Memorandum of Understanding

Between the Arts Undergraduate Society of the University of British Columbia (the AUS) and the Vancouver School of Economics Undergraduate Society (the VSEUS) regarding membership in the respective societies.

Preamble

The purpose of this Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the AUS and the VSEUS (the Parties) is to set out which students are to be considered members of the AUS and assessed the AUS student fee and which students are to be considered members of the VSEUS and assessed the VSEUS fee. This MOU also sets out a framework for transferring membership funds between the Parties.

Membership

1. The Parties agree that, notwithstanding the current definition of a member in the AUS Constitution, all students enrolled in combined major programs in which one of the majors is economics and all students enrolled in a double major in which one of the majors is economics will be considered to be members of both the VSEUS and the AUS.

Fee Payment and Transfers

2. Students in the programs set out in Paragraph 1 will only pay the VSEUS’s membership fee. Payment of this fee will be deemed paying of both the VSEUS and AUS fees for the purpose of membership requirements.

3. The VSEUS agrees that they will transfer a portion of the fees collected for students in the programs set out in Paragraph 1 to the AUS at a rate to be negotiated between the parties in a later agreement.

Elections and Executive Eligibility

4. Students who are members of both the VSEUS and the AUS will be eligible to vote and run in both organizations’ elections.

5. No student who is a member of both the VSEUS and the AUS may concurrently serve on the executives of both organizations. Anyone who is elected to the executive of both organizations must resign from one of the roles.

Clarification of Membership Rules

6. The AUS agrees that it will take steps to amend the its governing documents to clarify that the students enrolled in combined major programs in which one of the majors is economics and all students enrolled in a double major in which one of the majors is economics are members the AUS despite paying their fees through the VSEUS.

Amendments to Membership Rules

7. The Parties agree that they will inform each other of any proposed changes to their respective governing documents (including their respective constitutions) provisions regarding membership that are being considered.
New Programs

8. Upon the creation of a new program with courses within both the Faculty of Arts and the Vancouver School of Economics that are not covered by this agreement, the Parties agree that they will update this MOU to confirm of which organization students in the program will be members.

Ratification and Enforcement by the Alma Mater Society

9. The Parties agree that this agreement will come into force upon ratification by the Alma Mater Society of the University of British Columbia (the AMS), which is the parent organization of the Parties. In the event that either party fails to uphold their obligations under this agreement, the other party may request that the AMS compel the non-performing party to fulfil its obligations.

The Parties hereby agree to the terms of the memorandum of understanding:

________________________ (signature)           ________________________(date)

Kat Aquino

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for the Arts Undergraduate Society of the University of British Columbia

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