

December 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. However, meeting times are currently being consulted on and awaiting change for the W21 term; 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)

- Exam Schedules and Compassionate Accommodation: the VP AUA Portfolio continues to work with the Senate, dean and ombudsperson on ensuring students, particularly international students of different time zones, will be better supported in future exams, and be accommodated from taking exams at awkward hours of the day, since these measures have been implemented at other universities such as McGill and not UBC.
- 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, in particular towards the Senate Teaching and Learning Committee.
- AMS External Policies Manual: Acknowledging the importance and benefits of an AMS External Policies Manual, and the limitations of the committee, discussions relating to the manual has been tabled to the next calendar year, with the committee expressing a strong desire for the AMS to hire a policy advisor.

Work Completed this Month

- Final updates and feedback regarding the Transparency campaign by the AMS VP AUA and External Portfolios which are to be launched in December 2020.
- Discussion and feedback regarding the provincial lobbying priorities and draft document regarding communication to MLAs and Lobbying by the VP External Portfolio, which is expected to launch early January 2021.