

## **University & External Relations Committee Report**

**(July, 2016)**

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### **Housing and Affordability**

- The committee updated on the working progress from the VP External and the VP Academic and University Affairs.
- The committee was updated on the VP External progress of collecting student feedback about eviction experiences from residence, and was updated on campaign planning.
- The committee was updated by the VP Academic's office on their efforts to review the housing contract with Student Housing and Hospitality services, as well as looking for factors that provide more affordable residence.

### **Policy Review**

- Several policies are set to expire in the upcoming month. Some will be left to expire due to lack of relevance to the current goals and work. Ones that need updating will come to the committee with drafts.
- Public Transit Policy
  - The committee reviewed and passed a motion from the Upass Advisory Committee - which asks for council's approval to begin lobbying efforts in order to extend and maintain the Upass Program upon its expiration. A motion has been put forth with the recommendation of this committee, coming to Council on August 3, 2016.

### **Student Union Development Summit (SUDS)**

- Received updates on SUDS. SUDS is fast approaching with a high number of attendances. Everything else is going well.

### **Sexual Assault Policy**

- The committee was updated on the situation. The Office of the VP External is working on consultations, which came back positive from other Universities as well as the Ministry of Education. The VP Academic's office continues to work on Sexual Assault policy consultations.