10 AMS Advocacy Committee Meeting Agenda
Monday March 2nd, 2020, 6:00 PM, NEST 5113

Attendance
Invited: Julia, Cristina, Brandon, Nevena, Nicholas, Anne, Rashika, Michelle
(non-voting)
Present: Brandon
Regrets:

Call to Order
The meeting was called to order at 6:06 pm.

Land Acknowledgement

Approval of Minutes
BIRT the 09 2020-02-24 Minutes of the AMS Advocacy Committee be adopted as presented.
Mover: Cristina
Second: Rashika

Portfolio Updates
1. AMS VP External [Cristina Ilnitchi]
   - Met with BC Ombudsperson last week
     - This office is important to students and has the opportunity to benefit students
     - Talked about communication information regarding the BC Ombudsperson to students and how our office can take part in this communication
   - Preparing a Submission to the Property Submission to the Board
     - Looking at building off-campus housing
     - Conversation with UBC and City of Vancouver
     - Will be looking at running a student survey about living/housing decision making
     - Asking the City to be a partner in this
     - Looking at the empty block on Blanca
     - Trying to integrate services in this Off-Campus Student Housing Plan
   - Preparing for the Know Your Rights Workshop
   - Supporting UBC 350 in a walkout in solidarity with Wet’suwet’en Peoples
     - Helping cover some minimal costs
     - Singing on to a joint-letter with Alliance of BC Students and SFU
   - Starting social media campaign about transit #nofarenough
     - Regarding SkyTrain, pan to end at Arbutus
○ Bringing a proposal next week

[Nevena]
● Do you have an update on the logistics of the Housing Survey?

[Cristina]
● The price tag is heavy
● In conversation with stakeholders to help with the grant process (UBC, City of Vancouver, Mayor’s Council)
● Survey development should happen this summer

2. AMS VP AUA [Julia Burnham]

[Julia]
● Part of search committees
  ○ Takes up a lot of time
● Policy 131 Review Committee
  ○ Meeting again
    ○ At last meeting, we had SASC speak to their submission, was really useful
    ○ Sexual Misconduct Policy - completing the community consultations and beginning the second draft
● International Student Fee increase for iMed
  ○ Had a conversation with stakeholders

[Nevena]
● Can you speak to the health coverage and reasoning for the fee increase?

[Julia]
● iMed offer an "in-between" of health coverage before getting on to provincial plan
● Increase the fee by $15 per month
● Met with the GSS about this
● Questions surrounding injuries when under the use of legal substances
  ○ Still waiting on some answers: but these will now be covered.
  ○ Comes at an additional cost

New Business

Climate Strike (April 3rd) - Michelle Marcus

[Michelle]
● Here to bring forward draft motion regarding the April 3rd climate strike
Here is a link to the motion

Students across the province are mobilizing to make April 23rd the biggest strike since September

The focus was on university action, now will shift towards provincial/federal advocacy

This motion’s “Be it resolved” clauses same as the AMS’s motion in September

The addition would be asking VP External [and the AMS] to sign onto the demands and help in submitting and lobbying for these demands to both levels of government

- Demands will be finalized by Thursday

Demand #6 speaks to acknowledging the impact of climate change on marginalized communities and expanding the economic social safety net

[Cristina]
- I agree with all this
- Entire AMS Exec would be supportive
- Chris Hakim [AMS President] is aware of this motion, he is speaking to HR for giving permission to AMS Staff to leave work on April 3rd to take part in climate strike
  - Will not be able to include in today’s motion, but will get back to you
- Including demands in lobbying plan
  - We want to submit something to provincial and federal governments regarding our stance on climate strike and how it relates to ongoing lobbying work
  - Something that would be effective would be linking each of these demands to current/future government projects (ie.: Clean BC)
  - Be as specific as possible in what we are asking them to do

[Cristina]
- We need to have a frank conversation on how we put out statements at the Advocacy Committee and how it can be involved in the conversation
  - Re: pipeline
- Not in this statement

[Michelle]
- We need a clear stance, as this strike has the opposition to fossil fuel projects as the core focus

[Cristina]
- We need to bring in stakeholders for that conversation

[Julia]
- We need diverse points of view in this conversation
- How can we best use this committee to prepare for the opposition at AMS Council?

[Cristina]
- Pipeline discussion needs to go in tandem with this motion
- We’ve already failed twice at reaching a consensus here on this issue
[Michelle]  
- The difference here is groups backing these demands, not one person

[Nevena]  
- If these demands are accepted, the AMS needs to be clear on its stance.

[Cristina]  
- Michelle always does a great job of arguing for keeping fossil fuels in the ground.

[Nick]  
- Let’s have a conversation on the pipeline on March 15th

[Cristina]  
- I’ll reach out to stakeholders and put together materials for the committee.

[Cristina]  
- For March 11th Council Meeting, a joint presentation on what the AMS Support could look like  
  - How can AMS put this into action?  
- For March 25th: a formal motion could be presented to council

[Michelle]  
- But if only voting on the 25th on formal motion, that gives us little time to prepare for the strike

[Cristina]  
- Give consultation presentation to Council on 11th, then.  
- Action items for VP X Office:  
  - Staring backend work  
  - Presenting to council on xx  
  - Stakeholder consultation and motion on 16th

**Adjournment**
Next meeting will be held Monday, March 9th.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:58pm.