



AMS Student Life Committee January/February 2019 Report

Chair: Jerome Goddard

Dear Council and AMS Members,

Apologies for the delay. It has been a busy past month getting ready for the referendum questions and figuring out our Grad Class Changes. I am very excited to say that the committee is making progress on our goals and duties outlined in code.

GRAD CLASS

A significant portion of our time has been spent attempting to revitalize the Grad Class Council, a subcommittee under Student Life. It was found that previous code and terms of reference from 2015 contradicted itself on many counts. In addition, there have been numerous issues over the years with Grad Class projects not being carried out fully, or without the proper financial oversight. Should the Grad Class fee referendum pass, the Grad Class Subcommittee will have a much more manageable fund to choose a gift and delegate grants with.

The “council” aspect of GCC has been removed and in turn will play an advisory role in the form of a subcommittee that reports to the AMS Student Life Committee. Especially because the President and VP Administration may not be graduating students themselves, this allows appointed members from the graduating class to have a say but administrative duties and final decisions placed in the hands of the Student Life Committee as well as the Executive and their staff.

Both Student Life Committee and Grad Class Subcommittee have also been instructed in the terms of reference to include consultation with pertinent groups as part of the recommendation and gift approval process. These could include UBC, Resource Groups,



University Neighborhood Association, the Indigenous Committee, etc. Please see the attached the new terms of reference for more details.

COUNCILLOR DUTIES

Our committee has come up with two main suggestions for increased councillor responsibilities, both in training and on a week to week basis. Councillors will be directed in code to share on social media materials from the AMS, whether that is on their personal social media profiles or in internal constituency Facebook groups. The purpose of this is to increase AMS visibility and outreach, and incline councillors to feel more connection and responsibility for the AMS. Secondly, it will be codified that councillors are to take part in training such as SASC Bystander Intervention, UBC Wellness Training, Naloxone, QPR, and any other trainings that are deemed necessary. As student leaders at UBC, the committee feels that it is imperative that councillors are trained to deal with these situations as they may arise. Implementing this training also sets a good precedent for other campus groups to follow suit.

The language for these code additions will be drafted in the coming weeks and brought to committee then council. Should you have any questions, or any ideas to add to these code changes, please get in contact with the committee – we would love to have your say on these important issues. Steering Committee has been an excellent place for us to share these ideas with the Executive and the Human Resources and Governance Committee Chairs. Please see their reports for a more detailed review of councillor training overhaul and be prepared for another round of councillor training consultation.

ENGAGEMENT STRATEGY

Now that we have completed the first stage of revitalization of Grad Class Subcommittee we will begin drafting an engagement strategy and principles that will guide the rest of this year's Student Life initiatives and most importantly will guide the transition for the



next committee. Updates and the consultation period will be provided to council as we get going on this.

As usual, I am always open to suggestions, comments or concerns. With elections and referendum season coming up I am so excited to see how much the society can better engage with its members as we work to pass these important questions that will help to shape the future of our society. Send me an email at slcom@ams.ubc.ca to chat or drop me a message and we can meet up at The Gallery!

Best,

Jerome Goddard

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