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### **KUS SUMMER BY-ELECTION: VP EXTERNAL**

The Kinesiology Undergraduate Society puts forth a proposal to temporarily suspend the aforementioned AMS Codes for the purpose of conducting a By-election. Over the years, the needs of the student body have been continuously evolving, and the Undergraduate Society has worked tirelessly to fulfil those needs.

As of recent, however, the strain on the Executive body has grown immensely. The creation and delivery of new committees and events have been assigned to the current number of appointed executives, which has remained unchanged since 2013 (even earlier). The other executive portfolios, particularly VP Academic and VP Communications, have been overloaded as a consequence, hindering them from reaching their full potential and fulfilling all goals.

Ultimately, in order to allow the KUS to function more efficiently, we require the appointment of an additional Executive officer - a VP External. This is a position that has already proven to be crucial for many other undergraduate societies. The KUS passed a referendum during the 2021 elections in order to amend the constitution, allowing for the implementation of this executive position. The individual elected for this position would be responsible for matters of the Body pertaining to sponsorships, community outreach, Career Fair, and more - as per the 2021 KUS Constitution.

The KUS Executive Team feels as though it is pivotal to hold the election as soon as possible. Waiting until the fall semester may create more problems than it would solve, as the current executive team would have to begin working on the VP External portfolio responsibilities. To transition a new executive into the team four months into the fiscal year would not allow for the production of the highest quality work. By holding this as a summer election, the new executive member would be able to onboard well before the business of the fall semester begins.

Currently, the position of Chief Electoral Officer (CEO) is vacant. This violates certain elements of code, such as the Chief Elections Official lacking the opportunity to be trained by the CEO. We propose that the Chief Elections Official receive training through UBC IT, or a separate system, in order to gain knowledge on running 'simply voting'.

If the motion is approved, the KUS By-election would take place during the second academic summer term (July/August), with the intention to have an integrated, functioning executive in preparation for the Fall 2021 term.



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## **TIMELINE**

June 23rd:

- Motion passes to suspend code; by-election is able to run

July 7th:

- Chief Elections Official has been appointed and trained

July 7-14th:

- Nominations period for VP External candidates

July 15th:

- All Candidates meeting

July 18-22nd:

- Campaign Period

July 22nd:

- Announcement of unofficial results