



AMS Sustainability June Report

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Student Driven Sustainability Strategy

“The AMS recognizes the ecological crisis humanity faces and the special responsibility universities and university students have in finding and implementing solutions. We acknowledge our obligations as global citizens and strive to create a sustainable and equitable future for all. We acknowledge that the impacts of climate change are disproportionately felt by the more marginalised communities all over the world, both on a local and global level, and we have an obligation as part of the privileged UBC community to be ambitious in our goals to build a sustainable and just future for all.”

Overarching goals for the year

1. Ensure a smooth transition to the new Student Driven Sustainability Strategy, including a robust process for oversight and implementation.
2. Embed environmental, social and economic sustainability across all AMS departments.
3. Hold UBC accountable to its sustainability and climate change commitments.
4. Involve students and student groups in AMS Sustainability decision-making and project implementation.

General

- **Sustainability Subcommittee under Operations:** Work with the VP Admin to create a sustainability subcommittee for oversight and implementation of the SDSS.
- **Constituency Sustainability Strategies:** Support constituencies in developing 3-year sustainability strategies that are tailored to each constituency's structure, events and processes.

Operations

- **Mugshare at Blue Chip:** Start a reusable cup sharing service pilot at Blue Chip, to eventually be expanded across campus.
- **SEEDS Project Maintenance:** Create a Sustainability Project Maintenance Fund to ensure the continued use and benefit of past sustainability projects in the Nest and develop a system to oversee maintenance.

Finance

- **Sustainable Investing:** Work with the VP Finance and Sustainability Funds Administrator to develop a more sustainable investment policy.
- **Sustainable Projects Fund:** Make the SPF more accessible to students and revamp the application process to make it easier and more digestible to applicants.

Advocacy

- **Climate Change:** Work with the VP Academic and University Affairs and the VP External to develop a climate change advocacy policy.
- **Equity and Social Justice:** Engage in discussions with AMS executives, staff and councillors around how the AMS can better advance equity, especially in relation to Indigenous affairs, through its advocacy, services and structure.

Questions?

