



# THE PRESIDENTIAL DEBATE

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# THE ALMA MATER SOCIETY

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Independent voice of 45,000 graduate and undergraduate students on campus.

Largest student association in Canada.

Turnout last year, over 6500 (15%).

Mission statement: *To improve the quality of the educational, social, and personal lives of the students of UBC.*

Est. 1915

300 Clubs, 15 Businesses

12 Services

\$14 mil. annual revenue



# THE AMS PRESIDENT

# || The President

The spokesperson and leader of the student society.

Leads the executive committee, and the public image.

Is elected annually by all students.

Ultimately responsible for the well-being of the Society.

Past Presidents

Blake Frederick

Michael Duncan

Jeff Friedrich



# THEMES

# Themes Today

Campus Sport

UBC Governance

Engagement

Development

UBC Relations

Tuition/Financials

New SUB Project

Accountability

# ■ Campus Sport

A campus split on moving to the NCAA.

UBC REC fees recently lowered.

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Olympics in a month.

NCAA

UBC REC

Varsity

Olympics



# ▮ UBC Governance

Metro Vancouver skeptical of UBC development practices.

UBC wanting autonomy: "Academic freedom".

Students caught in the crossfire.

UNA and UEL

Metro Vancouver

Board of Governors

Provincial Government

# Engagement

National surveys consistently put UBC near the bottom of pack in engaging students.

Students tend to congregates in smaller clubs or groups, but campus-wide spirit is lacking

Voter Turnout

War on Fun

Campus Culture

Clubs and Associations

# Development

University has an interest in raising discretionary funds.  
UBC Farm met with large opposition.

Market housing raises funds, but often puts student needs in conflict with middle-class neighbourhoods

Housing

South Campus

Revenue Generation

University Boulevard

# || The New SUB

Two years after students voted for a new SUB, negotiations still slow.

Properties Trust now managing the project

Negotiations, by necessity, have been private

\$120 Million

Role of the University

Relation to U-Blvd.

Who has control?

## ||| UBC Relations

AMS and UBC did not get along this year.

Lack of Olympic representation

What is the balance between getting along and defending students?

Personality Clashes

Public Criticism

New SUB

Tuition Increases

# || Tuition

Tuition has risen by 2% for many years

UBC looking at raising tuition by more for professional programs

International fees among highest in Canada

2% or 0%?

Consultations

High International Fees

Financial Assistance

# Accountability

Last year, things went poorly

This year, they'd like things to go better

How does that happen?

UN-Gate

Impeachment/Censure

Council Relations

Executive Relations



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