AMS ATHLETICS AND INTRAMURAL FEE EXEMPTION FOR THE 2020/21 YEAR

EMAIL VOTE (June 17th, 2020 to June 19th, 2020)

WHEREAS the University has announced that the delivery of a majority of courses for the fall semester will be held online.

WHEREAS the intention of the AMS Athletics and Intramural Fee is to support recreational programming for students.

WHEREAS it is widely projected that there will be a significantly reduced number of students on campus and available recreational programming resulting in reduced access to the benefit of this fee.

WHEREAS the President must notify the University within a short period of time to successfully waive the administering of the fee.

WHEREAS the AMS has signed an MOU with the University regarding the fee which must still be amended to execute the following motion.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the AMS Council authorize the President to notify the Board of Governors and the Registrar to not collect the $21.00 AMS Athletics and Intramural Fee for the 2020/21 Fiscal Year in accordance with AMS Bylaw 14(7).

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT AMS Council accept the changes to the AMS Code of Procedure: Section XIII: Fees, Article III.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT AMS Council direct the President to provide an update on the situation at the June 24th, 2020 meeting of AMS Council.

PREPARED BY
Cole Evans – President

DOCUMENTS
1. Relevant Code Change
**DESCRIPTION & RATIONALE**

With increased interest from students regarding fees for the upcoming year, the AMS Executive is recommending to Council that the AMS not collect the $21.00 Athletics and Intramural Fee for the upcoming year in an effort to reduce financial burden on students.

The University is also working on options to reduce the larger UBC administered Athletics and Recreation Fee. The VPS Office has publicly stated that they are considered a deferred assessment option where students will only be charged the fee in the second term based on the number of credits they are taking.

The AMS just last year signed an MOU with the University regarding the fee, which is collected by the AMS and sent directly to Athletics and Recreation. This MOU is still in effect, and must be amended before the AMS is contractually able to waive the assessment of our own fee.

The University Registrar has also informed the President that they must receive a decision on this by end of this week in order to execute the requested action, creating a significantly condensed timeline.

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| Reputational, Financial, Sustainable, Social | • Strong action demonstrating a commitment to lowering student fees during the COVID-19 Pandemic.  
• Reduction in AMS assessed student fees which helps alleviate some financial burden from students. |

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| Financial, Operational, Reputational | • Significant impact on operating budget of UBC Athletics and Recreation, resulting in approximately $1.2 million less money allocated.  
• Reduction in quality of recreational service offerings for Athletics and Recreation if in-person activities resume. |

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<td>Financial, Resources, Lifecycle</td>
<td>• Slight reduction in investment revenue off of held $1.2 million.</td>
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<td>Implementation Timeline</td>
<td>• 1 to 2 weeks, immediate upon notice to UBC and MOU amendment.</td>
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| Internal & External Groups | • UBC VP Students Office  
• UBC Athletics and Recreation |
CODE CHANGES 2020:
ATHLETICS AND INTRAMURALS FEE EXEMPTION

TO: Council
FROM: Executive Committee
June 2020

Amendment to temporarily exempt members from the $21 Athletics and Intramurals Fee.

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

SECTION XIII: FEES

Article 3. Exemption from Fees

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2. Pursuant to Bylaw 14(7), Society fees shall also be waived, in whole or in part, for the following categories of Active Members:

   (a) Active Members who are not assessed tuition fees by the University;
   (b) Active Members pursuing a University of British Columbia program at an institution other than UBC Vancouver and paying student fees at that other institution;
   (c) Active Members taking only distance education courses;
   (d) Active Members at the Affiliated Institutions;
   (e) Active Members in the Ritsumeikan, Tec de Monterey, and Korea University programs; and
   (f) Active Members in a one-year program running from January through December;

   and

   (g) **Active Members enrolled during the COVID-19 disruption.**

...  

14. *Without limiting the generality of paragraph 2 above, Active Members enrolled during the COVID-19 disruption shall be exempt from paying the Society’s $21 Athletics and Intramurals fee, but shall not be exempt from the rest of the Society’s fees. Such Active Members shall be entitled to all the privileges of membership, including the exclusive services enumerated in paragraph 6 above.*