

October Advocacy Committee Report to AMS Council

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Greetings and Salutations from the advocacy committee!

The Advocacy Committee meets on Fridays from 5 to 6 pm PST on Zoom; if you would like to join let me know!

As always, you can reach me at advocomchair@ams.ubc.ca or mathew_hoo@yahoo.ca .

Works in Progress (or on the Horizon)

- Academic Experience Survey Draft is still being reviewed by committee members as of the 30th October, 2020, with committee members providing feedback, and avenues of improvement such that it can more effectively approach issues such as discrimination, graduate student needs, and survey fatigue.
- Post-election Advocacy Priorities: the VP External portfolio continues to update the committee on provincial lobbying priorities on issues such as housing, Indigenous youth care, operational funding increases, and support for international students, once the official results are confirmed by Elections BC in November.
- Proctorio: the VP AUA portfolio continues to update the committee on the AMS's work in pushing for equitable and non-intrusive options to Proctorio, and receiving feedback from committee members.

Work Completed this Month

- Reviewed and reaffirmed the committee goals and their progress
- Elected the Vice-chair for the committee, Joshua Kim
- Discussion on UCRU and their goals in supporting international students.