THE ALMA MATER SOCIETY
OF THE UNIVERSITY OF BRITISH COLUMBIA VANCOUVER

AMS Advocacy Committee

Minutes of November 24, 2017

Attendance

Present: Sally Lin (VP External and Chair), Daniel Lam (Vice-Chair and Student-at-Large), Max Holmes (VP Academic), Jeanie Malone (BOG), Chris Hakim (Councillor), Wendy Guo (Councillor)

Regrets: Kevin Doering (BOG)

Recording Secretary: Daniel Lam (Vice-Chair and Student-at-Large)

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 15:10.

Introductions

Approval of Agenda

Moved: Wendy Guo   Seconded: Chris Hakim

That the agenda be adopted.

[The motion carries unanimously.]

Approval of Minutes

Moved: Wendy Guo   Seconded: Chris Hakim

That the minutes of November 1, 2017 be approved.

[The motion carries.]

VP AUA Updates

- Research and Excellence working group meeting.
- Continued discussion on housing.
  - MacInnes Field
  - Meal plan discussion
- Learning Data Committee
  - Purpose and principles for learning analytical projects
- Talked with VPS on Policy 73, strategic plan, housing.
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- Had a meeting with the Ombuds Advisory Committee
- OER presentation to T+L Committee
- AES Questions: first draft by Monday.
  - Sending that to Insights West
  - Need to talk about this with Councillors and Advocom.
- Marijuana Policy Development Committee
  - Should housing cover their own rules? We don’t want to dictate what housing is doing in the policy. We shouldn’t be putting restrictions in place.
  - No clear direction for BC at the moment; policy is really dependent on that.

VP External Updates

- Had a trip to Victoria and Ottawa.
- Victoria:
  - Met with a number of MLAs from the Housing Working Group, and met with relevant Ministers.
  - Had a joint meeting with Minister Melanie Mark and Minister Judy Darcy, good introduction and they are keen to hear student issues
  - Also met with critics of Advanced Ed. Wanted to cover our bases by speaking to everyone.
- Jeanie: Have you had conversations about Chancellor appointments? They want to make the chancellor an elected position.
- Sally: Haven’t had a lot of conversations.
- Ottawa:
  - Rebranding of Advocan to UCRU is really good as there were positive responses from the Hill. Became much more recognizable.
  - Had over 50 meetings in the week with a team of 9 students in pairs or trios.
  - MP, staffs, policy advisors, etc. MPs were either willing to write letters or sponsor petitions - overall positive week.
- For VPX internally, looking at other schools and how they do their advocacy is good and will make the AMS look more holistic.
- Max: Are we in any groups for graduate students?
- Sally: We can do advocacy for students but we need to spend time for graduate students.
- Ministry for the Status of Women wants a national campus sexual violence survey and is going to consult UCRU.

Next Meeting
The next scheduled meeting is TBA.

Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 16:00.