

November 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)

- Post-election Advocacy Priorities: the VP External portfolio continues to update the committee on provincial lobbying priorities, especially in regards to communication packages to MLA and a lobby week in the process of being organized, now that the results are certified.
- Transparency Campaign: the VP AUA and External portfolios are in the process of launching a campaign to raise attention to the work and areas of advocacy that the portfolios are working on, with a focus on informing and engaging with students.
- AMS External Policies Manual: The Committee has made steps to begin the process of reviewing and making recommendations on the ongoing process surrounding the evaluation and updating of the AMS External Policies Manual, given that the document was last updated in 2018, and has a number of outdated or irrelevant sections, along with concerns that the approach of using the manual may be obsolete.

Work Completed this Month

- Discussion on the organization of the AMS Just Recovery/Sustainability Symposium by the VP Admin portfolio in December.
- Provided Feedback regarding the Academic Experience Survey from the VP AUA's portfolio
- Discussion on the VP External Portfolio's work in UCRU Federal Lobby Week
- Discussion on the VP AUA's portfolio's work regarding consultation on advocacy approaches on UBC's budget and tuition policies