

## REFERENDUM HISTORY 1961-

1. March 17, 1961: **Graduating class fee reduction**
  - From \$10 to \$7 and make the purchase of The Totem voluntary.
  - Total ballots cast: **3,772 (Yes 3,088; No 658)**
  
2. March 17, 1961: **Student Activity Center**
  - Financial support for the Student Union Building and the Winter Sports Center: \$5.00 from the current AMS fee of \$24.00 be directed to these projects. From the AMS fee an additional \$5.00 per student will be directed to the building projects in 1962/63 when the Brock Extension payment is completed.
  - Total ballots cast: **3,793 (Yes 3,050; No 738)**
  
3. Feb. 15, 1961 (held with AMS elections): **Constitution and By-laws**
  - Change regarding the representation of each undergraduate society on the AMS Student's Council.
  - Total ballots cast: **3,331 (Yes 3,000; No 282)**
  
4. Oct. 13, 1961: **Proposed Grad Fee Change**
  - Change in graduate students AMS fee assessment. (i.e. only for the first year full-time graduate students to charge AMS fees).
  - Total ballots cast: **2,031 (Yes 1,771; No 260)**
  - **Failed due to lack of quorum.**
  
5. Nov. 16, 1961: **Proposed Grad Fee Change**
  - Change in graduate students AMS fee assessment. (i.e. only for the first year full-time graduate students to charge AMS fees).
  - Total ballots cast: **2,974 (Yes 2,371; No 601)**
  
6. Sept. 27, 1962: **Constitution and By-laws**
  - Change regarding quorum for General Meetings of the AMS (10%).
  - Total ballots cast: **3,508 (Yes 2,678; No 826)**
  
7. Nov. 22, 1963: **AMS Fee Increase**
  - To \$29.00/year, 15.00 of this fee to be directed to the SUB.
  - Total ballots cast: **7,187 (Yes 4,435; No 2,720)**
  - **This referendum failed by 357 votes.**
  
8. Nov. 22, 1963: **Student Union Building and Financing.**
  - Total ballots cast: **7,187 (Yes 5,331; No 1,837)**

9. Feb. 28-Mar. 2, 1964: **AMS Fee Increase**
  - By \$5.00 (\$29.00/year) to assist in the financing of the SUB.
  - Total ballots cast **5,725 (Yes 4,480; No 1,225)**
  
10. Nov. 10, 1965: **Referendum re: Withholding Fees**
  - Withholding the second term tuition fees.
  - Total ballots cast: **3,000 (Yes 1,159; No 1,833)**
  
11. Oct. 25, 1965: **Academic Procession**
  - Procession be added to the AMS Programme on National Student Day.
  - Total ballots cast: **4,900 (Yes 2,998; No 1,896)**
  
12. March 10, 1966: **AMS Fee Exemption**
  - Exemption for 3rd and 4th year Medical students.
  - Total ballots cast **3,872 (Yes 3,033; No 833)**
  
13. March 29, 1966: **AMS Fee Increase**
  - Fee increase by \$2.
  - Total ballots cast **3,198 (Yes 1,362; No 1,830)**
  
14. March 29, 1966: **Athletic Fee Transfer**
  - Fee transfer of \$5 to the University (**This is an opinion referendum only**)
  - Total of ballots cast **3,186 (Yes 2,476; No 694)**
  
15. Feb. 8, 1967 (held with AMS elections): **Week of Concern for Higher Education**
  - To take actions such as: strike, picket line etc.
  - Total ballots cast **6,853 (Yes 1,063; No 5,747)**
  
16. Feb. 15, 1967 (held with AMS elections): **Vietnam**
  - Student opinion referendum on the war in Vietnam.
  - a. Stop bombing:
    - Total= 4,687 - Yes 2,369, No 1,563, Spoil 755
  - b. Continue selling armaments:
    - Total=4,687 - Yes 1,787, No 1,750 Spoils 1,150
  - c. Total support of present U.S. policy:
    - Total=4,687 - Yes 1,263, No 2,371 Spoils 1053
  
17. Feb. 15, 1967 (held with AMS elections): **AMS Fee Increase**
  - Increase from \$29 to \$32.
  - Total ballots cast **4,828 (Yes 2,262; No 2,533)**

18. March 22, 1967: **AMS Fee Increase**
  - Fee increase to \$32.
  - Total ballots cast **5,816 (Yes 3,837; No 1965)**
  - **This referendum failed by 30 votes**
  
19. Nov. 1, 1967: **Withdrawal from C.U.S.**
  - Withdrawal from the Canadian Union of Students
  - Total ballots cast **5,565 (Yes 1,743; No 3,811)**
  
20. Feb. 27, 1968: **Constitution & By-laws**
  - Change re: the President of the AMS.
  - Total ballots cast **4,154 (Yes 2,698; No 1,456)**
  - **This referendum failed (did not get 2/3 required)**
  
21. April 3, 1968: **Athletic Fee Transfer**
  - An athletic transfer of \$5.00 to the University.
  - Total ballots cast **4,381 (Yes 3,630; No 743)**
  
22. March 19, 1969: **Athletic Fee Increase**
  - Fee increase from \$5.00 to \$ 10.00.
  - Total ballots cast **5,908 (Yes 2,948; No 2,950)**
  
23. March 19, 1969: **AMS Fee Increase**
  - An overall membership fee increase from \$24.00 to \$28.00.
  - Total ballots cast **5,917 (Yes 2,196; No 3,699)**
  
24. March 12, 1969: **Canadian Union of Students**
  - UBC's membership in C.U.S.
  - Total ballots cast **4,656 (Yes 1,701; No 2,946)**
  
25. Feb. 4, 1970: **AMS Membership Fees**
  - Student fees to be made voluntary.
  - Total ballots cast **8,354 (Yes 2,855; No 5,489)**
  
26. Feb. 11, 1970 (held with AMS elections): **Industrial Education Exemption**
  - Students studying at B.C.I.T. be exempt from the \$15.00 fee levy for SUB, retroactive September 1969.
  - Total ballots cast **3,707 (Yes 2,575; No 1049)**
  - **This referendum failed by quorum**

27. March 17, 1971: **Industrial Education Exemption**  
- Students studying at B.C.I.T. be exempt from the \$15 SUB fee.  
Total ballots cast **4,883 (Yes 3,933; No 859)**
28. Oct. 27, 1971: **SUB PIT Expansion**  
- An expansion to SUB basement to build the PIT at a cost not to exceed \$200,000. Money taken from the SUB Reserve Fund and repaid from revenues.  
Total ballots cast **6,791 (Yes 4,260; No 2,453)**
29. Oct. 27, 1971: **Human Government Continuation**  
- An opinion referendum for Human Government to continue or not with its programs.  
Total ballots cast **6,782 (Yes 2,704; No 4,020)**
30. Feb. 2, 1972 (held with AMS elections): **SUB Expansion**  
- Expansion re: Pit Development and redevelopment of the Lounge and Music areas.  
Total ballots cast **3,959 (Yes 2,919; No 952)**
31. Feb. 2, 1972 (held with AMS elections): **Food Services**  
- AMS acquiring control of the University's Food Services operations in the SUB.  
Total ballots cast **3,947 (Yes 2,889; No 975)**  
**\*\*Note: this was an opinion referendum only.**
32. Feb. 9, 1972 (held with AMS elections): **Constitution & By-laws**  
- Amendments re: procedural sections of the Alma Mater Society By-laws be removed and placed into the Code.  
Total Ballots cast **2,326 (Yes 1,328; No 998)**  
**- Referendum failed due to lack of quorum.**
33. Feb. 9, 1972 (held with AMS elections): **AMS Fee Increase**  
- Fee increase from \$9 to \$14.00.  
Total Ballots cast **2,807 (Yes 2,055; No 715)**  
**- Referendum failed due to lack of quorum.**
34. March 22, 1972: **Abortion**  
Total ballots cast **2,504 (Yes 2,016; No 496)**  
**\*\*Note: this was an opinion referendum only.**
35. Oct. 5, 1972: **Indoor pool (Aquatic Centre)**  
- A fee levy of \$5.00 to support an indoor pool.  
Total ballots cast **5,856 (Yes 4,046; No 1,793)**

36. Oct. 5, 1972: **Constitution & By-laws**  
 - Alteration restricting AMS political clubs to participate directly or otherwise, in elections to any student offices outside the club.  
 Total ballots cast **3,658 (Yes 2,187; No 1,471)**  
**- Referendum failed due to lack of quorum.**
37. Oct. 3, 1973: **Ubyyssey Publication Days**  
 - Referendum regarding number of issues of The Ubyyssey to be published each week.  
 Total ballots cast **1,720** (Three times a week was the highest and most recommended vote).
38. Oct. 3, 1973: **Constitution & By-laws**  
 - Alteration restricting AMS political clubs to participate directly or otherwise, in elections to any student offices outside the club.  
 Total ballots cast **1,673 (Yes 1,009; No 537)**  
**- Referendum failed due to lack of quorum.**
39. Oct. 3, 1973: **Graduate Students Exemption**  
 - Fee exemption of \$15.00 per year towards the Student Union Building fee.  
 Total ballots cast **1,529 (Yes 798; No 705)**  
**- Referendum failed due to lack of quorum.**
40. Nov. 6-7, 1974: **Indoor Pool (Aquatic Centre)**  
 - Cancellation of the \$5.00 levy.  
 Total ballots cast **6,012 (Yes 1,710; No 4,283)**
41. Feb. 5, 1975: **By-Laws**  
 - Alteration allowing AMS to deposit funds in a Credit Union.  
 Total ballots cast **2,543 (Yes 1,987; No 463)**
42. Nov. 17-21, 1975: **Constitution and By-Laws**  
 - Complete alteration of the AMS  
 Total ballots cast **3,892 (Yes 2,948; No 848)**
43. Nov. 17-21, 1975: **AMS Fee Increase**  
 - Fee increase to \$12.50 with the proviso that .50\$ per student be allocated to the Club Benefit Fund.  
 Total ballots cast **3,924 (Yes 2,056; No 1,749)**  
**- Referendum failed to achieve 2/3rds required**
- 43a. March 17-19, 1976: **National Union of Students**  
 - Fee levy for NUS of \$1.00.

Total ballots cast

- **Referendum failed due to lack of 2/3rds required.**

43b. March 17-19, 1976: **British Columbia Students Federation**

- Fee levy for BCSF of \$1.00.

Total ballots cast

- **Referendum failed due to lack of 2/3rds required.**

44. Oct. 1, 1976: **Crafts Vending in SUB**

- Allowing craftspeople to vend in the SUB concourse.

Total ballots cast **2,469 (Yes 1,893; No 567)**

- **Referendum failed due to lack of quorum.**

45. Nov. 16-18, 1976: **National Union of Students**

- Fee levy for NUS of \$1.00.

Total ballots cast **6,149 (Yes 3,139; No 2,867)**

- **Referendum failed due to lack of 2/3rds required.**

46. Nov. 16-18, 1976: **British Columbia Students Federation**

- Fee levy for BCSF of \$1.00.

Total ballots cast **6,217 (Yes 3,531?; No 2,443)**

- **Referendum failed due to lack of 2/3rds required.**

47. Nov. 16-18, 1976: **AMS Spouses**

- Spouses of AMS active members be given the privilege of becoming Honourary Members of the AMS.

Total ballots cast **6,291 (Yes 3,371; No 2,713)**

- **Referendum failed due to lack of 2/3rds required.**

48. Nov. 16-18, 1976: **AMS Fee Increase**

- Fee increase to \$14 (\$1 for Intramurals, \$1 for Campus Radio, \$2 for Student Newspaper)

Total ballots cast **6,275 (Yes 3,936; No 2,265)**

- **Referendum failed due to lack of 2/3rds required.**

49. Nov. 16-18, 1976: **Athletic Fee Increase**

- (increase from \$5 to \$7 to be allocated to Women's Athletics)

Total ballots cast **6,202 (Yes 4,353; No 1,809)**

50. March 14-16, 1978: **SUB Coffee House**

- Funds for construction on the main floor of SUB, cost not to exceed \$20,000

Total ballots cast **2,745 (Yes 1,735; No 1,006)**

- **Referendum failed due to lack of quorum.**

51. Oct. 25-27, 1978: **AMS Fee Increase**  
 - Fee increase from \$9 to \$11  
 Total ballots cast **4,281 (Yes 2,711; No 1,561)**  
**- Referendum failed due to lack of quorum.**
52. March 13-16, 1979: **AMS Fee Increase**  
 - Fee increase from \$9 to \$12  
 Total ballots cast **4,743 (Yes 3,360; No 1375)**
53. Dec. 3-5, 1979: **By-Law**  
 alteration in Bylaws to return to at-large elections.  
 Total ballots cast **3,198 (Yes 2,746; No 391)**
54. March 11-13, 1980: **Accident Benefit Fund**  
 fund to be used for the purchase of materials and construction of four  
 cabins at Sphinx Glacier(1), Tenquille Lake(1), and Gillivary Pass(2).  
 Total ballots cast **2,858 (Yes 2,579; No 279)**
55. Feb. 9-13, 1981: **SUB Renovations Referendum**  
 Total **Courtyard: 3,227 (Yes 1,831; No 1,347)**  
**- Referendum failed due to lack of quorum.**  
 Total **Plaza Mall: 3,225 (Yes 1,651; No 1,515)**  
**- Referendum failed due to lack of quorum.**
- 55a. March 16-20, 1981: **AMS Fee Reduction Referendum**  
 (cancelling \$15 SUB construction fee)  
**(Yes 3,030; No 1,344)**
- 55b. March 16-20, 1981: **BC PIRG Fee**  
**(Yes 2,118; No 2,234)**
56. Jan. 26-29, 1982: **B.C.PIRG Referendum**  
 Total ballots cast **4,340 (Yes 1,980; No 2,241)**
57. Jan. 26-29, 1982: **SUB Renovations Referendum**  
 - (Conversation Lounge & Unfinished Basement)  
 Total ballots cast **4,358 (Yes 2,061; No 2,219)**
58. March 22-26, 1982: **The Ubyyssey**  
 - Editorial and Financial autonomy and AMS By-laws change.  
 1: editorial autonomy;  
 Total ballots cast **3,513 (Yes 1,931; No 1,555)**  
**- Referendum failed due to lack of quorum.**

- 2: financial autonomy;  
Total ballots cast **3,514** (Yes 1,453; No **2,038**)
- 3: AMS By-law change;  
Total ballots cast **3,515** (Yes 1,444; No **1,497**)

- 59. Nov. 15-19, 1982: **AMS Fee Increase**
  - \$20.00 Fee Referendum (\$3 for Intramurals, \$2 for AMS, and \$15 for CPAC)
  - Total ballots cast **8,838** (Yes **6,625**; No 2175)
- 60. Nov. 21-23, 1984: **Membership in Canadian Federation of Students (CFS)**
  - Fee of \$7.50/student.
  - Total ballots cast **5,084** (Yes 851; No **4,177**)  
(Source:Minutes of the Students Council and The Ubysey, November 27, 1984, page 1)
- 61. Jan. 30 - Feb.1, 1985 (held with AMS elections): **Refugee Student Referendum**
  - Total ballots cast **3,443** (Yes **2,578**; No 842)
  - \*\*Note:** These are the results after the recount.
- 62. March 27-29, 1985: **Athletic Council Referendum**
  - Total ballots cast **2,800** (Yes **1,812**; No 969)
  - Referendum failed due to lack of quorum.**
- 63. Jan. 28-30, 1987 (held with AMS elections): **South Africa**
  - Ban on Carling O'Keefe & Rothmans Products.
  - Total ballots cast **3,371** (Yes 1,366; No **1951**)
- 64. Oct.31-Nov.4, 1988: **Student Recreation Center**
  - Establishing a fee of \$30
  - Total ballots cast **7,745** (Yes **4,597**; No 3,084)
- 65. Sept. 25-29, 1989: **Student Recreation Center**
  - Continuing the RecFac fee.
  - Total ballots cast **4,405** (Yes 1,766; No **2,612**)
  - \*\*Note:** Student Court determined that this referendum reached quorum, with the \$30 RecFac fee being cancelled
- 66. Jan. 29-31, 1990 (held with AMS elections): **Bylaw Amendment affecting Quorum**



Total ballots cast **2,097** (Yes **1,528**; No 559)  
**-Referendum failed due to lack of quorum and failure to achieve 75% required**

67. Jan. 29-31, 1990 (held with AMS elections): **Ubysey Financial and Editorial Autonomy**

Total ballots cast **2,097** (Yes **1,238**; No 1,033)  
**-Referendum failed due to lack of quorum**

68. Oct. 9-12, 1990: **Student Health Plan**

- 1. Plan A - without Eye Protection  
 Total ballots cast **2,502** (Yes 1,539 No 932)  
**- Referendum failed due to lack of quorum**
- 2. Plan B - Eye Protection Plan  
 Total Ballots cast **2,502** (Yes 1,057 No **1,325**)

69. Oct. 9-12, 1990: **Concourse Office Space (for five Service Organizations)**

Total ballots cast **2,438** (Yes **1,760**; No 610)  
**- Referendum failed due to lack of quorum**

70. Oct. 9-12, 1990: **AMS Fee Increase (\$5.00)**

Total ballots cast **2,429** (Yes **1,205**; No 1,092)  
**- Referendum failed due to lack of quorum**

71. Jan. 21-25, 1991 (held with AMS elections): **Bylaw Amendments**

- 1. General Language  
 Total ballots cast **2,609** (Yes **1,608**; No 977)  
**- Referendum failed due to lack of quorum (& lack of 75% required)**
- 2. BOG/Senate Council amendments  
 Total ballots cast **2,298** (Yes **1,952**; No 323)  
**- Referendum failed due to lack of quorum**
- 3. Quorum change for referenda  
 Total ballots cast **2,258** (Yes **1,722**; No 498)  
**- Referendum failed due to lack of quorum**

72. Jan. 21-25, 1991 (held with AMS elections):

- A. SUB Expansion Referendum (expanding CPAC mandate)  
 Total ballots cast **2,588** (Yes **2,018**; No 550)  
**- Referendum failed due to lack of quorum**
- B. AMS Fee Increase (CPI increase)  
 Total ballots cast **2,527** (Yes 1,090 No **1,399**)  
**- Referendum failed due to lack of quorum (+ greater "nos")**

73. Nov. 4-8, 1991:
- A. AMS Fee Increase for Ombudsoffice (\$4.00), Programs (\$3.00), Bursaries & Emergency Loans, and WUSC Refugee Fund (\$0.50).  
Total ballots cast **5,030 (Yes 2,842; No 2,144)**  
**- Referendum failed due to lack of quorum (2874)**
  - B. CPAC Mandate Increase: to include the Pit Expansion, SUB Renovations & Expansion, Whistler Cabin Renovations & Expansion, and Armouries Replacement.  
Total ballots cast **4,991 (Yes 3,371; No 1,599)**
74. Nov. 2-6, 1992:
- A. OmbudsOffice Fee (\$4.00)  
Total ballots cast **2,897 (Yes 1,561; No 1,319)**  
**- Referendum failed due to lack of quorum**
  - B. WUSC Refugee Fund Fee Increase (to \$1.50)  
Total ballots cast **2,902 (Yes 1,989; No 895)**  
**- Referendum failed due to lack of quorum**
  - C. AMS Programs - new fee levy of \$3.00  
Total ballots cast **2,902 (Yes 1,250; No 1,631)**  
**- Referendum failed due to lack of quorum (+ greater "nos")**
  - D. First Year Student Orientation - new fee levy of \$7.00  
Total ballots cast **2,894 (Yes 1,049; No 1,824)**  
**- Referendum failed due to lack of quorum (+ greater "nos")**
75. Jan. 17-21, 1994 (held with AMS elections)
- A. B.C.PIRG Referendum  
Total ballots cast **3,402 (Yes 1,733; No 1,610)**  
**- Referendum failed due to lack of quorum**
  - B. WUSC Fee Increase (from \$0.50 to \$1.50)  
Total ballots cast **3,400 (Yes 2,542; No 805)**  
**- Referendum failed due to lack of quorum**
76. Jan. 16-20, 1995 (held with AMS elections): **Ubyssy autonomy (\$5 per student direct to paper)**  
Total ballots cast **5,334 (Yes 3,242; No 2,082)**
77. Jan. 15-19, 1996 (held with AMS elections):
- A. Childcare bursary fund (\$3 per student)  
Total ballots cast **7796 (Yes 5,173; No 1,499)**
  - B. AMS Fee reallocation (of former \$7 Athletics fee now no longer transferred to UBC: \$1.50 added to intramurals; \$0.50 to

WUSC; \$3.50 for external and university lobbying; \$1.50 for resource groups)

Total ballots cast **7796** (Yes **5,086**; No 1,521)

- C. CiTR autonomy (\$5 per student direct to CiTR)

Total ballots cast **7796** (Yes 2,741; **No 3,833**)

- 78. Jan. 20-24, 1997 (held with AMS elections):

- A. Fee increase (\$1.50 per student) for student-initiated projects (Gage Memorial Fund; Clubs Benefit Fund)  
(Yes **2304**; No 2292)

**Referendum failed for lack of quorum**

- B. Bylaw amendment to allow Council representatives from Regent College and Vancouver School of Theology to vote

(Yes 3018; No 1265)

**Referendum failed due to lack of 3/4 majority required for bylaw changes**

- 79. Jan. 19-23, 1998 (held with AMS elections):

- A. Fee increase (\$0.85 per student) to support Pacific Spirit Family & Community Services  
(Yes **2405**; No 1691)

**Referendum failed for lack of quorum**

- B. Indexing the AMS Fee to the Consumer Price Index to offset inflation

(Yes **2102**; No 1868)

**Referendum failed for lack of quorum**

- C. Fee increase (\$1.50 per student) to support clubs (Clubs Benefit Fund)

(Yes 1794; **No 2236**)

- 80. Feb. 6-10, 1998: Extending the lease of the Thunderbird Shop

(Yes **3037**; No 932)

**Referendum failed for lack of quorum**

- 81. March 16-18, 20, 1998:

- A. Fee increase (\$3 increase per student each year for 5 years) to support UBC Athletics and Intramurals

(Yes **3394**; No 1411)

- B. Fee increase (\$12 per student, refundable upon request) to aid needy students  
(**Yes 3153**; No 1604)
  - C. Fee increase (\$1 per student, refundable upon request) to establish a student legal fund  
(**Yes 3553**; No 1221)
82. January 18-22, 1999 (held with AMS elections):
- A. Stay in CASA  
(Yes 1049; **No 1871**)  
**Referendum failed for lack of quorum (meaning no action was taken to withdraw from CASA as the No side desired)**
  - B. Funding for CiTR  
(**Yes 1938**; No 1079)  
**Referendum failed for lack of quorum.**
83. September 29-October 8, 1999:
- A. AMS/GSS Health and Dental Plan (\$168 per year increase to AMS fee, + CPI in subsequent years, refundable upon request if student has a comparable plan)  
(**Yes 4,926**; No 2,081)
  - B. Creating a fund for AMS student services (\$9 increase in AMS fee, refundable upon request)  
(Yes **4,300**; No 2,707)
  - C. Supporting an AMS harm reduction drug strategy, including legalization of marijuana  
(Yes 3,418; **No 3,475**)
84. March 5-9, 2001:
- Should the AMS withdraw from the AMS/GSS Health and Dental Plan at the end of the current contract (Aug. 31, 2001)?  
(Yes 1,354; **No 3,870**)
85. Nov. 5-9, 2001
- A. Increase fees by \$12 over four years to support services, events, and safety initiatives.  
(**Yes 3440**; No 1951, spoiled 67)  
**Referendum fails for lack of quorum**

B. Amend the bylaws.

(Yes **2918**; No 1802; spoiled 741)

**Referendum failed for lack of quorum and lack of 75% required for bylaw amendments**

C. In favour of differential tuition for the various UBC programs?

(Opinion survey only)

(Yes 1678; **No 3620**; spoiled 104)

**86.** February 8-14, 2003 (vote done electronically)

- U-Pass (\$160 for 8-month transit pass; \$120 for students in UBC Housing)  
(Yes **10,742**; No 4,760)
- Increase fees \$1 a year for opt-outable fee to create Sexual Assault Support Services Fund  
(Yes **5802**; No 1443)

**87.** November 15-25, 2003 (electronic)

- Increase health and dental plan fee by \$53  
(Yes 2975; **No 3470**)

**88.** January 31-February 7, 2005 (electronic)

- Continuing U-Pass at \$22 per month (\$2 increase)  
(Yes **19,192**; No 1,513)
- Summer U-Pass  
(Yes **17,729**; No 1,724)
- Increase the opt-outable fee for the Sexual Assault Support Services Fund by \$2 (to \$3)  
(Yes **7,809**; No 2,746)
- Amending the AMS Bylaws to add a voting seat on Student Council for international students  
(Yes 6,149; No 2,270)

**Referendum failed due to lack of 3/4 majority  
required for bylaw changes**

- Amending the AMS Bylaws to add a voting seat on Student Council for indigenous students  
(Yes 5,390; No 2,619)

**Referendum failed due to lack of 3/4 majority  
required for bylaw changes**

**89. March 25-31, 2008 (hybrid electronic and paper)**

- Continuing U-Pass at \$23.75 per month (\$1.75 increase)  
(Yes **17,945**; No 500)
- Increase the WUSC fee for refugee students by \$1.50 (to \$2.50)  
(Yes **8363**; No 2162)
- Amending the AMS Bylaws and Constitution to add "Vancouver" to the AMS name, to lower quorum for general meetings and referendums, to change membership and fee rules, to allow Council to enter into leases, and to allow the AMS to invest in Single A investments  
(Yes **4357**; No 1284)
- Introducing a SUB Renewal fee of \$20 fee per year in 2008-09, \$30 in 2009-10, and increasing by \$10 more each year until 2016-17  
(Yes **7342**; No 6228)

**90. January 25-29, 2010 (held with AMS elections) (electronic only; quorum 3716)\***

- Amending the AMS Bylaws to revise Student Court rules (making Student Court judgments binding without having to be voted on by Council; increasing Court fines; remove the Court's power to interpret Code and Bylaws, etc.)  
(Yes **2766**, No 1011)\*

**Referendum failed for lack of quorum and lack of 75% required for  
bylaw amendments**

- Removal of Blake Frederick from the office of President  
(Yes **3102**, No 1306)\*  
**Referendum failed for lack of quorum and lack of 75% required for removing directors**
- Removal of Timothy Chu from the office of VP External  
(Yes **2883**, No 1432)\*  
**Referendum failed for lack of quorum and lack of 75% required for removing directors**
- Creating a refundable \$5 engagement levy (refundable to those who vote in AMS elections)  
(Yes 1773, No **2799**)\*
- Indexing AMS fees to inflation (CPI)  
(Yes 2014, No **2106**)\*
- Amending Bylaws to allow Council to remove Executives without depriving them of their Council seats; also, additional Bylaw changes  
(Yes **2772**, No 1169)\*  
**Referendum failed for lack of quorum and lack of 75% required for bylaw amendments**
- Fee increase of \$2 to go to the Access UBC Association of Disabled Students  
(Yes 2244, **No 2323**)\*
- The AMS should lobby for reduced tuition and increased government spending  
(Yes **3710**, No 910)\*  
**This referendum fell six votes short of quorum; it was established that because of the election fraud at least 16 votes were missing; therefore the Elections Administrator stated that there could be no definitive result for this referendum.**
- Amending Bylaws to create a voting seat on Council for students with disabilities.  
(Yes **2475**, No 1772)\*  
**Referendum failed for lack of quorum and lack of 75% required for bylaw amendments**

\*Corrected results after the removal of fraudulent votes.

**91.** March 7-11, 2011, electronic only (quorum 3764)

**Question 1: Bylaws – Housekeeping Changes**

- **This question PASSES**

- YES: 4937 (~79%)

- NO: 1308 (~21%)

**Question 2: Bylaws – Substantive Changes**

- **This question DOES NOT PASS (fails to meet quorum or 75%)**

- YES: 3334 (~58%)

- NO: 2395 (~42%)

**Question 3: U-Pass Renewal**

- **This question PASSES**

- YES: 12896 (~95%)

- NO: 678 (~5%)

**Question 4: Lobbying for Lower Tuition**

- **This question PASSES**

- YES: 8737 (~87%)

- NO: 1304 (~13%)

**Question 5: AMS Fee Increase**

- **This question PASSES**

- YES: 4522 (~52%)

- NO: 4136 (~48%)

**92.** January 23-27, 2012 (held with AMS elections) (electronic only, QUORUM 3821)

- Introduce \$1 ombuds fee and reduce Student Spaces Fee (the old CPAC fee) by \$3.88  
(**Yes 3966**, No 1082): Passed
- Entrenching the AMS Endowment Fund in the Bylaws  
(**Yes 3080**, No 789): **Failed for lack of quorum (quorum 3821)**
- Authorizing Council to sell the Whistler Lodge  
(**Yes 2512**, No 2466): **Failed for lack of quorum**
- Authorizing Council to sell up to three artworks from the AMS Art Collection  
(**Yes 4166**, No 808): Passed



93. January 21-25, 2013 (held with AMS elections) (electronic only, quorum 3915)

- U-Pass Renewal  
(Yes 21,181, No 793): Passed
- Quorum Reduction for General Meetings (Bylaw amendment)  
(Yes 6732, No 2192): Passed
- Other substantive bylaw amendments (Exec Turnover, Affiliate voting rights, entrenching the Endowment Fund)  
(Yes 5830, No 1018): Passed
- Housekeeping bylaw amendments  
(Yes 5450, No 870): Passed
- Bike Kitchen fee (\$1), opt-outable  
(Yes 9436, No 6156): Passed

94. January 27-31, 2014 (held with AMS elections) (electronic only, quorum 3816)

	Yes		No	
1. Do you support the changes to the AMS Student Fees? <b>Passed.</b>	<b>6730</b>	<b>83.0%</b>	1374	17.0%
2. Do you authorize the disposal of the UBC Whistler Lodge? <b>Passed.</b>	<b>4814</b>	<b>54.6%</b>	4007	45.4%
3. Do you support and approve amending the AMS Bylaws? <b>Passed.</b>	<b>4165</b>	<b>86.2%</b>	666	13.8%
4. Do you support the AMS establishing a graduated Microbrewery Fee to finance the construction and outfitting of an AMS microbrewery? <b>Passed.</b>	<b>5076</b>	<b>55.5%</b>	4063	44.5%
5. Do you call on the Alma Mater Society to make all reasonable efforts to urge UBC to divest from fossil fuels? <b>Passed.</b>	<b>6786</b>	<b>76.9%</b>	2034	23.1%

6. Should the AMS, guided by the principle that education is a right, advocate for reduced tuition for both national and international students? <b>Passed</b>	<b>8730</b>	<b>90.9%</b>	873	9.1%
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95. March 23-27, 2015 (electronic only, quorum 4130; i.e., needed 4130 Yes votes to pass)

“Do you support your student union (AMS) in boycotting products and divesting from companies that support Israeli war crimes, illegal occupation, and the oppression of Palestinians?”

(Yes 3493, No 2223): **Failed for lack of quorum**

96. February 29-March 4, 2016 (held with AMS elections) (electronic)

- WUSC fee increase from \$2.61 to \$5.22  
(Yes **6079**, No 3242) **Passed**
- U-Pass  
(Yes **10,830**, No 330) **Passed**
- \$4.20 AMS fee increase  
(Yes 3170, **No 5942**) **Failed**
- Health and Dental Plan fee rule change  
(Yes **4351**, No 1986) **Passed**
- Bylaw and Constitution change to comply with new Societies Act  
(Yes **4999**, No 1092) **Passed**
- Referendum rule changes in Bylaws  
(Yes 3386, **No 1312**) **Failed for lack of 75% (obtained only 72.1%)**
- Bring Back the Gallery  
(Yes **7279**, No 1680) **Passed**
- Culture fee  
(Yes **5028**, No 3892) **Passed**

97. March 6-10, 2017 (held with AMS elections) (electronic)

- Bylaw Amendments  
(Yes **5278**, No 1010) **Passed**
- Athletics Facility Fee  
(Yes **6579**, No 3649) **Passed**
- Selling artwork  
(Yes **7557**, No 1866) **Passed**

98. April 3-7, 2017 (electronic)

- BDS  
(Yes 1396, No **1513**) **Failed**

99. March 5-9, 2018 (held with AMS elections) (electronic)

- U-Pass extension  
(Yes **10,283**, No 350) **Passed**
- Fee restructuring (have fees reviewed every three years) and increase SASC fee (from \$3.55 to \$7)  
(Yes 4183, No 2529) **Failed for lack of quorum (8% of 54,000 or 57,000)**
- Abolish Student Court (Bylaw amendment)  
(Yes 2887, No 1446) **Failed for lack of quorum**
- Sustainable Food Access Fund  
(Yes **7471**, No 1283) **Passed**

100. March 11-15, 2019 (held with AMS elections) (electronic)

- Sexual Assault Support fee increase to \$9.30 a year  
(Yes **6692**, No 3377), **Passed**
- Indigenous Student Fund fee (\$0.95 per student)  
(Yes **6780**, No 3487), **Passed**
- U-Pass renewal  
(Yes **11,259**, No 629), **Passed**
- Grad Class fee reduction from \$7 to \$3  
(Yes **9030**, No 1036), **Passed**

- Bylaw amendments (including Records Policy)  
(Yes 4369, No 1335), **Failed for lack of quorum** (quorum was 4572)
- Thrift store referendum (\$0.95 fee per student to support Get Thrifty project)  
(Yes **7018**, No 3009) **Passed**
- Campus Culture & Performance Fee (adjusting terms of reference)  
(Yes **6575**, No 1684) **Passed**

## 101. March 2-6, 2020 (held with AMS elections) (electronic)

- Indigenous Seat on AMS Council (Bylaw amendment)  
(Yes **4708**, No 857) **Passed**
- Omnibus Bylaw amendments (including Records Policy)  
(Yes 3549, No 520) **Failed for lack of quorum** (quorum was 4647)

## 102. March 23-27, 2020 (electronic)

- Omnibus Bylaw amendments (including Records Policy)  
(Yes 1627, No 1083) **Failed for lack of quorum and lack of 2/3rds**  
(quorum was 4647)

## 103. March 7-11, 2022 (held with AMS elections) (electronic)

- Sexual Assault Support fee increase to \$16 a year  
(Yes **6529**, No 2370) **Passed**
- Fee reductions and digital opt-outs  
(Yes **8013**, No 890) **Passed**
- Bylaw and Constitution amendments  
(Yes **5881**, No 705) **Passed**
- Bike Kitchen Fee Increase of \$3.86  
(Yes 4405, No 4248) **Failed for lack of quorum** (quorum was 4742)

## 104. March 6-10, 2023 (held with AMS elections) (electronic)

- Bylaw Changes to create Indigenous Constituency and shrink Council  
(Yes **8680**, No 1427) **Passed**
- General AMS/GSS Health and Dental Fee Increase of \$52.50  
(Yes **8907**, No 3693) **Passed**
- **Health and Dental Fee Increase of \$8 for Gender-Affirming Coverage**  
(Yes **8026**, No 4224) **Passed**
- **AMS Bike Co-op/Bike Kitchen Fee Increase of \$3**  
(Yes **7066**, No 4722) **Passed**

105. March 1-8, 2024 (held with AMS elections) (electronic)

- Bylaw Changes to require Financial Plan  
(Yes **8322**, No 904) **Passed**