

Office of the President
Alma Mater Society of the UBC Vancouver

Memo

To: AMS Council
From: Alan Ehrenholz, President
Date: January 5th, 2018
Re: AMS Athletics and Recreation Fee

Introduction

On February 8th, 2017, AMS Council unanimously approved the following motion:

MOVED NAMDAR SHAFIEI, SECONDED DIANE NGUYEN:

“Be it resolved that on the recommendation of the Executive Committee AMS Council direct the current and future Executives of the AMS to commence and complete an in-depth review and evaluation of the \$21 AMS Athletics and Recreation fee.

Be it further resolved that a public report be compiled and presented no later than the first Council meeting in January 2018.

Be it further resolved that the public report be updated by the Executive Committee annually till the first Council meeting in January 2020.”

... No objections

This motion mandated that each January, until 2020, that the AMS Executive produce a report evaluating the \$21 AMS Athletics and Recreation fee (“the \$21 fee”). This report was meant to provide AMS Council with detail surrounding how the \$21 fee is currently being utilized by UBC Athletics and Recreation. This memo will also provide an introduction into how the \$21 fee is incorporated into the entire UBC Athletics and Recreation budget.

THE \$21 AMS ATHLETIC AND RECREATION FEE

In June of 2017, the AMS Executive held a meeting with Kavie Toor, Senior Director, Facilities, Recreation, and Sport Partnerships, and Gilles Lepine, Senior Athletics Director, to discuss the use of the \$21 fee, and the Athletics and Recreation Budget on a larger scale. A similar presentation will be provided to AMS Council by Kavie Toor on January 10th, 2018.

In this presentation, the following breakdown of how the \$21 fee is used was provided in Table 1:

Table 1: \$21 AMS Athletics and Recreation Fee Breakdown

Allocation (\$)	Description
450,000	Intramural Programming
300,000	Aquatic Centre access contribution
84,000	Drop-In program subsidy
175,000	Varsity festival enhancement
1,009,000	Total AMS Contribution

This breakdown shows an 83% allocation of the \$21 fee towards recreation and intramural programming, and subsequently a 17% allocation towards varsity programming.

ATHLETICS AND RECREATION BUDGET

When analyzing the greater UBC Athletics and Recreation budget, the combined \$834,000 dollars of the \$21 fee offsets less than one third of the overall expenses from recreational activities. However, the \$175,000 offsets less than 2% of the overall expenses from varsity activities. This clearly shows that despite the \$21 fee in itself being utilized mainly for recreational activities, Athletics and Recreation is spending a significant amount of their own budget to fund varsity activities.

CONCLUSION

The AMS Executive respects that UBC Athletics and Recreation is allocating a majority of the \$21 fee towards recreational activities, as this is how we understand the majority of our students engage in activity on this campus. However, when considering the larger UBC Athletics and Recreation budget, and the inequitable distribution of varsity to recreation spending, the AMS Executive is committed to advocating for a stronger financial committed from UBC Athletics and Recreation towards recreation opportunities for students on the Vancouver campus.



Alan Ehrenholz
President