



Meeting/Committee: Advocacy Committee

Date: August 4th, 2022

Recorded By: Tomila Sahbaei

Attendance:

Present: Erin Co, Dana Turdy, Mimi Neufield, Sagorika Haque, Kaysan Adriyanto, Julia Dhillon

Absent:

Regrets: Thomas Dunsmore, Maddie Elder, Sadhvi Sail, Julia Wang

Call to Order:

- a. The meeting called at: 6:04 PM
- b. End meeting time at: 6:35 PM

Last Meeting's Minutes Approval


June 30th meeting minutes (Mover: Kaysan; Seconder: Dana)

Agenda Adoption

(Agenda Approval - Mover: Sagorika; Seconder: Kaysan)

Agenda Item (Submitter, Time)	Actions and Conclusions
<p>Policy Manual (Erin, 6:10PM) EPM & Education</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">● Advocacy priorities are no longer relevant or need updating● Council is passed a motion to create a new one● Aim is to create a more timeless document<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Looking at things/issues students have historically highlighted (ie: housing)● Working document<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ First part is basic information; who do we want to be using this document; how do we want people to be using this document○ Second part is what this committee would like future committees to be aware of○ Third section is more relevant to Erin and Dana for filling out but will be

	<p>shared with committee for feedback; advocacy strategies</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">● Plan for creating the document<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Interest in consulting with different advocacy groups; how they do their work; their feedback for the AMS○ After this consultation → work with Mimi on building the first draft○ After Mimi's overviews the document it will be presented to council for approval● First page will be on who will be using this document and how they will be using it (VP AUA; VP X; Advocacy Committee)<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ What other groups should we send this document to?○ Dana: internal document or using it as a document that can be shown to the public as document that guides the advocacy work, point the student body<ul style="list-style-type: none">■ Erin: posted online or email newsletter; maybe not posting the projects but definitely the principles and guiding values● Example document: https://sfss.ca/wp-content/uploads/2022/05/SFSS-Issues-Policies-2022-05-05.pdf<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Major issues and advocacy → acknowledges stance, importance, position statement kind of document○ This document needs to explain our position on long-term advocacy issues while also being operative to help facilitate onboarding● Writing in updates on long-term advocacy issues● Maybe consider having a version that is more accessible to the student body● Topics to cover in this document
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Advocacy issues that are currently being worked on – this is where the consultation process would be in ○ Responsible for updating the document – VP AUA; VP X; Advocacy Committee – good for them to revisit every year ● Dana: consider a section that makes it clear that some things cannot be advocated for
<p>VP AUA Updates (Dana, 6:29M)  ESG Principles Report</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● ESG Principles and Report – about UBC investments, stemming from divestment motion, specifically advocating to the university for a human rights centered approach ● Consulting and Engagement document – lays out principles for how we engage student body and compensation for consultation; being developed; draft should be ready by next week
<p>VP External Updates (Erin, 6:33PM)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Rent freeze has been sent to unions for signatures ● Funding formula review – if successful, could taper off tuition increases ● SUDs ● Working on submission about Opioid Crisis – recommendations for creating a safer environment for everyone ● Free contraceptives by AMS in time for return to campus

Notes:

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?
Start thinking about topics to be covered on the second page of the EPM	Everyone	Next Meeting	
Go over and consider feedback for ESG Principles document	Everyone	Next Meeting	