2019 Advocacy Week

CREATING EQUITABLE AND ACCESSIBLE POST-SECONDARY EDUCATION IN BRITISH COLUMBIA

BCFS | UBC AMS | SFSS
Second year of collaboration between AMS, BCFS, SFSS

Together representing over 250,000 students
Overview of our three asks

Ask 1
Increasing Student Financial Aid

Ask 2
Supporting International Students

Ask 3
Sexual Violence Prevention and Response Active Policy Review and Funding
STUDENT FINANCIAL AID

Recommendation: that the government increase non-repayable student financial assistance options for students from low- and middle-income backgrounds through the creation of a comprehensive up-front, needs-based grants program.
INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS

Recommendations:

1. That the government amend the Tuition Fee Limit Policy to include regulation of fees for international students to create fairness, consistency, and predictability for international student tuition fees.

2. That the government develop a new BC international education strategy that will provide sufficient support for international students to assist in their cultural, social, and academic integration.
SEXUAL VIOLENCE SUPPORT

Recommendations:

1. That the government review the sexual violence and misconduct policies at the twenty-five public post-secondary institutions to ensure they use plain language, cover the necessary issues, and provide satisfactory responses.

2. That the government undertake a needs assessment amongst post-secondary institutions to determine the funding necessary to effectively implement sexual violence and misconduct policies.

3. That the government strengthen institutional frameworks and processes by developing an accountability mechanism that is external to institutions to address complaints that may arise regarding institutional implementation of sexual violence and misconduct policies.
**Inputs**

- Met with over 50 Ministers, senior staff, and MLAs across the three parties to discuss our asks
- Collaborated with student organizations from all across BC
- Didn’t have to introduce asks, focussed on following up

**Outputs**

- Stronger relationship-building, knowing what’s next for the Ministry of Av Ed, collaboration with student associations beyond Advocacy Week

**Highlights:**

- Enthusiastic reception of our long-term, consistent advocacy
- Good feedback
- Clarification of the direction of govt on projects
- Connections within key ministries to do follow ups