



REPORT TO AMS COUNCIL

SUBJECT	AMS ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING TRANSITION REPORT
MEETING DATE	NOVEMBER 6, 2019
	FOR INFORMATION SUBMISSION
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DOCUMENTS	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Annual General Meeting Planning Report 2. AMS Annual General Meeting 2019 Agenda 3. President & Managing Director 2019 Report

DESCRIPTION & RATIONALE

This report's purpose is to provide AMS Council with a clear planning process for the AMS Annual General Meeting ("AGM") in order for future AMS Executives to properly plan out the AGM. In addition, the 'AMS Annual General Meeting 2019 Agenda' and the 'President & Managing Director 2019 Report' are attached to provide AMS Council with the documents that was circulated for the AGM this year.



AMS Annual General Meeting Agenda

October 23, 2019

Lower Atrium in the Student Nest

(12:00pm – 2:00pm)

Call to order – Chris Hakim

Territorial Acknowledgement:

At this time, we wish to acknowledge our presence on unceded, traditional, and ancestral territory of the hə́ŋdəmíhəm-speaking Musqueam people."

In addition, we wish to recognize the fact that learning happened in this place we are gathered long before this institution was established. It is important that we understand and respect our privilege to be living, working, and learning on Musqueam territory

We hope that this acknowledgment inspires each and every one of us to reflect on the reconciliation yet to be achieved, and the challenges yet to be overcome by Canada and First Nations peoples

1. MOVED _____, SECONDED _____

"That the agenda be adopted as presented."

2. MOVED _____, SECONDED _____

"BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Alma Mater Society Membership accept the President's and the Managing Director's Annual Report as presented."

3. MOVED _____, SECONDED _____

"BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Alma Mater Society Membership accept the Auditor's Report on the Financial Statements for the fiscal year ending April 30, 2019, as presented."

"BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Society approve the Financial Statements as of April 30, 2019."

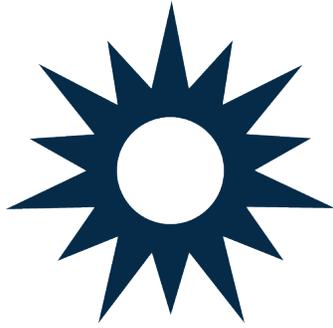
4. MOVED _____, SECONDED _____

"BE IT RESOLVED THAT the D&H Group be retained as the Auditors for the Alma Mater Society of the University of British Columbia Vancouver for the ensuing fiscal year."

5. Discussion Items:
 - AMS Strategic Plan

6. MOVED _____, SECONDED _____

“BE IT RESOLVED THAT there being no further business the meeting be adjourned at _____.”



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President & Managing Director Report

2019 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

OCTOBER 23rd, 2019

Introduction

On behalf of the AMS, we are excited to present the President and Managing Director's Report that will lay out the amazing work we have undertaken during the 2018/19 year and 2019/20 year so far. During this time, we have taken the approach of building supports within the AMS for our different departments and services and implementing a data-driven and strategic planning mindset in our work.

President's Report

In the 2018/19 year, we have seen great successes in our ability to create support structures and engage with stakeholders in our services, advocacy, and student engagement. During the previous year, the AMS formally apologized to the Indigenous community for not making 'serious efforts to advance reconciliation' and committed to creating a more inclusive student society with Indigenous peoples – starting with the establishment of the Indigenous Committee. In addition, the AMS saw the completion of the renovations of the AMS area in the UBC Life Building, marking the end of a long-term capital investment from students and the creation of new spaces for the student community. Furthermore, the AMS took a great leap in climate justice by reviewing its investment policy and divesting the AMS's funds from fossil fuel companies. We also took on a successful advocacy campaign that got students an elimination of interest on student loans in British Columbia – an achievement that will have an immediate impact on students who are burdened by their debt. Finally, the AMS successfully advocated to UBC to allocate over \$1 million towards WorkLearn jobs, \$1 million towards an Open Education Resources (OERs) fund, approximately \$300,000 towards varsity gender equity, and over \$1 mill towards expanding the Jump Start program.

During the 2019/20 year so far, we have built upon the victories we have achieved in the previous year by developing a data-driven and strategic planning approach to the AMS. Starting this October, the AMS will begin the launch of the development of the AMS Strategic Plan – a student-driven plan that will shape the next five years of the AMS's direction. In addition, the AMS recently approved its new standalone Sexual Violence Policy (I-17), a policy that explicitly outlines its zero tolerance for sexual violence. Along with other student unions across Canada representing a total of over 900,000 students, we released a letter addressed to the federal party leaders ahead of this year's federal election, in which we outlined that the elimination of interest on federal student loans, the end of backlog, and the creation of work/research opportunities need to be priorities. The AMS also approved the funding of renovating the Clubs Resource Centre and the Commons, a space in which AMS Clubs can find supports and students can hang out. Furthermore, as part of our work on ensuring student voices are at the forefront of our advocacy, we successfully advocate for a seat on UBC's Sexual Misconduct Policy (131/SC17) Review Committee. Finally, the AMS began the development of a Secure Online Money Transfer System to replace the paper cheque reimbursement system we have now.

Managing Director's Report

It was a phenomenal year financially for the Society.

With the first full fiscal year since our refinancing of our loan from the University, we reduced our interest costs by a million dollars. We made the wonderful decision to change our investment policy to be wholly Fossil Fuel Free and our investment portfolio delivered a 4.6% return, which is an outstanding achievement.

AMS businesses performed admirably, in particular our Conferences and Catering business, capitalizing on our unique Platinum LEED building. The Food & Beverage outlets, owned and managed by your AMS, also performed well, despite the increasing competition surrounding the building, increased labour costs, and dramatic increases in the costs of ingredients. The businesses within the Nest are recognized by our members as top spots on campus to eat and to socialize; this is due in part to the cost-friendly food options, our emphasis on sustainability, and fresh ingredients used in preparation of the meals. Our iconic Pit Pub celebrated its 50th year in operation, and is seeing a dramatic resurgence in popularity. In addition, the reimagining of the Gallery Lounge from the Old SUB has been a roaring success with our members. The Gallery is consistently filled with students, and is a very attractive location for private events.

We have made numerous other important changes to our businesses, our Student Government and Services controlled costs well within their operations, and our AMS Events team ran over 100 successful events, including a phenomenal Welcome Back BBQ & Block Party Events, both of which broke even, and allowed us to add additional events to contribute to our mandate of engaging with our members.

Conclusion – Looking Forward

The 2019/20 Fiscal Year continues to be a promising year for students and the AMS as we see the fantastic contributions from every facet of the Society. With the achievements we have been able to gain and with the voices of students, we hope that we can continue this year with greater strides for engagement and support within our community.



Chris Hakim

AMS President



Keith Hester

AMS Managing Director