



# Fees & New Program Consultations

# Background

- September 2016: EUS Approached Regarding New Bachelor of Applied Science in Biomedical Engineering (BME) and Engineering Expansion Plan
- October 2016: Initial Tuition and Program Consultations Happen
- November 2016: Back-and-forth Regarding EUS Submission on Tuition Proposal; Senate Approves BME
- December 2016: Board of Governors Approves BME



# Big Picture Problems

- Fees Being Imposed Outside of 'Standard' Tuition
- Inadequate and Unsatisfactory Consultation
  - Inability to Consider Tuition and Proposal Side-by-Side
  - A Lack of Information on Initial Proposal and at Critical Points
  - Unfair/unprofessional behavior from UBC Staff/Faculty
- Unreasonable Demands on Student Leadership



# Recommendations for Constituencies

- Highlight Your Independence from the University
- Meet with the AMS VP Academic and University Affairs
  - Look at What's Happened with Similar Consultations Previously
- Develop a Plan with Your Dean or School Director for Consultation



# Recommendations for the AMS

- Ensuring Consistency in Advocacy Efforts
  - Don't let constituencies do wild things
- Oppose Program Fees Which Augment Standard Tuition in Non-professional, Undergraduate Programs
- Prepare for the Worst Case Scenario
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# Why Should You Care?

- International Tuition
- ‘An Epidemic of [Lab/Program/Whatever] Fees’
- Recent Comments by the President
- The Upcoming Provincial Election

