Job Description

Position Title: Aboriginal Students’ Commissioner
Reports to: Vice-President Academic and University Affairs
Employee Status: Term, Appointed
Length of Term: January 12th 2014 - April 30th, 2015
Hours per week: 10
Pay Rate: Tier one, $10.50/hr
Date revised: January 6th, 2015

Position Purpose
The role of the Aboriginal Commissioner is to advocate for Aboriginal student interests and to increase engagement with Aboriginal students, specifically working within the priorities set out by the UBC Strategic Plan, Place and Promise. The Commissioner will act as a representative for Indigenous student groups to the AMS and the university and will collaborate with these student groups to engage in advocacy and initiatives.

Duties and Responsibilities
- Liaise with relevant groups on campus such as: UBC’s First Nations House of Learning, UBC Access and Diversity, the UBC Equity Office, and aboriginal students’ groups.
- Keep active channels of communication with relevant student communities.
- Support and help facilitate events run by relevant student groups.
- Research and write policy, position, and briefing papers on pertinent issues
- Be familiar and advocate on related University policies, statements, and plans
- Perform other tasks/duties as assigned

Qualifications and Experience
- Must be a currently registered UBC student
- Must not hold any other position at the AMS
- Interest in student issues and advocacy
- Involved in various student communities at UBC
- Knowledge of Indigenous student interests and perspectives
- Experience working with Aboriginal communities and an understanding of Aboriginal histories and protocols, with particular attention to local Musqueam protocols is an asset, though not required
- Previous research experience is an asset, though not required
- Approachable, organized, responsible, efficient and excellent communication skills
- Professional conduct and communication skills