



- advocating for standardization of policies
- working with housing stakeholders
- working with the attorney general and ministry of housing 2 billion dollar investment
- presenting to special committee personal information privacy act
  - student society should be able to collect personal information on students of Uni
  - Affiliate colleges pose a barrier (they miss important notices)
    - the way law is structured
- UPass in fall
  - take into account international students who won't be present on
- Met with Attorney General, set goals/relationship building
- Update made by the ministry of immigration
  - 3 day hotel stay is no longer in effect for those who are vaccinated by Health Canada-approved vaccines
  - still unclear what that looks like for campus quarantine
- UCRU Vice-Chair
  - goal setting
  - e.g. complete removal of interest rate/more support for international students
- Executive goals will be on docket on council on June 23rd, 2021

#### 5) Mask Mandate (Discussion)

-Kamil: item brought up within many students on campus

- a lot of uncomfotability around optional mask decision by gov/UBC
- maybe VPAUA/VPX can bring into discussion with government and UBC

Saad: changing narrative from restrictions to vaccine (government)

- university will most likely follow public health recommendations
- will try to bring up to province: they will be unlikely to budge (they want to change the narrative)
- something that will be consistently brought up but unlikely

Eshana: University will most likely not budge

- been made clear; will not happen
- what we can do: ask University to mandate vaccine at areas with control
  - for example: student residence
- a lot of faculty who is considered, older instructors

Saad: provincial government response: also want to take into account of mental health of students

- vaccine mandate: will leave up to individual institutions

Eshana: PHO guidelines are bare minimum

Ben: Concern for mandate vaccine in resident

- if put into law
- could be a legal concern (especially in business and workplace)

Gabrielle: Support Ben's idea that there are logistics to take into account

- even contemplating vaccine: need to consider all contingency plans
  - e.g. religious exemptions
- extreme difficult situation for it to be a coherent plan

Eshana: this is institution with billions of dollar in budget

- UBC has ability to solve these problems
- will be whether they want to act or not

Saad: UBC residential not covered under legislation

- unless actual court dispute, vaccine mandate would not be issue for now

Eshana: logistically will be more of a task for UBC rather than AMS

- AMS not responsible for coming up with contingency
- appeal for health/cultural/religious/ indigenous would be required
- absolutely no evictions (primarily winter housing)
- honour system?

Saad: general hesitance big thing to take into consideration

- vaccine hesitancy is an issue we have to take into account
- government: making sure vaccines readily available to people who don't have access (international students)

Eshana: a lot of things that are happening in different areas in UBC student housing

- something heard across student: people coming to own conclusion(speculations)
  - these could come into discrimination

Ben: What would happen if someone comes in who doesn't want to get a vaccine? (no reason)

Saad: valid concern

- logistics of this needs to be ironed out, a lot needs to be ironed out on the ground
- U-Pass: we can't ask for medical private information

Eshana: Great point

- making clear to uni execs by sharing student concerns

Kamil: Has UBC residence committed to mandating vaccines?

Eshana: No, but some schools like Western have required vaccines in rez

- really want advocacy efforts to go strong

Emmanuel: last senate meeting: question period for Ratner who was Vice-Provost

- I asked question about international students
- Answer: Vaccine will be open to any students on campus in fall

Will it be easily accessible to students on campus?

Eshana: advocating for more vaccine clinic on campus

- PHO who does it, UBC will need to take action

Saad: not a black/white situation, advocacy centred around mandating vaccines

Eshana: advocacy effort is this and that

- go full swing fighting for students in our advocacy

Eshana: Do we want to take this to council?

Saad: making motion to add as discussion item

Kamil: engaging focus groups and students on campus?

Emmanuel: Will advocacy have an opportunity to look at return-to-campus survey?

Eshana: Will bring to committee to give feedback, will be a brief survey, quick feedback needed.

Saad; Survey better to engage students at large, focus groups better for communication

- 6) Goal setting for Committee

Tabled to next meeting

### **Next Meeting**

The next scheduled meeting will be on (date), (time).

Eshana: Once a month?

### **Adjournment**

Moved: Saad

Seconded: Emmanuel

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6 pm.