



AMS Clubs and Societies Working Group

Minutes of the October 7th, 2020 Meeting | Room 3529

Attendance

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

Regrets:

Call to Order

Moved by Sylvester , Seconded by Arnaud
The meeting was called to order at 1:10pm

Land Acknowledgement

Approval of the Agenda

Moved by Arnaud , Seconded by Nicolas .
BE IT RESOLVED THAT the agenda is adopted as presented.

1. New Club Applications

- 1.1. CP-U (Computer Science for Undergrads)
 - 1.1.1. Clear opportunities to collaborate with the Computer Science Student Society, BizTech and other organizations.
 - 1.1.2. Concern about short-term viability of club given events that have been proposed in the application.
 - 1.1.3. **Do not recommend constitution of club**, on basis of:
 - 1.1.3.1. The club's mandate overlaps with the mandate of an existing AMS subsidiary working in this area, the Computer Science Students Society (which is open to individuals of all backgrounds).
 - 1.1.3.2. Concern about the likelihood of future membership and financial stability.
- 1.2. AMS Data Science Club at UBC
 - 1.2.1. Two very similar applications, with the concept of this club being very similar to BOLT UBC.
 - 1.2.2. The Data Science club seems to have more overlap with nwPlus than BOLT UBC does.
 - 1.2.3. **Do not recommend constitution of club**, on basis of:



- 1.2.3.1. The club's mandate overlaps with the mandate of an existing AMS subsidiary, nwPlus.
 - 1.2.3.2. The club's mandate overlaps with a club which has been recommended for constitution in this application cycle.
 - 1.3. AMS BOLT at UBC
 - 1.3.1. This is the second time the club has applied, and they have refined their application to more adequately identify the niche they are focusing on. Data analytics and its practical use in all areas is not something that overlaps with other clubs.
 - 1.3.2. Stronger application than the Data Science club, and demonstrated record of success already, having hosted a number of events.
 - 1.3.3. Recommend for constitution**
 - 1.4. STRIVE Business and Engineering
 - 1.4.1. There are many engineering clubs operating at UBC, as well as business clubs that are tackling this niche without needing a group specifically focused on this group.
 - 1.4.1.1. Do we consider this overlap? Good to have further discussion.
 - 1.4.2. Recommend for further discussion at Operations Committee**
 - 1.5. Potluck Club
 - 1.5.1. This application was declined the last time, and no significant changes have been made.
 - 1.5.2. The club's mandate overlaps with various clubs on campus, such as the Food Society and the Cooking Club.
 - 1.5.3. Do not recommend constitution of club, on basis of:**
 - 1.5.3.1. The club's mandate overlaps with the mandate of various existing AMS subsidiaries, including The UBC Food Society and the UBC Cooking Club.
 - 1.5.3.2. The club does not demonstrate the likelihood of future membership and financial stability, particularly in current conditions.
 - 1.6. Transfer Student Association
 - 1.6.1. This club is implicitly not open to all members, in that it is only for a particular group of individuals.
 - 1.6.2. Concern about the long-term stability of the club; not convinced that transfer students will look for this kind of community or whether they will find it in their own clubs and programs.
 - 1.6.3. Do not recommend constitution of club, on basis of:**
 - 1.6.3.1. The club does not demonstrate the likelihood of future membership and financial stability.
 - 1.7. AMS First Connections @ UBC
 - 1.7.1. The club's mandate overlaps with the work of other AMS subsidiaries, namely AMS Events and its work with first-year students.



- 1.7.2. There also isn't a niche to be filled here: there are other groups, both within and outside the AMS, that are working to provide support to first years.
- 1.7.3. Do not recommend constitution of club**, on basis of:
 - 1.7.3.1. There is not adequate justification for AMS status.
 - 1.7.3.2. The club's mandate overlaps with the mandate of existing AMS subsidiaries, including AMS Events. This is also something that all clubs essentially do.
- 1.8. Multi-Organ Transplant Association
 - 1.8.1. The application does not successfully convey the goals of the club. The events and initiatives described do not match up with the mandate communicated.
 - 1.8.2. Concern that this unclear mandate will not allow for long-term stability.
 - 1.8.3. Do not recommend constitution of club**, on basis of:
 - 1.8.3.1. There is not adequate justification for AMS club status (unclear application).
 - 1.8.3.2. The club does not demonstrate the likelihood of future membership and financial stability.
- 1.9. Mental Health Initiative
 - 1.9.1. Overlap with the Mental Health Awareness club, as well as resources already provided by AMS subsidiaries such as Peer Support.
 - 1.9.2. The club also plans to focus equally on the Greater Vancouver community.
 - 1.9.3. Do not recommend constitution of club**, on basis of:
 - 1.9.3.1. The club's mandate overlaps with the mandate of an existing AMS subsidiary, the AMS Mental Health Awareness Club.
 - 1.9.3.2. The club primarily focuses on benefiting communities that are not members of the AMS.
- 1.10. Biochemistry Student Association
 - 1.10.1. This group has been in contact with the AVP Admin for a number of months: it is splitting up from the former Biochemistry, Pharmacology and Physiology club.
 - 1.10.2. Active club with department support to have its own departmental club.
 - 1.10.3. Recommend constitution of club**
- 1.11. UBC Middle East Studies Student Association
 - 1.11.1. Represents students within a new program at UBC, and will benefit from the growth of this new program.
 - 1.11.2. There are clubs representing communities and countries within the Middle East, but this club will still fill a unique niche.
 - 1.11.3. Recommend constitution of club**
- 1.12. Radio Broadcasting Club
 - 1.12.1. There is significant overlap between this club and CITR; not true that there are no organizations working in radio and broadcasting.
 - 1.12.1.1. The group could focus on collaboration/working within CITR instead.



1.12.2. Do not recommend constitution of club

1.12.2.1. The club's mandate overlaps with the mandate of an existing AMS subsidiary, CITR.

1.12.2.2. The club does not demonstrate the likelihood of future membership and financial stability.

1.13. HanVoice UBC

1.13.1. The club does have a strong following at other universities. However, the committee had concerns about whether this club was focused on primarily benefiting AMS members.

1.13.2. Recommend for further discussion.

Please refer to Appendix 1

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 2:00pm