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Saad: Review of AMS External Policy Guide; very out of date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