University Affairs Commissioner

Position title: University Affairs Commissioner  
Positions available: 2  
Reports to: Associate Vice-President Academic and University Affairs  
Supervises: None  
Employee status: Term, Appointed  
Length of term: May 1st – April 30th, 2017  
Hours per week: 15  
Compensation: Tier 1

Position Purpose

The University Affairs Commissioner supports the advocacy work of the Academic and University Affairs office. The Commissioner is responsible for working alongside the other Commissioners to conduct research into university issues of focus for the office for their terms. These issues include (but are not limited to) policies under review or development, teaching and learning technologies, campus development, equity on campus, international student affairs, tuition, affordability, housing, academic initiatives, and Senate and Board of Governors topics. The Commissioners will provide updates, reports, and recommendations on these issues as required.

This position is best suited to a candidate with significant self-motivation, an interest in university issues, academic affairs, and policy, and a desire to learn more about how the university works. The candidate will work closely with the Associate Vice-President Academic & University Affairs and the Vice-President Academic & University Affairs to consult students and advocate to the University.

Duties and Responsibilities

- Research topical university and academic issues
- Prepare reports on such issues as requested
- Engage in advocacy to the University under the direction of the VP Academic and University Affairs
- Liaise with relevant university and student groups under the direction of the AVP Academic and University Affairs and VP Academic and University Affairs
- Make recommendations on university issues and topics to the Vice-President Academic and University Affairs
- Attend relevant University meetings and public meetings as requested
- Works with the AMS mission statement and values to operate a successful department
- Other duties as required
Qualifications and Experience

- Must be a currently registered student at UBC Vancouver or one of its affiliated colleges
- A reasonable understanding of university and academic issues and the UBC context
- An understanding of how students can be impacted by university policy changes
- Strong report writing and communication skills
- A general interest in current university events and issues is essential
- Knowledge of current academic and University issues would be an asset, but is not required