AMS Sustainability Report 2018-2019

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A good year for sustainability at UBC & beyond

- UBC Healthy Beverage Initiative
- UBC single-use plastics phase out and forthcoming Zero Waste Foodware Strategy
- UBC student-led Climate Hub
- President’s Climate Roundtable
- Vancouver Climate Emergency Declaration
- BC Climate Plan, CleanBC
Recap of overarching goals

1. Ensure a smooth transition to the new Student Driven Sustainability Strategy, including a robust process for oversight and implementation.
   a. Creation of the Sustainability Subcommittee

2. Embed environmental, social and economic sustainability across all AMS departments.
   a. Meetings and projects with many departments

3. Hold UBC accountable to its sustainability and climate change commitments.
   a. We sit on UBC’s Zero Waste Committee, Water Action Plan Committee, Food & Nutrition Working Group and Sustainability Steering Committee
   b. Revival of the UBC divestment campaign

4. Involve students and student groups in AMS Sustainability decision-making and project implementation.
   a. Consulted with Sustainability Ambassadors, Student Sustainability Council, Sustainability Collective, Common Energy, UBCC350, etc.
Key Project Updates

- **Mugshare**
  - Project expansion launched last week with 2250 mugs
  - Partner cafes: Blue Chip, Loafe, JJ Bean, Mercante, Perugia and Hero

- **Climate Art Competition**
  - Winner: Standing with the Defenders

- **Sustainability Strategies** for CUS, FUS, KUS, LFSUS, and VSEUS
  - Wrapping up and looking towards implementation

- **Sustainability Projects Fund revamp**
  - Wrapping up
Student Project Collaborations

- COMM 484 Sustainability Marketing - AMS Client Challenge
- FNH 473 Applied Public Health Nutrition - AMS Plant-Forward Menu Development
- LFS 450 Land, Food and Community - Climate-friendly Food Project
- PSYC 321 Environmental Psychology - 3D Boxes Project
- GPP 504 Policy Analysis and Evaluation - Sustainability Strategies for AUS, EUS and SUS
Moving Forward

- Continue single use plastics phase-out in the Nest
- Continue working with UBCC350 on divestment advocacy
- Finalize sustainability strategies for AUS, EUS and SUS
- Implement the Waste Hub
- Add sustainability resources to the Club Resource Centre
Questions?