



## **Agenda of the AMS Advocacy Committee**

5 pm, August 16th, 2021

### **Attendance**

Present: Rebecca Lee, Eshana Bhangu, Ben Morrison, Saad Shoaib, Kamil Kanji, Gabrielle Matheson, Lawrence Liu, Emmanuel Cantiller

### **Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order at 5:10 pm.

### **Territorial Acknowledgement**

### **Approval of the Agenda**

Moved: Saad Seconded: Rebecca

“BE IT RESOLVED THAT the agenda be adopted as presented.”

### **(Agenda Items)**

- 1) VP AUA Updates
- 2) VPX Updates
- 3) In-camera portion
- 4) Committee Goal Setting

### **Next Meeting**

### **Adjournment**

Moved: Rebecca Seconded: Saad

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 5:59pm.

### **Meeting Minutes**

Eshana: Alot of back and forth with President and VP Students; we are getting somewhere

- awaiting Bonny Henry saying something; optimistic

- Return2campus survey will be available on council docket

Saad: Canadian Snap election upcoming; get out to vote campaign

- AMS leading UCRU student voting campaign
- Polling station planned in the nest
- alot of social media content through UCRU
- Pints and Politics
- Boothing in front of nest: sending out call for volunteers will be sent out
- Elections Canada: recently not deploying ESP
  - external service plan
  - students cannot vote outside of home riding
  - working with GSS to include all Grad students in campaign efforts

### **In-Camera sessions**

Committee Goal Setting:

Kamil: using committee chairs goal (Eshana and Saad), to get an idea

Eshana: campaign promise are goals; safe return 2 campus was biggest goal

- hybrid models/recorded lecture
- OERs/affordable textbooks

Saad: Review of AMS External Policy Guide; very out of date

- something that wanted to do in the past, will be done soon with Policy Advisor
- Housing projects: create non-profit student housing (operated and funded)

Eshana: 50-60% of all rooms are equipped with some sort

- technology isn't a problem, getting faculty on board is a concern
- we are planning on some sort of campaign to encourage

Gabrielle: In terms of pushback, what is the basis of pushback? shouldn't it be relatively uncontroversial

Eshana: arguments ranging from pedagogical reasons to intellectual concerns, attendance and engagement

- once there is faculty uptake: easier to convince more funding

Emmanuel: part of working group of Senate; one of working group is: More inclusive ways of learning such as online recorded lectures and office hours

Saad: Overdose prevention advocacy: a lot of immediate issues

- Campaign to pitch to the committee: we are planning on running a positional referendum
- act as a gauge; gauge support for student buy-in of potential student non-profit housing project
- will be good goal for committee



Eshana: something I have been trying to advocate for is potentially giving on campus drug testing on bi-weekly AMS VPAUA/VP Students office

Saad: we don't have an accessible drug testing center on campus

- big concern: not 100% determinant of ingredients in drugs
- would be very great to have on campus

Eshana: another avenue we want to advocate: Naloxone training and bag

Saad: We are meeting with external stakeholder; providing AMS with Naloxone kits for distribution on campus

Eshana: VP Academic caucus can be gauged

**Overall Committee Goals:**

Working closely with the VPX and VP AUA in fulfilling their and committee goals

Teaching and learning enhancements

OERs

Non-profit housing

Drug testing on campus/Naloxone training & increasing kit availability

**“BIRT that the Minutes for the August 16th AMS Advocacy Committee is adopted for submission”**

Mover: Eshana

Seconded: Kamil