
SUBJECT	CORRESPONDENCE: UBC CLIMATE STRIKE MOVEMENT
MEETING DATE	SEPTEMBER 25, 2019
	FOR CORRESPONDENCE
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DOCUMENTS	1. UBC Climate Strike Movement Information

**DESCRIPTION &
RATIONALE**

This correspondence has been sent to the AMS Council regarding information on the UBC Climate Strike Movement from Councillor Michelle Marcus on behalf of UBC C350. The event will take place on September 27, 2019 at 11AM outside the AMS NEST.

The AMS has signed on to an open letter in support of the UBC Climate Strike Movement.

ATTACHMENT #1 – UBC Climate Strike Information

On September 27th, millions of people worldwide will be striking from school and work for the [Global Climate Strike](#), which is expected to be the biggest climate mobilization in history. Scientists have said we must take drastic action within the next decade to prevent catastrophic and irreversible warming. Young people around the world are calling on leaders to treat the climate crisis like the emergency it is and transition towards a sustainable and just economy for all.

Here on campus, students, staff & faculty are invited to join the [UBC Climate Strike](#). We will gather for a rally outside the AMS Nest at 11 a.m. on September 27th, before traveling by bike and bus to City Hall for the [Vancouver Climate Strike](#), organized by local high school students. Several professors are planning to cancel their classes on the day and many campus organizations will be attending.

The AMS is supporting the UBC Climate Strike movement and has signed on to the [open letter](#) calling on UBC to declare a Climate Emergency. But in order to make sure this moment is truly effective in accelerating climate ambition from our leaders, we need everyone on board. Which means we need to get the word out to students across every part of campus over the next 2 weeks. You can play a huge role in getting students out to the strike and helping to achieve serious action on climate change at UBC and beyond.

How can constituencies support the UBC Climate Strike movement?

1. Sign and share the [open letter](#) calling on UBC to declare a Climate Emergency.
2. Share the [event page](#) and [graphics](#) on social media and in your newsletters and submit them for digital signage in your building.
3. Spread the word about the climate strike in person at your organization's events and in classes within your faculty/school. Materials for class announcements are available [here](#).
4. Host an event to bring your community to the strike. Many campus groups are hosting sign-making sessions/art builds during the week of the strike or meeting up before the strike and marching as a group. For inspiration, check out the events for [medical students](#) and [life science students](#).
5. Reach out to professors in your faculty/school to ask how they will accommodate students who are striking.
 - The newly formed Faculty for Climate Action Group (ubcfac@gmail.com) has been circulating a letter encouraging professors to support strikers by cancelling classes on the 27th, so they will likely be aware of this. Many professors are already planning to cancel their classes to enable their students to attend the strike. Others are ensuring that participation will not be graded that day and/or offering ways for students who strike to catch up on missed content.