

## **Office of the Vice President, External Affairs**

Report to Council, January 25<sup>th</sup> 2023

### **Second Provincial Lobby Week**

- Reached out to and confirmed times with MLAs across parties as well as one-on-one times with Ministers
- Purpose is to further advocate for our priorities from the previous lobby week, discuss new issues and the upcoming budget to be released February 28<sup>th</sup>, and create relationships with the new members of Cabinet

### **Post-Secondary Funding Formula Review**

- Alongside the Policy Advisor, drafting our submission of recommended considerations for the creation of the Funding Formula, completion is estimated for next week
- Collaborating with UBC on aligned advocacy on the review (e.g., funding the creation of more student housing)

### **Federal Lobby Week**

- As UCRU, our federal coalition of the U15 schools, we travelled to Ottawa to advocate for student priorities namely
  - Student Financial Aid
  - Student Employment
  - Mental Health
  - Indigenous Student Education
- We met with MPs and Ministers across party lines and attended Question Period
- Our package can be found here: <https://drive.google.com/file/d/1aQfD0dU-0zIATDDGzJEleZUFMva9tbjP/view?usp=sharing>

### **Equity Based Grants Policy Paper**

- With the data from the graduate class compiled and completed in December, the policy paper is underway to be submitted outlining the importance of creating Equity Based Grants

### **UPass Term 2 Exemption**

- Launched the term 2 AMS UPass Exemption which closes on January 30<sup>th</sup> (UBC's closes January 23<sup>rd</sup> and the AMS Subsidy closes February 17<sup>th</sup>)

### **Ukrainian Student Union Letter**



- Drafting a letter to the Ministry of Post-Secondary Education and Future Skills calling for a stronger tuition support mandate for ALL Ukrainian students