**SUBJECT**  
AMS-UCRU Memorandum of Understanding (Membership Agreement)

**MEETING DATE**  
May 12, 2021

**SUBMISSION TYPE**  
MOTION ☑️ FOR INFORMATION ☐

**MOTION OR SUMMARY**  
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.

**MOVE + SECOND**  
MOVED: Saad Shoaib  
SECONDED: Lauren Benson

**SUBMITTED BY**  
Saad Shoaib - Vice-President, External Affairs

**RELEVANT COMMITTEE or EXECUTIVE**  
COMMITTEE ☑️ EXECUTIVE ☐

Executive Committee  
Select

**SUPPORTED BY**  
See above.

**COMMITTEE VOTE RESULT**  
YES ☐ NO ☐ UNANIMOUS ☑ NOT APPLICABLE ☐

**ATTACHMENTS**  
Membership Agreement attached to Council Agenda.
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.

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

RISKS

Financial, Operational, Reputational

1. A select number of External Affairs staff working hours being assigned to support UCRU's operations and advocacy.

COSTS

N/A

Financial, Resources, Lifecycle

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.

CONSULTATION

Internal & External Groups

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