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| <b>SUBJECT</b>      | <b>UNA MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING</b>   |
| <b>MEETING DATE</b> | <b>JUNE 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2020</b>   |
| <b>MOTION</b>       | <p><b>BE IT RESOLVED THAT AMS Council reject the proposed Memorandum of Agreement with the University Neighborhoods Association (UNA).</b></p> <p><b>BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT AMS Council direct the Executive to seek an agreement with the UNA that ensures adequate student representation on the UNA Board.</b></p> <p><b>BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Executive seek student representation that can directly vote on matters at the UNA Board.</b></p> |
| <b>PREPARED BY</b>  | Cole Evans – President<br>Kalith Nanayakkara – Vice-President, External Affairs  |
| <b>DOCUMENTS</b>    | 1. Proposed AMS/UNA MOA  |

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**DESCRIPTION &  
RATIONALE**

The University Neighbourhood Association (UNA) is undergoing proposed governance changes that will result in the removal of an AMS-appointed voting seat from their Board of Directors.

Due to the number of students who reside within UNA jurisdiction, the AMS Executive is recommending to Council that this attempt to eliminate student representation should be rejected, and that the Board (AMS Council) take the stance that the Executive should be prioritizing adequate student representation that can meaningfully vote and contribute to affairs that impact so many UBC students.

More details around the history of this situation will be shared more in depth during discussion at AMS Council. Alternatively, interested Councillors can reach out to the VP External at [vpexternal@ams.ubc.ca](mailto:vpexternal@ams.ubc.ca) for more information.

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**BENEFITS**  
Reputational,  
Financial,  
Sustainable, Social

- Standing up for student representation.
- Adherence to core organizational values.

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**RISKS**  
Financial,  
Operational,  
Reputational

- Longer agreement process with the UNA and UBC.

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**COSTS**  
Financial,  
Resources, Lifecycle

N/A

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**TIMELINE**  
Implementation  
Timeline

N/A

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**CONSULTATION**  
Internal & External  
Groups

N/A

## UNA – AMS MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT

WHEREAS:

- A. The University Neighbourhoods Association (“UNA”) and the Alma Mater Society (“AMS”) wish to enter into a contractual relationship that will facilitate and enhance their ability to work together on matters of mutual interest.
- B. To further the development of that relationship the UNA will provide the AMS with access to the UNA Board and UNA Board committees in accordance with this Memorandum of Agreement.
- C. In return the AMS will participate in this relationship with the UNA on the terms and subject to the conditions in this Memorandum of Agreement.

NOW THEREFORE THIS MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT WITNESSES that in consideration of the premises and provisions herein the parties agree as follows:

1. The AMS has the right, from time to time and for such term as the AMS determines, to appoint a student to attend open meetings of the UNA Board as a non-voting observer. The student has the right to:
  - propose motions for inclusion in the agenda for any open Board meeting, such motions to be moved by the chair of the meeting,
  - provide material to be included in support of the motions, such material to be included in the agenda package for the meeting, and
  - speak to, and debate, such motions.
2. The AMS has the right to appoint a student to participate in any open session of a committee created by the UNA Board. The student has the right to vote on any matter put to a vote by the committee in an open session, with the exception of the Finance Committee, in meetings of which the student has no vote.
3. An open session of a committee means the portion of a meeting of the committee that would not be required or permitted to be closed to the public if section 90 of the Community Charter were applicable, *mutatis mutandis*, to meetings of UNA Board committees.
4. The AMS may appoint a different student to each position referred to in section 1 or 2 or may appoint the same student to more than one position, provided that the AMS will endeavour to minimize student turnover on a particular committee.
5. A student appointed by the AMS pursuant to section 1 or 2 has the rights given by the section only while the student is enrolled in a program of studies at UBC.
6. A student appointed by the AMS pursuant to this Memorandum of Agreement shall:
  - sign such confidentiality agreement as the UNA shall reasonably require provided that, if the student commits a material breach of the agreement, he or she shall cease to be an appointee pursuant to this Memorandum of Agreement,
  - be considered to represent the AMS without any duty to act in the best interests of UNA

- members, and
- abide by the UNA's procedural rules.

7. The AMS has the right to present a report at each UNA Board meeting in the same manner as the Director of Electoral Area A, UBC Properties Trust, and Campus + Community Planning.

8. The AMS has the right to convene, at mutually convenient times, meetings of AMS representatives with the UNA Board, such meetings to be held twice a year or, in extraordinary circumstances, more frequently.

9. The UNA shall, at the request of the AMS, use its best efforts to secure for the AMS the right to participate in UNA-UBC Executive Quarterly Meetings.

10. The UNA shall, at the request of the AMS, use its best efforts to secure for the AMS an observer position on the UBC Neighbourhoods Liaison Committee and on any successor to the Committee.

11. The UNA and AMS shall, at the request of either party, engage in further discussions intended to enhance or redefine the relationship between the parties.

12. This Memorandum of Agreement takes effect on the later of the dates on which it is executed by each party.

UNIVERSITY NEIGHBOURHOODS ASSOCIATION

ALMA MATER SOCIETY

per: \_\_\_\_\_  
Richard Watson, Chair

per: \_\_\_\_\_

Executed on: \_\_\_\_\_

Executed on: \_\_\_\_\_