Dear Council,

The purpose of this report is to include the work that the committee has undertaken in the months of June and July.

**Goal Setting**

During the early parts of June the committee members set goals for the committee both over summer and in the upcoming winter term. The goal setting process was introduced to ensure maximum efficiency and to help the members both keep track of the work and stay accountable.

1) **External Relations Goals**

   a. With Regards to Get On Board Group
      
      i. Need more information regarding the new group
      
      ii. Perform research regarding the group and where the AMS stands with regards to the group
      
      iii. Act as a liaison between the group and the AMS if necessary

   b. With Regards to The ABCS
      
      i. Get UBC student feedback on Provincial and federal lobbying
      
      ii. Attend the ABCS' Annual general meeting
      
      iii. Recommend an ABCS replacement for Paul
      
      iv. Increase awareness of AMS's lobbying efforts around campus possibly through advertisement (link in with point i)

   c. Provincial government lobbying
      
      i. Talk to ABCS regarding undergraduate entrance scholarships as currently BC government provides limited awards at undergraduate level
      
      ii. Research into Provincial policies regarding education e.g. undergraduate entrance scholarships
iii. Talk to GSS regarding graduate funding from the province

d. Federal government lobbying
   i. Plan presentation to council that would inform council about the nature of federal lobbying and present them with viable options
   ii. Research into Federal policies regarding education
   iii. Touch base with GSS regarding graduate funding

e. Translink and the upcoming referendum
   i. Research into the compass card dates and transition and effects it will have on UBC e.g. the rumors around the cancellation of the U-Pass
   ii. Create some form of FAQ regarding compass card transition (already exists)
   iii. Figure out subsidy qualification policies as they currently are not up to date

2) University Relations and Goal Setting
   a. Acadia Park apparently UNECORN no longer has involvement with the Acadia park policies (must look further into it)
   b. Tuition cap policies -> discuss Pierre recommendations and research, work with the VP Academic office
   c. AMS Student Survey in the far future

Alliance of British Columbia Students (ABCS) Recommendations

As a result of the introduction of a fee to the ABCS the committee conducted a reevaluation of the AMS’s position on being a member of the ABCS.

The committee compiled a comprehensive list of advantages and disadvantages of staying members of the ABCS, the list and the reevaluation process where conducted in-camera however the final recommendation was brought to council and was in favor of the membership.

Policy Review

All of the AMS’s external policies are undergoing a review process starting with the policies expiring in 2014. The review process is almost complete; UNECORN will produce a short
report regarding each policy and will bring them to council with recommendations. [This process is what has been occupying the majority of UNECORN's time since mid-May]

In addition to the review process UNECORN has provided it’s feedback and recommendations to LPC with regards to a new policy that has direct effect on future external policies.

Future plans [August]

1. Work with VP Academic’s office on a new policy with regards to divestment
2. Feedback and recommendations regarding the “Engagement Charter”
3. Discussions on the Pine Free Youth Clinic closure
4. Work on recommendations and draft on a new tuition policy

Best,

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