



SUBJECT	UBC Alma Mater Society Athletics & Intramural Fee for 2020-2021 Academic Year
SUBMITTED TO	Finance Committee
MEETING DATE	July 20, 2020
SESSION CLASSIFICATION	Recommended session criteria from Board Meetings Policy: OPEN
ACTION REQUESTED	Please indicate requested Board action: Decision requested: approval of proposed resolution IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED that the Finance Committee, under authority delegated by the Board of Governors, approves the UBC Alma Mater Society Athletics & Intramural Fee for the 2020-2021 academic year.
LEAD EXECUTIVE	Ainsley Carry, Vice-President Students
SUPPORTED BY	Peter Smailes, Vice-President Finance & Operations Kavie Toor, Managing Director Athletics & Recreation Kate Ross, Associate Vice-President Enrolment Services and Registrar Samantha Reid, Executive Director, Office of the Vice President Students

PRIOR SUBMISSIONS**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

The UBC Alma Mater Society (AMS) in accordance with AMS Bylaw 14(7) gives notice that AMS will not be collecting the \$21.00 Athletics and Intramural Fee for the 2020-2021 Academic year. AMS is working with UBC Athletics and Recreation to amend the MOU relating to this fee in order to accommodate this change and is currently being finalized.

SUPPLEMENTAL MATERIALS

1. AMS A & I Fee Exemption Letter



Office of the President

June 23rd, 2020

Ms. Sandra Cawley
Interim Chair, UBC Board of Governors
6328 Memorial Road, Room 121
Vancouver, BC V6T 1Z2

Dr. Kate Ross
Associate Vice-President, Enrolment Services and Registrar
2016-1874 East Mall
Vancouver, BC V6T 1Z1

CC:

Ainsley Carry, Vice-President, Students
Samantha Reid, Executive Director, Office of the Vice-President, Students
Peter Smailes, Vice-President, Finance and Operations
Kavie Toor, Managing Director, UBC Athletics and Recreation

Dear Ms. Cawley and Dr. Ross;

I hope you are both well and are having a great start to your summer. This letter is to inform you of a special change the AMS is making to the fees it assesses to UBC students.

In accordance with AMS Bylaw 14(7), our Board of Directors (“AMS Council”) has unanimously authorized myself to inform your respective offices that **the AMS will not be collecting the \$21.00 Athletics and Intramural Fee for the 2020/21 Academic Year**. Please see the attached correspondence for more details of the motion passed.

After conversations with all parties included in this letter, it has been determined that this action will be a positive step forward for the AMS to help provide some financial relief for students during the COVID-19 pandemic. We also have a verbal agreement with UBC Athletics and Recreation to amend the MOU relating to this fee in order to accommodate this change, and this will be finalized in the coming weeks.

For procedural questions relating to UBC Board of Governors approval for this change, please refer to the Office of the Vice-President, Students. Additionally, the AMS is always here to provide support when required, so please do not hesitate to reach out.

As always, please do not hesitate to reach out to me directly if you have any questions or concerns. You can reach me at president@ams.ubc.ca, or contact me at 403-870-1495 (Direct) or 604-822-3972 (Work).

Kind Regards,



Cole Evans

AMS President

UBC Vancouver Senator

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SUBJECT	AMS ATHLETICS AND INTRAMURAL FEE EXEMPTION FOR THE 2020/21 YEAR
MEETING DATE	EMAIL VOTE (June 17th, 2020 to June 19th, 2020)
MOTION	<p>WHEREAS the University has announced that the delivery of a majority of courses for the fall semester will be held online.</p> <p>WHEREAS the intention of the AMS Athletics and Intramural Fee to is support recreational programming for students.</p> <p>WHEREAS it is widely projected that there will be a significantly reduced number of students on campus and available recreational programming resulting in reduced access to the benefit of this fee.</p> <p>WHEREAS the President must notify the University within a short period of time to successfully waive the administering of the fee.</p> <p>WHEREAS the AMS has signed an MOU with the University regarding the fee which must still be amended to execute the following motion.</p> <p>BE IT RESOLVED THAT the AMS Council authorize the President to notify the Board of Governors and the Registrar to not collect the \$21.00 AMS Athletics and Intramural Fee for the 2020/21 Fiscal Year in accordance with AMS Bylaw 14(7).</p> <p>BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT AMS Council accept the changes to the AMS Code of Procedure: Section XIII: Fees, Article III.</p> <p>BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT AMS Council direct the President to provide an update on the situation at the June 24th, 2020 meeting of AMS Council.</p>
PREPARED BY	Cole Evans – President
DOCUMENTS	1. Relevant Code Change

**DESCRIPTION &
RATIONALE**

With increased interest from students regarding fees for the upcoming year, the AMS Executive is recommending to Council that the AMS not collect the \$21.00 Athletics and Intramural Fee for the upcoming year in an effort to reduce financial burden on students.

The University is also working on options to reduce the larger UBC administered Athletics and Recreation Fee. The VPS Office has publicly stated that they are considered a deferred assessment option where students will only be charged the fee in the second term based on the number of credits they are taking.

The AMS just last year signed an MOU with the University regarding the fee, which is collected by the AMS and sent directly to Athletics and Recreation. This MOU is still in effect, and must be amended before the AMS is contractually able to waive the assessment of our own fee.

The University Registrar has also informed the President that they must receive a decision on this by end of this week in order to execute the requested action, creating a significantly condensed timeline.

BENEFITS

Reputational,
Financial,
Sustainable, Social

- Strong action demonstrating a commitment to lowering student fees during the COVID-19 Pandemic.
 - Reduction in AMS assessed student fees which helps alleviate some financial burden from students.
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RISKS

Financial,
Operational,
Reputational

- Significant impact on operating budget of UBC Athletics and Recreation, resulting in approximately \$1.2 million less money allocated.
 - Reduction in quality of recreational service offerings for Athletics and Recreation if in-person activities resume.
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COSTS

Financial,
Resources, Lifecycle

- Slight reduction in investment revenue off of held \$1.2 million.
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TIMELINE

Implementation
Timeline

- 1 to 2 weeks, immediate upon notice to UBC and MOU amendment.
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CONSULTATION

Internal & External
Groups

- UBC VP Students Office
 - UBC Athletics and Recreation
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**CODE CHANGES 2020:
ATHLETICS AND INTRAMURALS FEE EXEMPTION**

TO: Council
FROM: Executive Committee
June 2020

Amendment to temporarily exempt members from the \$21 Athletics and Intramurals Fee.

Additions are indicated by ***bold italics***. Deletions are made by striking through (~~this~~).

SECTION XIII: FEES

Article 3. Exemption from Fees

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2. Pursuant to Bylaw 14(7), Society fees shall also be waived, in whole or in part, for the following categories of Active Members:
 - (a) Active Members who are not assessed tuition fees by the University;
 - (b) Active Members pursuing a University of British Columbia program at an institution other than UBC Vancouver and paying student fees at that other institution;
 - (c) Active Members taking only distance education courses;
 - (d) Active Members at the Affiliated Institutions;
 - (e) Active Members in the Ritsumeikan, Tec de Monterey, and Korea University programs; ~~and~~
 - (f) Active Members in a one-year program running from January through December-
; and
 - (g) ***Active Members enrolled during the COVID-19 disruption.***

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14. ***Without limiting the generality of paragraph 2 above, Active Members enrolled during the COVID-19 disruption shall be exempt from paying the Society's \$21 Athletics and Intramurals fee, but shall not be exempt from the rest of the Society's fees. Such Active Members shall be entitled to all the privileges of membership, including the exclusive services enumerated in paragraph 6 above.***