AMS Student Life & Communications Committee

Report of June 2013

Goals

- Secure funding for the All-Presidents Dinner by the end of June
- Work towards planning the All-President Dinner to be held at the end of January
- Generate a report regarding UBC’s new competitive sports model
- Work towards an improved AMS councillor orientation process
- Increased AMS councillor engagement throughout the year
- Collaborate with UBC REC and constituencies to coordinate Faculty Cup in March
- Generate a proposal regarding Faculty Cup
- Create an Inter-constituency Common Calendar to bring awareness and increase communication between each constituency

Business

All-Presidents Dinner
The date has been confirmed for Thursday January 30th in the SUB Ballroom. Both Professor Toope and Dr. Louise Cowin have confirmed their attendance. The All-Presidents Dinner sub-committee will be working on securing funding during the next month.

Competitive Sports Model Consultation
With UBC’s new Managing Director, Athletics, and the implementation of a new model for competitive sports, it is important that we ensure that the students’ opinions are taken into account. We will be assisting the President and the VP Admin in collecting data and writing a report on a students’ perspective of the proposed sports model that UBC is planning to implement in the fall. Currently, we are meeting with relevant stakeholders, such as the Thunderbird Athletics Council president, varsity athletes, constituencies and AMS sports-related clubs. Kinesiology professors have also expressed interest in helping conduct our review of the model. Currently, we are still collecting data and meeting with various parties. The deadline for generating the report has been set for mid-July.
Council Engagement
This is a relatively new project we are working on. Currently, we are working towards establishing a better orientation and on-boarding process for AMS councillors. This includes working on professional development workshops, hopefully to be presented by the Orientation Weekend.

Faculty Cup
There has been interest from various constituencies with bringing back Faculty Cup. Faculty Cup was the largest inter-faculty event that featured day-long sport competitions. We are looking to revive this event. UBC REC has expressed interest in collaborating with SLCC and interested constituencies. The next steps will be speaking with each constituency to gain interest and generating an event proposal.

Inter-Constituency Communication and Collaboration
This has been an topic of interest and discussion for a while now. The focus for this project has been more of how AMS can play a role or facilitate increased communication and awareness of events between constituency executives. The goal from the increased communication is increased collaboration. Currently, an inter-constituency common Google calendar is in the works. We are in the process of gathering interest by various constituencies. Some constituencies, such as SUS, have expressed interest in the idea. The next steps will be developing the details of the use of the common calendar.

Motions to Council on June 12
None

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