

2018 Advocacy Week



**Making Post-Secondary Education
Affordable for British Columbians**

SFSS | UBC AMS | BCFS

Collaborating Organizations

Simon Fraser Student Society

The Simon Fraser Student Society (SFSS) is a student-led organization that represents and advocates for the interests of the 25,000+ undergraduate students at SFU. We are a not-for-profit support network and voice at SFU that exists to improve the health and wellbeing, academic conditions, social experience, and financial conditions of our members.

University of British Columbia Alma Mater Society

The Alma Mater Society of the University of British Columbia - Vancouver (AMS) represents over 54,000 undergraduate and graduate students and is incorporated under BC's Societies Act. In our efforts to improve the quality of students' educational, social, and personal lives, we advocate for affordable and accessible post-secondary education in BC.

British Columbia Federation of Students

The British Columbia Federation of Students (BCFS) represents over 130,000 college and university students from across all regions of the province. The Federation represents full- and part-time students at the college, undergraduate, and graduate levels. Together these students advocate for a well-funded system of post-secondary education in BC that is affordable and accessible for all students. The Federation's membership is comprised of:

University of British Columbia Students' Union Okanagan
Camosun College Student Society
Coast Mountain Students' Union
Douglas Students' Union
Emily Carr Students' Union
College of New Caledonia Students' Union
University of Northern British Columbia Graduate Students' Society
North Island Students' Union
Okanagan College Students' Union
Selkirk College Students' Union
Thompson Rivers University Students' Union
Students' Union of Vancouver Community College
Vancouver Island University Students' Union

Collaboration between
AMS, BCFS, SFSS:

Together representing over
200,000 students

Overview: Our 3 Asks

Ask 1

- Student Financial Aid

Ask 2

- Open Educational Resources

Ask 3

- Sexual Violence Policies

STUDENT FINANCIAL AID

Ask 1

- Eliminate interest on student loans

Ask 2

- Develop a comprehensive needs-based, up-front grants program

OPEN EDUCATIONAL RESOURCES

Ask 1

- A one-time \$5 million grant to BCCampus

Ask 2

- Policies for cost restrictions on digital assessment materials

SEXUAL VIOLENCE POLICIES

Ask 1

- Province-wide review of sexual violence and misconduct policy implementation

Ask 2

- Financial needs assessment for implementation resources

Inputs

Met with over 60 MLAs and Ministers across the three parties to discuss our asks

Highlights: Developing relationships with student unions across the province by collaborative on a lobby doc with collective asks

Outputs

Relationship-building

Highlights:

- Enthusiastic reception of our lobby documents
- Questions/feedback
- Lots of interest in OER and SV asks
- Connections within Ministries to do follow ups



Questions?