

AMS Sustainability Priorities October Update



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Climate Change News

- IPCC Special Report on 1.5 degrees
 - Climate risks are greater than expected.
 - Global emissions of greenhouse gases need to drop by 45% from 2010 levels by 2030 to stay on a 1.5 degrees path. This is roughly a 60 percent drop from today's levels, in 12 years.
 - University Climate Change Coalition
 - 18 universities leveraging their research and resources to help communities accelerate local climate action.
 - UBC's commitments: mapping climate action assets and networks, continuing to use the campus as a living laboratory, mobilizing climate action research to address regional needs, and convening thought and leadership dialogue on climate solutions.
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Completed

- Sustainability Subcommittee
 - Under Operations Committee
 - Meets 1-2 times per month
 - Good representation from AMS, UBC and student groups
- Sustainable Investing
 - Full divestment of \$16 million portfolio from fossil fuels
 - Investment Policy revised to mandate fossil free and ESG principles
 - Communications through a statement and Ubyyssey articles
- Environment & Climate Change Policy
 - New policy outlines the AMS's positions on climate change and zero waste, at both the University and governmental levels
 - Will continue to work with VP AUA & VP External to follow the policy

In Progress

- **Constituency Sustainability Strategies**
 - This semester: LFSUS, FUS, KUS, CUS and VSEUS
 - Next semester: AUS, SUS and EUS through SEEDS project
- **Mugshare at Blue Chip**
 - Pilot started in July 2018 with ~150 blue cups
 - From July 11 to Sep 30, Mugshare cups were signed out 409 times
 - Phase two: 2000 new branded cups to be distributed to JJ Bean, Blue Chip, UBC Food Services, Boulevard Cafe, Agora and Loafe
- **Sustainable Projects Fund Revamp**
 - SPF revisions coming to Finance Committee soon

In Progress

- Food service ware changes
 - New Blue Chip bags
 - Plastic straw phase out underway
 - Looking into compostable burrito wrappers and bowls
 - Looking into plastic cutlery phase out
- Climate Art Competition
 - Collaboration with SEEDS and UBC Sustainability Initiative
 - Deadline extended to Nov 2nd

Upcoming

- Waste Depot
 - Collection system for e-waste, batteries, soft plastics, stationery, etc.
- Maintenance projects
 - Composter
 - 3D display cases
- Supporting student projects
 - Re-use it Market
 - Project Imagine Thrift Shop
 - Climate Hub

Questions?