

## January Advocacy Committee Report to AMS Council

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Greetings and Salutations from the advocacy committee!

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

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### Works in Progress (or on the Horizon)

- Partnerships with student groups are being further developed by the VP External's portfolio, from UTILE on sustainable student co-op housing, to UCRU's organizational development, and the BCFS's effort in lobbying for skytrain to UBC, along with collaborations with the BC Housing Working Group and SEEDS initiative in developing qualitative research and operating grants. More from these efforts is expected to be updated to the committee.
- Provincial Lobbying: the VP External portfolio, having had conversations with multiple MLAs from all parties currently in the legislature, will continue to meet a number of MLAs of the current session.
- Tuition and Budget Consultation: with the UBC Budget consultation being released in January, the VP AUA portfolio continues to work with different student groups such as the GSS to oppose tuition increase and make asks on areas such as accessibility, affordability, and inclusion, which was to be elaborated in detail in the subsequent AMS Council meeting.

### Work Completed this Month

- Reviewed and submitted the Report on AMS Sustainability/ Just Recovery Consultations to Council
- Referred draft changes to Policy I-11 on tuition consultations to Governance Committee
- Discussed, reviewed, and referred draft changes to Policy I-12 around consultations and surveys for data driven advocacy to Governance Committee