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SEPTEMBER 27th
11 am to 12 pm | In front of AMS Nest
UBC Climate Strike Open Letter

To President Santa Ono, the UBC Administration, the Council of Senates, and the Board of Governors:

On September 27th, we — the students, faculty, and staff of UBC — will join the Global Climate Strike (1) by walking out of our classrooms and offices in solidarity with millions around the world.

We strike because we are in the midst of a crisis — one that threatens to destroy our collective future. Scientists have said we must take drastic action within the next decade to prevent catastrophic and irreversible warming (2). This requires undergoing massive and rapid transformations across all sectors of the economy. Our leaders have failed to recognize climate change as the emergency it is and we no longer accept their promises of incremental change.

We strike because marginalized communities — especially Indigenous communities, Black communities, people of colour, queer and trans communities, migrants, the poor, and the disabled — are bearing the brunt of fossil fuel extraction and climate destruction. We strike because those who have done the least to cause the climate crisis, especially members of the Global South, are paying the greatest price. We recognize that the countries who have profited from climate change — including Canada — must bear the cost of solving it.

→ 1,600+ individual signatures
→ 70+ groups, including the AMS
→ 30+ statements of support from departments, schools and faculties
On December 5, 2019, the UBC Board of Governors unanimously passed a resolution supporting full divestment of fossil fuels from UBC’s Trek Endowment Fund in a manner that is consistent with the fiduciary obligations of the Board. The Board also unanimously passed a motion approving in principle the full divestment of the remaining balance of the $1.71 billion Main Endowment Fund from the fossil fuel industry.

The Board is clear: UBC is committed to full divestment as soon as possible, and we are taking the necessary steps to realize this now. The university shares and understands the community’s concerns regarding the climate crisis and that the continued operation of the fossil fuel industry is discordant with a climate safe future.
April 3rd UBC Climate Strike

- Shifting focus towards provincial and federal governments
- UBCC350 organizing climate strike on campus
- Sustainabiliteens organizing Vancouver climate strike
- Info session: Thursday March 12th 6-7:30pm, CIRS Policy Lab
Climate Strike Demands

1. Indigenous Self Determination
2. Defending Land, Water & Life
3. Fossil Free Economy
4. Separation of Oil & State
5. A Just Transition
6. Universal Public Services & Infrastructure
7. Justice for Migrants & Refugees
8. Livable Futures for All
Climate Strike Petition and Pledge

“History has shown that social movements win when they have the active, coordinated support of 3.5% of the population. By signing this letter, I commit to joining the 3.5%. By signing, I commit to becoming a sustained and active member of this movement. I will plug in, show up, and mobilize from now until we win a Green New Deal for the Green New Decade.”
How the AMS has been asked to support:

- Endorse the April 3rd student Climate Strike
- Promote the Climate Strike through the AMS newsletter, clubs newsletter, digital signage and posters
- Give permission to all employees to miss work on April 3rd to attend the strike
- Lobby to the provincial and federal governments on Climate Strike Demands

What we’re doing right now:

- Bringing endorsement and support discussion to AdvoCom
- Coordinating with AMS Comms to promote the Climate Strike through the AMS newsletter, social media, posters, etc
- Sending a notice to all employees about taking time off work for the April 3rd Strike
- Reviewing the Climate Strike Demands and how they align with work already ongoing in governments and available gaps and how we can most effectively support this advocacy and who we can partner with to do so
Items for consideration

● Complicated conversation around unresolved decisions about how we respond to pipeline issues
  ○ Going to talk at Advocacy Committee about it

● Asking for endorsement to be supported by advocacy - need to think about how we navigate what exactly we advocate on from the demands

● How are we transitioning this advocacy? Supporting strong continuity through meetings with outgoing/incoming Execs