

Updates from AMS Services for Council – September 16th, 2020

- Safewalk continues to operate, and has start doing Fall hours of 8 PM to 2 AM, and with 2 teams operating on busy nights. Riley Schubin (Safewalk Coordinator), Georgia, and I had a conversation with UBC Security and the VP Students office, to both get on the same page regarding COVID safety planning, as well as opportunities for further collaboration between our respective units.
- eHub will be finishing up hiring for volunteers this week, and will start operations within the next few weeks.
- Tutoring is almost ready to start operating! Having submitted a detailed plan for operating in person and online, we're just finalizing some final training for our Tutors before we start to operate. Sheldon and I have also started the conversation around potentially renewing our contract with Nimbus, the app we use to facilitate private appointment tutoring.
- Peer Support finished up its main block of training last weekend, and will be starting virtual peer support by the end of September. A MASSIVE shout out to Puneet Sidhu, Maria Saleeb, and Mayra Gonzalez, the Coordinators of the Service, for grinding really hard to make some huge changes for the Service and have it ready to help the UBC community during these difficult times.
- With the Life Building reopening, the Food Bank is reviewing its procedures on serving clients, with the potential of shifting back towards a more grocery-store style of operating (how we ran pre-pandemic). We've also hired more volunteers and will be expanding our hours, always with the intention of making our Services more accessible.
- Mitchell Prost, Housing Coordinator, continues to work diligently on a feasibility report for the new Housing Service; we aim to have report to bring to you for next Council (September 30th). In the area of housing, Kalith and I have also been continuing conversations and getting more info around the possibility of co-op student housing that is (in)directly managed by the AMS.
- The Services and SASC teams will be having a team training this weekend, with an external consultant facilitating a workshop on internal biases, quick intros by the execs, a small panel discussion by Services alumni, and the opportunity for people in the different Services to meet each other.
- By the time Council happens, I'll have hired an Assistant, which is super exciting for capacity in the Services.