Statement on the Operational Education and Financial Education
26 October 2026

The Office of the President ("the Office") recognizes its responsibility per the Alma Mater Society (AMS) *Clubs and Societies Committee Policy Manual* (*CSCPM*) to ensure proper bylaw implementation while overseeing general Association operations (Section 4, §§ 7.d.I.iv., 7.d.I.v.). The Office further recognizes the Treasury as the sole Signing Officer of the International Relations Students' Association with the mandated duty of overseeing all financial activities, keeping the Association out of deficit, and remaining accountable for all Association transactions (AMS *CSCPM*, Section 4, §§ 7.d.II.iii., 13.c.).

Finally, the Office recognizes the authority designated to it and the Treasury as the Association's sole Booking Representatives (AMS *CSCPM*, Section 4, §§ 7.d.I.vii., 11.c.II; AMS *Finance Procedure Guide*, p. 10; AMS *Building Operations Committee Policy Manual*, Section 4, § 3.e.) permitted to submit booking applications for all facilities at the University of British Columbia.

(1) **Necessity of Education.** In the Association's 43rd Year (2025-2026), it had ten separate constitutional, operational, and financial deficits, including over $6,000 in unpaid debts in April 2026, each of which justified its deconstitution as an AMS Club, where AMS audits reveal that the Association continues to violate its Governance across Fiscal Years due to knowledge gaps.

(2) **Operational Education and Financial Education.** Accordingly, the Office and the Treasury have developed optional Operational Education and Financial Education, respectively, that summarize the Association's Governance and History, the AMS Club Executive Orientation, and the AMS Treasurer Orientation for all Auxiliary Members and Executive Members.

(3) **Liability Reduction.** As stated previously in Executive Council and in cooperation with the Treasury, to minimize legal and financial liability for the University of British Columbia, the AMS, the Arts Undergraduate Society, and the Association, in accordance with the Office and Treasury's statutory mandate, only Auxiliary Members and Executive Members who complete the Operational Education and Financial Education will have recommended finances and assets acquired, have planned expenditures approved, and have room bookings requests processed.