The meeting was called to order at 4:05pm.

Introductions

Approval of Agenda

Moved: Jamiu Seconded: Daniel
That the agenda be adopted.

[The motion carries unanimously.]

Approval of Minutes

Moved: Jamiu Seconded: Daniel
BIRT the following consent agenda items be accepted as presented:
Education Committee minutes of October 27th, 2015;
Education Committee minutes of June 10th, 2016;
Education Committee minutes of July 5th, 2016;
University and External Relations Committee minutes of September 7th, 2016;
Advocacy Committee minutes of November 14th, 2016;
Advocacy Committee minutes of November 28th, 2016;
Advocacy Committee minutes of December 7th, 2016;
Advocacy Committee minutes of January 27th, 2017;
Advocacy Committee minutes of March 10th, 2017

[The motion carries unanimously.]

Note: Friendly amendments to be made by Sally.

Appointment of Vice-Chair

1. Moved: Chris Seconded: Daniel

BIRT ___Jamiu______________ be appointed Vice-Chair of the Advocacy Committee for a period effective immediately and ending at the first AMS Council meeting in September, 2017.

[The motion carries unanimously.]

Consultation Period - Retaliation Definition Draft (Daniel Lam/Kelsi Wall)

Daniel: This retaliation policy is intended to complement other policies like Policy 71 etc.
Daniel: Currently at first stage of defining what the “Retaliation Draft policy” should look like.
Jamiu: Update definitions to be in the beginning of document to give context.
Chris: What’s the follow-up procedure if retaliation is noticed in the workplace?
Cameron: A gap has been identified, a holistic approach should be taken moving forward in filling that retaliation gap.
Sally: Good to have included information on the different ways retaliation can occur depending on position and power difference.
Daniel: The Chair of the working group provided examples of other schools, having either “standalone policies” or retaliation policies “ingrained within other policies”.

AdvoComm Summer 2017 Goal Setting

1. AMS Internal Consultation policy:
   a. Joint project with Governance
   b. Tentative goal is to have it completed by September
2. Potentially New Provincial Govt coming in:
   a. Cameron: What can be done pre-emptively?
   b. Sally: Sit back and wait to see if the BC Liberals hold on to confidence of the house.
   c. Sally: Will be an interesting and exciting year to navigate regardless of a BC NDP-Green Minority or a Liberal minority govt. Our end goal is the same in lobbying for the benefits of students, regardless of Govt in charge.
   d. Jeanie: Likely to see board turn-over, possibility to gain step-up in catching new board up on our positions.
   e. Kelsi: Student loan interest rate will change effective August 1 if the Liberals stay. But with NDP/Green, not sure if the elimination of interest rate will continue. Summer priorities will be to ensure we get those promises fulfilled regardless of Govt.
   f. Jeanie: All parties support interest rate cap.
3. AdvoComm Past
   a. Sally: Pass-over goals from last year should be continued, supporting caucuses. Looking into re-filling caucus seats and setting up a terms-of-reference for caucuses. Some seats have been left unfilled over the summer.
   b. Isabella: First draft of ToR for Caucuses should be ready to go by this Friday, will be circulated by Monday. Will try to create an effective reporting structure, committee members to present feedback.
   c. Sally: Councillors to read Caucus minutes and offer feedback on structure.
4. Transit Advocacy
   a. Daniel: Transit advocacy for the summer?
   b. Sally: Open house on changes to bus routes like the 480 happening on Wednesday the 7th of June at 6pm in Bridgeport station
   c. Daniel: ridership numbers for 480?
   d. Jeanie: It is full.
   e. Isabella: Mostly used end to end by UBC students and not community members. Alternative is to use 41 but drastically increases transit time. Can fill out survey instead, if you can’t make consultation time
f. Kelsi: ridership data is available on annual transportation status report

U-Pass

Kelsi: Work on U-Pass is going on. U-Pass working group is created and working fort the next 2 years with long-term program development. More details to come by end of summer
Sally: UBC is in a unique and excellent position because we have a permanent staff unlike other schools who is knowledgeable and can provide a good stance for advocating. We’re lucky to have Kelsi.

VP AUA Business

Jamiu: Where are we with OERs?
Daniel: Textbook broke campaign campaign happening again for OERs
Daniel: Combine last years’ information to make a year-long campaign this time, instead of previous “beginning of each term” campaign and try to encourage students to use midterm reviews to Profs in promoting OER
Jeanie: We should consider leveraging of the transition off connect. Use the overhaul of curriculum and resources because of the move from connect, to leverage how this can reflect positively towards adopting more OERs.
Daniel: Price is Right campaign for OERs and video blasts.
Sally: Provincially speaking, Govt lobbying point was to get Govt to commit funding. There was a MOU of commitment to working together and sharing resources between BC, AB and SK which expired. Trying to get advanced education ministers to re-commit.

VP External Business

Rental rights
Kelsi: Letter of support from David Eby, he will continue to offer his support with Rent with Rights campaign.
Sally: Trying to get it pushed to legislature by end of VP External Term in April. Very feasible, but will take a lot of push.
Jeanie: Liberals have openly opposed it in the past.

Tasks Assigned
Committee members to read up specifically on minutes from past AdvoComm meetings on Caucuses and provide feedback to Sally and Isabella.

Next Meeting
The next scheduled meeting is tentatively set for 2 weeks from now at the same time.

Adjourn
Moved: Jeanie  Seconded: Chris
That the meeting be adjourned.

[The motion carries unanimously.]

The meeting was adjourned at 5:01pm.