What the committee has been working on

- Working on updates for AMS policies that relate to academics.
  - Collaborating with Kiran’s office to determine which academic policies that have already expired are of top priority to get looked into, amended, and updated.

- Looking into the creation of an academic “Bill of Rights” for students.
  - Consolidation of academic calendar information into a more readable and central means for students to understand what their academic rights are at UBC. We’re looking into the feasibility of this, and I am currently in talks with the Senate Secretariat.

- Possible project with UBC Orientations, incorporating more help for first years to transition academically into university. **This is no longer happening for the year. It’s being pushed as something to pursue for the 2013-2014 year, pending conversations with the UBC Orientations Team.**

Motions for council

- None

Current goals

- Move forward with policy revisions and get the ball rolling with Kiran’s office on actually researching the necessary backgrounds. We will be focusing the bulk of the next few meetings on this topic.

- Figure out a better way to collaborate with Student Senate Caucus on upcoming initiatives.

- Work more closely with Kiran’s office and their upcoming projects. A lot, if not all, of what our committee does isn’t pre-determined for the duration of the year. As a result, this could evidently change, but I suspect that the majority of what we will be doing over the summer will coincide with what Kiran is working on with her team in the sense that we will assist them by providing feedback and student consultation on initiatives that they will be working on such as open access and the exam database construction.

If you have any questions with regards to the above information, or would like clarification on something I didn’t mention in this report, please feel free to send me an email at educom@ams.ubc.ca.

Sincerely,
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