

Office of the VP Administration
Report to Council: December 6th, 2023

Goal 1E: Nest 24/7 Initiative + Hatch Space

As announced at the last Council, the Nest will be open for 24 hours starting from December 10th to December 22nd which is the last day of exams. Only the North (near Wireless Wave) and the South (near Porch) entrances will be open with 2 security guards per night contracted from an external group. We will also have additional seats in the Lower Level and a silent study space in the Hatch Art Gallery with the temporary installment of chairs and tables.

Goal 2A: Zine-Making Project

The Hatch has started organizing its very first intergenerational zine project, in collaboration with YARROW Intergenerational Society for Justice and Centre A. This project pairs 15 UBC students with 15 Chinese elders residing in the historic Vancouver Chinatown and is an opportunity to learn more about the lived experiences of diverse community members and the rich history of Vancouver's Chinatown. The published zine will be showcased at the Hatch's January exhibition.

Goal 2E: Nest Safety and Inclusive Spaces Review

We have started planning for the Nest Safety and Inclusive Spaces Review which is scheduled for January 2023. The Operations Committee has been consulted for the project with the members providing feedback on last year's survey, and ideas for marketing and outreach.


Goal 3A: More Locker Spaces

The building of 8 new locker spaces in the Nest has been completed! The numbers and the locks for each of the lockers have been distributed, and they will be assigned to clubs by the end of the month. Clubs will be able to move in once the building opens in January 2024.

Goal 3B: Clubs Directory Project

We are in continuous communication with the Web Developer and the Senior Mngr. of Marketing and Communications to create the new Clubs Directory which will give students public access to clubs in the AMS. The project will also serve as a dashboard that club executives can log-in to for accessing club executive-only forms such as Booking Forms and Club Renewal Forms.

Goal 4A: ASAP Review Final Report

The final report of the AMS Sustainable Action Plan 2026 will be/has been presented to Council for approval after a few months of research and consultation. To access the report please view here:  [AMS Sustainable Action Plan 2026.pdf](#)

Goal 4D: Return-It Bins

Return-It Bins have been officially installed in the Nest! Communications will be posted on AMS social media channels to make sure that students are aware of the use and purpose of the bins. For context, the collected deposit fees will be donated to the Food Bank so please use them!

Goal 5A: Tote-Bag Painting in the Commons

The Commons has hosted their second event for the year which is a Tote-Bag Painting event! The approximate number of attendees was 40 and we used leftover tote bags from Clubs Fair and borrowed painting supplies from AMS Events which means \$0.00 expenses.

Goal 5D: Creative Liberation Event

The Hatch is hosting their first official artists and creatives social night on December 9th which is a space for students to network and socialize, express their creativity, and share their talents. This event is being hosted in collaboration with the Asha Collective, UBC Exposure, UBC Rave Club and the UBC Womens' Centre. The event has 50+ RSVPs as of December 4th.

Other Updates

- **Clubs Week 2024 Planning:** As announced through the Clubs Newsletter, Clubs Week 2024 will be hosted from January 22nd to 26th in the Main and Lower Level of the Nest. Aside from boothings, we will also have an engagement area, an event in the Commons, and we are organizing a Free Week aspect wherein participating clubs will be opening their events to non-members for free (this part is still tentative)!
- **Clubroom Checks:** These are scheduled to have been completed by December 5th. The Clubs Administration will be presenting a brief report to the Operations Committee.
- **Club Bylaw Audits:** These are currently being worked on by the AVP Administration to ensure that club bylaws are in line with our template and procedures in terms of club operations. We are also looking into potential external affiliations and financial inactivity.
- **New Club Appeal:** The Operations Committee has approved the AMS Kurdish Club at UBC which appealed club status after being initially rejected by the Operations Committee. The AMS Kurdish Club is now one of 60+ cultural/ethnic clubs in the AMS.
- **Mind Your Plastic Collaboration:** On December 4th, Mind Your Plastic hosted a Sustainability Party event in the Nest which was supported by the AMS Sustainability. The event brought educational opportunities, mini-workshops, free coffee, games, and up to \$1,000 worth of prizes and interacted with more than 100 individuals.
- **Food and Beverage Sustainability Engagement Event:** We will be participating in this event hosted by C+CP that connects UBC-wide food and beverage managers and purchasers. This event advances the UBC Zero Waste Food Ware Strategy by providing info on single-use item regulations, bulk-pricings, and reusable container share programs.
- **Campus as a Living Lab Challenge:** We have been contacted to provide letters of support for two separate Campus as a Living Lab applications, which we both agreed to! The first one explores the development of a portable composting toilet as a sustainable alternative to portable chemical toilets, and the other aims to develop multifunctional nature-based solutions to address the climate emergency.
- **CultureFest 2024 Planning:** We have started planning for CultureFest 2024 which is scheduled to be hosted in February 2024 as a way to showcase our 60+ cultural/ethnic clubs. We will also be collaborating with AMS Events for this initiative!
- **Affiliates Seat in Council:** We are in discussion with the Affiliates and in consultation with the Governance Committee on how to determine the Affiliates representative in Council.
- **Rooftop Garden Access:** We have come up with new procedures on how gardening clubs can access the rooftop garden as a way to avoid unexpected situations in the space.
- **Sprouts Damages:** We have successfully gotten the rodent and flooding damages at Sprouts paid for by the North Rec Centre Steering Committee which comes up to \$1,600+.
- **Canadian Organization of Campus Activities (COCA):** We are setting up a meeting with COCA to learn more about them and to determine on how the AMS can benefit more from our involvement with them in terms of student life and campus activities.
- **Resource Groups on the Website:** We have requested for an update of the resource group info on the website with the addition of their constitutions, chairship, and emails.