Minutes of the AMS Advocacy Committee
January 27, 2017

Attendance
Present: Sally Lin (Councillor & Vice-Chair), Daniel Lam (Councillor), Kelsi Wall (Policy Advisor), Ella Klein (Student-at-large), Cristina Ilnitchi (Student-at-large)
Guests: Kevin Doering (AVP Academic and University Affairs), Leslie Tulette (AVP External)
Regrets: Aiyana Anderson-MacIsaac (Councillor), Samantha So (VP Academic and University Affairs), Kathleen Simpson (VP External Affairs), Adrian Cheng (Student-at-large)
Recording Secretary: Sally Lin (Councillor)

Call to Order
The meeting was called to order at 3:04 PM

Approval of Agenda
Moved DANIEL, seconded ELLA
[motion carries unanimously]

Land Acknowledgement

Approval of Minutes
Be it resolved that the Advocacy Committee minutes dated December 7, 2016 be approved as presented.
Moved DANIEL, Seconded ELLA
[Motion carries unanimously]

Update from the AVP External [LESLIE]
- Planning Lobbying Days trip to Victoria with UVIC & SFU
  - Press Release on last day of trip
- Budget looks good
- Townhall: *February 9th, Thursday, 5PM, Art Gallery*
  - re: private donations to the government
- ABCS Provincial Elections Campaign: not partnering due to message differences, financial and logistical issues
- Rent with Rights: 400 signatures or so atm, continue collection

**Update from the AVP Academic and University Affairs [KEVIN]**
- Academic Experience Survey, A&R, many things being worked on
- Most of the updates from Sam were at AMS Council

**Discussion on Term 2 Goals**
1. **Caucus Hiring Plan [SALLY]**
   a. How can we promote filling these positions?
      i. Advocom should interview & appoint. Applications due Feb 3rd, next Advocom meeting Feb 10th
      ii. Should they come in person? Impartial/good to know them in person - Ask them to come to the Feb 10th meeting to give 1 minute blurb.
      iii. Emails, sharing on Facebook & with relevant groups
   b. What applicant qualities should we prioritize in our selection?
      i. Shows up for meetings, upkeep communications, confident, ontime, good with correspondence
      ii. Be from the resource group that they’re representing
      iii. Well spoken, and well connected with the different demographics
      iv. Year of study? Mixed, first year can’t really be picky
   c. How can we set up the caucuses to succeed?
      i. Our expectations to them: bring existing initiatives; find gaps within communities: who feels most connected within each other, support from the AMS, academic and personal well being gaps
ii. What we can do: orientation session for overview of the AMS, procedural questions, buddy system

2. Provincial Elections [LESLIE]
   a. May 9th is voting day. Disadvantage b/c day after move out for residence
   b. Elections BC coming to help students register, Voting in Great Hall
   c. Currently leading up:
      i. Debate Screenings (Pit or Gal)
      ii. Leaders Debate @ Alumni Centre (ideal) → Work with UBC
      iii. Coffee for Commuters
      iv. Coffee Collars
      v. Carepackage Handouts to promote Champion the Vote
      vi. Video: (Obama: 5 things that are harder than registering to vote) but with Santa Ono & Ava, incorporate one of the Block Party Performers, play at Block Party
   d. How can we optimize turnout and make most of our networks (68% of UBC domestic students voted in fed election. National average for voting was 68.3%)
      i. Registration information on handouts to students as they move out of res
      ii. Block party - put campaign on wirst bands
      iii. Huge billboard: this is why i love UBC → this is why I want to vote; Giant canvas; Whiteboard pics to social media; Pledge to vote
      iv. Work with existing campus networks (i.e. the Calendar, Constituencies)
      v. Ready-made classroom announcement package for profs (spoken blurb, slides)
      vi. On the ground team: volunteers; Get undergraduate societies help; target commuter students; emails/text reminder
   e. IF THERE ARE MORE IDEAS: email Kathleen or Leslie

**Next Meeting:** February 10th at 3:00PM
Adjournment

BIRT there being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 3:59 PM.

Moved CRISTINA, Seconded SALLY

[motion carries unanimously]
Minutes of the AMS Advocacy Committee
March 10, 2017

Attendance
Present: Sally Lin (Councillor & Vice-Chair), Daniel Lam (Councillor), Kelsi Wall (Policy Advisor), Cristina Ilnitchi (Student-at-large), Jamiu Abdsalami (Councillor), Adrian Cheng (Student-at-large), Kathleen Simpson (VP External Affairs), Samantha So (VP Academic and University Affairs)
Regrets: Ella Klein (Student-at-large)
Recording Secretary: Sally Lin (Councillor)

Call to Order
The meeting was called to order at 3:10 PM

Approval of Agenda
Moved DANIEL, seconded CRISTINA
[motion carries unanimously]

Land Acknowledgement

Transit Policy [KATHLEEN & KELSI]
- Provides allowance for advocacy on other regional transportation needs & comes with regional transit needs backgrounder

Be it resolved that, on the recommendation of the Advocacy Committee, AMS Council adopt the policy “Transit Advocacy” as presented.
Moved KATHLEEN, seconded JAMIU
[motion carries unanimously]

Update from the VP Academic and University Affairs [SAMANTHA SO]
- University Librarian Student Question Session
  - Monday, March 13th, 1:45-2:20 PM, IKB room 256
- Continues to work on policies and submissions for tuition consultations
  - Ex. Biomedical Engineering, School of Masters of Public Policy and Global Affairs
- Senate next week
- Working on draft survey for fall reading break →
- Checking in with all unit heads for wellbeing at UBC

**Update from the VP External [KATHLEEN]**
- Lobbying trip update:
  - 3 asks: housing rights, textbooks, commitment to 2% tuition cap
  - Went with UVic & repped SFU
  - Met with a variety of representatives/stakeholders
  - Overall good
- Student Issues Survey: results published

**Next Meeting:** March 24 at 3:00PM

**Adjournment**
BIRT there being no further business the meeting was adjourned at **3:36 PM**.

Moved JAMIU, Seconded SAM

[motion carries unanimously]
THE ALMA MATER SOCIETY
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AMS Advocacy Committee

Minutes of June 5th, 2017

Attendance

Present: Cameron England (Chair), Daniel Lam (VP Academic and University Affairs), Sally Lin (VP External Affairs), Christopher Hakim (Councillor), Jeanie Malone (Councillor), Jamiu Abdsalami (Member-at-large), Kelsi Wall (Policy Advisor)

Guests: Isabella Picui (AVP External Affairs)

Regrets: Antony Tsui (Councillor)

Recording Secretary: Jamiu Abdsalami

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 4:05pm.

Introductions

Approval of Agenda

Moved: Jamiu Seconded: Daniel

That the agenda be adopted.

[The motion carries unanimously.]

Approval of Minutes

Moved: Jamiu Seconded: Daniel

BIRT the following consent agenda items be accepted as presented:

Education Committee minutes of October 27th, 2015;

Education Committee minutes of June 10th, 2016;

Education Committee minutes of July 5th, 2016;

University and External Relations Committee minutes of September 7th, 2016;

Advocacy Committee minutes of November 14th, 2016;
Advocacy Committee minutes of November 28th, 2016;
Advocacy Committee minutes of December 7th, 2016;
Advocacy Committee minutes of January 27th, 2017;
Advocacy Committee minutes of March 10th, 2017

[The motion carries unanimously.]

Note: Friendly amendments to be made by Sally.

Appointment of Vice-Chair

1. Moved: Chris                                                      Seconded: Daniel

BIRT ____Jamiu______________ be appointed Vice-Chair of the Advocacy Committee for a period effective immediately and ending at the first AMS Council meeting in September, 2017.

[The motion carries unanimously.]

Consultation Period - Retaliation Definition Draft (Daniel Lam/Kelsi Wall)

Daniel: This retaliation policy is intended to complement other policies like Policy 71 etc.
Daniel: Currently at first stage of defining what the “Retaliation Draft policy” should look like.
Jamiu: Update definitions to be in the beginning of document to give context.
Chris: What’s the follow-up procedure if retaliation is noticed in the workplace?
Cameron: A gap has been identified, a holistic approach should be taken moving forward in filling that retaliation gap.
Sally: Good to have included information on the different ways retaliation can occur depending on position and power difference.
Daniel: The Chair of the working group provided examples of other schools, having either “standalone policies” or retaliation policies “ingrained within other policies”.

AdvoComm Summer 2017 Goal Setting

1. AMS Internal Consultation policy:
   a. Joint project with Governance
   b. Tentative goal is to have it completed by September

2. Potentially New Provincial Govt coming in:
   a. Cameron: What can be done pre-emptively?
   b. Sally: Sit back and wait to see if the BC Liberals hold on to confidence of the house.
   c. Sally: Will be an interesting and exciting year to navigate regardless of a BC NDP-Green Minority or a Liberal minority govt. Our end goal is the same in lobbying for the benefits of students, regardless of Govt in charge.
   d. Jeanie: Likely to see board turn-over, possibility to gain step-up in catching new board up on our positions.
   e. Kelsi: Student loan interest rate will change effective August 1 if the Liberals stay. But with NDP/Green, not sure if the elimination of interest rate will continue. Summer priorities will be to ensure we get those promises fulfilled regardless of Govt.
   f. Jeanie: All parties support interest rate cap.

3. AdvoComm Past
   a. Sally: Pass-over goals from last year should be continued, supporting caucuses. Looking into re-filling caucus seats and setting up a terms-of-reference for caucuses. Some seats have been left unfilled over the summer.
   b. Isabella: First draft of ToR for Caucuses should be ready to go by this Friday, will be circulated by Monday. Will try to create an effective reporting structure, committee members to present feedback.
   c. Sally: Councillors to read Caucus minutes and offer feedback on structure.

4. Transit Advocacy
   a. Daniel: Transit advocacy for the summer?
   b. Sally: Open house on changes to bus routes like the 480 happening on Wednesday the 7th of June at 6pm in Bridgeport station
   c. Daniel: ridership numbers for 480?
   d. Jeanie: It is full.
   e. Isabella: Mostly used end to end by UBC students and not community members. Alternative is to use 41 but drastically increases transit time. Can fill out survey instead, if you can’t make consultation time
f. Kelsi: ridership data is available on annual transportation status report

U-Pass

Kelsi: Work on U-Pass is going on. U-Pass working group is created and working for the next 2 years with long-term program development. More details to come by end of summer
Sally: UBC is in a unique and excellent position because we have a permanent staff unlike other schools who is knowledgeable and can provide a good stance for advocating. We’re lucky to have Kelsi.

VP AUA Business

Jamiu: Where are we with OERs?
Daniel: Textbook broke campaign campaign happening again for OERs
Daniel: Combine last years’ information to make a year-long campaign this time, instead of previous “beginning of each term” campaign and try to encourage students to use midterm reviews to Profs in promoting OER
Jeanie: We should consider leveraging of the transition off connect. Use the overhaul of curriculum and resources because of the move from connect, to leverage how this can reflect positively towards adopting more OERs.
Daniel: Price is Right campaign for OERs and video blasts.
Sally: Provincially speaking, Govt lobbying point was to get Govt to commit funding. There was a MOU of commitment to working together and sharing resources between BC, AB and SK which expired. Trying to get advanced education ministers to re-commit.

VP External Business

Rental rights
Kelsi: Letter of support from David Eby, he will continue to offer his support with Rent with Rights campaign.
Sally: Trying to get it pushed to legislature by end of VP External Term in April. Very feasible, but will take a lot of push.
Jeanie: Liberals have openly opposed it in the past.

Tasks Assigned
Committee members to read up specifically on minutes from past AdvoComm meetings on Caucuses and provide feedback to Sally and Isabella.

**Next Meeting**

The next scheduled meeting is tentatively set for 2 weeks from now at the same time.

**Adjourn**

Moved: Jeanie  
Seconded: Chris

That the meeting be adjourned.

*[The motion carries unanimously.]*

The meeting was adjourned at 5:01pm.
Attendance

Present: Cameron England (Chair & Councillor), Daniel Lam (VP Academic and University Affairs), Sally Lin (VP External Affairs), Christopher Hakim (Councillor), Jamiu Abdsalami (Member-at-large), Kelsi Wall (Policy Advisor) for first half of meeting

Guests: Isabella Picui (AVP External Affairs), Max Holmes (AVP Academic and University Affairs)

Regrets: Jeanie Malone (Councillor), Antony Tsui (Councillor)

Recording Secretary: Jamiu Abdsalami

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 4:05pm.

Introductions

Approval of Agenda

Moved: Chris Seconded: Daniel

That the agenda be adopted.

[The motion carries unanimously.]

Approval of Minutes

Moved: Sally Seconded: Daniel

That the minutes of the AMS Advocacy Committee dated June 5th, 2017 be approved.
[The motion carries unanimously.]

VP AUA Updates

Daniel: Was at CACUSS Conference in Ottawa with Student Services Manager. Conference discussed issues from counselling, sexual assault support, indigenous student affairs, VP student affairs. The VP focused on disability accommodations, mental health and wellbeing and indigenous affairs segments of the conference to learn and bring back to UBC.

Met with Hubert Lai, of the University Counsel to discuss changes/updates that need to be made to several UBC policies. E.g. policy 3, 85, 95, 71, 73 might be looking into policy 72 also. For more details, feel free to reach out.

Update on retaliation papers: Meeting happened while the VP AUA was in Ottawa, will get back to the committee with updates.

VP External Updates

Isabella: Been working on consultation of bus route change for cancellation of the 480.

VP External’s office will be sending out a document of their findings and recommendation at the end of day on June 19th (consultation ends today). The documents includes a few suggestions on utilizing best routes for optimization.

The office found that cancelling 480 would increase average ridership on other bus routes by 7% for 41, 49, 25, 43.

Cam: The main issue is the inefficiency in the bus’s routing.

Daniel: Oak Street Bridge, Marpole and Kerrisdale are known problematic areas during peak hours.

Isabella: Servicing 41 bus more is not going to fix much of the issue. Plan currently is to take out the 480 in 2019, which would create a deficit for a few years if not fixed.

Cam: Has there been much feedback from the community as well as students?
Isabella: Mostly student and staff feedback, but it is well supported on different mediums from social media to online platforms like Reddit. Especially by those coming from Richmond, Surrey and Tsawwassen.

Isabella: Also the office is still working on the OER backgrounder.

Consultation Period - Caucus Terms of Reference Draft

Isabella: Based on recommendation from external consultations that happened before. The ToR for Advocacy Caucuses: https://docs.google.com/document/d/16X_ZdCp62-CxrNaVDo2OfaDlFtu7Ew617mfc8GgGYaw/edit.

Isabella: There are a lot of issues with terminology like gender, racialized, LGBTQ2+ and the possibility of exclusivity and division that this could bring. Especially with an expectation that this individual might not be an appropriate representation of a certain group.

Max: From each LGBTQ+, every single group here has very diverse issues to be addressed and cannot just be lumped under one individual.

Cam: Why are we not voting for these members?

Max: It would be a disastrous election. The point of officers is to bring minority groups to limelight and an election might not always yield those minority voices.

Isabella: During hiring, there can be issues with selecting based on certain genders.

Chris: Issues with hiring by segregating people based on their sex, gender etc.

Isabella: Student issues caucus is easier to navigate than the equity caucus. Because they represent very specific and distinguishable groups. Whereas equity caucus can be a whole range of different people.

Jamiu: From my understanding, people don’t necessarily have to represent that group, they are more of a liaison between that group and the AMS. Tasked with doing research as to relevant individuals on campus to be reached out to on behalf of that group.
Max: Doubling up the work of certain offices within the AMS with people like indigenous commissioner. Even if you say the person isn’t going to represent these interest, at the end of the day people will think the individual represents these people. Instead, leave this caucus open and eliminate the equity caucus. Make sure to stress an open door policy to individuals or relevant discussions or issues depending on topic. Otherwise, it’s going to become identity politics.

Cam: People don’t like putting labels of a marginalized group on themselves, for example a “disabilities officer”. Instead, agree with leaving it more open to everyone and a bit more structured.

Chris: How about we propose both options to Council. Make a proposal with what it looks like to eliminate equity and another with leaving equity.

Jamiu: I agree, present both sides and sight what AdvoComm’s concerns raised are with having an “equity caucus”.

Isabella: I’m hearing that we want to leave student issues caucus in and take out equity caucus or at least make sure to distinguish them when presenting.

Max: Going back to electing, we already have enough things on the ballot. It’ll get more complicated trying to explain what each role is and what people are voting for.

Isabella: If there is a choice between being paid for a role or doing it as a volunteer, people will pick being paid i.e. indigenous commissioner vs indigenous representative of equity caucus.

Cam: Don’t want to send recommendation back to Council, since Council already approved it. We need to figure out a solution before we send it back out.

Chris: We should provide Council with what we’ve come up with so far regarding the issues and concerns.

Jamiu: We should add more detail to the proposal, so that Council fully understands the concerns when we present to Council again.

Sally: What I’m hearing is general dissatisfaction. Instead of taking directly to Council, how about VPAUA and VP External go back and discuss more options and see what could be done about the concerns and report back to AdvoComm.
Chris: Membership would be suggested as an open-door policy.

Isabella: If there are any suggestions as to what can be added, please send it in.

Max: Jeanie and Antony should be contacted to bring them up to speed.

Sally: Student Activities Caucus has issues also, because it has been replaced by Blue and Gold Society. So, there is still a lot more to be done after steering committee meeting on Thursday to give direction on working groups of the AMS.

Next Meeting

The next scheduled meeting is July 10th, 2017.

Adjourn

Moved: Chris  Seconded: Sally

The meeting was adjourned at 4:53 pm.
THE ALMA MATER SOCIETY
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AMS Advocacy Committee
Minutes of July 10th, 2017

Attendance

Present: Cameron England (Chair), Sally Lin (VP External Affairs), Jamiu Abdsalami (Member-at-large)

Guests: Max Holmes (AVP Academic), Kelsi Wall (Policy Advisor)

Regrets: Antony Tsui (Councillor), Christopher Hakim (Councillor), Daniel Lam (VP Academic and University Affairs), Jeanie Malone (Councillor)

Recording Secretary: Jamiu Abdsalami

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 4:11pm.

Introductions

Approval of Agenda

Moved: Cameron Seconded: Sally

That the agenda be adopted.

[The motion carries unanimously. Note that quorum was not present]

Approval of Minutes

Moved: Cameron Seconded: Jamiu

That the minutes of June 19th, 2017 be approved.

[The motion carries unanimously. Note that quorum was not present]
VP AUA Updates (Max Holmes)

Max: Academic Experience Survey (AES) has been the main focus, draft version has been released.

Tuition Consultation Policy and Policy on AES are also currently underway.

UBC Ombudsperson meeting: There was an Ombuds report from UBC and it was mostly good. A key thing to note was that, only 15% of student who pay Ombuds fee know what it goes to, so more awareness needs to happen. The AMS and UBC will work together on this effort.

UBC-Okanagan Ombuds office shut down about a year and half ago and they’ve been forwarding complaints to the UBC-Vancouver office which is subsidized by UBC-V students. So we are inherently paying for them to use the service. We would like this reviewed.

Daniel Lam met with Ben Pollard (Director VP Student Initiatives) RE: Tuition consultation, clarification on “standardized process” relating to CPI etc. and from there, might consider Policy 71 review/renegotiation.

Textbook Broke Campaign is in its planning phase. There’s an event scheduled for February in the First Nation’s Longhouse.

Open Educational Resources (OERs) are also being worked on with the AMS VPX office.

Cameron: Thanks for the update on the AES.

Jamiu: What was the online interaction about the GSS on the topic of AES.

Max: The graduates have always been able to fill out the AES, but were never distinctly categorized since the start of the new company running the survey in 2015. This year was the first time that Graduates were identified. Turns out the graduates trust the AMS more in spending their money than the undergraduates and other interesting information. Might be a good idea to talk to the GSS and include more graduate specific questions in future AES surveys.

VP External Updates (Sally Lin)
Sally: Engagement map on campus partners for caucuses has been created and will be finalized before presenting to Advocomm.

Kelly and Sally were at the student caucus meeting with the Terms of Reference of the UAC to help with post-secondary negotiations about U-Pass.

Transit Proposal also happening. City of Vancouver had a conversation with the AMS VPX office about improvements to certain stations and other high level details.

Academic affordability with OER work underway. Been creating metrics for a listening tour that will be happening in the future.

University Sexual Violence and Prevention office is currently undergoing a hiring process.

Andrew Parr (Managing Director of SHHS) had a discussion with the VPX office about SHHS changes to the residence contract and ensuring they address promises made about renting with rights a few years ago.

Kelsi and Sally are going to be meeting with David Eby to ensure a collaborative relationship is developed with the new MLA.

Consultation Period

Policy E3

Now to be reviewed annually: because changes happen every year and we have to ensure that we are keeping up to speed with lobbying efforts and changing terrains.

The AMS President is now included in lobbying efforts as they are usually very involved with the process regardless.

BIIRT the Advocacy Committee recommend that Council approve the amended document “Policy E-3 - Institutional Housing Provincial Regulation and Residential Contracts Recommendation” as presented.

Moved: Jamiu Seconded: Sally

[The motion carries unanimously. Note that quorum was not present]
Policy E7

Mostly for clarifications and updates, no major changes.

BIRT the Advocacy Committee recommend that Council approve the amended document “Policy E-7 - Long Term Solutions and Rapid Transit Advocacy” as presented.

Moved: Sally                     Seconded: Cameron

[The motion carries unanimously. Note that quorum was not present]

Discussion on Caucus Recommendations

Sally: Regarding the 4 options presented in this link: https://docs.google.com/document/d/1_nyXsBdKacRITTUuz--vtSomhK6jxmAN6-43eqygGQ/edit

Option 2: This doesn’t serve the purpose of an actual caucus and might not be as effective.

Option 3: A waste of council time, since council has already seen it severally and approved it.

Option 4: Rejecting entirely creates a waste of resources spent in the past year researching this.

Option 1: Seems like the best option, so amendments will be brought back to the committee for further discussion.

Cameron: What are we doing to make Equity Caucus work better?

Sally: The VP academic office and Governance Review Implementation Committee were invited to discuss this and more light was shed. Details will be brought back to next committee meeting.

Sally: As mentioned before, these individuals in the Caucuses are not necessarily meant to fully represent and embody these groups, but rather interested individuals who have a vested interest and are able to show sensitivity towards those sectors.

Jamiu: Can we invite GovComm to next Advocomm to help with the discussion?
Cameron: Agreed, we are going forward with option one. We’ll come back next meeting and have a more in-depth discussion on solutions in regards to fixing the Equity Caucus.

Sally: Working groups are flexible but we should try to set a deadline to ensure ToR are ready for September. The caucuses can use an operational report or something similar to review and see how the caucus works over the year to make improvements for the next year.

Cameron: Should we have a stricter timeline and hope to finish discussion next meeting?

Jamiu: We should leave timing more flexible and decide at the end of next meeting what a feasible timeline looks like.

Max: We should review the ToR yearly.

Sally: Yes, that is something that’s already has to occur.

Cameron: More discussion in the next meeting.

The Carleton Effect (Sally Lin)

Sally: VPX office has been working on a joint initiative with about 25 other schools to share resources on “rape culture” on campus and how to combat it. This is a new initiative that some schools have been working on and can be a way for us to lead by example in stepping up to share resources. There are some terms that we can discuss more on later.

Cameron: I like the idea and think it’ll be good for us.

Jamiu: I also like it, though I’d be interested to hear more details about those terms.

Max: Regardless, I think it’s definitely a great initiative and I look forward to hearing more about it.
Bike Share Program

Sally: UBC approached the VPX office that they are considering a bike share program and currently looking into its feasibility and implementation. In terms of whether it’ll be just on or also off-campus, external company or internally run etc. What are some of our priorities?

Cameron: Should allow access to larger community, for more widespread accessibility. So definitely off-campus usage possible.

Jamiu: Consider talking to Bike Kitchen about their PNY program and learn from them about the current usage, reach, implementation etc.

Sally: Will be done further, but already reaching out to them. Do we want an AMS policy on biking and sustainability.

Jamiu: Do we have an AMS sustainable transport policy and would this fall under it?

Kelsi: In the past we’ve had an external policy supporting the city of Vancouver in creating their bike co-op.

Sally: Will look into a policy for AMS stance on bikes.

Next Meeting

The next scheduled meeting is July 24th, 2017.

Adjourn

Moved: Cameron Seconded: Jamiu

The meeting was adjourned at 5:04pm.
Attendance

Present: Cameron England (Chair), Jakob Gattinger (Acting VP Academic and University Affairs), Sally Lin (VP External Affairs), Jamiu Abdsalami (Member-at-large)

Guests: Isabella Picui (AVP External Affairs), Marium Hamid (Student Services Manager), Max Holmes (AVP Academic and University Affairs), Kelsi Wall (Policy Advisor)

Regrets: Antony Tsui (Councillor), Christopher Hakim (Councillor), Jeanie Malone (BoG representative)

Recording Secretary: Jamiu Abdsalami

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 4:08pm.

Introductions

Approval of Agenda

Moved: Sally Seconded: Jamiu

That the agenda be adopted.

[The motion carries unanimously.]

Approval of Minutes

Moved: Cameron Seconded: Sally

That the minutes of July 10th, 2017 be approved.

[The motion carries unanimously.]
AMS Advocacy Committee

Minutes of July 10th, 2017

VP AUA Updates (Jakob Gattinger)

First AdvoComm as interim VP academic, thank Daniel for his service and Max for the help transitioning.

Meeting with Andrew Szeri, new Provost and VP Academic, UBC-V to discuss funding for Old Sub, tuition consultation and Excellence Fund.

Next Steps: Follow up with Andrew Szeri to get actionable items from promises made. Hopefully monthly meetings to be scheduled in the future.

Finalizing HR issues with the new interim VP position.

VP External Updates (Sally Lin)

Rent with Rights work underway with University of Victoria.

Setting up appointments/meeting requests with new BC provincial leadership.

UBC-M (Municipalities) conference going to be happening soon, expecting Green Party leaders to be present at the conference.

Exploring the possibility of a UBC bike share on-campus still underway.

U-Pass: VP ex office are in the process of working and completing the extended agreement with Translink hopefully by mid-august.

Maria in the VPX office has been working on looking at customer service feedback possibilities on fresh-desk: intended to be a platform to directly ask questions about Upass and transit.

UBC-SUDS: Inviting President, David Eby and other quests will be at the SUDs final banquet. Workshops decisions are underway and delegates are now over 100. Planning still underway for the conference.

AdvoCan: The VPX office called last week to coordinate priorities; work permit for international students, funding for indigenous students, Canadian student loans and other relevant student issues.

Consultation Period
Tuition Consultation Draft (Jakob Gattinger)

This consultation draft covers internal policy for Tuition and Mandatory Fees ONLY. It does not cover or is not intended for co-op and other academic changes.

It outlines a process to ensure the relevant bodies are notified before any tuition consultation process is concluded.

The document includes an overview of the expected process.

This document highly considers history and precedence for the creation of this policy including the EUS report that was submitted regarding the tuition proposal for the proposed Biomedical Engineering program.

Will eventually go to GovComm for approval.

If you would like to provide feedback on the document, send an email to Jakob.

Updated ToR for the Student Issues and Equity Caucus

Sally: Goricomm ex-member invited to provide some insight as to reasoning for the current structure of the Advocacy caucuses.

Marium: in the description, don’t think of these selected individuals as representative of the group they are selected for, but rather as liaisons.

Retention is important, so having members of a caucus who are constantly sitting on a committee makes them more likely to continually interact with the AMS. Rather than members who are invited on an “as-need” basis, which would not always be good for retention efforts.

We owe it to the resource groups and other networks to reach out to interest groups and see who is interested in these positions.
Jakob: Other institutions are different from the AMS in that they take so long to decide things like these, due to perception issues. We owe it to ourselves to at least let it develop.

Jakob: Implementation is key and so we should make sure it exists and then iron out major kinks as it progresses.

Marium: Other schools systems in the CFS have a VP Equity which has not always worked out for those institutions. We don’t have an AMS VP Equity and so this is our way of ensuring we are engaging all networks. A caucus instead of a VP solves some issues like having difficulties hiring a VP equity.

Sally: Clarification, this is just a guiding principle and allows for a review and is not a policy. It is not binding and can be adapted as we explore better ways of managing/filling the caucus seats over the next year.

Cam: Wondering about the process of how this new proposal was reached as it seems most of the positions were mostly unchanged from the last draft in AdvoComm 2 meetings ago.

Sally: How did Goricomm choose the selected position?

Marium: Based on comparison from McGill, U of T, Queens etc different grouped that needed to be represented were identified. Positions were picked also based on whether a sector is covered in advocacy side at the AMS or not.

Sally: Some minor changes were made, e.g. changed the title for greek life etc

Sally: No new major positions had been added yet, because we were waiting to see what AdvoComm has to say. Stuck with these positions initially because these don’t have representations and were also suggested by Goricomm

Isabella: Tried to keep the ToR relatively vague and once implementation has occurred it can be modified in future versions to see how the caucus has changed.
Sally: We should not get too caught up in the details and try to allow the structure to potentially kick off and see how a full caucus works out. Before modifications are made.

Marium: We should encourage the caucuses to provide ongoing for next year.

Jamiu: What about lived experiences and how that can play into conversation of hiring a person.

Marium: We should have a courageous conversation training in the beginning to ensure with a group full of people with differing interests, discussions are still being had fairly.

Sally: It can be included in the ongoing processes of the caucus concerning a respectful environment.

Sally: Next step... Brooklyn work with HR just before September to make a call for interested individuals to fill this caucus. AdvoComm will be deciding, so suggest creating a working group of AdvoComm to discuss rubric on selection process and how the individuals will be chosen.

Isabella: Rubrics were created to simplify the process.

Sally: There was not a lot of interest in the past year. So during the selection, there was a ranking process of 3 choices and people were informally chosen by fitting them in where they there was no one taking the position. We should try actually hiring for a liaison or individual who would actually be good for the position.

**Discussion Period**

**UBC Good Samaritan Policy (Max Holmes)**

You can get punished by the University for being caught for doing any sort of drugs and so this has prevented people in the past from seeking help even in cases of emergency.

Most schools in North America, have adopted a good Samaritan law that allows people to call security during a health risk situation without penalties or risks.
It has been in effect at UBC, but without formalization. UBC-O, and have written a letter of support for the good Samaritan law. Taking it to the UBC BoG, so that they can take it as a priority to re-direct it to the relevant body.

AMS will be writing a letter of support to a formalization of the good Samaritan document.

**Sexual Assault Prevention Initiative (Sally Lin)**

Two initiatives are asking us to sign on and join their campaigns.

**UVSS - Let’s Get Consensual in conjunction with UVic**

Difficult to sign on because SASC is already a part of Sexual Assault Awareness Month (SAAM) and the Sexual Assault Prevention Team (SAPT) but we will definitely be incorporating improvements to some current UBC systems based on what we felt needed to be addressed. Otherwise our bases are covered here.

**Our Turn National Movement - Carleton University Students’ Association (CUSA)**

Not requiring cost for sign on, only for cost of working with civil societies. But between 30 student unions, the cost will be minimal.

SASC has been consulted for amendments to the documents. Amendments were clarification of language and definitions used etc and will get back to us by end of week.

Would involve a task force and relevant individuals will be chosen to fill the task force.

Cam: Are there any strong commitments cost-wise in the future, and is there a mechanism to exit if the cost becomes too high?

Sally: No, it is more of a campaign than a coalition. So that should not be an issue.

Sally: Another thing to highlight is there will be a requirement for schools to survey their campuses. AMS VPX office asked for a
standardized survey to ensure that the data can be widely used across campuses in Canada, which will provide a stronger advocative data-set.

It will involve a few elements like a sexual assault misconduct sheet and scorecard to see how good your University Sexual Assault policy is. Either an A, B or C standing to improve and compare with other institutions across Canada. It will also help advocate to Universities how resource sharing can occur.

Cam: Are we looking to take it to Council?

Sally: Wait for amendments and take to SASC again before taking to council for a motion to sign-on and commit us to action at UBC.

Next Meeting

The next scheduled meeting is August 14th 2017.

Adjourn

Moved: Sally
Seconded: Jamiu

The meeting was adjourned at 5:09pm
Attendance

Present: Cameron England (Chair & Councilor), Jakob Gattinger (Interim VP Academic and University Affairs), Sally Lin (VP External Affairs), Wendy Guo (Councilor), Jeanie Malone (BoG representative & Councillor), Jamiu Abdsalami (Vice-Chair & Student-at-large),

Guests: Jade Scrymgeour (Advocacy Coordinator) - proxy for Marium Hamid (Student Services Manager & Councilor), Max Holmes (AVP Academic and University Affairs), Isabella Picui (AVP External Affairs)

Regrets: Kelsi Wall (Policy Advisor)

Recording Secretary: Jamiu Abdsalami (Student-at-large)

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 4:04pm.

Introductions

New members: Wendy Guo (Councillor), Marium Hamid (Student Services Manager & Councillor)

Approval of Agenda

Moved: Wendy

Seconded: Sally

That the agenda be adopted.

[The motion carries unanimously.]
AMS Advocacy Committee

Minutes of August 14th, 2017

Approval of Minutes

Moved: Cameron  Seconded: Jamiu

That the minutes of July 31st, 2017 be approved.

[The motion carries unanimously with a friendly amendment.]

VP AUA Updates (Jakob Gattinger)

Holding meetings with Andrew Szeri the Provost and VP Academic to setup recurring/monthly meetings

Meeting with VP Students Louise Cowin to push excellence fund consultation process and get it sorted by 23rd of September for reasonable allocations of its usage. Hopefully there’ll be reasonable processes for future allocation like undergraduate research, career services etc.

2 internal policies on agenda (Tuition Consultation and Academic Experience Survey). Thanks to Max and Kelsie. Send feedback especially on Academic Experience Survey.

Indigenous student commissioner has stepped down, looking to replace the individual. Slight changes will be made to the JD before being sent out.

Council approved new hours for the interim VPAUA office at 30hrs a week, instead of 25 moving forward for the next 6 weeks.

Will be attending a conference at Stanford about career services on campuses with Louise Cowin.

VP External Updates - Sally Lin

UNA and IAC council met once to discuss commonalities in student advocacy issues.

A letter will be drafted to create a reporting structure for noise complaint in the community around the residences and Greek Village.
Greek life are looking for ways to facilitate engagement with residences and rest of the community.

MP Joyce Murray visiting AMS tomorrow to see students hired through the Canadian summer student program.

AdvoCan determined 4 directions for current student advocacy asks. Working with a rep from McMaster on funding for post-secondary institution for indigenous students. Looking at asking for envelope funding.

Melanie Mark, the Vancouver-Mount Pleasant MLA making a visit to UBC on Aug 25th, there is scheduled time for an AMS tour to be provided to her. Will be using the opportunity to ask for a future meeting.

VPX office has a call with UVSS and SFSS to ensure steps are coordinated between schools, depending on who can get a meeting with Minister of Advanced Education and Minister of Housing. This is to ensure resources are pulled and all 3 schools’ needs are met.

U-Pass letter for extension of contract will most likely be ready by Aug 15th. UBC legal team will be taking look at it by the end of the month to ensure all is good before signing.

SUDS: Thanks to Isabella and the rest of the VPX office.

**Consultation Period**

**Tuition Consultation Policy**

Moved: Jakob                Seconded: Jamiu

That the following consent agenda items be accepted as presented:

Tuition Consultation Policy.

*The motion carries unanimously.*

Jakob: Allows for continuity and possible feedback and straightforward processes moving forward.

Cameron: No objections with the policy.
Jade: What’s the definition of fees in this document?

Jakob: Mandatory fees only, e.g. optional co-op will not be a consideration.

Max Holmes: Anything covered under Policy 71 will be covered.

Bike Share Policy Draft

Sally: This outlines allowing controls to the program, setting limitations on amount of bikes on campus, ensuring we get dock-less bikes for easier access, affordability for students and taking measures to ensure that on-campus bike organizations are not impacted. Also, consulting with AMS sustainability to see how they will be impacted.

Academic Experience Survey

Jakob: Spelling out questions that’ll go out bi-annually, tri-annually or some sort of standardizing, so that data comparison can be made over the years. Also trying to clarify the purpose of the AES and eliminate redundancies with the UBC Undergraduate Experience Survey.

Jeanie: Will it be tied to KPIs for the AMS strategic plan?

Jakob: Yes, it will be an action item. Will be working with Insights West to ensure it happens.

Jamiu: Are graduate students going to be included or have focus questions?

Jakob: They have their own surveys and they think it’s sufficient for their needs.

Jakob: Generally, grad students are more satisfied with their UBC experience and don’t feel strongly inclined to submit question to the AMS AES.

Max: They still have the opportunity to submit questions and will continue to be a part of it, but not very likely that they’ll be asking further questions through the AMS AES.
Discussion Period

Caucus Hiring Rubric - Sally Lin

Sally: This is essentially hiring a member at large, but with a JD.

Sally: What do we see the hiring process looking like and the rubric?

Wendy: We should have candidates come in to an Advocomm meeting and have quick speeches.

Sally: It might be intimidating to people to come in and “defend themselves” against others. Trying to create as small a barrier as possible for applicants.

Sally: Alternatively send a written application and resume in?

Jakob: Video submissions?

Cam: Bringing the discussion back. There should be a category for team coordination and being able to work collectively with others on a committee/caucus.

Sally: Saying we’re looking for so and so... and clarifying in rubric.

Sally: We will encourage them to submit a short paragraph description of certain traits.

Jade: We should include a section in the rubric for attention to detail.

Jeanie: Are we trying to determine best way to interview people?

Sally: No, we’re currently trying to outline the rubric. We will have the entire committee evaluate applicants.

Jeanie: Why not appoint 3 people from the committee to evaluate everything and get back to the committee. This will it will be a much faster process.

Jakob: How about the Chair and two others evaluate and get back to the committee. If the committee disagrees, the candidate list can be brought back.

Sally: Are we considering individual interviews?

Jakob: We could potentially do phone interviews, less intimidating.
Jakob: So what process do we want to use?

Wendy: Have a dialogue with HR to see what they think.

Cam: The rubrics currently feel arbitrary without scoring.

Isabella: We were hoping to ask AdvoComm what you see an exemplary, good or lacking for each category in comparing candidates on the rubric.

Wendy: We can write down different qualities in the different categories and highlight them as we see candidates display said written qualities. At the end, we’ll see which ones they possess and which ones they don’t.

Jakob: Rubric is more so as a guidance, so no need to get to get too hung up on it. We’ll end up ranking it based on how good one candidate is to another. It’s a new caucus/system, so we shouldn’t be too excited as to how many candidates we’ll get.

Sally: I agree, it’s still a very new process, so let’s try to be flexible until we’ve had a bit more of standardization over the term of a few caucuses.

Cam: Agree with Jakob, take the rubric as a guideline and take handle applications on a case-by-case basis with each candidate.

Wendy: When is hiring happening?

Sally: Hopefully have the JD and other admin processes done by end of August, so that early September the positions can go out with AMS Hiring Fair.

Excellence Fund and the Role of the AMS - Jakob Gattinger

Jakob: UBC has outlined vaguely an allocation process and we want a more certain guideline. We want a timeline from them and we’ll go to them proactively with a budget we would like to see.

Max: They are seeking feedback on experience fund, which is a small portion.

Jakob: We want to focus on specific, line-by-line budget of what we want the excellence fund allocation to look like. We’ll stick to categories 1-5. We would like your help in determining what this budget should look like in spending. Feedback is welcome and will be the focus of the VPAUA office for most of the interim term.
Jamiu: To clarify, we are being pre-emptive for next year on this planning?

Jakob: Yes, because the bulk of the excellence funding allocation happening next year.

Next Meeting

The next scheduled meeting is August 28th, 2017.

Adjourn

Moved: Wendy Seconded: Cam

The meeting was adjourned at 5:03pm.
THE ALMA MATER SOCIETY
OF THE UNIVERSITY OF BRITISH COLUMBIA VANCOUVER

AMS Advocacy Committee

Minutes of 4 October 2017

Attendance

Present: Sally Lin (VP External and Chair), Max Holmes (VP AUA), Chris Hakim (Councillor), Wendy Guo (Councillor), Jeanie Malone (UBC BOG, called in by phone), Daniel Lam (Student at Large)

Regrets: Kevin Doering (UBC BOG)

Recording Secretary: Daniel Lam

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 15:14.

Introductions and Land Acknowledgement

The Chair acknowledged that the meeting was taking place on the traditional, ancestral, and unceded territories of the Musqueum people.

Approval of Agenda

Moved: Chris Hakim
Seconded: Wendy Guo
That the agenda be adopted.

[The motion carries unanimously.]

Approval of Minutes

Moved: Daniel Lam
Seconded: Chris Hakim
That the minutes of 20 September 2017 be approved.

[The motion carries unanimously.]

VP AUA Updates

- Got elected.
AMS Advocacy Committee

Minutes of 4 October 2017

- Committees: CTLT Committees (Learning Data, Learning Projects Steering, Learning Projects Leadership Team)
- Excited about learning analytics and learning data at UBC.
- Learning Data: Policy aspect
- Learning Analytics Project Committee: projects including the new LMS (Canvas), taking advantage of Canvas in the best way possible.
- Working with SSC on their two ad-hoc committees:
  - Diversity
  - Research and Mobilization
- Two tuition consultations (one on deposit changes in Allard, one on Indigenous Public Health Certificate)
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VP X Updates

- No updated number on caucus yet, but please share.
- Budget submission is being finalized for submission. Friday is presentation day.
- UCRU Final Draft. Dal and McGill have now joined UCRU as well. November 4th-10th.
- We could go with ABCS for a lobby trip or we can go with the UVSS or SFSS to Victoria.
- UAC meeting at the end of the month.
- Had a meeting with UBC Transportation on Bikeshare. We will see a final draft of the bikeshare policy by next week.
- Will talk with Max about transferring duties.

Tasks Assigned
None

Next Meeting

The next scheduled meeting is 18 October 2017.

Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 16:00.
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[The motion carries unanimously.]

Approval of Minutes

Moved: Daniel Lam   Seconded: Chris Hakim

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[The motion carries unanimously.]

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- Looking at working with other student societies to plan our trip to Victoria, several options.
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Tasks Assigned

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Next Meeting

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Adjourn

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THE ALMA MATER SOCIETY
OF THE UNIVERSITY OF BRITISH COLUMBIA VANCOUVER

AMS Advocacy Committee
Minutes of October 18, 2017

Attendance

Present: Sally Lin (Chair and VP External), Max Holmes (VP AUA), Daniel Lam (Vice-Chair and Student At Large), Wendy Guo (Councillor), Chris Hakim (Councillor), Jeanie Malone (BOG), Kelsi Wall (Policy Advisor)

Guests: Albert Tung (Councillor)

Regrets: Kevin Doering (BOG)

Recording Secretary: Daniel Lam (Vice-Chair)

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 15:05.

Introductions

Approval of Agenda

Moved: Max Holmes
Seconded: Wendy Guo

That the agenda be adopted.

[The motion carries unanimously.]

Land Acknowledgement

The chair acknowledged the meeting’s presence on the traditional, ancestral, and unceded territories of the Musqueam peoples.

Approval of Minutes

Moved: Max Holmes
Seconded: Jeanie Malone

That the minutes of October 4, 2017 be approved.

[The motion carries unanimously.]

VP AUA Updates
• Hired Cody, working on Stadium Neighbourhood Plan submission and timeline for UBC strategic plan
• Execs have workshop on UBC strategic plan this week
• AMS nominated working group members for strategic plan
• Talked about housing with Louise Cowin and Andrew Parr, particularly the Housing Action Plan, and accessibility and affordability. Looking at formula to decide the price of different rooms.
• HAP goals to look at new goals for beds on campus and also restricted housing rentals.
• Chris: Committee planning for Senate meeting tonight?
• Max: They will not be approved tonight. The committee proposals will come to different standing committees (Diversity to Agenda, and Research for T&L)
• Jeanie: Transition of Cody?
• Max: He’s doing great. It’s a bit difficult to be transitioning while also being VP AUA. We have a Research Master List that Cody is working on. He’s also turning my platform into goals.

**VP External Updates**

• Centred around planning lobby trip for the end of the month. Created contact list for those we want to talk to in Victoria. 2-3 meetings secured.
• Finalizing submission. Two asks for rent with rights and needs based grants. Funding for student health programs in post-secondary institutions. Using AES statistics to create a fact-sharing appendix. Asked for data from AMS Vice as well to work on the harm-reduction aspect of lobbying.
• UCRU is at the beginning of the next month.
• On the People and Places Working Group for the University Strategic Plan, an opportunity to discuss physical connectivity to the rest of the region.
• Bike Share motion.
• Albert asked about transportation advocacy.
• Sally: I do lobbying to federal and provincial groups, including Translink, to fight for students in that way. We work on lobbying for things like the Broadway Subway and the SWATP.

**Bike Share External Policy**

Moved: Sally Lin, Seconded: Max Holmes
That Advocacy Committee move to send the document titled “Policy E-9: Bike Share on Campus” to Council for approval.

- Sally: UBC has had talks on bike share for a while already, and this policy signifies our stance on it. In the Appendix, you will see UBC’s stance on public bike share. The policy talks about what the AMS wants in a bike share program.
- Jeanie: Did we have a similar policy for car co-op consultations?
- Sally: No.
- Kelsi: When that was put forward, the University likely did not involve the AMS in that conversation.
- Jeanie brings up question regarding Veemo, which is neither a bike nor considered a car, asked whether if the AMS should look at a car-share/other mode-share policy.

[The motion carries unanimously.]

Discussion

- Caucuses and working groups of Advocom
  - Sally: We are not getting the turnout we want. Brooklyn and Isabella have promoted it like no tomorrow. But we only have 4 applicants. Cristina and Brooklyn are working together as well. But it’s time to revisit this.
  - Max: This was supposed to be Councillors first, not the way we have it now. We should discuss with Council on this further.
  - Chris: Brooklyn said she sent an email out to the executive on this as well.
  - Wendy: Reaching out to Councillors is important. But there isn’t enough manpower I think.
  - Chris: We are hitting our ends. Thus, we should have a conversation about what we do if Councillors don’t want to do this.
  - Jeanie: The general student body is not interested. And I’m worried about that.
  - Max: We can’t get rid of this without a viable alternative. I think the issue is that those groups don’t feel connected, and so they don’t want to apply to us.
  - Kelsi: If it fails this year, it will likely fail in years to come. It’s better to save staff hours and recruit a person for consultation.
  - Wendy: If we target people, it might be effective.
  - Sally: We told the Mature Students Association to elect a member to apply.
  - Jeanie: Can we talk with MNP on this?
  - Max: The MNP did a survey with all members of the AMS who told us that they didn’t feel represented. Let’s just add a discussion to next Council.
AMS Advocacy Committee

Minutes of October 18, 2017

Next Meeting

The next scheduled meeting is November 1, 2017.

Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 15:53.
Attend
Present: Daniel Lam (Vice-Chair and Student At Large), Wendy Guo (Councillor), Chris Hakim (Councillor), Jeanie Malone (BOG)

Guests: Isabella Picui (AVP External), Cristina Ilnitchi (Academic Campaigns & Outreach Manager)

Regrets: Kevin Doering (BOG), Max Holmes (VPAUA), Sally Lin (Chair and VP External), Kelsi Walls

Recording Secretary: Jeanie Malone

Call to Order
The meeting was called to order at 15:06.

Introductions

Approval of Agenda
Moved: Wendy Guo Seconded: Chris Hakim
That the agenda be adopted.

[The motion carries unanimously.]
Land Acknowledgement

The vice-chair acknowledged the meeting’s presence on the traditional, ancestral, and unceded territories of the Musqueam peoples.

Approval of Minutes

Moved: Chris  Seconded: Wendy

That the minutes of October 18, 2017 be approved.

[The motion carries unanimously.]

VP AUA Updates

- Strategic plan working groups have all begun to meet
- AES Policy has been finalized
- Max had a meeting with Louise and Andrew to discuss the Excellence Fund allocations this morning
- Strategic Plan workshop with Andrew and Louise was very successful last week
- Orientations steering committee met to discuss new structure for orientations modeled around commuter vs resident students as oppose to old model of international vs domestic
- Pilot for no-fee collegia system was very successful as well and there are plans to continue to expand the program
- Academic Caucus meeting went extremely well with great attendance, we discussed the excellence fund, AMS OER Listening tour, general tuition increase consultation, and academic accommodation and concession review
- Max attended a focus group around UBC’s Public Realm Plan and what has and hasn’t been working
- Max wanted to amend the agenda to add a quick motion from the last advocacy meeting: Motion: “Be it resolved that, advocacy committee direct the president to add a discussion item to the upcoming Council agenda entitled ‘Advocacy Caucuses’ to discuss the issues revolving the student issues caucus and the equity caucus.” This motion is a
follow-up from the last advocacy committee meeting when we wanted to discuss the caucuses at council but we forgot to add an agenda item.

[Chris]: Motion isn’t necessary from this committee – we can just go ahead and put it on the agenda for council... just need to make sure someone does it.

**VP External Updates**

- Sally is away in Victoria on advocacy trip. Meeting with legislators, discussing the AMS’s asks. Working with SFSS, UVS. Asks:
  - Up-front needs based grants
  - Student housing accessibility
  - Student tenant rights
  - Targeted funding for mental health, students with disabilities, sexual violence
- Rent with Rights
  - Launched today! Boething has started.
  - Trying to collect petition signatures so that it can be presented to legislature.
  - First few people who bring full signature sheet will get cookies from Brooklyn.
- Our Turn
  - Isabella is working on memo to voice stance of AMS. This will be coming to council. Currently consulting with Shiloh (SASC).
- Sally is back Thurs & Fri (Nov 2-3). She will be in Ottawa next week

[Chris]: Do we have RHA’s support? Can we get signatures in residences?

[Isabella]: Not certain – in talks with them. Initial agreement was having a place to booth in main areas, their support, endorsement, potentially canvassing within but likely not. Still deciding on details, they are unclear about agreement at this point.

[Chris]: Follow up please! Would be good to have specifics about what is allowed.

**AES Policy**
THE ALMA MATER SOCIETY
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Be it resolved that Advocacy Committee recommends to AMS Council the adoption of internal policy I-12 on the Academic Experience Survey.

Mover: Chris

Seconder: Jeanie

[The motion carries unanimously].

Discussion – Excellence Fund

[postponed to next meeting]

Next Meeting

The next scheduled meeting is November 15, 2017.

Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 15:26.
THE ALMA MATER SOCIETY
OF THE UNIVERSITY OF BRITISH COLUMBIA VANCOUVER

AMS Advocacy Committee

Minutes of November 24, 2017

Attendance

Present: Sally Lin (VP External and Chair), Daniel Lam (Vice-Chair and Student-at-Large), Max Holmes (VP Academic), Jeanie Malone (BOG), Chris Hakim (Councillor), Wendy Guo (Councillor)

Regrets: Kevin Doering (BOG)

Recording Secretary: Daniel Lam (Vice-Chair and Student-at-Large)

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 15:10.

Introductions

Approval of Agenda

Moved: Wendy Guo

Seconded: Chris Hakim

That the agenda be adopted.

[The motion carries unanimously.]

Approval of Minutes

Moved: Wendy Guo

Seconded: Chris Hakim

That the minutes of November 1, 2017 be approved.

[The motion carries.]

VP AUA Updates

- Research and Excellence working group meeting.
- Continued discussion on housing.
  - MacInnes Field
  - Meal plan discussion
- Learning Data Committee
  - Purpose and principles for learning analytical projects
- Talked with VPS on Policy 73, strategic plan, housing.
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- Had a meeting with the Ombuds Advisory Committee
- OER presentation to T+L Committee
- AES Questions: first draft by Monday.
  - Sending that to Insights West
  - Need to talk about this with Councillors and Advocom.
- Marijuana Policy Development Committee
  - Should housing cover their own rules? We don’t want to dictate what housing is doing in the policy. We shouldn’t be putting restrictions in place.
  - No clear direction for BC at the moment; policy is really dependent on that.

VP External Updates

- Had a trip to Victoria and Ottawa.
- Victoria:
  - Met with a number of MLAs from the Housing Working Group, and met with relevant Ministers.
  - Had a joint meeting with Minister Melanie Mark and Minister Judy Darcy, good introduction and they are keen to hear student issues
  - Also met with critics of Advanced Ed. Wanted to cover our bases by speaking to everyone.
- Jeanie: Have you had conversations about Chancellor appointments? They want to make the chancellor an elected position.
- Sally: Haven’t had a lot of conversations.
- Ottawa:
  - Rebranding of Advocan to UCRU is really good as there were positive responses from the Hill. Became much more recognizable.
  - Had over 50 meetings in the week with a team of 9 students in pairs or trios.
  - MP, staffs, policy advisors, etc. MPs were either willing to write letters or sponsor petitions - overall positive week.
- For VPX internally, looking at other schools and how they do their advocacy is good and will make the AMS look more holistic.
- Max: Are we in any groups for graduate students?
- Sally: We can do advocacy for students but we need to spend time for graduate students.
- Ministry for the Status of Women wants a national campus sexual violence survey and is going to consult UCRU.

Next Meeting
The next scheduled meeting is TBA.

Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 16:00.