UNECORN Committee Report
(May- June 2015)

**Direction of Committee:** To discuss and approve relevant policies and issues that pertain to the mandate of the committee by acting as a “sober second thought” through the suggestion of amendments and input on the materials introduced by the offices of the VP External, VP Academic and University Affairs, and other relevant associations and if need be, grant approval for those policies to be sent to council for discussion and approval.

**Business addressed in May/ June**
(Note: Policies not discussed in detail in report in order for the VPs to be allowed to firsthand present and discuss them at council)

The term Affordability was chosen for the policies because it is a more general and relevant term when discussing issues such as tuition and housing.

**Affordability Policy presented by the VP Academic and University Affairs**

Policy included discussion of the universities consultation process with students, lobbying the university for open textbooks and the lobbying of the allocation of funds obtained by the university through tuition increases to be distributed appropriately. The motion was discussed and questions were asked to the VP Academic, the policy was approved and will be brought forth to council for approval.

**Affordability Policy presented by the VP External Affairs**

Policy included discussion of tuition caps by assuring that the 2% domestic cap remains in place for future years. Lobbying for an international tuition cap was also discussed; however, it would be difficult to gain support from relevant government bodies to implement. Amendment was made to the policy to include that it would be more effective for the Alma Mater Society to work together with the University of British Columbia in its efforts to lobby the BC Government on issues that are relevant to both bodies. The motion was discussed and questions were asked to the VP External, the policy was approved and will be brought forth to council for approval.