



April 2, 2015

AMS Council
UBC Alma Mater Society
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Dear AMS Council,

It is with great pleasure that I write in support of the AMS Inclusion Office Proposal.

Through its *Statement on Respectful Environments for Students, Faculty and Staff*, UBC commits itself to creating the 'best possible environment for working, learning and living' where the values of 'respect, civility, diversity, opportunity and inclusion' are central. At the same time, there is recognition that this is the responsibility of all community members. Likewise, the *Task Force on Intersectional Gender-based Violence and Aboriginal Stereotypes* notes that 'responsibility and awareness must be championed by all members of the community'.

The creation of an Inclusion Office as outlined in the proposal being presented to AMS Council would bring important expertise on equity and inclusion matters into the heart of the work that AMS undertakes with, and on behalf of, the student population at UBC.

My colleagues and I in the Equity and Inclusion Office look forward to working closely with this new office.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'S. Finlay'.

Sara-Jane Finlay, Ph.D.
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