AMS Advocacy Committee Meeting Agenda
[July 7th, 2020] [2:00PM PST] on Zoom https://zoom.us/j/99848447126

Attendance
Invited: Clara (resigned), Emma, Georgia, Joshua, Kalith, Mitchell, Saad, Morgan, Nevena, Shivani
Present: Saad, Joshua, Kalith (left at 2:30pm), Shivani (proxy for Georgia), Mitchell, Georgia (joined at 2:30pm)
Regrets: Emma (not notified), Nevena (not notified).

Call to Order
The meeting was called to order at 2:05pm PST.

Land Acknowledgement

Chair’s Remarks
1. Introductions
   a. Change in lecture times with the new term, 1 minute speaking times per member.
   b. Proctorio letter from Georgia.
   c. Emailing documents for anti-racism to be uploaded to the AMS website.
   d. Working with AVP Sustainability RE climate action.
2. June 23rd Meeting Minutes
3. Committee seat vacancy
   a. Clara had to resign.

Portfolio Updates
1. AMS VP External [Kalith]
   a. UNA mediating meeting.
      i. Successful in coming to an agreement with the UNA - 6 main points that will be enacted once the three board of directors approve it (UNA board, AMS council, UBC BOG).
      ii. Six points:
          1. The AMS has the right to appoint an ex-officio member to the UNA board of directors.
          2. The constitution of the UNA be amended to include a statement about the importance of students.
          3. If a student runs to be elected on the UNA board and needs to resign, the AMS can recommend a replacement. The UNA can ignore this recommendation, but still must appoint a student.
          4. AMS has the right to appoint a student to participate in any of the committees and working groups of the UNA, except the finance committee.
5. The UNA and the AMS are collaboratively working together to create a committee that will advise the AMS and UNA BoD on any matters relating to students.

6. None of these points are in effect until all three boards approve this.

iii. *Joshua:* So students cannot vote?

iv. *Kalith:* Students can still run for a normal term and have voting power, but the AMS can appoint an ex-officio member.

b. Transit subsidy form goes live tomorrow (July 8, 2020).

c. New individual on the VPX team, Maya (sp?).

d. Meeting with John Horgan today (July 7, 2020).

2. **AMS VP AUA [Georgia]**

   a. SC17 implementation meeting occurring today (July 7, 2020).

   b. Student well-being fund, focusing on three areas:
      
      i. Meal donation program.
      
      ii. Training for community mental health.

   c. Naloxone kits available for students.

   d. Proctorio:
      
      i. Invigilation service.
      
      ii. Open letter going out today (July 7, 2020).

   e. AUA Office is meeting with academic leaders.

   f. UBC administration has said they are not terminating use of Proctorio.

   g. AUA Office is leveraging incident with Proctorio CEO over reddit - not privacy issue, but unprofessional. We cannot make a FIPPA claim over this.

   h. There is a letter from the administration on the keeplearning website.

   i. AUA Office is trying to create a student-facing version of this letter to increase awareness:
      
      1. Open letter signed by all VP Academics.
      
      2. Student-facing version of the guiding principles for increased student awareness.

   d. COVID-19 Survey:
      
      i. Over 6000 responses.

      ii. Currently going through the data.

      iii. Creating a holistic presentation on reports to council.

      iv. Creating an executive report.

      v. Faculty-specific data to be sent to the academic deans to better serve their students.

   e. AES report.

   f. Two new additions:
      
      i. Chloe Andres - Policy and Research.

      ii. Hannah Edwards - Campaign and Events.

   g. UBC naming Taiwan as a province of China.
      
      i. Georgia is working on this.
ii. **Kalith:** UBC released a statement that UBC was following the ISO procedures. Georgia is working on releasing a statement, not directly on this issue, but more on what the AMS’ stance is on issues like this.

**Discussion**

1. Proctorio
2. Climate Change Consultation Talk
3. Statement on JustRecovery Principles

**Joshua:** We will delay the discussion to the next meeting due to missing members.

**Kalith:** We brought goals to the committee and asked for feedback, there was no feedback. There was feedback from the council. Having to work on the goals again delayed work that needed to be done. No one has given feedback on the updated goals yet, is looking forward to new feedback.

**Saad:** Important that Advocomm gives feedback on these confidential documents. Advocomm must give feedback before these before they are presented to the council. Wants the chair to address this with the Advocomm committee members.

**Joshua:** Will bring this up in the next email to be sent out to committee members.

**New Business**

**Adjournment**

Next meeting will be held July 21, 2020.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 2:29pm PST.