



Meeting/Committee: Advocacy Committee

Date: 06/02/22

Recorded By: Tomila Sahbaei (AVP AA)

Attendance:

Present: Erin Co; Sagorika Haque ; Mimi ; Minaho Chiew ; Priscilla Ng ; Julia Dhillon ; Julia Wang ; Maddie Elder ; Audrey

Absent:

Regrets: Dana Turdy

Call to Order:

- a. The meeting called at: 5:33 PM
- b. End meeting time at: 6:32 PM; Mover Mina; Julia D seconder

Last Meeting's Minutes Approval

Agenda Adoption

Agenda Item (Submitter, Time)	Actions and Conclusions
Agenda 1: Last Committee	<ul style="list-style-type: none">● Meeting every 2 weeks● Audrey has a time conflict – moving forward can we move our meeting to 6-7 PM<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Mina will have to leave meetings around 6:50 PM○ Julia Wang: Is 1 hour the set time frame?<ul style="list-style-type: none">■ Erin Co: most likely, at least for the summer, might ramp up in the fall but will be given heads up in this case○ Sagorika: OK with time change, but will be unavailable to attend next meeting because of travel

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Goals as a committee <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Working closely with Erin and Dana ○ Past goals seemed a little vague; this year aim is to have more specific goals ○ Ongoing work – Israel/Palestine motion; Mimi working closely on this ○ Retiring AMS Campus Safety Vision – Dana will touch on this more at the next meeting
<p>Agenda 2: Vice Chair appointments</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Erin Co: Dana is interested <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Sagorika: What are the responsibilities in this role? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Erin: Supporting the chair, setting agenda, be someone other committee members can go to with their questions ● Erin: <i>Be it resolved that Dana Turdy is appointed as Vice Chair until September</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Mover Julia; Seconder Mina
<p>Agenda 3: AUA and External goals for the year</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● AUA office <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Tomila: Right now focusing on harm reduction; what can we do for different groups on campus; campus vision 2050; but Dana will be able to give more information at the next meeting ● External Office <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Erin: Harm reduction; sexual assault prevention; UPASS continuation; Dana and I are both working on Campus Vision 2050 ● Erin: What should the offices be working on? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Mina: where are we with the RPC Divestment?

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Erin: directing Mina to Eshana ■ Mimi: hasn't spent a lot of time on; RBC is invested in non-sustainable practises; discussion around AMS banking with someone else but is not at the moment (contract?)
<p>Agenda 4: External Policy Manual</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Mimi: policy available at the bottom of the policies page; been around since the 90s <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Hasn't been used, not actual policies moreso statements created to guide VP external and VP aua ○ Policies are outdated, considering getting rid of the manuel into a new format; read over manuel shared by Erin to consider these changes ● Erin: VPs should have what was done before so that continuity is maintained; but the current document is outdated; past committee discussing it is not very relevant <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ 3 options are to <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ retire this document and replace it with a new one <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Erin more in favour of this one because it would be good to have the option available for future execs ■ Work on changing this current one ■ Retire it completely <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Execs still have transition training ● Mimi: policy is not used a whole lot ● Sagorika: is this manual binding?

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Mimi: AMS has a lot of binding documents; by-law most important; external policy exists somewhere down the ‘food chain’ ; was more useful in 90s and (80s) when advocacy work was still a new concept <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ FYI – all AMS policies have a responsible body; and they all have a review date and all the policies in this manual are all up for review and are meant to be reviewed by the advocacy committee – committee would need to review about 9 policies
<p>Agenda 5: Explore ESG Principle Investment for UBC</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Erin: this is more Dana’s area so she would like to discuss it next meeting
<p>Agenda 6: Set Committee Goals</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Maddie (in chat): harm reduction <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Sagorika interested in this too ● Mina: reduce food costs <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ LFS launched a 9 week program which was a great pilot program but the low cost would be considered normal outside of UBC ○ Erin: Dana and Erin met with AMS services (foodbank); students lining up for 6 hours ○ Sagorika: highlighting sprouts work – how we could support those initiatives ● Sagorika: harm reduction <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Trauma informed approach <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Erin echoes this approach ○ Erin: safe disposal sites

	<ul style="list-style-type: none">● Erin: more affordable housing; continuing work on OERs● Sagorika (in chat): Is a student housing rent freeze something we can explore/have some power to think about?<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Erin: looking for government support● Erin: more support for international students on campus● Sagorika: sexual violence support policy in external manual + policy revision a few years – can we continue in anti-violence advocacy<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ SVPRO – bridging gap between survivor and professor○ Ending culture of violence○ More spaces for students● Sagorika: textbook accessibility – hybrid learning as the norm for more accessibility<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Compassionate academic policies○ Audrey echoes this – lecture recording are really helpful; catered to more than just extroverts● Mina: procedures around sexual assault disclosure (integrating these ideas into jumpstart)● Mina: Professors not wanting to record lectures + closed captioning – make this the standard● Julia D: UBC residence doesn't honour your gender identity, all based on sex assigned at birth<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Dangerous situation● Erin echoes everyone's ideas
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Notes:

Bi-weekly meetings okay with everyone? – Can reach out to Erin with concerns

Questions

