

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

September Monthly Report

The Executive Committee met three times during the month of September and discussed a range of topics. Below is a summary of some of the discussions and decisions that occurred at the Executive Committee.

AMS SASC/CUPE Local 1396 Collective Agreement

The Executive Committee brought forward the complete AMS SASC/CUPE Local 1396 Collective Agreement for recommendation to approve. We reported that both the AMS and the Union were pleased with our discussions and the Collective Agreement.

Sexual Violence and Respectful Policies Implementation Working Group

The Executive Committee received and approved the Sexual Violence and Respectful Policies Implementation (“SVRPI”) Working Group’s terms of reference. The SVRPI Working Group will be under the Executive Committee and responsible for the coordination of the relevant AMS departments’ efforts on the implementation of the AMS Sexual Violence Policy (I-17) and Respectful Community and Workplace Policy (I-18). Since September 26, 2019, the SVRPI Working Group has begun its work and submitted a report to AMS Council on its year-long timeline and the detailed tasks it needs to complete.

Empower Me

The Executive Committee discussed a newly negotiated MOU with UBC and StudentCare on the Empower Me service. In this MOU, UBC would agree to take on 100% of the costs of funding the Empower Me program, in addition to expanding the service’s access to all students. We are eager to continue conversations with UBC surrounding the continuation of the service in following years.

University Neighbourhood Association

The Executive Committee discussed the AMS’s negotiations with the University Neighbourhood Association (“UNA”) Board of Directors surrounding their bylaw changes. Within these bylaw changes, the UNA Board of Directors would remove the AMS-appointed seat on it and increase the terms of Directors. We agreed upon advocating for an annually elected student seat on the UNA Board of Directors.

Federal Election Get Out the Vote Campaign

The Executive Committee received an update from the Vice-President External Affairs on the ongoing federal election Get Out the Vote Campaign. The campaign would include inviting various candidates,

Party Salon Days, and an All-Candidates Debates in collaboration with the 100 Debates for the Environment. The AMS will hosting a voting booth in the Nest Great Hall from October 5 to 9.

Services Review

The Executive Committee received an update from the Senior Services Manager on their work on the Services Review process. The process will include the creation of a Services Review Working Group under the Executive Committee, which will include the Executives, the Student Services Manager, the Managing Director, and others. In addition, the Services Review will be looking to perform benchmarking, study best practices, developing KPIs, and examining trends.

Executive Committee Meetings

The Executive Committee discussed the frequency and length of their meetings, as the AMS Council noted that this was a concern. We committed to bringing more of the Executives' offline discussion to the Executive Committee and to, the best of our abilities, create a report to AMS Council on previous offline items that were discussed that could have been brought to the Executive Committee.

Heffel Art Pieces

The Executive Committee received an update from the Vice-President Administration on his work with the Heffel Art House on selling two pieces from the AMS's Art Collection. The two pieces that have been selected are: (1) Abandoned Village by E. J. Huges; and (2) Northern Image by Lawren Harris. The Heffel Art House has noted that these two pieces are at the peak of their value and popularity. The Executive Committee decided to bring this discussion to the SHAPE Committee for approval. In addition, the Executive Committee discussed the potential of investing into repairing some of the current pieces in the AMS's Art Collection.

Ombuds Funding

The Executive Committee discussed the current Ombuds fee that are incurred on student tuition that goes towards funding the UBC Ombuds Office. The discussion included the possibility of negotiating an MOU with the UBC Ombudsperson on usage reporting for the fee.

AMS Strategic Plan

The Executive Committee received an update on the AMS Strategic Plan's development progress. The Steering Committee decided upon the AMS Strategic Plan's vision statement as "building a community where students feel supported, represented, and engaged". Moving forward, the President's Office will begin open consultation with students and staff on the values of the AMS Strategic Plan.