Agenda of the AMS Advocacy Committee

October 11\textsuperscript{th} 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

- 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 Boothing + 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 Affair’s 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]