Minutes of the AMS University and External Relations Committee  
August 16, 2016

Attendance
Present: Sally Lin (Chair), Lorenzo Lindo (councillor), Kathleen Simpson (VP External), Kelsi Wall (Policy Advisor), Simran Brar (Student at Large), Daniel Lam (Student Senator), Jamiu Abdsalami (Councillor), Morrell Andrews (Student at Large), Jakob Gattinger (Councillor)  
Guests: Kevin Doering (AVP Academic), Leslie Tulett (AVP External)  
Regrets: Tomo Yamaguchi (Student at Large)  
Recording Secretary: Lorenzo Lindo (Councillor)

Call to Order
The meeting was called to order at 12:55PM

Approval of Agenda
Moved Jakob, seconded Daniel  
[motion carries unanimously]

Land Acknowledgement

Approval of Meeting Minutes dated July 27, 2016
Moved Jakob, Seconded Lorenzo  
[motion carries unanimously]

Expired Policies and Policies for Consideration - [KELSI]
- Policies that will not change:
  - External affordability policy - no change, up to date
- Policies that need Amendment:
  - Affordability policy:  
    - makes no sense for 2% cap
- It is less specific to international students: Hope to have it not tied down, more flexibility
- Policy currently has blurry wording - advocates for large abnormal increases not small inflationary caps
- Will come back to next UNECORN meeting

**EP-2013-01 Graduate Students and Research**
- Awaits new research document with updated statistics, and discussion with GSS
  - These will come back in a couple of months - likely after October
- Vantage College Policy: some parts are redundant, will reassess
- EP2013-08 UBC Population Count and Students: awaits new research document for new policy
  - Some other policies left to expire due to its redundancy and inclusion in other policies, or are now outdated topics

1:09 PM [Kathleen - VP external arrives]

**VP External Updates [KATHLEEN]**
- SUDS
  - Went well, highest turnout -> 105 delegates
  - Letting budget settle
  - Sending out feedback surveys
- Housing Rights Briefing Notes
  - It advocates for regulation of student housing
  - Briefing note also passed by SFU, will be going pass UVic
  - Currently setting up meetings with more VPs for join campaign, prepping logo
- Affordability campaign
- Tailored to provincial elections
- Be more active with get out the vote
- Repair election software: nationbuilder platform

**VP Academic's Updates [KEVIN]**
- Briefing for athletics and recreation
  - Unfair budget skewed to varsity, less than 25% goes to intramurals
  - UBC has less student Rec space than any other same size University

1:16 PM [Mackenzie Lockhart - Councillor arrives]

**Advocan [KATHLEEN]**
- U15, VP External visiting Ottawa in November
- Universities are generally uncertain about platforms, expect 1-2 asks
- Hope to be research funding/opportunity related because other union lobbying for student loans

**Next Meeting: Doodle**

**Adjournment**
BIRT there being no further business the meeting was adjourned at **1:26PM**.

Moved Mackenzie, Seconded Jakob

[motion carries unanimously]