



Meeting/Committee: Advocacy Committee

Date: 06/30/2022

Recorded By: Tomila Sahbaei

**Attendance:**

**Present:** Audrey C; Sagorika H; Dana T; Erin C; Madeline E; Julia D

**Absent:**

**Regrets:** Minaho C, Julia W, Thomas D, Sadhvi S

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**Call to Order:**

- a. The meeting called at: 6:03 pm
- b. End meeting time at: 6:59 pm

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**Last Meeting's Minutes Approval**

Julia (mover); Audrey (seconder)

**Agenda Adoption**

Agenda Item (Submitter, Time)	Actions and Conclusions
<b>External Policy Manual</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● Dana, Mimi, and Erin working on brainstorming</li><li>● Erin: Be it resolved that the current external policy manual be replaced and updated with a new one (Mover–Sagorika; Seconder–Julia D; no dissents)</li></ul>
<b>ESG Principles</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● March–council passed a motion to look into advocating to UBC to develop ESG principles regarding human rights violations</li><li>● Document outlining UBC's investments, current state, some info about ESG principles, and also what the university needs to do to divest<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ Currently no standard measurement</li><li>○ Task item for committee members to read through the document</li></ul></li></ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Dana planning to finalize the report by next meeting to be shared with council; happy to have support             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Sagorika in chat: would love to be part of research process</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
<p><b>Engagement Principles</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Ran on campaign of principles and process for the AMS to use when engaging with student groups, marginalized communities; students have voiced their concern about this; engagement needs to happen in a way that is non-extractive, compensated, and accessible for everyone</li> <li>● Document will outline a process</li> <li>● Going out for broader student consultation</li> <li>● Feedback?             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Erin: having a set of principles is great; working group that involves more councillors                 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ Dana: sub-committee would be good (adhoc)</li> </ul> </li> <li>○ Madeline: echoing Erin—likes having it open to many people;                 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ Erin: specifically reaching out to equity-deserving groups; can work on this with Madeline and Dana</li> </ul> </li> </ul> </li> </ul>
<p><b>Rent-freeze</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Rental rates—landlord raising rent prices; AMS is trying to draft a letter in support of a rent freeze</li> <li>● Rent freeze instead of rent cap             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Don't have the capacity to advocate for a cap</li> <li>○ Data from early stages of pandemic support rent freeze</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
<p><b><u>Advocacy Committee Goals</u></b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Dana and Erin drafted this</li> </ul>

- Committee member can directly add to the doc—want to make sure goals are from the committee as a whole
- VPX more focused on mental health and harm reduction; working with municipalities
- Sagorika: trauma-informed training; target-groups that work with students (centre for accessibility; faculty-advising, et cetera)
- VPAUA Goals
  - working with housing—amnesty policy for students dealing with overdose; current housing policy means student can be evicted
    - In practise more lenient—but policy does not show this
  - Improve harm reduction within residences; RAs trauma informed training
  - Needs—assessment of students on campus
    - Madeline: coordinate with harm reduction coalition; Dana and Erin on board; wrote previous needs assessment
    - Greater canadian students survey data
  - Food security initiative
    - Resources
      - Emergency services
      - How to eat sustainably
      - Looking at having a workshop in the nest
    - Funding decrease—advocating to UBC about more funding; especially the student-led initiatives
    - Campaign regarding food security—encouraging donations

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● VPX—student allowance; restricted to different things <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ BC student housing loan program</li> <li>○ CAMPUS VISION 2050—more housing</li> </ul> </li> <li>● VPAUA—campus housing <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Campus vision will ramp up over the next year; consultation with UBC community</li> <li>○ Building more housing</li> </ul> </li> <li>● Julia D <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Rooms are assigned based on assigned sex at birth and not gender</li> </ul> </li> <li>● VPX—PR fastrack <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ International students’ worklearn experiences are not eligible for this</li> <li>○ Including international students in government funded co-op</li> </ul> </li> <li>● VPAUA—SASC month <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Event in HATCH art gallery</li> <li>○ Policy committee—SASC gets a seat</li> </ul> </li> <li>● Sagorika <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Mandatory trauma informed training</li> <li>○ Workshops like SASC</li> </ul> </li> <li>● Hybrid learning—Sagorika <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Option for professors to do online learning for accessibility students and/or immuno-compromised students</li> </ul> </li> <li>● Mask mandate</li> </ul>

**Notes:**

- Meeting agenda next week will include mask item

**SUMMARY: ACTION ITEMS**

*\*update to include incomplete action items from last meeting(s)*

*\*completed items should be marked with a check: ✓*



Action Item	Person Responsible	Deadline	Completed?