CODE CHANGES 2019:
SUSTAINABILITY PROJECTS FUND AND MOU’S

TO: Council
FROM: FINANCE Committee
April 2019

Amendment to add to the purposes of the Sustainability Projects Fund and to allow the use of MoU’s. Also to remove references to the former Sustainability Projects Committee.

Additions are indicated by bold italics. Deletions are indicated by striking through (like this).

SECTION IX B. FISCAL PROCEDURES

Article 6. Funds

... 5. Funds Established by Referendum ...

(k) The Sustainability Projects Fund shall be administered by the Finance Committee in accordance with the following provisions:

(i) The purpose of this Fund shall be to provide funding to Active Members for environmental, social and economic sustainability projects that enhance opportunities in:

1) student empowerment related to sustainability;
2) reduction of the Society’s ecological footprint and the ecological footprint of UBC Vancouver;
3) education, outreach and community organizing related to sustainability;
4) the environmental, ecological and socially sustainable operations of the Society and UBC Vancouver;
5) sustainability-related advocacy initiatives;
6) info-sharing and partnerships with the broader community beyond UBC Vancouver.

(ii) Only Active Members will be eligible to receive funds; UBC Vancouver’s faculty, staff and community partners may work with resources from the Fund only through partnering with Active Members.

(iii) An individual or group wishing to receive moneys from this Fund shall submit a project proposal to be evaluated by the Finance Committee.
Projects Committee.

(iv) Council shall add a minimum of the balance in the Sustainability Projects Fee account to this Fund on an annual basis.

(v) Accountability measures shall be established by the Finance Sustainability Projects Committee to ensure timely and successful completion of projects.

(vi) When approving grants from this Fund, the Finance Sustainability Projects Committee may impose such conditions or restrictions as it sees fit, provided however that such conditions are consistent with this section of Code.

(vii) This fund may also be used for maintenance, upkeep, and repair of past sustainability projects and for new student-led sustainability projects initiated by the Society.

(viii) For groups that regularly receive funding for sustainability projects, the Finance Committee may enter into Memorandums of Understanding of no more than one year in duration in accordance with criteria established by the Finance Committee and in accordance with the contract procedures in Article 9 below.

[Note: The 2011 fee referendum which introduced this fund described it as follows:

Sustainability Projects Fund
A fund that will contribute over $100,000 a year to student led sustainability projects on campus. Students will be able to apply for funding for their clubs, events and ideas that will make UBC a more sustainable place.]