



# Finance Committee Minutes

Alma Mater Society of UBC Vancouver  
Jun 11, 2021 at 12:00 PM PDT  
@ <https://zoom.us/j/91667532872>

## Attendance

### Members Present:

Ben Morrison (SaL), Rish Das, Cole Evans, Mary Gan, Max Holmes, Rita Jin, Kamil Kanji, Saad Shoaib

### Members Absent:

Lucy Li (SaL), Keith Hester, Kristian Oppenheim

#### I. Adoption of the Agenda

"BE IT RESOLVED THAT the agenda be adopted"

#### Motion:

Adoption of the Agenda

Motion moved by Kamil Kanji and motion seconded by Max Holmes. BE IT RESOLVED THAT that the agenda be adopted.

#### II. AMS Budget Discussion (Presenters: Saad Shoaib, Rishavraj Das)

 [Prelim Budget Proposal - June 2021 \(1\).pdf](#)

 [President Budget Comments.pdf](#)

 [AMS BUDGET edition 4 with comments.xlsx](#)

Saad: increase amounts in budget proposal because lobbying and campaigning affairs will be transitioned back to in-person

\$5000 -> \$8000

#### Motion:

Discussion in camera at AMS Finance Committee

Motion moved by Cole Evans and motion seconded by Kamil Kanji. The discussion is now in camera.

#### Motion:

Discussion off camera at AMS Finance Committee

Motion moved by Max Holmes and motion seconded by Kamil Kanji. The discussion is now out of camera.

### LOBBYING/CAMPAIGNING

Max:

Multiple thousands of dollars (~\$7000) in the budget but ends up ~\$1000-2000 in actual amounts.

Saad:

UNA campaign = big expense

AMS Housing Cooperative project

Return of campus campaigning

Max:

Not recommended to increase the budgeted amount because it is likely we will underspend. If necessary, VP External can ask for a budget increase once the \$6000 is used up. VPs typically overbudgeting.

Saad:

Campaigns that came out of nowhere (e.g. Skytrain UBC campaign this year)

Saad:

Intended lobby weeks for this year: 2 online and 2 in-person campaigns

### CONFERENCES AND OFFICIAL BUSINESSES

Saad:

\$3000 -> \$4000

Max:

\$4000 for conferences but \$3000 is the Executive limit?

Cole:

There is a policy I-20 but Finance can possibly change it.

Mary:

Put it into a different account instead of conferences and official businesses account?

\$6000 for campaigns and research

### PARTNERSHIP BUILDING

Saad: \$1200

Max: UCRU expenses should be under a separate item/title. Recheck the definition of your line items so they are more accurate.

Mary: \$9000 is already very high for lobbying activities. So even with partnership building, lobbying for \$9000 should be enough since it is already ~4k jump from previous years.

\$9000 for lobbying and partnership building.

Max: Can always reforecast \$750 more in January if needed.

### SUDS

Saad:

Aiming for October

Re-gearing back to UBC = cuts down on expenses in transportation, venues, etc.

Max:

Massive conference with lots of students coming with only 2 months to plan?

Health restrictions (e.g. vaccinated, money back if restrictions come back)?

Enough interest from the past student unions?

Cole:

Won't need COVID specific safety plan by October.

Max:

Federal election time conflict?

Saad:

Early-October

Shouldn't intersect too much with that. Will adapt if anything comes into conflict.

Will give more specific details closer to execution.

### EVENTS

Rish:

Salary: \$75/month for ~15-20 hours per week

Went over the budget (see comments for details).

Max: AMS Events are often attracting the same people to all of their events. How do we broaden the audience/attract different crowds to AMS events this year? E.g. drag night.

Rish:

Drag night (2019-20) at the pit is feasible and can attract more attendees.

Lots of regulars but can diversify more by planning newer events (will work on this after hiring team).

Collaborating with others to bring more people. Bring in more clubs.

Continues on explaining the budget (refer to budget).

Max: Do we partner with AMS Communications? Or is communications for events fully within the department?

Rish: Been working with Eric.

Max: With no welcome back BBQ, we should look at whether we are allocating enough for Block Party this year.

Mary: Student affordability is important but we should also project the revenue to be higher (for events) because there will be a larger demand for student events.

Rish:

Negative backlash from cancelled Block party.

Propose to charge a flat fee for students.

### III. Approval of Minutes

"BE IT RESOLVED THAT the June 4th, 2021 minutes are approved"

 [June 4th, 2021 - Finance Committee Minutes.pdf](#)