

**CODE CHANGES 2020:
FUNDS AND FEES UPDATE**

TO: Council
FROM: Finance Committee
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Amendment to update the Code in accordance with recent fee referendums and CPI.

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

SECTION IX B. FISCAL PROCEDURES

Article 6. Funds

1. The following are the funds of the Society as established by referendum, by Bylaw 11(2), or, pursuant to Bylaw 11(2)(a)(v), by this provision of the Code:

(a) Funds established by referendum:

- (i) Capital Projects Fund;
- (ii) AMS Athletics and Intramurals Benefit Fund;
- (iii) External and University Lobbying and Advocacy Fund;
- (iv) Resource Group Fund;
- (v) AMS Refugee Student Fund;
- (vi) Student Services Fund;
- (vii) AMS Student Legal Fund;
- (viii) AMS Health and Dental Fund;
- (ix) AMS Financial Assistance Fund;
- (x) Sexual Assault Support Services Fund;
- (xi) Sustainability Projects Fund;
- (xii) CiTR Fund;
- (xiii) International Projects Fund;
- (xiv) Child Care Bursary Fund;
- (xv) Ombudsperson Fund; ~~and~~
- (xvi) Campus Culture and Performance Fund.;
- (xvii) Sustainable Food Access Fund;***
- (xviii) Thrift Store Fund;***
- (xix) Bike Kitchen Fund; and***
- (xx) Indigenous Student Fund.***

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5. Funds Established by Referendum

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~~(p) — **The Campus Culture and Performance Fund** shall be administered by the Finance Committee. In accordance with the referendum of March 2016, money in the fund shall, at the beginning of the fiscal year, be split equally among the following organizations: UBC Film Society, Blank Vinyl Project, UBC Debate Society, UBC Slam, UBC Jazz Café Club, UBC Players' Club, and UBC Musical Theatre Troupe, or their successors, such successors to be determined based on procedures established by the Finance Committee.~~

(p) The Campus Culture and Performance Fund shall be administered by the Finance Committee in accordance with the following provisions:

- (i) The purpose of the Fund shall be to contribute to student performance and cultural groups on campus.**
- (ii) Money in the Fund shall, at the beginning of the fiscal year, be split equally among the seven (7) clubs designated by the referendum of March 2016 and any other clubs named in accordance with the following procedures established by the referendum of March 2019:**
 - 1) The clubs already receiving funding shall establish criteria according to which additional clubs can receive funding.**
 - 2) The Finance Committee shall screen applicants and refer any club it thinks meets the criteria to the clubs already receiving funding.**
 - 3) The clubs already receiving funding shall collectively decide if the referred club should receive funding.**
 - 4) No more than one additional club shall be approved to receive funding in any one year.**
 - 5) Once approved, a club shall be permanently added to the number of clubs receiving funding and shall get an equal share of the funding.**
- (iii) The seven clubs designated by the referendum of March 2016 were: the UBC Film Society, the Blank Vinyl Project, the UBC Debate Society, UBC Slam, the UBC Jazz Café Club, the UBC Players' Club, and the UBC Musical Theatre Troupe, or their successors.**
- (iv) If necessary, successors to the designated clubs shall be determined based on procedures established by the Finance Committee.**
- (v) The Finance Committee shall maintain a list of the clubs entitled to receive funding from this Fund.**

- (q) ***The Sustainable Food Access Fund shall be administered by the Finance Committee. In accordance with the referendum of March 2018, the Fund shall be used for the following on-campus sustainable food initiatives:***
- (i) ***subsidizing food prices and increasing programming at Agora Cafe and UBC Sprouts; and***
 - (ii) ***offering a student discount at the UBC Farm Market and Roots on the Roof.***
- (r) ***The Thrift Store Fund shall be administered by the Finance Committee. In accordance with the referendum of March 2019, the Fund shall be used to establish and operate a thrift store on campus until it has become self-sustaining.***
- (s) ***The Bike Kitchen Fund shall be administered by the Finance Committee. In accordance with the referendum of January 2013, the Fund shall be used to improve the services offered to cyclists on campus.***
- (t) ***The Indigenous Student Fund shall be administered by the Indigenous Committee, in consultation with the Finance Committee, in accordance with the following provisions:***
- (i) ***In accordance with the referendum of March 2019, the Fund shall be used for Indigenous student support and initiatives.***
 - (ii) ***Fifty percent (50%) of the money deposited in the Fund each year shall be put towards an annual large-scale cultural event hosted by the Indigenous Committee.***
 - (iii) ***Ten percent (10%) of the money deposited in the Fund each year shall be used to provide funding for Indigenous students to attend professional development workshops or similar activities.***
 - (iv) ***Twenty percent (20%) of the money deposited in the Fund each year shall be used to provide funding for Indigenous initiatives based at the UBC Vancouver campus.***
 - (v) ***Twenty percent (20%) of the money deposited in the Fund each year shall be put towards the operations and initiatives of the Indigenous Committee.***
 - (vi) ***An individual or group wishing to receive moneys from the Fund shall submit a proposal to the Indigenous Committee.***
 - (vii) ***Only Active Members and Indigenous student groups will be eligible to receive funds; UBC Vancouver's faculty, staff, and community partners may work with resources from this Fund only through partnering with Active Members or Indigenous student groups.***
 - (viii) ***Any eligible individual or group will be reimbursed the cost of their proposal when approved.***

SECTION XIII: FEES

Article 4. Allocation of Fees

1. Portions of the Society's fee may be designated by referendum to be used for certain specific purposes. Below is a list of the designated purposes, with the fee levels as of September 2015. Note that some of these fee levels will change in subsequent years in accordance with paragraph 2 below because of indexing to the Consumer Price Index.
 - (a) AMS Membership fee, designated by the referendum of March 2011 and the referendum of January 2014: \$38.14 for every Active Member;
 - (b) Capital Projects Fund, designated by the referenda of November 1982, November 1991, March 2011, January 2012, and January 2014: \$7.44 for every Active Member;
 - (c) AMS Financial Assistance Fund, designated by the referenda of March 1998 and March 2011: \$12 for every Active Member;
 - (d) AMS Athletics and Intramurals Benefit Fund, designated by referenda in March 1979, November 1982, January 1996, March 1998, and March 2011: \$21 for every Active Member;
 - (e) Resource Groups, designated by the referenda of January 1996 and March 2011: \$1.56 for every Active Member, refundable upon request;
 - (f) AMS Refugee Student Fund, designated by the referenda of January-February 1985, January 1996, and March 2008 \$2.61 for every Active Member;
 - (g) the Student Legal Fund, designated by the referenda of March 1998 and March 2011: \$1 for every Active Member;
 - (h) CiTR, designated by the referenda of September-October 1999 and March 2011: \$5.22 for every Active Member, refundable upon request;
 - (i) Sustainability Projects Fund, designated by the referendum of March 2011: \$2.35 for every Active Member;
 - (j) International Projects Fund, designated by the referendum of March 2011: \$0.26 for every Active Member;
 - (k) an extended health and dental plan, designated by the referenda of September-October 1999, March 2011, and March 2016: \$221.94 for every Active Member, refundable upon request for those with an equivalent health and dental plan;

- (l) a universal transit pass (U-Pass), designated by the referenda of February 2003, January-February 2005, March 2008, March 2011, and January 2013: \$38 per month for every Active Member, except for certain exempt categories;
 - (m) the Sexual Assault Support Services Fund, designated by the referenda of February 2003, January - February 2005, and March 2011 \$3.39 for every Active Member;
 - (n) the SUB Renewal Fee, designated by the referendum of March 2008 **(for building the AMS Student Nest): \$100 for every Active Member;** ~~(for the construction of a new Student Union Building): a graduated amount for every Active Member, beginning at \$20 in the 2008/09 school year, rising to \$30 in 2009/10 and continuing to increase by \$10 per School Year up to and including the 2016/17 school year;~~
 - (o) the Clubs Benefit Fund, designated by the referendum of March 2011: \$1.56 for every Active Member;
 - (p) the Childcare Bursary Fund, designated by the referendum of March 2011: \$1.05 for every Active Member;
 - (q) the Ombudsperson Fund, designated by the referendum of January 2012: \$1.02 for every Active Member; and
 - (r) the Bike Co-op Fee, designated by the referendum of January 2013: \$1.01 for every Active Member, refundable upon request; and
 - (s) the Campus Culture and Performance Fee, designated by the referendum of March 2016: a graduated amount for every Active Member, refundable upon request, beginning at \$1.50 in the 2016/17 school year, increasing by \$0.25 per School Year for ten (10) years, after which increasing annually in accordance with CPI.;
 - (t) **the Sustainable Food Access Fee, designated by the referendum of March 2018: \$0.38 for every Active Member, refundable upon request;**
 - (u) **the Thrift Store Fee, designated by the referendum of March 2019: \$0.95 for every Active Member, refundable upon request; and**
 - (v) **the Indigenous Student Fee, designated by the referendum of March 2019: \$0.95 for every Active Member.**
2. Subject to paragraph 3 below, all fees except the SUB Renewal Fee, the Athletics and Intramurals Benefit Fee, the Student Legal Fund Fee, and the AMS Financial Assistance Fund Fee shall be indexed to the British Columbia Consumer Price Index, using the September statistics from one Academic Year to calculate the increase for the next Academic Year.

3. In accordance with the referendum of March 2016,
- (a) the Campus Culture and Performance Fee shall not be indexed to the Consumer Price Index until ten (10) years after its first introduction;
 - (b) even if the Consumer Price Index declines, there shall be no reduction in the amount of the Health and Dental Plan Fee;
 - (c) there may be an increase of up to five percent (5%) in the Health and Dental Plan Fee even if the Consumer Price Index increases by less than that, provided that there has been a recommendation for such an increase by the AMS/GSS Health & Dental Plan Committee and that such a recommendation has been approved by a special resolution of the Graduate Student Society council and by a Two-thirds (2/3) Resolution of the Alma Mater Society Council; and
 - (d) the recommendation made by the AMS/GSS Health & Dental Plan Committee regarding fee increases referred to in paragraph (c) above shall reflect the financial status of the Health & Dental Plan as well as any coverage changes in the plan.