

CONSTITUENCIES

Students in UBC's various faculties and schools are organized into undergraduate societies and student associations, such as the Arts Undergraduate Society and the Education Students Association. Most of these undergraduate societies and student associations are Constituencies of the AMS, sending representatives to Student Council and conducting activities for its members.

In 2023 an AMS referendum created a new Indigenous Constituency for the Indigenous students on campus.

In practice, the Constituencies have a fair amount of autonomy, but technically they do not exist as legal entities and therefore all their funds and assets belong to the AMS; also, AMS Council has the power to issue directives to the Constituencies and to alter any Constituency's constitution or bylaws, but this rarely happens, and it is usually done at the request of a Constituency when it can't meet its quorum rules for changing its constitution.

Contracts entered into on behalf of Constituencies, such as contracts to rent space in a hotel or more major contracts to do with social space for a Constituency, must be submitted to the AMS for approval and must be signed by AMS signing officers.

Constituencies must do their banking through accounts set up in the AMS Administration Office.

Constituencies get dedicated fees separate from the AMS fee, which they can alter by means of Constituency referendums. The results of such referendums must be sent to AMS Council, which then forwards them to the University's Board of Governors if procedures have been properly followed.