



**Office of the Vice President External Affairs
Advocacy Committee: 2022 May-August Report to Council**

Summary

Alongside the VPX and VP AUA sharing their updates on various advocacy progress, the advocacy committee directly worked on:

- Committee Goals: drafted committee goals to guide efforts throughout the year
- External Policy Manual: retired the outdated External Policy Manual and is in the process of creating a new one
- ESG Principles: starting to do research on ESG Principles after many internal discussions
- Campus Safety Vision Statement: retired the outdated Campus Safety Vision Statement as it is now in AMS policies

Activities of the Committee

Meeting Date	Summary of Topics Discussed	Action/s Taken
06/02/22	Standing Items from Last Year’s Committee <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Setting a consistent time to meet (every two weeks on Thursdays) - How to create committee goals Vice Chair Appointment Sharing AUA and External Goals for the Year <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Each VP shared their goals and the committee asked for updates on some items External Policy Manual <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Briefed on what the EPM is - Discussion on what has since happened to the EPM and its use Committee Goals <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - There was discussion around harm 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Started on creating committee goals - Committee members to review the current EPM



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	<p>reduction, food insecurity, housing, OERs; international student support; sexualized violence policy; hybrid learning</p>	
06/16/22	<p>ESG Principles</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - VP AUA will prepare a comprehensive report and present to Advocacy Committee and Council <p>External Policy Manual</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Continued discussion <p>Committee Goals</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Committee members will brainstorm specific action items for each broad category of a goal 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Started on creating committee goals - Committee members to review the current EPM
06/30/22	<p>External Policy Manual</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Passed the following motion: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Be it resolved that the current external policy manual be replaced and updated with a new one <p>ESG Principles</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - VP AUA provided background and shared a document outlining UBC's investments, current state, some info about ESG principles, and also what the university needs to do to divest <p>Engagement Principles</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Start pulling from the previous EPM to add to the new EPM



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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Spoke about set of principles, document outlining process, and student consultation <p>Rent Freeze Letter</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - VPX plans to write a letter calling for a rent freeze in BC due to record-high inflation <p>Committee Goals</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Document found here - VPX and VP AUA drafted goals and members are able to add and discuss anything 	
08/04/22	<p>External Policy Manual</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Aim is to create a more timeless document; 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 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Start thinking about topics to be covered on the second page of the EPM - Go over and consider feedback for ESG Principles document



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	<p style="text-align: center;">to Erin and Dana for filling out but will be shared with committee for feedback; advocacy strategies</p> <p>Opioid Crisis Submission</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - VPX is working on submission to Select Standing Committee on Health <p>Rent Freeze Letter</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Has been circulated to government and other student unions 	
<p>08/11/22</p>	<p>ESG Principles</p> <p>Campus Safety Vision Statement</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Was last updated in 2009; Position statement to replace this instead - Values on what having a respectful campus community looks like - Passed a motion: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Be it resolved that the AMS retired the 2009 Campus Safety Vision Statement <p>BC Budget Consultation Update</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Got report back from the Select Standing Committee on Finance - Our recommendations were taken up (housing, BC Access Grant, employment) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Initial research of adding human rights based to ESG report - Organize how the committee can do the work of the ESG report