
- 2003 | U-Pass established
- 2015 | The Nest opens

# Recent Victories and Activities



- Opened AMS Student Nest (approx. \$110m)
- Working on redevelopment of UBC Life Building (Old SUB)
- Completed first recent governance review with MNP LLP
  - Reduced Council size
  - Staffing restructure
  - Executive oversight overhaul
- Student loan rate lowered from prime rate + 2.5% to prime rate only
- Created fee working with University to establish new student recreational fitness facility

# University Budget Priorities



- Investment in student experience
  - Expansion of recreation space
  - Opportunities for experiential learning
  - Support of wellbeing services
- Commitment to financial aid
  - Merit-based programs
  - Need-based support
- Continuation of diversity initiatives
- Innovation
  - Undergraduate research activities
  - e@UBC & the AMS eHub

# Housing and Campus Development



- Accessibility of campus
  - Expansion of transit options
- Student Housing
  - Increasing availability of rental units
  - Keeping price increases in check
- MacInnes Field and Nest precinct
  - Maintaining AMS as focal point of campus centre
- Stadium Neighborhood
  - Pushing rental availability and diversity of options
- GamePlan
  - Balancing Recreation and Athletics space

# Government Advocacy



- Transit
  - Broadway Subway Line
  - Development of existing services to the Vancouver campus
- Housing
  - Relaxing restrictions on institutional borrowing
- Affordability
  - Advocating for favorable student aid policies

# What's Next



1

Finalization and implementation of a strategic plan

2

Completion of Old SUB project and occupancy

3

Overhaul of AMS fees and financial structure