

Policy Number: E-1
Title: Policy on UBC Policy 69

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Summary:

Directs the VP Academic to monitor the implementation of UBC's Policy 69 and its impact on students, as well as to advocate for a review of the policy as soon as possible.

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Effective Date:

January 21, 2015

Approval Date:

January 21, 2015

Policy Type:

External Policy

Review Date:

This policy shall be reviewed every two (2) years.

Responsible Body:

AMS University and External Relations Committee

Authority:

AMS Code of Procedure Section II, article 11 (1)

"Council may create external and internal policies as well as combined policies."

Purpose and Goals:

This policy directs the office of the VP Academic and University Affairs to:

- 1) Monitor the implementation of Policy 69 to gauge whether it is having significant negative impact on students;
- 2) Advocate for this policy to be reviewed as soon as possible by UBC;
- 3) Ensure that the AMS will be involved in any future review by UBC of Policy 69 and work to encourage strong reform of Policy 69 based on the interests of students.

Applicability:

This policy is applicable to the AMS' stance towards the University, and to the advocacy of the VP Academic and University Affairs to the University.

Exclusions:

There are no exclusions for this policy.

Definitions:

For the purposes of this policy and in all other policies in which they are not otherwise defined:

Policy 69 shall mean the UBC Board of Governors' policy entitled "Student Safety Abroad."

DAFTD shall mean the Government of Canada's Department of Foreign Affairs, Trade and Development.

Policy:

Whereas:

The office of the AMS VP Academic and University Affairs has provided a report which identifies strengths and weaknesses of UBC's Policy 69, and which makes specific recommendations on how this policy can be improved in a way that makes it more equitable for students; and

These recommendations outline serious concerns including, but not limited to, the lack of an outlined appeals process, potential academic and financial penalties for students, and UBC's risk assessment outside of the DFATD rating mechanism;

Therefore:

- 1) Be it resolved that the AMS VP Academic and University Affairs continue to monitor the implementation of Policy 69 to gauge whether it is having significant negative impact on students;
- 2) Be it further resolved that the AMS VP Academic and University Affairs advocate for this policy to be reviewed as soon as possible;
- 3) Be it further resolved that, when UBC conducts a review of Policy 69, the VP Academic and University Affairs ensure that the AMS is involved in this review process, and works to encourage strong reform of Policy 69 based on the recommendations outlined in the aforementioned report, as well as any additional recommendations identified through future consultation.

Consultations:

The following groups have been consulted during the development of this policy:

UBC Go Global, AMS Archivist & Clerk of Council, AMS University and Government Relations Advisor, AMS Education Committee, AMS University and External Relations Committee.

History:

This is the third draft of the first version of this policy.

Related Policies:

UBC Board of Governors Policy 69 (see "Definitions").

Appendix/Appendices:

A briefing note titled "Re-working AMS Policy 2011-03, 'UBC Policy 69, 'Student Safety Abroad'" accompanies this policy, and outlines in more detail the reasoning behind it.