



October 2017 Report of the AMS Student Life Committee
for AMS Council Meeting of 25 October 2017

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What have we been working on?

The Student Life Committee of the UBC Alma Mater Society last met on 6 October 2017. At this meeting, we appointed Ahmed Shaaban as our Vice Chair. We also did a quick overview of SLC and its Working Groups to help our new members familiarize themselves. We also began our goal setting discussion, with the following ideas as our focus:

- 1) Creation of a Student Engagement Strategy – including consultation with Constituencies and students at large; perhaps create infographics/videos to explain what the AMS is to students which might aid with engagement
- 2) Creation of questions regarding student engagement to be included in the Academic Experience Survey or a separate survey – would include questions pertaining to potential barriers to engaging with the AMS; e.g. best times for events, preferred time for events, etc.
- 3) Fostering an increase sense of student identity and pride; e.g. through supporting athletics → Blue and Gold
- 4) Work with UBC Campus Experience and the Constituencies to create a unified calendar of events; e.g. coordinate First Year Orientation events to prevent overlap with large campus events such as Homecoming and Welcome Back BBQ

We are currently still in the early stages of our goal setting and we are open to comments, questions, and other suggestions. Furthermore, we will be going into more detail with each of these goals with the hopes of creating a more “concrete” list of objectives for each overarching goal.

The Blue and Gold Society has been unable to meet this month due to conflicting schedules. At the moment, our Executive Projects Assistant, Student Life Initiatives is working on organizing our next meeting, hopefully sometime in the next two weeks.

The First Year Committee is starting to move forward and we will be having our first meeting next week. At its current status, the First Year Committee is composed of First Year Representatives from the Constituencies and is charged with the responsibility of fostering a connection between the AMS and new-to-UBC students. Current topics on our radar include identifying gaps in programming for the first year experience and planning events that would better engage first years – but we are open to other ideas as well!

Questions?

If you have any input, suggestions, or feedback regarding Blue and Gold Society and/or Grad Class Council, or student life in general, please feel free to contact me at slcom@ams.ubc.ca (cc lindo.lorenzo@gmail.com).

Sincerely,

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