



Meeting/Committee: Advocacy Committee

Date: 12/05/2022

Recorded By: Tomila Sahbaei

Attendance:

Present: Mimi (Policy advisor - guest), Sagorika, Dana, Matthew, Kaysan, Erin

Absent:

Regrets: Isabella Howley

Call to Order:

- a. The meeting called at: 5:46 pm
- b. End meeting time at: 6:45 pm

Last Meeting's Minutes Approval

Be it resolved that the 11/21 meeting minutes are approved for council (Dana, 5:47)

- Mover – Dana; Seconder – Matthew
- Passed with unanimous consent

Agenda Adoption

Agenda Item (Submitter, Time)	Actions and Conclusions
Land Acknowledgement (Dana, 5:46 pm)	
Agenda Approval (Dana; 5:48 pm)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Be it resolved that the December 5th, 2022 advocacy committee agenda is approved<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Mover – Dana; Seconder – Kaysan
Agenda Amendments (Dana; 5:48 pm)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Motion to add December 6th council agenda to advocomm agenda for December 5th 2022<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Mover – Dana; Seconder – Sagorika
EPM (Mimi; 5:50 pm)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Discussion questions on EPM Proposed Structure

- Consider including AMS committees that advocate and lobby to the groups in each section of the EPM
- Matthew: will this need to be revised if governance review happens next year?
 - Mimi: possibility of committee roles changing; executive roles; will work with committee to make necessary updates
- Note on introduction: portion of introduction explaining the structure of the document; make it clear to readers how the document should be navigated?
- Matthew: other definitions to include → consultation
 - Mimi: PC-6 will include a definition on consultation that could be added to the definitions sections
- Discussion section 1: Do we want to include the AMS as a body that we advocate towards?; How do execs do advocacy within the organization and to council; food security advocacy is an example
 - Kaysan: Will there be a section that includes referenda?
 - Matthew: Section that clarifies whatever the AMS is advocating for the organisation is also aligned with instead of an internal advocacy section
 - Erin: Internal advocacy section not relevant for EPM
 - Dana: Consideration to change document from EPM to advocacy manuel
 - Mimi: other discussion questions address this (document name; where the document lives)

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Document is more associated with the kind of advocacy AMS does, rather than an EPM - Discussion around naming the document <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Kaysan: SFU Policy Issues manuel - Sagorika: Accessible language is important for this document; include handbook in the name - Discussion on where the document is going to live; more informal form because of the audience, make sure it is usable <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Matthew: Keep policy under advocacy section of website - Discussion on AMS exec sections <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Mimi: Do we want to includes general information of how execs should act? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Yes - Discussion on which AMS execs to include in University advocacy and external advocacy too? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Dana: Yes, we should include President as an executive in this section - Matthew: President is the one who has to make statements from the AMS – we could include this here - Mimi to send out discussion questions on ams committees for advocomm to deliberate on in their own time. - Matthew final comments <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Main body advocacy → would it be necessary or redundant to add more groups? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Mimi: Can discuss adding more departments
<p>December 6th AMS Council Agenda (Dana, 6:25 pm)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Item in AMS Council from President that the advocacy committee take a vote on non-confidence in the BoG - BoG moved today's meeting from 8 am; usually Board starts with open discussion and then into

	<p>closed, but Board has been doing more closed discussion which means less accountability → started today's meeting with closed discussion</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Matthew: Also conducting the meeting; Governors leaving the meeting - Vote of no confidence can have varying implications; unprecedented - Mimi: Lease on the NEST allows the AMS to use the building as the legitimate student society of the University - Sagorika: Language of institutional discomfort represents student body's disagreement with tuition increases - Matthew: If the Board retaliates with no confidence it might jeopardize advocacy work thus far <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Sagorika: But where would the Board get the basis for invalidating the AMS' work? Versus a no confidence vote on data-driven evidence from us. - Kaysan: Resource proving tuition increases are not sustainable
<p>VPAUA and VPX Updates (Dana and Erin, 6:40 pm)</p>	<p>VPAUA</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Tuition <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Formal budget priorities will be presented at council in the new year - Engagement survey - Freeze protest - Action plan for student housing - Thrive month - Planning for SA awareness month; working with SVPRO and SASC - Engagement principles → office will be considering next steps <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Council mentioned wanting to make this a policy; formalize this into code <p>VPX</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Federal lobby week

