



August Advocacy Committee Report to AMS Council

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August Committee Meeting:

The AMS Advocacy Committee held one committee meeting in the month of August. The meeting was held on Monday, August 16th. In the VP External updates, Saad provided the committee with updates around the upcoming Canada Snap Election. Along with UCRU, AMS will be partaking in the Get out to Vote campaign to urge students to vote in the upcoming election. Informal events such as Meet the Candidates will be held at the Nest to encourage dialogue between the students and the candidates. The VPAUA updated the committee on current advocacy efforts around mask and vaccine mandate on campus. In addition to office updates, the committee had a lengthy discussion surrounding committee goals, those of which are listed down below. An in-camera discussion also took place at the August committee meeting.

Advocacy Committee Goals:

- 1) Working and supporting closely with the VPX and VP AUA in fulfilling committee and office
- 2) Looking for ways to enhance teaching and learning within classrooms
- 3) Advocating for increased use of open education resources (OERs)
- 4) Non-profit housing
- 5) Seeking to introduce a drug testing site on campus/ offering naloxone training & increasing kit availability for gatherings.