

## **AMS CAMPUS SAFETY VISION STATEMENT**

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### **VISION**

The Alma Mater Society (AMS) believes that all campus members have the right to live, work and study in a community free from physical harm, hostility, aggression, harassment and devaluation. The University of British Columbia should be a safe and respectful environment in which campus members are able to fully participate in campus affairs without threats to their physical, emotional, sexual, and psychological, and spiritual well-being. The campus community will work to ensure that one's gender, sex, race, religion, sexual orientation, age, ancestry, ethnicity, colour, family status, marital status, physical or mental ability, socio-economic status, health status, place of origin, beliefs, or group affiliation does not preclude active participation in the campus community. Above all, the campus should be a community in which all members feel free to achieve their highest potential, and a person's right of access to education, academic excellence, freedom of association and career achievement are not compromised by either feelings or incidents of oppression or marginalization.

### **VALUE STATEMENT**

The Alma Mater Society of the University of British Columbia is committed to fostering a safe and respectful community in partnership with students, student groups, residents, the University administration, staff, faculty and other members of the extended campus community. The AMS is committed to making safety on campus a priority, and to proactively increasing the awareness of safety issues on campus. The AMS will work to ensure that ongoing consultation occurs with key stakeholders on safety issues, and that sufficient resources are directed towards building a safe community.

### **PRINCIPLES**

The AMS is committed, but not limited, to the following safety principles:

1. The AMS will strive to enhance the visibility, accessibility and quality of existing safety services on campus, and actively promote such services to the campus community.
2. The AMS will advocate on behalf of campus community members to ensure that safety is a priority on campus.
3. The AMS will work in partnership with key stakeholders to increase awareness of any threats to safety on campus by advocating for effective reporting mechanisms.
4. The AMS will seek to increase the number and strength of collaborative relationships with key safety stakeholders on campus, including students, staff, faculty and other members of the extended campus community.
5. The AMS will strive to ensure that inclusive, accessible safety programs are available to the diverse campus community. Such programs should support community involvement, actively promote equity and inclusivity and reflect the belief that safety on campus is a shared responsibility amongst all campus members.
6. The AMS values the campus environment and as such, will endeavour to create an environment free of vandalism and property damage.
7. The AMS will endeavour to create an environment of respect for the dignity, privacy, and diversity of all persons on campus. The AMS will seek to foster a campus community in which there is zero tolerance for hate, prejudice and discrimination.