



Meeting/Committee: Advocacy Committee

Date: 26/09/2022

Recorded By: Tomila

Attendance:

Present: Dana, Erin, Sagorika, Matthew, Kaysan, Charlene, Isabella, Mimi (Policy Advisor - guest), Alex, Julia

Absent:

Regrets:

Call to Order:

- a. The meeting called at: 5:32 pm
- b. End meeting time at: 6:31 pm

Last Meeting's Minutes Approval

- Motion to past last week's minutes brought forward by Dana. Be it resolved that the August 11th meeting minutes are approved (Mover – Kayson; Second – Sagorika; passed unanimously)

Agenda Adoption

- Motion for today's agenda to be approved. Be it resolved that the agenda for the September 26th Advocacy Committee agenda is approved (Mover – Erin; Second – Kayson; passed unanimously)

| Agenda Item (Submitter, Time) | Actions and Conclusions |
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| Meeting times for term one (Dana, 5:42 pm) | - Every other Monday from 5:30 to 6:30 pm; adjustments are okay |
| Advocomm overview (Dana, 5:44 pm) | - Come to meetings, or email Dana, Erin or Tomila if there is a conflict - Meetings will be in person, but zoom is possible too; just email beforehand |

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| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Advocacy committee transition document has advocomm info from last year) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Provides information about ESG and Palestine motion - Motion passed in March council issuing a statement about what is happening in Israel/Palestine → brought forward by advocomm <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Two parts; issuing a statement and writing a letter to the BoG - The final piece is that this committee looks into human rights based ESG principles - Geopolitical range of the committee would be an overview of where the AMS fits in the scope of geopolitical conflicts - Committee goals document will be shared with members - Purpose of committee is to provide a forum for advocacy issues to be explored on campus, as well as support the work of the AMS AUA and External office - External Policy Manual <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Will be reviewed and restructured this year - Active policies versus expired ones |
| <p>Motion for the agenda to be amended to include the election of vice chair of advocacy committee (Dana, 5:45 pm)</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Be it resolved that the September 26th agenda for advocacy committee is amended to include election of the vice chair of the committee (Mover – Matthew; Seconder – Sagorika; passed unanimously) |
| <p>Vice chair (Dana; 5:46 pm)</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Be it resolved that Erin Co is vice chair of the advocacy committee (Mover – Matthew; Seconder – Sagorika; passed with unanimous consent) |

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| <p>ESG Principles Report (Dana, 6:01)</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Time for questions and comments about the work advocomm will be doing for this report <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Flexibility with number of options committee presents - University investments → investment managers with portfolios; the way they make sure this is responsible is with the ESG Principles <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - This is where the fossil fuel divestment movement came from - 1B → work that committee will undertake after it is brought to council <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 1A is more about consulting different students groups; and 1B is more about stuff like targeted surveys, et cetera - Consulting externally with groups can begin after item is brought to council |
| <p>Provincial Lobbying Week (Erin, 6:13)</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Provincial lobbying week is in October; going to Victoria; VPX narrowed down three main topics: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - (1) Student financial aid; expanding BC access grant to include grad students; - (2) loan programs; more consistent funding for housing loan program; - (3) recognizing full courseload for accessibility students; transport/bus accessibility; Here2Talk adding a feature that offers features for asking for culturally competent counsellors - Comments from committee members <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Increase awareness on Here2Talk - Support voiced for advocating for culturally competent counsellors |

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| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Support voiced for advocating to bus' to increase more accessibility |
| Updates from VPX (Dana, 6:21) | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Get out to vote campaign; event next Monday; election candidates will be there; vancouver mayoral debate in NEST Egg on October 6th - Food security pilot program; food waste from Save On Foods that could be given to sprouts, et cetera <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Closure of Fooood; VP AUA conversations with UBC administration about limited funding - Harm reduction resource list - World Contraception Day |
| Updates from VP AUA (Dana, 6:30) | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - UBC campus vision 2050 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Advocating for increased affordable housing for students, faculty and staff |

Notes:

- Reach out to Erin and Dana about any questions

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? |
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| Go over ESG Principles document and come with suggestions/comments | Everyone | Next committee meeting | |
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