Attendance (Invited):

Present: Daniel Lam (Vice-Chair and Student At Large), Wendy Guo (Councillor), Chris Hakim (Councillor), Jeanie Malone (BOG)

Guests: Isabella Picui (AVP External), Cristina Ilnitchi (Academic Campaigns & Outreach Manager)

Regrets: Kevin Doering (BOG), Max Holmes (VPAUA), Sally Lin (Chair and VP External), Kelsi Walls

Recording Secretary: Jeanie Malone

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 15:06.

Introductions

Approval of Agenda

Moved: Wendy Guo
Seconded: Chris Hakim

That the agenda be adopted.

[The motion carries unanimously.]
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Land Acknowledgement

The vice-chair acknowledged the meeting’s presence on the traditional, ancestral, and unceded territories of the Musqueam peoples.

Approval of Minutes

Moved: Chris Seconded: Wendy

That the minutes of October 18, 2017 be approved.

[The motion carries unanimously.]

VP AUA Updates

- Strategic plan working groups have all begun to meet
- AES Policy has been finalized
- Max had a meeting with Louise and Andrew to discuss the Excellence Fund allocations this morning
- Strategic Plan workshop with Andrew and Louise was very successful last week
- Orientations steering committee met to discuss new structure for orientations modeled around commuter vs resident students as oppose to old model of international vs domestic
- Pilot for no-fee collegia system was very successful as well and there are plans to continue to expand the program
- Academic Caucus meeting went extremely well with great attendance, we discussed the excellence fund, AMS OER Listening tour, general tuition increase consultation, and academic accommodation and concession review
- Max attended a focus group around UBC’s Public Realm Plan and what has and hasn’t been working
- Max wanted to amend the agenda to add a quick motion from the last advocacy meeting: Motion: “Be it resolved that, advocacy committee direct the president to add a discussion item to the upcoming Council agenda entitled ‘Advocacy Caucuses’ to discuss the issues revolving the student issues caucus and the equity caucus.” This motion is a
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follow-up from the last advocacy committee meeting when we wanted to discuss the caucuses at council but we forgot to add an agenda item.

[Chris]: Motion isn’t necessary from this committee – we can just go ahead and put it on the agenda for council... just need to make sure someone does it.

VP External Updates

- Sally is away in Victoria on advocacy trip. Meeting with legislators, discussing the AMS’s asks. Working with SFSS, UVS. Asks:
  - Up-front needs based grants
  - Student housing accessibility
  - Student tenant rights
  - Targeted funding for mental health, students with disabilities, sexual violence
- Rent with Rights
  - Launched today! Boothing has started.
  - Trying to collect petition signatures so that it can be presented to legislature.
  - First few people who bring full signature sheet will get cookies from Brooklyn.
- Our Turn
  - Isabella is working on memo to voice stance of AMS. This will be coming to council. Currently consulting with Shiloh (SASC).
- Sally is back Thurs & Fri (Nov 2-3). She will be in Ottawa next week

[Chris]: Do we have RHA’s support? Can we get signatures in residences?

[Isabella]: Not certain – in talks with them. Initial agreement was having a place to booth in main areas, their support, endorsement, potentially canvassing within but likely not. Still deciding on details, they are unclear about agreement at this point.

[Chris]: Follow up please! Would be good to have specifics about what is allowed.

AES Policy
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Be it resolved that Advocacy Committee recommends to AMS Council the adoption of internal policy I-12 on the Academic Experience Survey.

Mover: Chris                                      Seconder: Jeanie

[The motion carries unanimously].

Discussion – Excellence Fund

[postponed to next meeting]

Next Meeting

The next scheduled meeting is November 15, 2017.

Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 15:26.