

## Agenda of the AMS Advocacy Committee

October 11<sup>th</sup> 2016

## Attendance

Present: Daniel, Hannah, Cameron, Adrian, Ella, Kathleen, Sally, Aiyana

Regrets: Samantha So

Recording Secretary: Kathleen/Leslie

## Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 5:06 pm

## Approval of Agenda

Moved by Daniel, Seconded by Sally

## Agenda Items:

- 1) Land Acknowledgement
- 2) Introductions
- 3) Appointment of a Vice Chair:

BIRT Sally Lin be appointed to the position of Advocacy Commission Vice Chair, for a term commencing immediately, and ending on the first meeting of May, 2017.

Moved by Kathleen, Seconded Hannah. Passes unanimously

- 4) Discussion on Advocacy Committee's terms of reference and priorities
  - Need to follow up on timeline for caucuses

## Identification of purpose:

- A) Is the general description of the committee's purpose clearly stated so that it will be easily understood by others?
- B) Without altering the intent or basic content of the description, can we determine a succinct, clearly stated statement of purpose?

## What committee had to say:

- Coordinate advocacy
- Hear student concerns
- Open and transparent (grass roots)

- Promote student involvement and education in the structure of advocacy committee and caucuses
- Build networks (referrals)
- Share work that we do

Setting and evaluating goals:

**A) Routine goals**

- What are some of the traditional responsibilities of the committee that you would like to see continued?
- Committee said: policy
- What improvements would you like to affect in terms of the organization and the terms of reference of the committee?
- Committee said: mandating participation, increasing outreach, conscientiously attempt to reach out in innovative ways.
- Are there working groups that promptly need to be established?
- Committee said: caucuses

**B) Specific goals**

- What are some immediate projects (Term 1) that need implementation
- List goals or projects that you intend to achieve by the end of the Winter Term
- Committee said: housing campaign, caucuses, and general consultation

**C) Strategic goals**

- What are some long term strategic goals you intend to see this committee achieve in the future?  
When setting goals, evaluate them based on the principles of:
- Specific- target a specific area for improvement
- Measurable- quantify or at least suggest an indicator of progress
- Assignable- specify who will do it
- Realistic- state what results can realistically be achieved, given available resources
- Time-related- specify when the results can be achieved

5) Advocan Lobby Group

- Discussion on merits of attending the lobby session

Next Meeting: Doodle

Motion to Adjourn, Moved: Hannah, Seconded Sally

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 6:37 pm

## Minutes of the AMS Advocacy Committee

October 27, 2016

### Attendance

Present: Kathleen Simpson (VP External & Chair), Aiyana Anderson-MacIsaac (Councillor), Sally Lin (Councillor & Vice-Chair), Hannah Carrothers (Councillor), Daniel Lam (Councillor), Adrian Cheng (Student-at-large)

Guests: Cameron England (Councillor), Leslie Tulett (AVP External), Kelsi Wall (Policy Advisor)

Regrets: Samantha So (VP Academic and University Affairs)

Recording Secretary: Sally Lin (Councillor & Vice Chair)

### Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 2:01 PM

### Approval of Agenda

Moved Adrian, seconded Aiyana

*[motion carries unanimously]*

### Land Acknowledgement

### Approval of Meeting Minutes dated October 11, 2016

Moved Daniel, Seconded Adrian

*[motion carries unanimously]*

### Discussion and approval of semi-finalized Sexual Assault Policy Consultation Submission

[KELSI]

- Apologizes that documents sent out late to councillors, UBC Submission deadline is Monday
- Hope to get feedback from councillors by tonight (be it email or in person)

- Kelsi's email: [kelsiwall@ams.ubc.ca](mailto:kelsiwall@ams.ubc.ca)
- Main points:
  - Discussed values of the policy as it was what UBC requested
  - Recommendations will be made public once they are submitted

### **Continuation of discussion on Advocacy Committee's terms of reference and priorities**

- Re: point on new networks with student body
  - Need new strategies because volume of students changed
- Caucus Hiring Update: have not heard back from Governance Implementation Committee
- What role would Advocacy Committee play, & how would it be implemented?
  - Creating a presence on campus
    - General Boothng + engagement in AMS events (i.e. Townhalls)  
(short-term goal, but can be continuous as needed)
  - Advocating for issues that affect large bodies of students
    - Like ombuds, but always on the side of students
    - Point them in the right direction, provide relevant resources
    - Role of caucuses: would go to caucus first, then to the committee
- What do we hope to see from expanding scope and reach:
  - Increased capacity to mobilize students and establish reputation as a strong lobbying force
  - Create a network to students, encourage them to come forth to Advocacy Committee, and how?
    - Students need to engage with outcomes of their participation, celebrate the victories
    - Short term: in-person presentations to groups on campus, part of establishing presence
    - Long term: include Advocacy/AMS projects/campaigns be part of the student curriculum - start with TAs as "current issues" on campus

- Should also include VP Academic and University Affairs goals
- Kathleen: will come back with revisions & timeline

**Next Meeting: TBD**

### **Adjournment**

BIRT there being no further business the meeting adjourned at **3:09 PM.**

Moved Kathleen, Seconded Aiyana

*[motion carries unanimously]*

## **Minutes of the AMS Advocacy Committee**

November 14, 2016

### **Attendance**

Present: Kathleen Simpson (VP External & Chair), Aiyana Anderson-MacIsaac (Councillor), Sally Lin (Councillor & Vice-Chair), Daniel Lam (Councillor), Adrian Cheng (Student-at-large), Ella K (Student-at-large), Samantha So (VP Academic and University Affairs), Hannah Carrothers (Councillor)

Guests: Cameron England (Councillor)

Regrets: Hannah Carrothers (Councillor)

Recording Secretary: Sally Lin (Councillor & Vice Chair)

### **Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order at **3:04 PM**

### **Approval of Agenda**

Moved DANIEL, seconded AIYANA

*[motion carries unanimously]*

### **Land Acknowledgement**

### **Approval of Meeting Minutes dated last November 7, 2016**

Moved KATHLEEN, Seconded AIYANA

*[motion carries unanimously]*

### **Continuation of discussion on Advocacy Committee's terms of reference and priorities**

- Reviewed the outline of the strategic plan for the Advocacy Committee
- Included more points from the VP Academic and University Affairs Office

- Sally will send it off to Steering Committee once it is finalized by VP's & reviewed by Advocacy Committee
- 1st Draft of all strategic goals coming to council by Nov 30

**Next Meeting:** Monday, November 28th, 2016 - 3PM (tentative)

### **Adjournment**

BIRT there being no further business the meeting was adjourned at **3:51 PM.**

Moved SALLY, Seconded ADRIAN

*[motion carries unanimously]*