

<b>SUBJECT</b>	AMS-UCRU Memorandum of Understanding (Membership Agreement)		
<b>MEETING DATE</b>	May 12, 2021		
<b>SUBMISSION TYPE</b>	MOTION <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	FOR INFORMATION <input type="checkbox"/>	
<b>MOTION OR SUMMARY</b>	BE IT RESOLVED THAT AMS Council accept the proposed Memorandum of Understanding between the Alma Mater Society of the University of British Columbia Vancouver and the Undergraduates of Canadian Research-Intensive Universities.		
<b>MOVE + SECOND</b>	<b>MOVED:</b> Saad Shoab	<b>SECONDED:</b>	Lauren Benson
<b>SUBMITTED BY</b>	Saad Shoab - Vice-President, External Affairs		
<b>RELEVANT COMMITTEE or EXECUTIVE</b>	COMMITTEE <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	EXECUTIVE <input type="checkbox"/>	
	Executive Committee	Select	
<b>SUPPORTED BY</b>	See above.		
<b>COMMITTEE VOTE RESULT</b>	YES <input type="checkbox"/>	NO <input type="checkbox"/>	UNANIMOUS <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NOT APPLICABLE <input type="checkbox"/>
<b>ATTACHMENTS</b>	Membership Agreement attached to Council Agenda.		

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**DESCRIPTION &  
RATIONALE**

The Undergraduates of Canadian Research-Intensive Universities (UCRU) is now a formalized coalition of the U15 student unions that advocates on student issues of affordability, access to education, equity, diversity, and inclusion. The AMS has always played a strong role in the governance, advocacy, and leadership of UCRU. Previously, the organization has been a loose coalition; however, in the past year, the organization has become registered under the Canada Not-for-Profit Corporations Act. In order to continue to stay a member of the organization, the AMS must sign the attached membership agreement as presented.

On April 28, AMS Council voted unanimously to approve the organization's bylaws. As a result, the membership agreement will certify the AMS as a Class A member of UCRU.

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**BENEFITS**  
Reputational,  
Financial,  
Sustainable, Social

1. Successful federal advocacy - UCRU successfully lobbied for \$1.7 billion into student & youth employment, the removal of interest rates on federal student loans until 2023, \$150 million into Indigenous Student Financial Aid (PSSSP), the creation of the Canada Emergency Student Benefit (CESB) and more.
  2. Political recognition from the federal government in terms of advocacy - the federal lobbying stage is definitely a large one. Without a large coalition to advocate through, the AMS' advocacy
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**RISKS**  
Financial,  
Operational,  
Reputational

1. A select number of External Affairs staff working hours being assigned to support UCRU's operations and advocacy.
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**COSTS**  
Financial,  
Resources, Lifecycle

N/A

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**TIMELINE**  
Implementation  
Timeline

- April 28: AMS Council unanimously passes UCRU Bylaws in principle.  
May 12: AMS Council passes, by two-thirds (2/3) majority, the proposed membership agreement.  
May 12: The AMS officially becomes a registered member of UCRU with Class A membership.
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**CONSULTATION**  
Internal & External  
Groups

AMS Executive Committee  
AMS Managing Director  
AMS Clerk of Council and Archivist