

April 8th Advocacy Committee Report to AMS Council

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Hi from the Advocacy Committee!

We meet weekly on Mondays from 6-7pm PST on Google Hangouts; if you would like to join let me know!

As always, you can reach me at ams.vseus@gmail.com.

Works in Progress (or on the Horizon)

- AMS Academic Experience Survey Policy will return to the Advocacy Committee on April 6th following early committee feedback to the VPAUA in February. The review is required every 3 years, which falls on this current year. The current policy does not fall in line with current practices and needed yearly consultation with regards to the AES. We will be reviewing the proposed changes by the VPAUA office on April 6th.
- COVID-19: the VPX and VPAUA continue to update the Advocacy Committee weekly on the ongoing ad-hoc advocacy their offices are undertaking to the University and different levels of government.
- Advocacy Committee Manual: I [the Chair] and both the VPX and VPAUA have begun early discussions on reinforcing the Advocacy Committee's oversight role over both positions. A preliminary Advocacy Committee Manual is in the works - this will provide a clearer role for the Chair and Advocacy Committee members, and require both the VPX and VPAUA to submit projects, goals and expected timelines at the start of each term.

Work Completed this Month

- Consulted the VPX on UPass and Translink negotiations
- AMS Equity Plan was sent by the VPX to the committee for review. More to follow.
- Prepared stakeholder meetings in regards to the AMS stance on the UBC350 Climate Strike demands and pipeline:
 - Due to the current situation, this meeting has been indefinitely postponed to assure proper stakeholder engagement and consultation.