Executive Goals Presentation
One important accomplishment that the AMS has achieved this past year was the passing of its first standalone sexual violence policy. The new Sexual Violence Policy prescribed a clear investigations policy that also mandated trauma-informed approaches and mandatory training for various individuals in the AMS. One piece that we don’t concentrate on in the AMS is what happens after we pass a policy, and the implementation stage of the Sexual Violence Policy was critical to its success. We want to showcase some of the awareness and communications work we conducted to ensure that students not only knew about these new processes, but also trusted the system.
If you want to initiate an investigation into an incident of Sexual Violence involving an AMS Member or AMS Staff, your first step is to submit a report.
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“I’m happy to see that the AMS is taking steps to address its difficult past with sexual violence prevention by making it clear that sexual violence is no longer tolerated on campus.”
One important accomplishment we pushed for was an expansion of the BC Access Grant to provide support for low to middle income students who rely on student loans.

We saw a huge win this year with the program being expanded to supplement the Canada Student Grant for full-time students for up to $1,000 (combined to a total of up to $4,000) and up to $4,000 for two year and under and part-time programs.

This got a lot of attention within the advocacy sphere and hit the media headlines.
Here's what the 2020-21 budget is promising B.C. students

B.C. budget: Post-secondary students’ federation gives an A to new B.C. Access Grant

Carla Wilson / Times Colonist

B.C. Access Grant makes life better for post-secondary students

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Vice-President, External Affairs: Federal Election

● 2019 was a federal election year for Canada and we wanted to increase youth voter turnout and ensure that post-secondary issues were a priority for our federal leaders.
● We ran a ‘Get Out the Vote’ campaign to build up awareness amongst youth voters on the topics being discussed during the federal election, but also why they should care about voting.
● We also collaborated with student unions from across Canada to sign onto the National Student Letter, collectively represented over to 1,000,000 students, to get federal leaders to champion specific post-secondary issues.
With the first-ever policy review underway for UBC’s Sexual Misconduct policy, we prioritized empowering students to give feedback through partnering with SASC for our Stand With Survivors campaign and town hall. During this campaign, we gave out over 10,000 coffee sleeves and had 40 students attending our town hall. This later resulted in a 30 page submission on Policy SC17, Policy SC13, and Policy SC18, recommending changes concerning survivor-centric priorities.
We launched a brand-new Open Educational Resources (OER) Champions award to celebrate and promote the development of open materials. We even got Santa Ono to sign off on our letters of recognition for the recipients - which will help create culture change around open publishing and increase the availability of these free resources!
One revolutionizing system the AMS launched this year was the Secure Online Transfer system.

This system allowed students to receive reimbursements without coming to the AMS.

Before students had to come to the AMS to collect their cheques or cash, now they are able to receive money up to $500, as long as they have a Canadian bank account.

The system is powerful enough to reimburse higher dollar amount, however is available upon request.
● The image on the right is what treasures use submit their reimbursements.
● Since the launch we have had over 1000 transactions
● Secure Online Transfer system is a project that the AMS Finance team have been working on since 2017 and was finally completed this year
Vice-President, Administration: Norm Theatre

- A big project for the VP Administration portfolio has been the renovation of the Norm Theatre (valuing at $315,000+).
- We had the opportunity to work with the UBC Film Society and UBC Improv on the Grand (Re)Opening as well as subsequent bookings and events.
- Since the opening, the Norm Theatre has been bustling with activity and brought back its presence on campus as a space that supports arts and culture on campus.
- Also numerous improvements and additions to support our clubs to improve the student experience at UBC.
Student Services Manager

- **Goal:** Collaboration to build and strengthen our communities
  - Raised $50,000 for the Food Bank (25% increase), secured thousands in **new** funding for eHub and Vice
  - Added a 2nd location and online support for Speakeasy
  - eHub co-hosting different community events = 70% increase in interactions

- **Result:** same amount of students interactions (8,750+) in less time
Questions?