Musqueam Communication Policy

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Policy Type
Internal Policy

Review Date:
This policy shall be reviewed every three (3) years.

Responsible Body:
Executive Committee

Authority:
AMS Code of Procedure Section II, Article 11(1)

“Council may create external and internal policies as well as combined policies.”

Purpose and Goals:

This policy is designed to:

1) Ensure that as a society we are aware of all contact being made to the Musqueam, so that there is not conflicting contact between different members of the AMS.
2) Ensure that all proper protocol is being followed when contacting the Musqueam.
3) Ensure, through 1) and 2), that we have a good ongoing relationship with Musqueam. The AMS is situated on the unceded and traditional territory of the Musqueam people and having good relationships with the Musqueam is a top priority to us. They are an integral part of the campus community and UBC has a very close working relationship with the band.

Applicability:
This policy is applicable to all AMS Executives, Council Members, Constituencies and Staff when acting within their roles in the AMS.

Exclusions:
1) This policy does not apply to:
   a. AMS Club Executives, club members, or students at large.

Definitions:
For the purposes of this policy and in all other policies in which they are not otherwise defined:

- **Musqueam** shall mean the Musqueam First Nation.
- **Protocol** shall mean all protocols and procedures laid out by the Musqueam that dictate how to properly interact with them.
- **UGRA** shall mean the permanent AMS staff member, the University and Government Relations Advisor.

Policy:
1. All AMS executives, staff members, council members, and constituencies engaging or contacting the Musqueam on any topic must first consult the UGRA to ensure that Musqueam protocol will be followed.
2. Following this consultation, they must bring the matter before the Executive Committee for approval of contact.
3. Ongoing contact need not be approved. However, if the relationship has lapsed, there must be renewed consultation with the UGRA and approval from Executive Committee.
4. Although clubs do not need to follow this process, though are encouraged to consult the UGRA if they do not have knowledge of protocol.

Consultations
The following groups have been consulted during the development of this policy:

Legislative Procedures Committee, AMS VP Academic & University Affairs, AMS Executives, AMS Executive Director, AMS Aboriginal Students’ Commissioner.

History:
This is the first draft of the first version of this policy.

Related Policies:
There are no policies related to this policy.

Appendix:
There is no appendix for this policy.