

This petition calls on the Alma Mater Society (AMS) to host a Special General Meeting (SGM) to vote on the following motion:

Motion to reinstate associate members' access to the AMS Food Bank. AMS Council must consult all active members through a referendum to reverse this motion.

Plain language explanation

UBC staff have used the AMS food bank since it started in the early 2000s. In May 2023, the AMS cut staff off from the food bank. The AMS made this decision without consulting students. Ainsley Carry (VP Students) recommended that the AMS cut off staff access due to budget concerns, but the AMS food bank budget has increased by tens of thousands of dollars since last year.

We are proposing this motion because we think that staff deserve equal access to food on our campus. Staff are “associate members” of the AMS: they should be treated like any other member of the AMS. Further, the AMS cannot continue to make decisions like this without consultation of the student body: students do not stand for this unjust decision.

According to the [AMS Constitution](#), “associate members” (meaning staff!) are entitled to “just and equitable treatment” (Section 2, Article K).

Learn more about the AMS food bank campaign on the [Sulong UBC website](#).

Even if you signed this petition, you will still need to show up to the SGM and vote Yes during the election.

Please include your email address if you would like to continue supporting our campaign to

restore associate member access to the AMS food bank. If our SGM does not restore associate member access to the food bank, we will initiate a referendum and email you to get involved.

First and Last Name

UBC Student Number

Email Address