

GOVERNANCE

Governing Body/Board of Directors: Council, aka AMS Council, aka Student Council (technically, it's only the voting members of Council who constitute the Board of Directors)

Governance Documents ([Code and Bylaws](#))

Constitution: Briefly states our name and purpose.

Bylaws: Central document. Lays out AMS structure, membership rules, etc. Can only be changed by the student body (in a referendum or at a general meeting). Binds Council.

Code: Fleshes out Bylaws. Sets rules for Council meetings, establishes committees, sets out election rules, etc. Created by Council. Can be changed by Council. Is sometimes suspended by Council.

Policies: More detailed rules established by Council on such things as sexual violence, privacy, committee appointments, and Executive goals.

Strategic Plan: Includes the AMS Mission, Vision, and Guiding Principles. Lays out plans for the next five years.

Other:

Referendums: Used to get the required student support for fee changes and bylaw amendments. Can be proposed by Council; also by students at large through a petition.

General Meetings: An Annual General Meeting (AGM) is required to approve AMS finances. With quorum it can conduct other business, such as amending the Bylaws. (But it cannot change fees.)

The AMS is also subject to the BC [Societies Act](#) and the [University Act](#).