Agenda of the AMS Advocacy Committee

October 11th 2016

Attendance

Present: Daniel, Hannah, Cameron, Adrian, Ella, Kathleen, Sally, Aiyana

Regrets: Samantha So

Recording Secretary: Kathleen/Leslie

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 5:06 pm

Approval of Agenda

Moved by Daniel, Seconded by Sally

Agenda Items:

1) Land Acknowledgement
2) Introductions
3) Appointment of a Vice Chair:

BIRT Sally Lin be appointed to the position of Advocacy Commission Vice Chair, for a term commencing immediately, and ending on the first meeting of May, 2017.

Moved by Kathleen, Seconded Hannah. Passes unanimously

4) Discussion on Advocacy Committee’s terms of reference and priorities
   - Need to follow up on timeline for caucuses

Identification of purpose:

A) Is the general description of the committee’s purpose clearly stated so that it will be easily understood by others?
B) Without altering the intent or basic content of the description, can we determine a succinct, clearly stated statement of purpose?

What committee had to say:

- Coordinate advocacy
- Hear student concerns
- Open and transparent (grass roots)
- Promote student involvement and education in the structure of advocacy committee and caucuses
- Build networks (referrals)
- Share work that we do

Setting and evaluating goals:

A) Routine goals
- What are some of the traditional responsibilities of the committee that you would like to see continued?
  - Committee said: policy
- What improvements would you like to affect in terms of the organization and the terms of reference of the committee?
  - Committee said: mandating participation, increasing outreach, conscientiously attempt to reach out in innovative ways.
- Are there working groups that promptly need to be established?
  - Committee said: caucuses

B) Specific goals
- What are some immediate projects (Term 1) that need implementation
  - List goals or projects that you intend to achieve by the end of the Winter Term
  - Committee said: housing campaign, caucuses, and general consultation

C) Strategic goals
- What are some long term strategic goals you intend to see this committee achieve in the future?
  When setting goals, evaluate them based on the principles of:
  - Specific- target a specific area for improvement
  - Measurable- quantify or at least suggest an indicator of progress
  - Assignable- specify who will do it
  - Realistic- state what results can realistically be achieved, given available resources
  - Time-related- specify when the results can be achieved

5) Advocan Lobby Group
- Discussion on merits of attending the lobby session

Next Meeting: Doodle

Motion to Adjourn, Moved: Hannah, Seconded Sally

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 6:37 pm