

Minutes of the AMS Advocacy Committee

October 27, 2016

Attendance

Present: Kathleen Simpson (VP External & Chair), Aiyana Anderson-MacIsaac (Councillor), Sally Lin (Councillor & Vice-Chair), Hannah Carrothers (Councillor), Daniel Lam (Councillor), Adrian Cheng (Student-at-large)

Guests: Cameron England (Councillor), Leslie Tulett (AVP External), Kelsi Wall (Policy Advisor)

Regrets: Samantha So (VP Academic and University Affairs)

Recording Secretary: Sally Lin (Councillor & Vice Chair)

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 2:01 PM

Approval of Agenda

Moved Adrian, seconded Aiyana

[motion carries unanimously]

Land Acknowledgement

Approval of Meeting Minutes dated October 11, 2016

Moved Daniel, Seconded Adrian

[motion carries unanimously]

Discussion and approval of semi-finalized Sexual Assault Policy Consultation Submission

[KELSI]

- Apologizes that documents sent out late to councillors, UBC Submission deadline is Monday
- Hope to get feedback from councillors by tonight (be it email or in person)

- Kelsi's email: kelsiwall@ams.ubc.ca
- Main points:
 - Discussed values of the policy as it was what UBC requested
 - Recommendations will be made public once they are submitted

Continuation of discussion on Advocacy Committee's terms of reference and priorities

- Re: point on new networks with student body
 - Need new strategies because volume of students changed
- Caucus Hiring Update: have not heard back from Governance Implementation Committee
- What role would Advocacy Committee play, & how would it be implemented?
 - Creating a presence on campus
 - General Boothing + engagement in AMS events (i.e. Townhalls)
(short-term goal, but can be continuous as needed)
 - Advocating for issues that affect large bodies of students
 - Like ombuds, but always on the side of students
 - Point them in the right direction, provide relevant resources
 - Role of caucuses: would go to caucus first, then to the committee
- What do we hope to see from expanding scope and reach:
 - Increased capacity to mobilize students and establish reputation as a strong lobbying force
 - Create a network to students, encourage them to come forth to Advocacy Committee, and how?
 - Students need to engage with outcomes of their participation, celebrate the victories
 - Short term: in-person presentations to groups on campus, part of establishing presence
 - Long term: include Advocacy/AMS projects/campaigns be part of the student curriculum - start with TAs as "current issues" on campus

- Should also include VP Academic and University Affairs goals
- Kathleen: will come back with revisions & timeline

Next Meeting: TBD

Adjournment

BIRT there being no further business the meeting adjourned at **3:09 PM.**

Moved Kathleen, Seconded Aiyana

[motion carries unanimously]