



AMS Clubs and Societies Working Group

Minutes of the July 21st, 2020 Meeting | Room 3529

Attendance

Present: Nicolas Williams (Chair), Sylvester Mensah (Vice- Chair), Arnaud Dione (Clubs Administrator), Mary Gan (AVP Finance), Suyoung Ahn (Clubs and Constituencies Financial Administrator)

Regrets:

Call to Order

Moved by Arnaud, Seconded by Mary.

The meeting was called to order at 1:10pm

Land Acknowledgement

Approval of the Agenda

Moved by Arnaud, Seconded by Sylvester.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the agenda is adopted as presented.

1. New Club Applications

1.1. AMS SDG Drive @UBC

1.1.1. Arnaud: Recommends that they partner with an existing club. Overlaps with the MUN club as well as other clubs.

1.1.2. **Do not recommend constitution of club**, on basis of:

1.1.2.1. The club's mandate overlaps with the mandate of existing AMS sustainability-focused groups such as UBC Environmental Policy Association, and existing development-focused groups such as UBC Free the Children.

1.1.2.2. Does not demonstrate an adequate justification for club status: could partner with other sustainability-focused groups.

1.2. AMS Women's Empowerment Club at UBC

1.2.1. Arnaud: Broad mandate, could be good to have a broad group like this.

1.2.2. Sylvester: We already have an AMS Resource Group, Women's Centre, as well as many niche clubs.

1.2.3. **Not recommending constitution of club**, on basis of:



- 1.2.3.1. The club's mandate overlaps with the mandate of existing AMS subsidiaries, including the Women's Groups (Resource Group) and various industry-focused women's empowerment focused clubs.
- 1.3. AMS [Creative Industries Network] @ UBC
 - 1.3.1. Club endeavoring to help students find career opportunities in non-conventional, creative fields.
 - 1.3.2. Sylvester: Could collaborate with other organizations, but would be difficult because there are so many.
 - 1.3.3. Suyoung: Good concept for a club, particularly tying in business skills. That is what sets it apart from other arts clubs.
 - 1.3.4. **Recommend constitution.**
- 1.4. Generation Fitness
 - 1.4.1. Much overlap with both physical health clubs (Powerlifting) and mental health clubs.
 - 1.4.2. Broad overview, but it is possible to access these kinds of resources.
 - 1.4.3. No stability for the future.
 - 1.4.4. **Do not recommend deconstitution**, on basis of:
 - 1.4.4.1. The club's mandate overlaps with the mandates of existing AMS subsidiaries, including; UBC Weightlifting and Powerlifting Club, UBC Yoga Club, Mental Health Awareness Club of UBC.
- 1.5. AMS Chinese Debate Club @ UBC
 - 1.5.1. Sylvester: There is already a debate club, which it overlaps with.
 - 1.5.2. Mary: Will be exclusionary, particularly because it will only debate in Chinese.
 - 1.5.3. Arnaud: Better option to work with the Debate Club.
 - 1.5.4. **Do not recommend deconstitution**, on basis of:
 - 1.5.4.1. The club's mandate overlaps with the mandate of the UBC Debate Society.
 - 1.5.4.2. The club is not open to all AMS members, will be exclusionary.
- 1.6. AMS Incline Education at UBC
 - 1.6.1. Nicolas: It is largely focused on supporting non-AMS students; AMS members may benefit from leadership opportunities, but not the primary beneficiary.
 - 1.6.2. Arnaud: Has an external affiliation, why is it not possible for Incline Education to continue to operate on it.
 - 1.6.3. **Do not recommend deconstitution**, on basis of:
 - 1.6.3.1. Primarily focuses on benefiting communities that are not members of the AMS.
 - 1.6.3.2. Not adequate justification for AMS status; already affiliated with a non-profit organization at UBC doing the same work.



- 1.7. AMS Interdisciplinary Graduate Student Network at UBC
 - 1.7.1. Sylvester: This is the job of the GSS, which can already offer this role. Also, not certain that it will be stable and grow in the future.
 - 1.7.1.1. This is the role of the Society.
 - 1.7.1.2. **Do not recommend deconstitution**, on the basis of:
 - 1.7.1.2.1. The club's mandate overlaps with the mandate of an existing AMS subsidiary; the Graduate Student Society.
 - 1.7.1.2.2. There is not adequate justification for AMS club status; the group is currently funded by Office of the VP Academic.
- 1.8. AMS PMBA at UBC
 - 1.8.1. Nicolas: Previous administration agreed to approve the club, which will represent part-time MBA students.
 - 1.8.2. **Provisional recommendation to constitute**, subject to further conservations with Donna Wood and previous administration.
- 1.9. AMS YALC @ UBC
 - 1.9.1. Mary: A lot of liabilities in terms of representing the AMS. Objective not clear and vision is too broad.
Sylvester: Great outlet for people to express their views but do not need to be an AMS club for that.
 - 1.9.2. **Do not recommend constitution**, on basis of:
 - 1.9.2.1. The club's mandate does not further the Mission Statement of the AMS.
 - 1.9.2.2. Would have the effect of promoting discrimination, contempt or hatred of any group or person.
- 1.10. AMS SWAM @ UBC
 - 1.10.1. Suyoung: Issues with insurance, liability. Very concerning.
 - 1.10.2. Nicolas: Other options that would better suit them and the AMS as a whole.
 - 1.10.3. Arnaud: Doesn't benefit AMS students primarily.
 - 1.10.3.1. Sylvester: Individuals need to be trained for this, we cannot guarantee that a student organization can continuously properly train these individuals.
 - 1.10.4. **Do not recommend constitution**, on the basis of:
 - 1.10.4.1. Primarily focuses on benefiting communities that are not members of the AMS.
 - 1.10.4.2. Presents serious liability issues for the AMS.
- 1.11. Engineering Art Collective
 - 1.11.1. Nicolas: Definitely a very interesting idea, conceptually.
 - 1.11.2. Suyoung/Mary: Not sure if there is enough interest
 - 1.11.3. Arnaud: Could recommend working with other art clubs.



- 1.11.3.1. **Note: Recommend revision of New Clubs Application, include a question about needs from AMS.**
- 1.11.4. **Do not recommend constitution**, on basis of:
 - 1.11.4.1. The club does not demonstrate the likelihood of future membership and financial stability.
 - 1.11.4.2. The club's mandate overlaps with the mandate of existing AMS subsidiaries, such as PRINT Arts and Crafts.
- 1.12. AMS Afrocentrism Conference 2021 @ UBC
 - 1.12.1. Arnaud: Club exists solely for one event. Better to partner with BSU, Africa Awareness Initiative, Africa Business Club.
 - 1.12.2. Nicolas: They've already held the event once; why do they need to be an AMS club to do it.
 - 1.12.3. **Do not recommend constitution.**
 - 1.12.3.1. There is not adequate justification for AMS club status. We do not constitute clubs that only exist to host one event, particularly as they have done it before without AMS affiliation.
 - 1.12.3.2. The club's mandate overlaps with the mandate of existing AMS subsidiaries, including BSU, Africa Awareness Initiative and Africa Business Club.
- 1.13. AMS Social Media Marketing Club at UBC
 - 1.13.1. Arnaud: There is already a Marketing Club, very strong overlap with this club.
 - 1.13.2. **Do not recommend constitution**, on basis of:
 - 1.13.2.1. The club's mandate overlaps with the mandate of an existing AMS subsidiary; the UBC Marketing Association.
- 1.14. BOLT UBC
 - 1.14.1. Arnaud: Very strong overlap with UBC BizTech, nwPlus.
 - 1.14.2. **Do not recommend constitution**, on basis of:
 - 1.14.2.1. The club's mandate overlaps with the mandates of existing AMS subsidiaries, including UBC BizTech and nwPlus.
- 1.15. AMS Sulong @ UBC
 - 1.15.1. Sylvester: Overlap with the Filipino club we currently have.
 - 1.15.2. **Do not recommend constitution**, on basis of:
 - 1.15.2.1. The club's mandate overlaps with the mandate of an existing AMS subsidiary; UBC Kababayan: Filipino Students' Association.
 - 1.15.2.2. There is not adequate justification for AMS club status: the club is affiliated with an external organization and is already operating successfully.
- 1.16. Big Brothers and Big Sisters of UBC
 - 1.16.1. Arnaud: Primarily focused on benefiting non-AMS members.



- 1.16.1.1. Sylvester: Also, many other organizations that could do this in the greater Vancouver area. No need to be an AMS club.
- 1.16.2. Nicolas: Overlap with Best Buddies club? Slight overlap.
- 1.16.3. **Do not recommend constitution**, on basis of:
 - 1.16.3.1. Primarily focuses on benefiting communities that are not members of the AMS.
 - 1.16.3.2. There is not adequate justification for the AMS club status: the mandate of the club is to promote volunteering with an organization that already exists, Big Brothers and Sisters of Vancouver.
- 1.17. AMS Vision for Life Club @ UBC
 - 1.17.1. A charity club, also not focused on primarily benefiting the AMS student body.
 - 1.17.2. **Do not recommend constitution**, on basis of:
 - 1.17.2.1. Can be considered a 'charity' club
 - 1.17.2.2. The club's mandate overlaps with the mandate of an existing AMS subsidiary; UBC HOPE.
- 1.18. Comagape Christian Conference
 - 1.18.1. Nicolas: Overlap with our many other Christian clubs.
 - 1.18.2. **Do not recommend constitution**, on basis of:
 - 1.18.2.1. There is not adequate justification for AMS club status; the club solely exists to run an event.
 - 1.18.2.2. The club's mandate overlaps with the mandate of existing AMS subsidiaries, including; Christian Students at UBC, Inter-Varsity Christian fellowship.
- 1.19. AMS Humanitarian Crises at UBC
 - 1.19.1. Charity club through and through.
 - 1.19.2. **Do not recommend constitution**, on basis of:
 - 1.19.2.1. Can be considered a 'charity club'.
 - 1.19.2.2. The club's mandate overlaps with the mandate of existing AMS subsidiaries, including; UBC Free the Children, UBC UNICEF of the AMS.
- 1.20. AMS Ember Poetry at UBC
 - 1.20.1. Overlap with the Slam Poetry club.
 - 1.20.2. Could affiliate with the Slam Poetry club, and continue to operate as a magazine. Not sufficient reason to be an AMS club.
 - 1.20.3. **Do not recommend constitution**, on basis of:
 - 1.20.3.1. The club's mandate overlaps with the mandate of an existing AMS subsidiary; UBC Slam Poetry Club.
 - 1.20.3.2. There is not adequate justification for AMS club status; the group would better benefit from affiliation with the UBC Slam Poetry Club.
- 1.21. AMS Body Banter @ UBC



- 1.21.1. Sylvester: Have many services and clubs that offer similar or more broad services, much more broad.
- 1.21.2. **Do not recommend constitution**, on basis of:
 - 1.21.2.1. The club's mandate overlaps with the mandate of an existing AMS subsidiary; the Mental Health Awareness Club
- 1.22. AMS Genetics Club at UBC
 - 1.22.1. Suyoung: Niche in a sense that it's not a major that people can sign up for, but a lot of people are very interested in the topic.
 - 1.22.1.1. Very focused on academic development in this area.
 - 1.22.2. Nicolas: Long-term stability demonstrated by faculty backing.
 - 1.22.3. **Recommend constitution.**
 - 1.22.3.1. **Update: There is a club with a mandate that overlaps with this club; UBC MedGen. However, given that AMS Genetics Club at UBC has such strong backing, this may indicate that UBC MedGen is not succeeding currently.**
- 1.23. Ojash Tamrakar (did not submit a club name)
 - 1.23.1. Very interesting idea for a club, great vision, however failed to provide a name.
 - 1.23.2. **Do not recommend constitution**, on basis of:
 - 1.23.2.1. Did not submit club name. Recommend re-applying in September.
- 1.24. AMS Food Security for ALL at UBC
 - 1.24.1. Sylvester: Many avenues currently taking place, also many clubs engaging in sustainability. Food security is a priority for AMS Sustainability this year.
 - 1.24.2. Nicolas: Overlap with clubs focusing on poverty (Free the Children, Amnesty International).
 - 1.24.3. **Do not recommend constitution**, on basis of:
 - 1.24.3.1. The club's mandate overlaps with the mandates of existing AMS subsidiaries with regards to food insecurity (Food Bank) and poverty (UBC Free the Children, UBC HOPE).
- 1.25. AMS Pickleball @ UBC
 - 1.25.1. Nicolas: The group would be better served partnering with UBC Rec.
 - 1.25.1.1. Sylvester: Need to be an AMS Club to grow.
 - 1.25.2. **Do not recommend constitution**, on basis of:
 - 1.25.2.1. There is not adequate justification for AMS club status; the club would be better served partnering with UBC REC.
- 1.26. AMS CAPACity @ UBC
 - 1.26.1. Arnaud: Can operate as a program club, but why can't it work with the constituency.
 - 1.26.2. Nicolas/Sylvester: Needs to tackle the gap that the constituency fails to fulfill.



- 1.26.3. **Recommend constitution.**
- 1.27. AMS Product Management Club @ UBC
 - 1.27.1. Nicolas: Does fill a niche that isn't entirely covered, but technically overlaps with BizTech.
 - 1.27.2. Mary: Beef up application, events are not very inspiring.
 - 1.27.3. **Do not recommend constitution**, on basis of:
 - 1.27.3.1. The club does not demonstrate the likelihood of future membership and financial stability; suggest re-writing application and making it stronger.
 - 1.27.3.2. The club's mandate overlaps with the mandate of an existing AMS subsidiary; UBC BizTech.
- 1.28. UBC NOMAS (National Organization of Minority Architects)
 - 1.28.1. Definitely an interesting area, although could partner with LASA for their work.
 - 1.28.2. **Recommend further review at Operations Committee.**
- 1.29. AMS Greater Love at UBC
 - 1.29.1 Benefit non AMS students. Liability issues. Recommend them to partner with resource groups and charities but they don't need to be an AMS Club.
 - 1.29.1. **Do not recommend constitution**, on basis of:
 - 1.29.1.1. The club primarily focuses on benefiting communities that are not members of the AMS.
 - 1.29.1.2. Serious liability concerns for the Society.
- 1.30. AMS The FentaNil Project @ UBC
 - 1.30.1 Liability issues with handing out of test kits, overlap with an AMS service (Peer Support).
 - 1.30.1.1. Mary: Must be certified to hand out these kits.
 - 1.30.2. **Do not recommend constitution**, on basis of:
 - 1.30.2.1. The club does not demonstrate the likelihood of future membership and financial stability. The club cannot fulfill its mandate to hand out naloxone kits as you must be certified. This presents a serious liability for the AMS.
 - 1.30.2.2. The club's mandate overlaps with the mandate of an existing AMS subsidiary; Peer Support.
- 1.31. AMS PennyDrops at UBC
 - 1.31.1. No need to be an AMS club, can operate on campus as a chapter without AMS affiliation.
 - 1.31.2. Overlap with services provided by other organizations (ESP).
 - 1.31.3. **Do not recommend constitution**, on basis of:
 - 1.31.3.1. There is not adequate justification for AMS club status. The club can operate as a chapter without AMS affiliation.
- 1.32. AMS Signs



- 1.32.1. Nicolas: Similar club was deconstituted two years back.
- 1.32.2. Everyone in agreement that it offers a great resource.
- 1.32.3. **Recommend constitution.**
- 1.33. AMS ADHD Health Awareness at UBC
 - 1.33.1. Arnaud: Overlap with other clubs, also extremely specific.
 - 1.33.2. Sylvester: Too specialized, not a lot of avenues for long-term growth. Could work with our newest resource group.
 - 1.33.3. **Do not recommend constitution**, on basis of:
 - 1.33.3.1. The club does not demonstrate the likelihood of future membership and financial stability; it fills too small a niche.
 - 1.33.3.2. The club overlaps with the mandates of an existing AMS subsidiary; the UBC Mental Health Awareness Club
- 1.34. Tiffany Wai (did not submit a club name)
 - 1.34.1. Nicolas: Overlap with UBC Synapse, ask them to partner with existing rare disease clubs
 - 1.34.1. **Do not recommend constitution**, on basis of:
 - 1.34.1.1. The club's mandate overlaps with the mandate of an existing AMS subsidiary; UBC Synapse.
- 1.35. AMS Unload at UBC
 - 1.35.1. Work with Sasc, AMS Services, Mental Health Club.
 - 1.35.2. **Do not recommend constitution**, on basis of:
 - 1.35.2.1. The club's mandate overlaps with the mandates of existing AMS subsidiaries, including; UBC Mental Health Awareness Club, SASC (healthier masculinity).
- 1.36. AMS [Eczema Awareness Club] at UBC
 - 1.36.1. Arnaud: Partner with the Mental Health Awareness Club
 - 1.36.2. Suyoung: Too niche
 - 1.36.3. **Do not recommend constitution**, on basis of:
 - 1.36.3.1. The club does not demonstrate the likelihood of future membership and financial stability; it fits too small a niche.
- 1.37. AMS Potluck Club
 - 1.37.1 Mary: Liability issues
 - 1.37.2 Arnaud: They can partner with the UBC Food Society
 - 1.37.1. **Do not recommend constitution**, on basis of:
 - 1.37.1.1. The club's mandate overlaps with the mandates of an existing AMS subsidiary; the UBC Food Society.
- 1.38. UBC Calisthenics Club
 - 1.38.1. Sly: They can partner with UBC Powerlifting, we can't provide resources.
 - 1.38.2. **Do not recommend constitution**, on basis of:



- 1.38.2.1. There is not adequate justification for AMS club status. We cannot offer the club the necessary resources they require.

Please refer to Appendix 1 for Operations Committee Policy Manual policies on constituting new clubs.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 3:37pm

1. New Club Applications

a. The 'New Club Application' shall be made available in the months of June, September, and January.

i. Club applications shall be made available at a minimum of one month prior to their due date

ii. Each group of Active AMS Members intending to form a club, or who have formed a club, may apply for club status by preparing and submitting the following mandatory items:

1. a petition signed by twenty-five (25) Active Members requesting AMS club status;

2. a list of potential resources the AMS Club may need from the AMS to function;

3. a one-year plan outlining three (3) proposed major events;

4. the purpose and goals of the AMS Club;

5. *the type of AMS club (regular, program, etc.);*

6. the AMS Club's anticipated membership fee; and

7. any external affiliations the club may have.

b. All AMS clubs formed *after January 2018* are required to follow the listed naming



conventions:

- i. All clubs shall be named AMS [CLUB NAME] at UBC; or AMS [CLUB NAME] @ UBC.
- c. AMS Club applications are prohibited from having the words “council” or “society” in their club’s name
 - i. Exceptions can be made by the Operations Committee

2. Constituting Clubs

- a. The Clubs and Societies Working Group *shall recommend that the Operations Committee* constitute a club on the basis of the following:
 - i. the club’s mandate furthers the Mission Statement of the AMS;
 - ii. there are sufficient resources within the AMS to support the club;
 - iii. it is open to all AMS Members, unless Program Club designation is sought;
 - iv. there is adequate justification for AMS club status;
 - v. the club’s mandate does not overlap with the mandate of an existing AMS subsidiary; and
 - vi. the club demonstrates the likelihood of future membership and financial stability.
- b. The AMS Operations Committee may not approve a new club application that proposes an AMS Club that it believes:
 - i. has an external affiliation that primarily favours or benefits an external organization;



- ii. can be considered a 'charity' club;
 - iii. primarily focuses on benefiting communities that are not members of the AMS;
 - iv. promotes, or would have the effect of promoting, discrimination, contempt, or hatred, of any group or person based on their sex, sexual identity, gender identity or expression, racialization, age, family status, marital status, religion, faith, ability, disability, national or ethnic origin, Indigeneity, immigration status, socio-economic status, class, language, political affiliation, social affiliation, other personal characteristics, or any other similar factor.
- c. When a group's application has been approved by the Operations Committee, they will be required to submit the following within a 60-day period:
- i. bylaws;
 - 1. The Operations Committee may advise a club to submit a constitution.
 - ii. IGM minutes showing a record of the elected executives and approval of bylaws; and
 - iii. a club page on the relevant club management platform.
- d. If a group's approved application is unable to provide the necessary items stated in Section 2, (f) within a 60-day period, the approval may be retracted by the Office of the Vice President Administration.
- e. The Operations Committee and the Office of the Vice President Administration shall advise newly constituted AMS Clubs of additional requirements they need to fulfill.
- f. Club applicants may not appeal a decision made by the Operations Committee.
- i. The Vice President Administration may recommend to the Operations



Committee that a club application be reconsidered.