

A Resolution to Outline the Nature of Science Society Board Decision for the Removal of Biomedical Student Association (BMSA) and their future relationships:

The Science Society Board of Directors,

Referencing the minutes and Science Society Constitutional Amendments Article XI. Amendment ____, Section §h based on Science Society Board of Directors 16 March, 2017 General Meeting and *in camera* session,

Calling to attention the decision of the Science Society Board of Directors 16 March, 2017 decision “to dissolve the membership of Biomedical Student Association (BMSA, ‘the Association’) and remove their voting seat from the Science Society Board of Directors”,

Noting the Board has encouraged “the Association to become a Federation of Students club, to request a non-voting seat on the Board in the future, and to apply for external funding from the Science Society Board in the future terms”,

Emphasizing the nature of the decision as described in the letter on behalf of the Board and Executive via the Speaker (see attached),

Noting that BMSA maintains \$____ in their account unspent of their Winter 2017 budget,

Determined to clarify the procedure of withdrawal/removal of BMSA as a voting departmental club on the Board, the UW Science Society Board of Directors hereby:

1. Offers the Association a non-voting seat on the Board of Directors of Science Society so that they shall be better able to represent the Biomedical Science student cohort, but will no longer over-represent the Life Sciences;
2. Recommends that the Association become a Federations of Students (FEDS) incorporated club effective Spring 2017;
3. Recommends that the Association apply for external funding in future terms to further their ability to provide services for Biomedical Science students at Waterloo;
4. Emphasizes that the Board would look favourably upon an external funding request from BMSA;
5. Encourages the Board to offer preferential external funding approval for BMSA in Spring (or Fall) 2017, the term(s) after their removal from the Science Society, contingent on concrete plans they present to engage Science students meriting external funding investment;
6. Recognizes that Biomedical Students are typically not enrolled students during the Spring term;

7. Mandates that the *Vice President of Finance and Administration* in conjunction with the FEDS Accountant transfer the remaining end-of-term Biomedical Student Association Winter 2017 balance to BMSA once they are an incorporated FEDS club:
 - a. *Viz.* Allow BMSA to inherit the remainder of their account balance from Winter 2017 when they cease being a Science Society departmental club,
 - b. This can be construed as an external funding decision after liquidation of BMSA's account this Winter 2017 term;
8. Urges the creation of a guaranteed *Biomedical representative position* on the Biology Undergraduate Society (BUGS) for Fall and Winter terms pursuant to agenda item §1(b) of 23 March, 2017 Board of Directors meeting agenda submitted by BUGS; and,
 - a. Requires that BUGS review this motion and if deemed feasible pursue such constitutional changes as they see fit,
 - b. Reaffirms the Boards commitment to openness for all Science students, and in the spirit of this notion asserts that departmental clubs shall be welcoming and accepting groups without prejudice;
9. Notes that this resolution shall not constitute precedent for future decisions and that actions taken by the Board with regards to BMSA (ie. provision of a non-voting board seat, and inheritance of account balance as effective external funding) are specific to this decision and shall not be rendered arguments for future removal procedures;
10. Decides to remain actively seized on the matter.