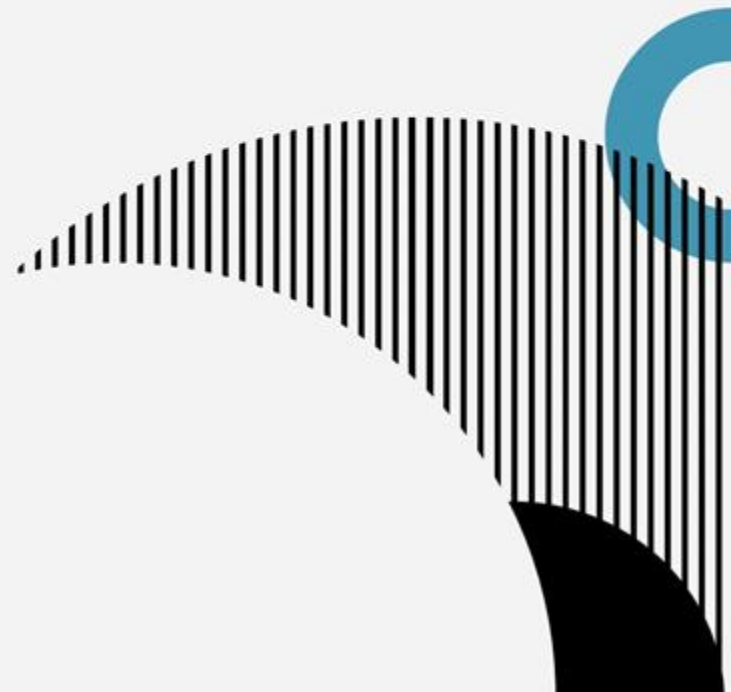


ALMA MATER SOCIETY

Annual Briefing

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2024/25

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A chance for you to ask us
about our advocacy.



01 | OUR STORY

The voice of UBC
students.





61,000+
MEMBERS

We're the **largest independent student society** in Canada and the United Kingdom. We represent all undergraduate and graduate students of UBC-V.



\$30 million

total operating budget

400+

student group subsidiaries

500+

staff and volunteers



AMS TEAM



**Christian 'CK'
Kyle**
PRESIDENT

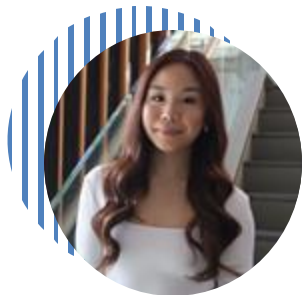


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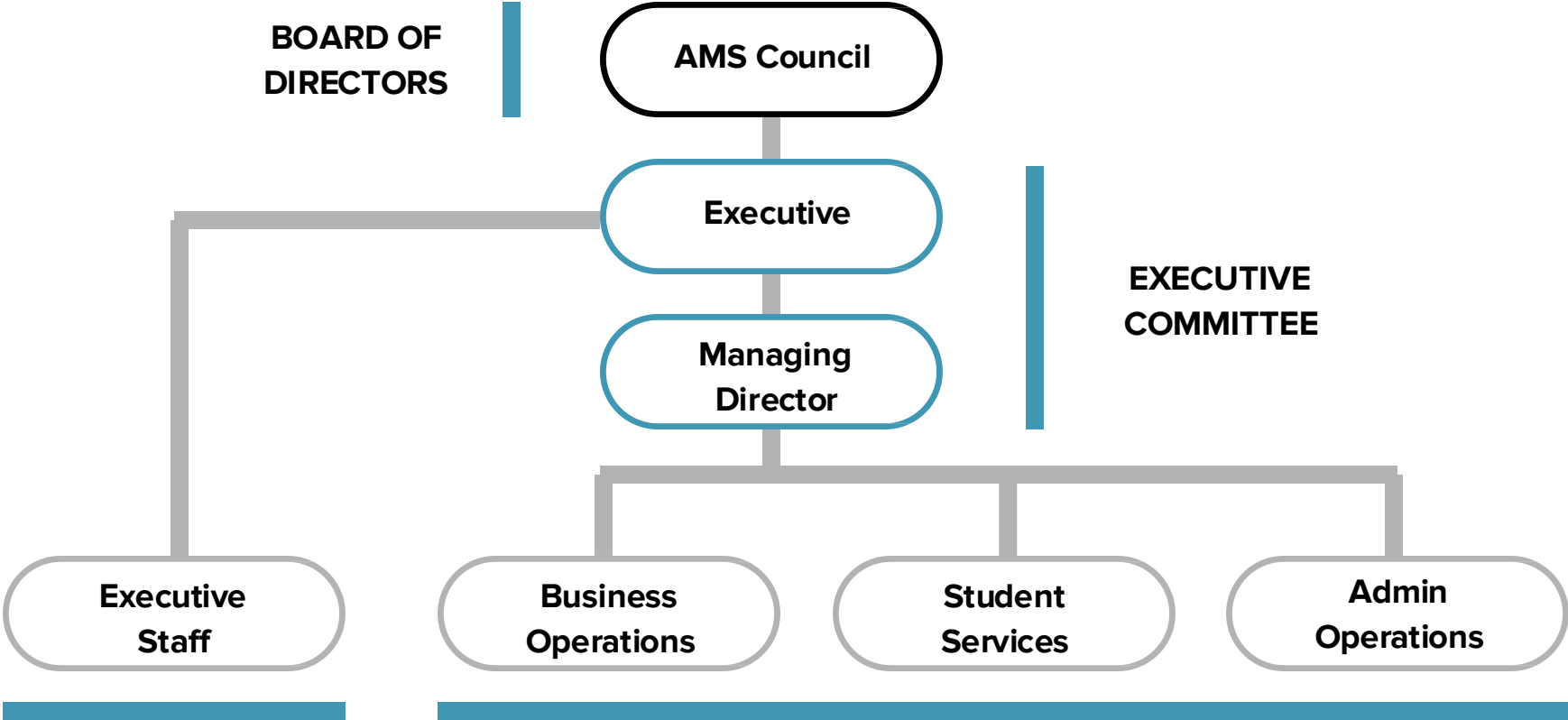
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02 | OUR PRIORITIES

What matters to UBC students.



TOP 3 BOARD PRIORITIES THIS YEAR



Affordability



**Progress on
Strategic Plans**



**Student Life
& Wellbeing**



AFFORDABILITY

Create a campus environment that promotes a culture of accessible and affordable education, food security, and affordable cost of living. Reduce the financial burden on all students, domestic or international, pursuing a post-secondary education.



AFFORDABILITY

WHAT CAN THE BOARD DO?



AFFORDABILITY

Financial Aid

- Larger investment in **needs based financial aid** for **continuing students**.

Food Security Funding

- Expand funding for **food security initiatives** including **student-led** initiatives.





AFFORDABILITY

Housing

- Decrease mortgage rates to allow for the borrowing of **50-year money at 4.5% interest** rather than the **current 30-year money at 6%**.
- Increase allocations to Student Financial Aid for **housing bursaries**.
- Explore a **needs based** approach to **Student Housing**.





Student Life & Wellbeing

The average student is focused on completing their classes, finding opportunities to further their professional development and building their community. The AMS aims to recentre this vision and ensure we are prioritizing actions most relevant to our student body.



Student Life & Wellbeing

WHAT CAN THE BOARD DO?



Student Life and Wellbeing

- Prioritizing a successful start to the **first year** at UBC through **continuous funding for staple programming** such as **Jump Start and Imagine Day**.
- Prioritize **support for targeted and effective mental health support services** that exist on campus.
- Lower barriers for students with disabilities by conducting a **review of Policy LR7** and **eliminating vague and unclear language** (e.g., regarding accommodations)





Progress on Strategic Plans

Strategic plans lay at the very foundation of this university, and play a pivotal role in its future. It is imperative that they are routinely updated and that progress is shared with students, who are the largest benefactor.



Progress on Strategic Plans

WHAT CAN THE BOARD DO?



Progress on Strategic Plans

- Collaborate with relevant UBC units on implementing strategic initiatives, such as the **Student Affordability Taskforce** report and recommendations, the **Strategic Plan Refresh**, the **Integrated Renewal Plan**, and more.
- Ensure that **student consultation** is a key part of the process, with **representation on multiple levels** of decision-making.



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THANK YOU

We look forward to continuing our work with the UBC Board of Governors in our shared mission to contribute to the progress of the University of British Columbia.



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