



AMS Clubs and Societies Working Group

Minutes of the October 9th, 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 Arnaud , Seconded by Mary
The meeting was called to order at 1:10pm

Land Acknowledgement

Approval of the Agenda

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

1. New Club Applications

1.1. AMS Sustainability Kitchen

1.1.1. Food security is something that a number of our AMS subsidiaries are already focused on, including the Food Bank and AMS Sustainability.

1.1.2. There are also clubs creating spaces for discussions in this vein, such as UBC HOPE.

1.1.3. Do not recommend constitution of club, on basis of:

1.1.3.1. The club's mandate overlaps with the mandates of existing AMS subsidiaries, including the AMS Food Bank and UBC HOPE.

1.2. AMS Poets' Club at UBC

1.2.1. Slam Poetry is an overlap, and does actually offer a space for creative writing. Therefore, there is overlap, and also room for growth within that club instead.

1.2.2. Unclear why the club needs to be an AMS subsidiary, and does not give adequate justification for AMS status.

1.2.3. Do not recommend constitution, on basis of:

1.2.3.1. The club's mandate overlaps with the mandate of an existing AMS subsidiary, UBC Slam Poetry

1.2.3.2. The club does not demonstrate adequate justification for AMS status.



- 1.3. Developer Student Club at UBC
 - 1.3.1. Concern that there is overlap with nwPlus, uncertainty over whether nwPlus offers development workshops.
 - 1.3.2. The Google support and backing is a draw, but unclear whether this is a primary focus of the group in the application.
 - 1.3.3. Recommend for further discussion.**
- 1.4. Chinese Mobile Game Club (CMGC)
 - 1.4.1. There is a significant overlap with the UBC eSports club, particularly since eSports has numerous branches and is constantly growing.
 - 1.4.2. With regards to the portion of the application about providing community, there is overlap with other clubs like the CSSA that seek to provide this community.
 - 1.4.3. Do not recommend for constitution, on basis of:**
 - 1.4.3.1. The club's mandate overlaps with the mandate of existing AMS subsidiaries, including UBC eSports and the CSSA.
- 1.5. UBC Health Equity Club
 - 1.5.1. The applicant did not provide a sufficient number of signatures as support to their application.
 - 1.5.2. Not an adequate justification for AMS club status: if they are seeking to develop a think-tank, may be good to partner with eHub. We can communicate that to them in our follow-up.
 - 1.5.3. Do not recommend for constitution, on basis of:**
 - 1.5.3.1. The applicant did not provide sufficient supporting endorsements from their fellow students.
 - 1.5.3.2. There is not adequate justification given for AMS club status.
- 1.6. Sauder Investment Group
 - 1.6.1. This club overlaps with numerous existing AMS clubs, including UBC Trading Group, UBC Finance Association, and the AMS Investment Banking Association.
 - 1.6.1.1. While this is somewhat addressed in the application, the niche identified would not be unique to this club.
 - 1.6.2. An adequate justification for AMS club status is not given.
 - 1.6.3. Do not recommend for constitution, on basis of:**
 - 1.6.3.1. The club's mandate overlaps with the mandates of other AMS clubs, mentioned above.
 - 1.6.3.2. There is not adequate justification for AMS club status
- 1.7. UBC's Pediatrics and Art Association
 - 1.7.1. While this is a fantastic initiative, it is unclear why it needs to be an AMS club and whether its primary audience/focus is the AMS community.
 - 1.7.2. There are also a number of arts-focused clubs which provide a space for students to engage in painting and other activities, such as the AMS Paint Club (which already has significant resources for this).



- 1.7.3. Do not recommend constitution**, on basis of:
 - 1.7.3.1. The club primarily focused on benefiting communities that are not members of the AMS.
 - 1.7.3.2. The club’s mandate overlaps with art-related clubs, such as the AMS Paint Club.
- 1.8. AMS Cosmetics Club
 - 1.8.1. Creates a unique community that no other clubs focus on. However, committee has some concerns related to vision for club, including the strength of the events.
 - 1.8.2. Recommend for further discussion**
- 1.9. Children Ubiquitously Burdened (CUBs)
 - 1.9.1. While this is a great initiative, this club is both a charity club and primarily focused on communities outside of the AMS.
 - 1.9.2. There is also overlap with UBC HOPE, which focuses on similar initiatives (thought not primarily with children).
 - 1.9.3. Do not recommend for constitution**, on basis of:
 - 1.9.3.1. The club can be considered a ‘charity club’
 - 1.9.3.2. The club primarily focuses on benefiting communities that are not members of the AMS.
- 1.10. UBC Backgammon Club
 - 1.10.1. We have many similar clubs in structure (like the Chess club), so there is precedent. There were however concerns about whether there is a justification for AMS club standing.
 - 1.10.2. Recommend for further discussion**
- 1.11. AMS Nepalese Students Association @ UBC
 - 1.11.1. This is the second application by this group. The first contained errors, including the lack of a club name.
 - 1.11.2. While there are concerns about the viability of the club, the committee decided it was important to provide a space for this community on campus.
 - 1.11.3. Recommended for constitution**
- 1.12. AMS Comagape at UBC
 - 1.12.1. Second application by this group. Again, the club is built around one major event, with the additional events being related to this major conference.
 - 1.12.2. There is also overlap with various Christian clubs at UBC. While this is mentioned, the distinction is not strong enough.
 - 1.12.3. Do not recommend for constitution**, on basis of:
 - 1.12.3.1. There is not adequate justification for AMS status.
 - 1.12.3.2. The club’s mandate overlaps with the mandates of other AMS subsidiaries, include Chrstian Students at UBC
- 1.13. AMS Bangladeshi Students Association UBC



- 1.13.1. This club voluntarily reconstituted in May 2020, due to difficulties in transitions presented by the pandemic.
- 1.13.2. There is concern about the fact that the club previously reconstituted related to stability.
- 1.13.3. Recommend for further discussion.**
- 1.14. Project Flavour
 - 1.14.1. The application does not successfully convey what the club is seeking to do. The mandate of the club is overly broad, and overlaps with the mandates of numerous other subsidiaries at UBC.
 - 1.14.2. Do not recommend for constitution, on basis of:**
 - 1.14.2.1. The club's mandate and intentions are unclear.
 - 1.14.2.2. The club's mandate overlaps with the mandates of numerous AMS subsidiaries due to its breadth.
- 1.15. AMS IDEAS
 - 1.15.1. Concern about viability of the club, given its target demographic within an already small program.
 - 1.15.2. Recommend for further discussion, following further research about club's targeted membership.**
- 1.16. Students for International Development:
 - 1.16.1. There are other resources, including AMS subsidiaries and undergraduate societies that offer information and opportunities in international development. Career centres also offer services in this area.
 - 1.16.2. Do not recommend for constitution, on basis of:**
 - 1.16.2.1. The club's mandate overlaps with the mandates of other AMS subsidiaries, including IRSA, VSEUS and the ESA.
- 1.17. AMS Product Management @ UBC
 - 1.17.1. Second time application from this club. This application does a better job of carving out the unique niche that this club will tackle.
 - 1.17.2. This is a new and growing sector that is currently not supported by any other AMS subsidiary.
 - 1.17.3. Recommend for constitution**
- 1.18. UBC Social Change
 - 1.18.1. The club's mandate is very broad and unclear in this application. It appears that there could be overlap with clubs such as UBC HOPE and Free the Children, as well as AMS resource groups.
 - 1.18.2. Do not recommend for constitution, on basis of:**
 - 1.18.2.1. The club's mandate overlaps with various AMS subsidiaries, highlighted above.



Please refer to Appendix 1

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 3:37.