



SUBJECT	UBC Alma Mater Society (AMS) Fees - Correction
SUBMITTED TO	Finance Committee
EVOTE CLOSING	August 16, 2024
SESSION CLASSIFICATION	Recommended session criteria from Board Meetings Policy: OPEN
REQUEST	APPROVAL REQUESTED IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED that, the Finance Committee, in accordance with authority delegated by the Board of Governors, approves the correction of the 2024-2025 UBC Alma Mater Society fee changes for the membership fee for the AMS subsidiary constituency, the Land & Food Systems Undergraduate Society (LFSUS), to \$40.00 for the 2024-2025 Winter Session, representing a \$10 increase to the previous year's fee.
LEAD EXECUTIVE	Ainsley Carry, Vice-President Students
SUPPORTED BY	Frank Laezza, Vice-President Finance & Operations Samantha Reid, Associate Vice-President Students

PRIOR SUBMISSIONS

The subject matter of this submission was previously considered by the [Board of Governors June 2024](#).

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

At the June 2024 UBC Board of Governors meeting, the UBC Alma Mater Society (AMS) gave notice of the fee changes for three of its subsidiary constituencies for the upcoming 2024-2025 academic year. We have recently caught a human error on the Board of Governors covering note, which stated that: *The total amount of fees collected per student for the Land and Food Systems Undergraduate Society (LFSUS) will be \$30.00, which is an increase of \$10.00 from the 2023-2024 year.*

As indicated on page 3 of the Appendix, the LFSUS had actually intended to apply a \$10.00 increase to the 2023-2024 fee of \$30.00, resulting in a total of \$40.00 for the 2024-2025 Winter Session.

As we are looking to correct this, we are asking the Finance Committee, in accordance with authority delegated by the Board of Governors, to approve the revised correct fees collected per student for the Land and Food Systems Undergraduate Society (LFSUS) be \$40.00, which is an increase of \$10.00 from the 2023-2024 year.

APPENDICES

1. Letter from UBC Alma Mater Society (AMS)



June 10th, 2024

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CC: Dr. Ainsley Carry, Vice-President, Students. Office of the Vice-President Students

Dear Associate Vice-President, Students, Dr. Samantha Reid

I hope this letter finds you well. I am writing from the Office of the Vice-President Finance of the Alma Mater Society of UBC Vancouver. I am notifying you of a formal request for several fee changes which have occurred in our subsidiary constituencies, ratified by the AMS Council, to be approved by the UBC Board of Governors.

The Land and Food Systems Undergraduate Society (LFSUS) conducted a successful fee increase referendum. Increasing their membership fee for all LFSUS members by \$10, from \$30 to \$40. This increase is to be effective for the Winter Session of 2024/2025. The added funding will be used to support the financial sustainability of the constituency's operations in providing high-quality programming by the LFSUS.

The Nursing Undergraduate Society (NUS) has three approved fee changes.

Firstly, the NUS conducted a successful fee indexing referendum. Indexing their NUS membership fee to BC CPI for all members. This is to be effective September 2025. The purpose of this indexing is to adjust for inflationary pressures.

Secondly, the NUS conducted a successful fee consolidation referendum. Consolidating the Canadian Nursing Students' Association (CNSA) fee into the total NUS fee. This increases the NUS membership fee by \$48, from \$11 to \$59. This increase is to be effective September 2024. The consolidation allows nursing undergraduate students to pay for the required membership directly through NUS rather than on an individual basis.



Thirdly, the NUS requested a special fee levy suspension, that was approved by AMS Council. Suspending the School of Nursing Building special fee levy of \$60 a year for graduate students. This change is to be effective as soon as possible. This fee is to be suspended as it was first put forward on behalf of graduate nursing students by the UBC School of Nursing, but no referendum was conducted to approve this fee addition.

The Kinesiology Undergraduate Society (KUS) conducted a successful fee increase referendum. Increasing their membership fee for all KUS members by \$10, from \$30 to \$40. This is to be effective Winter Session 2024/2025. The added funding will be used to support the financial sustainability of the constituency's operations by the KUS.

Appended to this letter is a table featuring the subsidiary groups, their fee changes and the dates they are proposed to come into effect.

Please notify me if more information is required, and I will happily provide it to you.

Warm regards,

Gavin Fung-Quon

Vice President Finance

Alma Mater Society of the University of British Columbia Vancouver

Appendix: Fee Changes

Constituency (AMS Subsidiary)	Fee Changes	Date of Effect
Land and Food Systems Undergraduate Society (LFSUS)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • LFSUS Membership Fee Increase of: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ \$10 (\$30 to \$40) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fee Increase: Winter Session 2024/2025
Nursing Undergraduate Society (NUS)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • NUS Membership Fee Indexing to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ BC CPI • NUS Membership fee, consolidating CNSA fee into total NUS fee. Fee Increase of: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ \$48 (\$11 to \$59) • Suspension of School of Nursing Building special fee levy for graduate nursing students 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fee Indexing: September 2025 • Fee Consolidation: September 2024 • Building Fee Suspension for Graduates: Immediate
Kinesiology Undergraduate Society (KUS)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • KUS Membership Fee Increase of: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ \$10 (\$30 to \$40) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fee Increase: Winter Session 2024/25