



AMS Clubs and Societies Working Group

Minutes of the February 10th, 2021 Meeting | Zoom

Attendance

Present: Nicolas Williams (Chair), Suyoung Ahn (Clubs and Constituencies Financial Administrator), Arnaud Dione (Clubs Administrator), Tommy Xu (CRC Manager)

Regrets: Sylvester Mensah (Vice- Chair), Mary Gan (AVP Finance)

Call to Order

Moved by Nicolas , Seconded by Arnaud

The meeting was called to order at 1:02 pm

Land Acknowledgement

Approval of the Agenda

Moved by Arnaud, Seconded by Tommy .

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the agenda is adopted as presented.

1. New Club Applications

1.1. AMS Music for Mental Health @ UBC:

1.1.1. Small overlap with Mental Health Awareness club and other music clubs, but are a well-established group.

1.1.2. Furthermore, definitely a very important and unique concept for a club.

1.1.3. Recommended for approval.

1.2. The Fentanil Project @ UBC

1.2.1. We have AMS Services where people are trained to do this. Liability concerns.

1.2.2. No control over qualifications. Also would not be eligible for the funds.

1.2.3. **Not recommended at this time**, on the basis of:

1.2.3.1. Lack of adequate justification for AMS club status, and can be considered a charity club.

1.3. AMS Curling Club

1.3.1. Based on precedent, should be approved. But concern about financial stability.

1.3.2. Application says they will pay for rink access through grants, but AMS grants are not provided in this way.

1.3.3. **Not recommended at this time**, on the basis of:



- 1.3.3.1. The club does not demonstrate the likelihood of future membership and financial stability.
 - 1.3.3.2. Recommend to the club that a future application contains a more stable financial plan, particularly with regards to rink use.
 - 1.4. UBC German Club
 - 1.4.1. Represents a strong constituency that does not currently have representation on campus.
 - 1.4.2. **Recommended for constitution.**
 - 1.5. Turing Club
 - 1.5.1. Overlap with data science clubs, recommend working with these organizations instead.
 - 1.5.2. However, they were an old club, deconstituted during COVID-19 in May, and if they focus on AI and MI could be good.
 - 1.5.3. Members of the committee expressed concern with providing more niche clubs, when larger/broader clubs already exist that cover these topics. Also concern about whether smaller clubs can sustain themselves. Niche clubs we have approved in the past have not sustained themselves.
 - 1.5.4. **Not recommended for constitution at this time**, on the basis of:
 - 1.5.4.1. The club's mandate overalls with the mandates of existing AMS subsidiaries, including BOLT UBC and nwPlus.
 - 1.5.4.2. Concern regarding the likelihood of future membership and financial stability.
 - 1.6. You Matter @ UBC`
 - 1.6.1. Lack of understanding about the role of one club should play in promoting all marginalized groups. The point of clubs is to provide a supportive community, and many marginalized groups have AMS clubs or resource groups for such a purpose.
 - 1.6.1.1. Group members felt that it was not the place of this group to tell others they matter. The application conveyed that this would be the role of the group.
 - 1.6.2. **Not recommended for constitution**, on the basis of:
 - 1.6.2.1. There is not adequate justification for AMS club status.
 - 1.7. UBC Meditation Community
 - 1.7.1. Formally deconstituted, club with a long history of trying to re-engage and become an AMS club. A unique club as well.
 - 1.7.2. **Recommended for constitution.**
 - 1.8. Cloud Computing
 - 1.8.1. Concerns about overlap with larger, more established clubs. Concern about viability of the club in the long-term as a result of this.



- 1.8.2. **Not recommended for constitution**, on the basis of:
 - 1.8.2.1. The club's mandate overlaps with the mandate of existing AMS subsidiaries, including BOLT UBC and nwPlus.
- 1.9. UBC Angling Club
 - 1.9.1. There is overlap with Varsity Outdoors Club, which has offered fishing trips in the past. Would be better for a more sustainable, stable club to host these trips.
 - 1.9.2. **Not recommended for constitution**, on the basis of:
 - 1.9.2.1. The club's mandate overlaps with the mandate of the Varsity Outdoors Club.
 - 1.9.2.2. Recommend that this group reach out to VOC in our follow-up email.
- 1.10. Third Semester
 - 1.10.1. Lack of clarity regarding the role of the club. Furthermore, this would likely fall into the area of being a charity club.
 - 1.10.1.1. Concerns about liability, if this club is coordinating trips around the world.
 - 1.10.2. **Not recommended for constitution**, on the basis of:
 - 1.10.2.1. The club can be considered a charity club.
- 1.11. UBC Personalized Prosthetics
 - 1.11.1. Lack of clarity within application. If the primary goal of the club is providing free prosthetics, designed by the club, then it is really a charity club.
 - 1.11.1.1. Also a liability concern if they are designing their own prosthetics.
 - 1.11.2. If this was focused on supporting community with prosthetics on campus, this would be a different conversation.
 - 1.11.3. Not recommended for constitution, on the basis of:
 - 1.11.3.1. The club can be considered a charity club.
- 1.12. Bachelor of Pharmaceutical Science Club
 - 1.12.1. We have been contacted by the faculty, will essentially be a program club. This is a new program, no grounds for rejection. Important for a new program with first years to establish itself.
 - 1.12.2. **Recommended for constitution.**
- 1.13. AMS Science to Business Network
 - 1.13.1. Interesting concept, good idea that fills a niche. Arnaud thinks it can work with other groups.
 - 1.13.2. However, it covers a lot of other groups, and could provide immense value to these groups.
 - 1.13.2.1. Further discussions with other committee members.
- 1.14. Feng Shui
 - 1.14.1. No signatures, cannot be eligible for this round.
 - 1.14.2. **Do not recommend for constitution**, on the basis of:



- 1.14.2.1. The application does not have the required petition signed by 25 active members.
- 1.15. AMS Igniting Student Potential
 - 1.15.1. While this is an important cause, AMS clubs cannot be charity clubs. Additionally, while this presents volunteer opportunities for students, the primary constituency will be outside the UBC community.
 - 1.15.2. Do not recommend for constitution, on the basis of:
 - 1.15.2.1. Club can be considered a charity club.
 - 1.15.2.2. Primarily focuses on benefiting communities outside the AMS.
- 1.16. UBC Pandas
 - 1.16.1. Similar concerns to those that the group presented around the Turing club. Overlap with current data-science clubs.
 - 1.16.2. Do not recommend for constitution, on the basis of:
 - 1.16.2.1. The club's mandate overalls with the mandates of existing AMS subsidiaries, including BOLT UBC and nwPlus.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 2:00pm

Appendix

Reference: According to the Operations Committee Policy Manual as per Section 4.1: New Club Application; and Section 4.2: Constituting Clubs

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.