AMS Council - February 16, 2022
Alma Mater Society of UBC Vancouver
Feb 16, 2022 at 6:00 PM PST to Feb 16, 2022 at 11:00 PM PST
Online at https://us06web.zoom.us/j/87076963947

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Agenda

I. Call to Order 6:00 PM
II. Territorial Acknowledgement 6:05 PM
III. Approval of the Agenda 6:08 PM

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the agenda be adopted as presented.

IV. Membership and Attendance: Introductions, new members, declaration of vacancies 6:13 PM
   A. New Members
   B. Vacancies:
      Journalism, Population & Public Health, Audiology, GSS x 2, Social Work
   C. Goodbyes

V. Speaker's Business and Remarks (5 minutes) 6:14 PM

VI. Statements from Students-at-Large (3 minutes each)
   A. Anisha Sandhu

VII. Approval of Minutes of Council and Committees 6:19 PM
   A. Minutes of Council and Committees
      BE IT RESOLVED THAT the following minutes be accepted as presented:
      AMS Executive Committee minutes dated January 26, 2022
      AMS Executive Committee minutes dated February 2, 2022
      Governance Committee minutes dated November 22, 2011
      Steering Committee minutes dated November 19, 2021
      Finance Committee minutes dated January 28, 2022
      Finance Committee minutes dated February 4, 2022

VIII. Consent Items 6:22 PM
   A. Consent Items Requiring a Simple Majority
   B. Consent Items Requiring a Two-Thirds (2/3rds) Majority
IX. Presentations and Accompanying Motions

A. Bike Kitchen Referendum 6:27 PM

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council adopt a Yes position in support of the Bike Kitchen fee referendum question.
Moved: Max Holmes
Seconded: Mary Gan

From the President

B. Executive and Management Performance Discussion (in camera discussion planned)

C. AMS Student Engagement Survey (SES) Results 6:37 PM

Presenter: Cole Evans

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council accepts the recommendations from the 2021 AMS Student Engagement Survey.

From the President

D. Referendum 1: SASC Fee 6:57 PM

Presenters: Aashna Josh, Ashni Gill, Cole Evans

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council, in accordance with Bylaw 4, direct the President to call a referendum to be held March 7-11 on the following question and the attached preamble:

The AMS Sexual Assault Support Centre (SASC) is an integral part of our UBC community and plays a critical role in supporting survivors of sexualized violence. In addition to survivor support, the SASC runs educational and advocacy programming that supports all students. The SASC has grown exponentially, and the AMS is proposing a fee increase to ensure the SASC can keep up with support and programming demands.

Do you support an increase of $6.42 in the fee for the Sexual Assault Support Services Fund ($9.58 to $16) for the academic year 2022-23?

Note: All money raised through this fee will be deposited in the Sexual Assault Support Services Fund and may be used only for sexual assault support services and initiatives. Any money raised through this fee but not used in a given year shall remain in the fund for use in a subsequent year for sexual assault support services.

Note: The fee shall continue to be increased annually in accordance with the BC CPI.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT Council adopt a Yes position in support of the Sexual Assault Support Services Fund referendum question.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT Council authorize the use of the Student Services to promote the Sexual Assault Support Services Fund referendum question being held March 7-11, 2022 and to support the Yes campaign.

From the Executive Committee

X. Executive and Committee Motions

A. Referendum 2: Digital Opt-Outs and Fee Reductions 7:17 PM

Presenter: Cole Evans

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council, in accordance with Bylaw 4, direct the President to call a referendum to be held March 7-11 on the following question with the attached preamble:
The AMS is seeking to collect student fees as efficiently as possible, and therefore is proposing changes and reductions to the fees you pay.

To make fee opt-outs more accessible, the AMS will now require that all applicable fees can be opted-out digitally starting in 2023.

The Childcare Bursary Fund is proposed to be eliminated as the fund is no longer significantly active.

All fee reductions that are being proposed are due to the fact that large amounts of money have accumulated in the funds, and the AMS can reduce the fee while still delivering the same level of programming.

Do you support and approve the following changes and reductions to the AMS student fees?

i) Requiring all opt-outable fees to be opt-outable by digital means. (Note: Organizations collecting opt-outable fees shall ensure there is a digital opt-out option by the 2023-24 year.)

ii) Eliminating the $1.18 fee for the Childcare Bursary Fund. (Note: This fund currently has approximately $320,000 in it, and funding will continue to be disbursed from the remaining amount)

iii) Reducing the fee for the Clubs Benefit Fund from $1.78 to $0.75. (Note: This fund currently has approximately $700,000 in it.)

iv) Renaming the Lighter Footprint/Sustainable Projects Fee as the Climate Action Fee and reducing it from $2.66 to $1.50. (Note: The fund associated with this fee currently has approximately $580,000 in it.)

Note: The two reduced fees will continue to be indexed to the BC Consumer Price Index.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT Council adopt a Yes position in support of the fee change referendum question.

B. Referendum 3: Bylaw and Constitution Amendments

Presenter: Cole Evans

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council, in accordance with Bylaw 4, direct the President to call a referendum to be held March 7-11 on the following question with attached preamble:

In late 2021, the B.C. provincial government updated the Societies’ Act with new legislation. These proposed bylaw changes make AMS Bylaws compliant with those provincial amendments, and also include several other changes that modernize the Bylaws to reflect current practice.

The AMS is also proposing to amend the AMS Constitution to add a land acknowledgement and commitments to equity for members.

Do you support and approve amending the AMS Bylaws and Constitution in accordance with the changes presented in the documents entitled Proposed Changes to AMS Bylaws and the AMS Constitution?

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT Council endorse a Yes position in support of the proposed changes.

From the President

C. Postering

From the Governance Committee
“BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council adopt the report of the Governance Committee entitled ‘Code Changes 2022: Postering’ and thus amend the Code as recommended.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds

D. Campaign Material 8:07 PM
From the Governance Committee
“BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council adopt the report of the Governance Committee entitled ‘Code Changes 2022: Campaign Material’ and thus amend the Code as recommended.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds

E. Budget Reforecast 8:17 PM
Presenter: Mary Gan
BE IT RESOLVED THAT on the recommendation of the Finance Committee Council amend the budget as presented.
Note: Requires 2/3rds
Note for materials: Green highlight = budget increase, red highlight, budget decrease.
From the Finance Committee

XI. Constituency and Affiliate Motions

XII. Discussions and Consultation

XIII. President's Business and Remarks (5 minutes)
Presenter: Cole Evans

XIV. Executive Business and Remarks (3 minutes each) 8:27 PM
A. VP Finance
Presenter: Mary Gan
B. VP Academic and University Affairs
Presenter: Eshana Bhangu
C. VP Administration
Presenter: Lauren Benson
D. VP External Affairs
Presenter: Saad Shoaib
E. Manager, Student Services
Presenter: Mitchell Prost
F. Managing Director
Presenter: Keith Hester

XV. Committee Reports (3 minutes each)
A. Advocacy Committee
Presenter: Eshana Bhangu
B. Steering Committee
Presenter: Cole Evans
C. Finance Committee
Presenter: Mary Gan
D. Governance Committee  
Presenter: Kamil Kanji 

E. Operations Committee  
Presenter: Lauren Benson 

F. Human Resources Committee  
Presenter: Romina Hajizadeh 

G. Student Life Committee  
Presenter: Aryan Mishra 

H. Indigenous Committee  
Presenters: Nakoda Hunter, Kleo Skavinski 

I. Ethics and Accountability Committee 

J. Elections Committee  
Presenter: Shania Muthu 

K. Advisory Board  
Presenter: Cole Evans 

L. Extraordinary Committee on Affiliate Institutions  
Presenter: Lauren Benson 

M. Ad Hoc Committee on AMS Events Principles and Ethics  
Presenter: Lauren Benson 

N. Ad Hoc Brewery Committee  
Presenter: Cole Evans 

XVI. Report from Presidents Council (3 minutes)  
Presenter: Cole Evans 

XVII. Board of Governors, Senate and Ombudsperson Reports (3 minutes each) 

A. Board of Governors  
Presenters: Max Holmes, Georgia Yee 

B. Senate  
Presenters: Keanna Yu, Julia Burnham 

C. Ombudsperson  
Presenter: Oluwafunto Odukoya 

XVIII. Historical Update (10 minutes)  
Presenter: Sheldon Goldfarb 

XIX. Other Business, Including In Camera Discussions, Notices of Motions and Submissions  

A. Dissolution of the Ad Hoc Committee on AMS Events, Principles and Ethics  
BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council dissolve the Ad Hoc Committee on AMS Events, Principles, and Ethics. 

From the President 

XX. Next Meeting and Adjournment  

March 2, 2022