AMS University and External Relations Committee
Minutes of June 15, 2016

Attendance: Sally Lin (Chair), Kathleen Simpson (VP External), Kelsie Wall (Policy Advisor), Tomo Yamaguchi (Student at Large, Elected Vice-Chair), Morrell Andrews (Student at Large), Daniel Lam (Councilor), Lorenzo Lindo (Proxy for Simran - Member at Large)

Guest: Leslie (AVP External), Stacey (Student Staff), Chell (Student Staff).

Regrets: Jamiu Abdul-salami (Councilor), Harry Li (Councilor), Brian Cho (Councilor), Mackenzie Lockhart (Councilor)

Call to order
The meeting was called to order at 10:14 AM.

Approval of Agenda
Moved Kathleen Simpson, Seconded Daniel Lam

Introductions

VP External Business - Overview
Kathleen gave an overview of the year’s goals:
- Two major focuses: affordability & housing. Campaigns kick off in September in educational affordability & housing affordability. Will work with VP Academic. Tuition directed to increase funding from provincial sources: research, core, tuition. Focus on housing rights in October. More concrete content in July.
- Student Engagement via campaigns. Series of townhalls every month that tie into relevant campaigns. Provincial elections in May 9, will also be relevant to the townhalls.
- Student Survey on voting habits, re: elections. Figure out details and likelihood. -- ideally provincial, just UBC is ok.

Vice-Chair Appointment
BE IT RESOLVED THAT Tomo Yamaguchi be appointed as the Vice-Chair for the University and External Relations Committee for a term commencing immediately and ending first Council meeting of September 2016.
Moved by Daniel Lam, Seconded by Lorenzo Lindo

Goal Setting & How to work with Execs
- Discussed ways for UNECORN to support the executives.
- Taking in part in research and suggesting own policies; hasn’t been done in past but can change that. Relationships figure out by september so the year starts off strong.
- Want oversight for external office. Want to be collectively informed, give advice and receive feedback
- Give room for councillors and members at large who are interested in taking upon a larger role to do so; not necessarily through workload but actively engaging in conversation. Good to know expectations in general.
- can make groups of 2-3 people that focus on a project, and give everyone updates. Timelines are helpful because it shows context and also shows the difficulties faced during project.

**SUDS**
- Need input on SUDS: Student Union Development Summit held August 11-14, four day conference that invites executes across Canada
- Interested Councilors contact Adrian.

**Housing Rights Update**
- Trying to come up with statistics or cases with housing issues (e.g. on campus residence evictions with a few days notice, ongoing maintenance problems that haven't been addressed adequately
- Potential survey in september:
  - Cons: must be careful not to do too many surveys or wait to include it in the next academic experience survey (end of March)
  - must get a quality update now; can always update later
  - can't send a summertime survey and expect good results
- Need specific cases of housing issues to identify general trend of housing problems
- Ask students who have experience to send the info: Advcomvc@ams.ubc.ca

**Policy Advisor’s Role**
- Support VP external & Academic
- Resource for research
- Advisor to UNECORN from a little more removed perspective

**Sexual assault policy**
- Provincial bill that was passed that mandates universities that have sexual assault policies, UBC created theirs and will be consulted until end of september. Policy to be approved December/January.
- Exec office will create infographic to encourage student involvement & inform students on things that should be brought to the attention in the policy

**Homework:**
Make a Facebook Group

**Meeting Adjourned**
10:57AM
Moved: Tomo Yamaguchi
Seconded: Daniel Lam