

The Finance Committee met three times this month and, in addition to approving agendas and minutes, the Committee covered the following items:

### **SAND-E (SPF)**

The SAND-E SPF project hopes to design a robotic system that is able to pick up small litter on beaches and parks. Consultation has been done with the Vancouver Parks and Recreation Board. The robot would be water resistant, corrosion resistant, withstand temperature, mobile on sand, reach under the sand (>10 cm), and be able to pick up and carry the litter. We are designing it to be an autonomous robot, easily maintainable, and able to notify people to empty it. Parts will be sourced from metal supermarkets and local sources to avoid supply chain issues with sourcing abroad. \$14,922.01 from the Sustainability Projects Fund is approved for the SAND-E project.

### **Gallery Furniture Discussion**

New furniture is to be purchased for the Gallery Lounge. Softer materials and lighting is projected to make the dining hall/lounge more warm and welcoming. The new lighting will also make it more flexible to host different events. 62,695.64 is approved from either the SUB Repairs and Renewals Fund or the SUB Management Reserve for new furnishings for the Gallery Patio and Lounge. Exact fund source to be decided at AMS Council.

### **Policy I-17 & I-18 Consultation**

To make structural changes, updates, new sections, and implementations of the I-17 (AMS Sexual Violence Policy) and I-18 policies (AMS Respectful Community and Workplace Policy), external consultants will be hired to ensure the new policies will fall under proper legal and equity guidelines. The rate decided on is for non-profit organisations. Overall, an increase of \$3,000 is approved for the Special Projects line under the Executive Committee for the Policy I-17 and I-18 external consultation project.

### **Club Support**

To help support AMS clubs, Finance Committee approved three motions from the VP Administration Office.

- 1) \$12,000.00 CAD is approved from the Clubs Benefit Fund for the Office of the VP Administration's Online Collaboration and Communication Grant of the AMS Clubs Recovery Benefit.
- 2) \$5,078.25 CAD is approved from the Clubs Benefit Fund for the Office of the VP Administration's Safe Events Package of the AMS Clubs Recovery Benefit.
  - a) To supply N95 masks and hand sanitizer bottles
- 3) \$232.90 CAD is approved from the Clubs Benefit Fund for the Office of the VP Administration to purchase eight USB-C to HDMI adapters for the Clubs Resource Center.
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In addition, \$25,000 is approved from the Clubs Benefit Fund for the Office of the VP Administration's Events Assistance Grant of the AMS Clubs Recovery Benefit. This is a grant to help with AMS club event planning costs.



## **Policy I-2**

The policy is outdated because rubber stamps are no longer used. The Finance Committee recommends to the AMS Council to rescind Policy I-2.

## **Blind Corner Detection and Warning (SPF)**

The Finance Committee received a SPF application on a solar panel powered blind corner detector for intersections. Upon review, due to potential liability reasons and dissociation from the purposes of the Sustainability Projects Fund, the project was not approved.

## **Tote Bags (SPF)**

After the initial distribution of the tote bags, only 200 bags are left from the initial 4000 batch. \$31,248 is approved from the Sustainability Projects Fund to fund the expansion of the Reusable Tote Bag project. Alternate colour and design changes will be considered for the new batch of tote bags.

## **SPF Criteria Discussion - Community Donations**

Consideration into community investments from the Sustainability Project Fund was explored. Finance Committee discussed the possible addition to code up to the discretion of the committee for investments.

## **SPF Discussion - Intuitive AI Bin**

A representative from Intuitive AI Bins came to Finance Committee to introduce Oscar, a zero-waste operating system for companies and organisations. With the goal of reducing CO2 and methane emissions, Oscar Pixels can be attached to dumpsters, loading docks, kitchens, lab waste, construction waste, etc to get better cleaner streams. Data from waste analytics would also be sent to a diversion managing site. The program would require an annual subscription fee in addition to the pilot product cost. Oscar Sort was recommended for the AMS to increase general diversion and waste recycling efficiency.

## **LFSUS (SPF)**

The LFSUS requested \$205 for their Thursday event for AMS Sustainability Week. The funding would go towards gifts, snacks, and the hired staff giving the tour. Since the event is open to all students (not just LFS students) and will be hosted during the AMS Sustainability Week, the funding request was approved.

## **AMS Budget Discussions**

Finance Committee reviewed budget line changes for the Student Services Portfolio, SASC, President Office, and VP Administration Office. Lines highlighted in green indicate increases from the original budget and red indicate decreases from the original budget. Major changes are in the salaries and wages, volunteer training, and Clubs Day lines. The forecasted plan is to present the approved budget amendments to the February 16th Council Meeting.



**Items brought to Council:**

- BIRT \$62,695.64 is approved from either the SUB Repairs and Renewals Fund or the SUB Management Reserve for new furnishings for the Gallery Patio and Lounge. Exact fund source to be decided at AMS Council.
- BIRT an increase of \$3,000 is approved for the Special Projects line under Executive Committee for the Policy I-17 and I-18 external consultation project.
- BIRT Finance Committee recommends to AMS Council to rescind Policy I-2.