



Finance Committee Minutes

Alma Mater Society of UBC Vancouver
Jun 25, 2021 at 12:00 PM PDT
@ <https://zoom.us/j/91667532872>

Attendance

Members Present:

Lucy Li (SaL), Rita Jin (Staff), Mary Gan, Keith Hester, Kamil Kanji

Members Absent:

Ben Morrison (SaL), Cole Evans, Max Holmes, Grace Lee

I. Adoption of the Agenda

"BE IT RESOLVED that the agenda is adopted"

Moved by Mary, Seconded by Kamil

II. UTSAV Discussion

Background Information:

On 2/29/2020, \$37,633.00 was deposited into the UTSAV account from Showpass. \$35,035 of that deposit was from Holi sales- however, the event was cancelled. In August 2020, Showpass managed the credit/debit refunds to students- and so everyone who paid through those ways was refunded already. Because the supposed revenue from the cancelled event was already transferred to UTSAV, Showpass decided to use the money that they owed the AMS (unrelated to this situation) to process the refunds. Therefore, the AMS has temporarily cushioned the money that was used to process the refunds.

However, as said before, UTSAV had received the Holi revenue and had spent the money on entertainment costs for the cancelled event. Instead of getting a refund for their entertainment costs, they have credit instead with the entertainment company for a total of \$33,705.

At this point in time, the \$35,035 in revenue that was transferred to UTSAV from the (cancelled) Holi ticket sales should be returned to the AMS as we had used our own funding to initially cushion all of the refunds. Our previous conversations in 2020-2021 agreed on a total \$36,000 allowed deficit for UTSAV, with a repayment plan spanning til 2023. However, we had never finalized the Terms of Repayment. This is something that we want to work on and finalize ASAP this summer- there needs to be a plan for UTSAV to pay back the AMS. Their account is currently frozen, and is sitting at a -\$32,749.09 deficit.

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 [AMSxUTSAV Terms of Repayment \(TOR\).pdf](#)

 [741 2021.pdf](#)

Mary:

Summary of the situation is that UTSAV owes the AMS money because they refunded their attendees the ticket sales but never got refunded by the venue for their Holi event (they only received "credits" for compensation).

Right now in a ~\$32K deficit.

Point of action: establish a plan for them to repay us.

In addition, AMS needs a system to track all short-term loans with clubs for the future.

We (Mary & Rita) will be meeting with UTSAV after Finance Committee today at 1PM to discuss UTSAV's plans. We have included a drafted Terms of Repayment document in OnBoard. Any suggestions and/or revision ideas to make it better?

Kamil:

Can UTSAV not use their account until they pay it back?

Mary:

UTSAV can only put money back into their account at the moment.

Keith:

UTSAV can host other events or find other sources of revenue (aside from their Holi event) to help repay the money.

Kamil:

Is there a installment plan right now? E.g. How much they should pay each month or each year?

Mary:

Right now, we just have the 2 year plan. No installment plan set yet.

Kamil:

Having installment goals might be a good idea because it would give both the AMS and UTSAV "checkpoints" to ensure they are on track. UTSAV hosts great events so deconstitution should be the last resort. Setting a clear quantitative checkpoint (bimonthly or annually) for them to achieve should help with tracking.

Lucy:

Agree with Kamil. Having a goal/timeline would be an organized and structured way to approach this.

Kamil:

Are they in a situation where they can't do other events?

Mary:

For reference, the TB is included on this OnBoard meeting.

From 2020-21, they had a cheque and ShowPass allocation. So some revenue (not sure about the background information). Some revenue but not sufficient to bridge the ~\$32K deficit.

Kamil:

What is their plan? What are their thoughts?

Mary:

We are meeting with them at 1PM today.

We ideally want them to deposit money into their account first but if they aim to earn money through hosting events, they likely will need to spend some money first. They have ~\$4000 wiggle room right now (\$36,000 is the maximum amount they can have in deficit).

Kamil:

Is the AMS in a position to forgive their deficit?

Mary:

The AMS is not in a good position to let a 37K deficit slip by since we are already suffering losses in revenue from COVID-19 impacts. The student population (for example, on Reddit) would also not judge this decision kindly.

Mary:

Another issue to discuss: the Bike Kitchen is also in debt. They are also in the situation where they need to spend money before they earn money (e.g. buying bike parts, fixing bikes and then reselling for profit, etc). In addition, the Bike Kitchen has been providing me with costly invoices recently.

Kamil:

Is there an issue with the UBC Sailing club as well?

Mary:

UBC Sailing is okay as of now.

Kamil:

Will likely get a better idea of this once you meet and discuss with UTSAV. Having more set-out goals for UTSAV would be beneficial so that the club can host events and act as an operating club while paying the AMS back.

Keith:

Agree with Kamil. The two year term right now does not breakdown how much they should pay back every year and/or month. Should break down the deficit over time so that we can see if they've missed any progress/payments. Also need to restructure the Terms of Repayment document.

Since Holi isn't the only event they do. They must have other events where they can gain some profit to help with the deficit.

Mary:

Is 2 years enough? Should we stretch the loan deadline to 3 years?

Keith:

It should be enough because they have credit with the venue they used for the Holi event. Essentially a "free" Holi event. They should be able to pay us back the money as soon as the tickets are sold for the Holi event next year.

Kamil:

Is they are continuously paying incremental amounts to the AMS, they should be able to pay us back entirely by the end of the Holi event & perhaps even have some additional revenue.

Mary:

Any other points to discuss? (N/A)

We will keep Finance Committee updated with what happens at the 1PM meeting. We don't have quorum so we will approve last meeting's minutes at the next meeting. Revised budgets with additional comments/edits will be sent out on Sunday.

III. Approval of the Minutes

"BE IT RESOLVED that the Minutes for the June 22nd, 2021 meeting are approved"

 [Finance Committee Minutes June 22nd, 2021.pdf](#)