

Meeting called to order at 6:06

Kamil presents a land acknowledgement

Approval of the agenda

Moved :Mayank

Seconded: Anna

Approval of the Minutes

Moved: Tina

Seconded: Mayank

Vice Chair Election

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Tina be elected as the vice chair of advocacy committee until the the first fall meeting in September

Moved: Tina

Seconded: Kamil

Kamil: Typically the vice chair will assist in agenda planning and taking minutes and chairing the committee in my absence. I think what we should do is that those who are interested should put up their hands and then if there are more than one, we can hear a short speech from them and vote.

Tina, Mayank and Anna raise their hands.

Anna: I WOULD LIKE TO BE VICE CHAIR because I will bring my experience on the ukrainian club and I have ensured committees are on track to complete goals, i have done a lot of collab with AUA na d externals in the past

Tina: As VPX I would like to bring in my advocacy priorities and being a part of UCRU. I'm in a place where I can facilitate collaboration with UBC and I'd like to receive help in pushing forward my goals with the government. Great place to carry out advocacy goals.

Mayank: I was VP Academic of EUS last year and realized after running our last annual survey that there are a lot of issues that students are facing right now and some of those issues I brought to Kamil and I'd like to continue providing a different perspective as engineer students experience a lot of issue more harshly and i think having an eng voice will be good.

Updates from AUA and External Office

Kamil: We'll just share what things we're working on that are most relevant to the committee. So in the AUA office we're working on creating an undergraduate research fund called smurf and it

will help facilitate undergraduate research. We're asking for some money. The way it will work is that people will put forward proposals and then research support specialists will work as advisors to the researchers and then it will go to an adjudication committee that will make the final decision. Hopefully we'll be able to fund 35 projects. We used PAF, the fund in engineering as a model to inspire our work.

Tina: So a student named James shared with us that at a translink board meeting he wrote a letter and we also met with mayor brody and councilor mike classen who also said he'd be in touch which is encouraging to hear. We met with James to discuss our next steps and today we had a meeting with translink Tessa who is network manager. We had a one hour discussion and the main summary is that translink is financially constrained. I think I was there to support James' advocacy. I came from ubc perspective and we refuted their argument to james and were going to have continuous conversations with james and translink. We're also looking at making graphics to share. I'm also presenting on CASA tomorrow in council. I'm basically talking about why UCRU is unstable and not a good place for federal advocacy. Today Uottawa left UCRU and three of these schools are part of CASA observership program and its \$100/conference and there's 4 conferences per year.

Anna: Translinks main concern was finances?

Tina: Yes they said they are financially constrained but we have data from them showing that they continued certain lines and discontinued certain lines so we said that they should be prioritizing students.

Kamil: Do you know how much it would be to upgrade

Tina: Yea they just said it was super expensive

Anna: Do they need funding help?

Tina: that's for them to figure out as we don't have enough funding to help

Mayank: I love what work is being done

Salva: Could you clarify why UCRU isn't sustainable?

Tina: We don't have a centralized bank account and much of the funding comes from the executives so AMS will probably have to fund the AGM since we'll be hosting. The discussions are limited and schools are oftentimes not showing up. There is a lack of participation, lack of engagement. We did a new structural change and no one even ran for any position and some archives from sheldon show that UCRU was never meant to be a permanent thing.

Salva: i think in your presentation you should share how much it cost to be apart of UCRU because it seems like UCRU costs no money but CASA does

Tina: Yes so Casa does cost money and UCRU is free but to be apart of casa as an observer it is free but when you become a member it costs 100 per students so it would be 63k so we're definitely not joining this year but maybe paving the way for a future vp external and compiling data and info.

Kamil: Yes so we created the goals draft based on discussion but anna mentioned its very AUA focused so we can definitely keep working on it. We also left the professor's evaluation of the goals blank so maybe we could workshop that.

Anna: What's the point of the goal?

Myank: Professors, especially tenure often don't put in much effort for helping students and there're many professors who aren't doing what they should be. I wanted to see what other people have faced in other faculties and if there's anything we can do to emphasize how important midterm evaluations are to fill out and that they are being heard.

Salva: I think yes eng and science have similar issues. We have a problem with tenured profs being very bad. We need to push for tenure not being a free for all that you can do whatever and there needs to be more importance when many students are saying a prof is bad and not just when their tenure is being re assessed

Mayank: Yea i think students especially since covid feel that their opinions don't matter and that their voices are being heard. I think that's what midterm eval is for and can solve and if we can push for a more enhanced midterm evaluation that more people are filling out then they can use that to make changes in the second half of the course. I had a prof change turning in assignments to online and not just in person and that makes students feel heard and i think it can even be a place where you give

Kamil: maybe we can look at working with the provost office to see what can be done about midterm evaluations

Mayank: **Something we proposed last year was to make a template of a helpful midterm evaluation so they don't have to make a lot of changes** and if they want to learn something about the course in particular they can add things where they can.

Cynara: **Maybe a campaign from the AMS and VP academics about filling out evaluations**

Anna: I think a lot of teachers get very laid back after evaluations and post finals so maybe if **we could also have an evaluation post finals**

Mayank: **could we have a question on the AES regarding what students want to see for SEI.**

Tina: I think some additional goals we can add, for student affordability we can add launching advocacy campaigns also produce actionable recommendations for the implementation of an equity baked grant based on relevant research. This was passed down by the past 5 vp x so I think if this year we can actually make some recommendation that would be great. and for food security we were also advocating for a food security grant. This is something I discussed in the BC budget consultation and a policy paper on affordability for post secondary students with the aim of securing food security grants and another we could add could be. Also, Collaborating with external student unions to concretize the eleven minimal standards as part of post-secondary standards....

Meeting Adjourned at 6:42pm

Action Items

- Circulate AP related to Concessions for committee to review
- Bring Kevin from advocacy to share more about CFA issues as he has wide breadth of knowledge
- Revise goals and send to email for approval



Meeting/Committee: Advocacy Committee

Date: 02/03/2022

Recorded By: Tomila Sahbaei

Attendance:

Present: Matthew, Erin, Alex, Anisha, Kaysan, Mimi (guest)

Absent:

Regrets: Isabella, Charlene, Sagorika

Call to Order:

- a. The meeting called at: 5:24
- b. End meeting time at: 2:39

Last Meeting's Minutes Approval

Motion to approve December 5th meeting minutes (mover – Erin; seconder – Anisha; passed with unanimous consent)

Agenda Adoption

Motion to approve February 3rd agenda (mover – Erin; seconder – Anisha; passed with unanimous consent)

Agenda Item (Submitter, Time)	Actions and Conclusions
VP AUA Updates	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- AES<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Currently in the process of selecting a new firm to move forward with<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Leaning toward KAI analytics; proposal available here<ul style="list-style-type: none">📎 AMS-AES-Kai-Analytics-pr...- Do we need to change anything about the codified process moving forward?- Invite interested AMS councillors to next advocomm
VPX Updates	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Support letter for ukrainian students



Meeting/Committee: Advocacy Committee

Date: Friday, February 17th, 2023

Recorded By: Tomila Sahbaei (guest)

Attendance:

Present: Kaysan, Charlene, Isabella, Alexandra, Tomila (guest), Kevin (guest), Lara (guest), Anisha (2:30 pm)

Absent:

Regrets: Erin

Call to Order:

- a. The meeting called at: 2:11 pm (Kaysan – voting member)
- b. End meeting time at: 3:06 pm

Last Meeting's Minutes Approval

Motion by Kaysan to pass last week's meeting minutes to council for approval (Mover – Kaysan; Seconder – Matthew; passed with unanimous consent)

Agenda Adoption

Motion to adopt agenda for today (Mover – Kaysan; Seconder - Matthew; passed with unanimous consent)

Agenda Item (Submitter, Time)	Actions and Conclusions
Land Acknowledgement (Kaysan, 2:15)	
AES (Kaysan, 2:18)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Kevin and Lara from Kai analytics joining as guests- Working meeting to review AES questions W 2023 AES Questions Draft 1.docx- Save and continue feature is good;- Privacy statement → to be in touch with Mimi; BC Legislative- Draw is opt-inable so responses are not tied to the raffle

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Need to connect with archives office to give kai analytics access to raw data; trend tracking - Some repetition with questions in student undergrad survey - Safety question → include interactive map for students to show where they feel less safe; <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Consider timer for hours – might be too difficult to include this; - Step towards safety audit - Question C10 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Might be too broad; - Consultation: with Indigenous committee; - Question C6; <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Keep internships - Asking first if students if they have used a service; <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Cutting down time; - Satisfaction with AMS health and dental; include in list of services for comparison - Making question DP10 more concise; - Shortening question F3 to individual items - Question F4 – concerns about scope of the question; <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Financial hardship part - Commuter section; ask students what form of transport to use; <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Students that live on campus → are we going to consider them as non-commuters - Disability question - Demographic questions → align with UBC demographic questions; have to check survey policy



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?
Update committee on AES consultation			
Touch base with Kevin on raw data	Anisha		
Review and leave comments on the 2023 AES Questions... by Tuesday Feb			



Meeting/Committee: Advocacy Committee

Date: Friday, March 17th, 2023

Recorded By: Ian Caguiat (guest)

Attendance:

Present: Mimi, Charlene, Kaysan, Alexandre, Ian (guest), Anisha (3:08 pm)

Absent:

Regrets: Erin

Call to Order:

- a. The meeting called at: 3:08 pm (Anisha)
- b. End meeting time at: 3:45 pm (Anisha)

Last Meeting's Minutes Approval

Motion by Kaysan to pass last week's meeting minutes to council for approval (Mover – Anisha; Secondar – Matthew; passed with unanimous consent)

Agenda Adoption

Motion to adopt agenda for today (Mover – Kaysan; Secondar - Matthew; passed with unanimous consent)

Adopt and amend to remove Erin's updates (Move - Anisha; Secondar - Matthew; passed with unanimous consent)

Agenda Item (Submitter, Time)	Actions and Conclusions
Land Acknowledgement (Anisha, 3:09pm)	
Updates from VP AUA (Anisha, 3:10pm)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- AES is open; please fill it out!- Spread it to your friends- First three days had three hundred responses; ads are taking a break after elections (374 completed, 140 partial)

Survey Policy

- To minimize the overlap between SES and AES because the AES has not included enough academic-related questions
- To identify the key themes you want to see year after year on those surveys
- **Mimi:** Since we are looking at Advocom → Executive; might be good to talk about previous VPAUA so we can include timelines on when the AES is supposed to be sent out and when to bring the report of recommendations; analysis is done during the transition period; good so we can make sure people are working on it and they are budgeted
- **Anisha:** Open to keeping the responsible body to two committees but it is unconventional; timeline would be helpful - it would make more sense if the VP who put it out were to take the data they get and make their own report
- **Alexandre:** For sure to keep it before exams
- **Anisha:** Maybe launch it in February? March can be focused on making the report and summaries.
- **Alexandre:** Is this for next year's AES?
- **Anisha:** Yes.
- **Matthew:** So will the outgoing Council be reviewing the report?
- **Anisha:** Yes. We are just bumping out the timeline so the office who creates the survey gets to work with the data.
- **Mimi:** That would be a good approach; it is a really good skill for them to work on the survey from start to finish. It makes sense for the outgoing VP AUA to provide an extensive report to their Council. It might also be worth it to have the incoming VP AUA also present a very brief summary of the results to the new Council to make sure they are aware of the

new issues that they are going to be talking to the Board about in September.

- **Anisha:** Any thoughts Ian?
- **Ian:** Good to have the report done by the Office who releases it because they will have an idea already on how the report should be done. Concern on releasing in Feb because it is a short month and it always gets extended.
- **Anisha:** Maybe last two weeks of January?
Good
- **Anisha/Ian:** Timeline of SES? Fall.
- **Matthew:** Good because Council will be engaged with the AES.
- **Mimi:** Doing this update is good; timeline is good; role of the Policy Advisor with the VPAUA will be easier if there is a timeline to go off from
- **Anisha:** How does the timeline look like with your work with VPX?
- **Mimi:** There is a lot of lobbying in February; March until May is a lot of onboarding; ties nicely into analyzing the AES
- **Anisha:** Should we propose a timeline for SES? It is interesting the survey policy only focuses on AES but it should be for both?
- **Mimi:** How long has the SES been running?
- **Anisha:** It used to be the Nest experience survey?
- **Ian:** Last SES was from 2019. Separate the topics and issues for each survey so they are shorter to fill out for students/
- **Anisha:** It is hard to fill out the financial aspect to make some connections and make sense of the responses we are seeing and the mental health wellbeing as well.
- **Matthew:** What happens for BoG or what are they particularly interested in?
- **Anisha:** Only the Provost looks into it.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Mimi: Purpose is to show that students are stakeholders and we are bringing evidence on our advocacy - Anisha: The presentation is focused on priorities but not the summary of the numbers - Anisha: Should we go back to timeline of SES? - Matthew: AdvoComm should still be a responsible body; for SES that could be a first term timeline? - Anisha: Overall survey policy or policy specific to each survey? - Mimi: One survey policy; far too much detailed information so we should flush out what we want to ask for each - Anisha: Happy to scrap the appendix! Mimi and I can have a meeting to go more in depth - Anisha: Might be good to look on the previous reports of AES and SES. Will try and find all the questions and send them out as an email. - Mimi: Will also send out other survey policies in other committees before Friday's meeting. - Anisha: Just keeping in mind - no specific questions on the policy.
Next Meeting	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Can we meet March 24th and 31st? No April 14th. - Everyone: YES - <u>2 to 3 PM ish on March 24? YES.</u>

Notes:

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Action Item	Person Responsible	Deadline	Completed?
Send out previous survey questions and other survey policies	Anisha/Mimi	Monday	



Meeting/Committee: Advocacy Committee

Date: March 24th, 2023

Recorded By: Tomila Sahbaei (guest)

Attendance:

Present: Anisha, Erin, Alex, Mimi (guest), Kaysan, Charlene, Tomila (guest), Matthew

Absent: Julia Wang, Sagorika

Regrets:

Call to Order:

- a. The meeting called at: 2:06 pm
- b. End meeting time at:

Last Meeting's Minutes Approval

Motion to approve March xx meeting minutes passed with unanimous consent (Mover – Erin; Seconder – Alex)

Agenda Adoption

Motion to approve today's agenda passed with unanimous consent (Mover – Erin; Seconder – Alex)

Agenda Item (Submitter, Time)	Actions and Conclusions
VPX Updates (Erin, 2:07)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Working on Skytrain to UBC campaign<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Waiting for business case to be completed to start advocating to province for funding- Meeting with UBC about UPASS subsidy for students working in the summer; students that are not attending courses but working to fund their education<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Working with VP Finance on this
VPAUA Updates (Anisha, 2:11)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Share and encourage students to take the Academic Experience Survey
Survey Policy Review (Anisha, 2:14)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Refer to this document- Policy used to only cover AES and SES; mentioned (but not explicitly) other surveys;<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Added a section on how the policy covers AMS surveys

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - No longer calling AES and SES “membership” survey; new term would be “adhoc surveys”; “annual surveys” - Might be helpful to define surveys as being membership; definitions section - Committee in support of rewritten “Purpose and Goals” section - Two new definitions added; integrated scope section into these definitions; no separate scope section <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Feedback on “AdHoc Survey” definition not being clear enough; - Some examples of AdHoc Surveys: Mental Health Survey, Foodbank Surveys; - Suggestion to expand definition; or change name; - Committee members are encourages to go through document and leave further comments and suggestions - Discussion on including company as one of the stakeholders; “contractors” - General section; helpful for people looking to make an ad hoc survey - Personnel section will be fleshed out more by next week - Language necessary for making AES more academic-focused; Suggestions and comments are encouraged until next meeting of committee - Timeline <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - AES: Open survey in January; use reading week as a buffer that it could be extended too; - Student Engagement Survey (SES): considering end of October - third week of November; would overlap with AGM; suggestion to have it open longer; - Both surveys will be open for 4 weeks.
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Notes:

- March 31st will be the final advocacy meeting;



- Unlikely to have a meeting in April;
- Committee members can consider their overall experience being on the committee; think about what would be helpful to have known; priorities for next year

SUMMARY: ACTION ITEMS

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Action Item	Person Responsible	Deadline	Completed?
Review Survey Policy Amendment Proposal and leave comments and suggestions	Everyone	Next meeting; March 31st	
Reflection on experience as committee member: Information that would have been helpful to know; Priorities for next year	Everyone	Next meeting; March 31st	

Kamil: Calling this meeting to order at 6:01pm. Welcome to advocomm, i'm excited for summer term and what we can accomplish!

Kamil: presents a land acknowledgement.

Kamil: Sorry for the late agenda. It is available now but I want to push the vice chair item to the next meeting as we'll have clio and koda present.

Approval of the agenda Moved: Kamil Seconded:Mayank

Kamil: Let's do intros. Name, pronouns, position and someone you'd like to have dinner with.

Kamil: My name is Kamil. I am the vp academic and if I could have dinner I'd do George Washington or a past president.

Cindy: My name is Cindy and pronouns she/her. Faculty of science rep. If i could have dinner with one person it would be Santa Ono.

Cynara: My name is Cynara. My pronouns are she/her, Im AVP academic and I'd have dinner with Kamil because I miss him

Aki: My name is Aki, I am the faculty of law rep. I guess I would meet with FDR

Salva: My name is Salva, I'm going into my 4th year of microbio and I'm a science councilor with cindy. I would have dinner with my grandma because she'd cook for me

Mayank:I'm a student at large. If I had dinner with someone it would be Walter Gage.

Koda: My name is Koda, my pronouns are he him. I am the co chair of the indigenous constituency and If i were to have supper with someone famous I'd do doja cat

Tina: My name is tina, my pronouns are she/her but I'd probably have dinner with Jenny from blackpink

Erin: My name is Erin I'm AVP external this year and I'D meet with jimmy carter

Bandul: Hi my name is bandhul and I would meet with Barack obama

Kamil: for approval of minutes. We can push this to next meeting unless everyone has read it

BIRT that the minutes be approved

Moved: Tina Seconded: Koda

Kamil: Updates from the VPAUA and VP external. Starting with me. For the AES we're having faculty specific breakdowns to circulate with faculty deans and we're presenting the AES results to the associate deans. We're relating the AES to work with CFA as well as mandatory bias training, also working with the career center and the new managing director. Only 14% of students had access to the career centre so working with the VP Students (VpS) to fix that. Also working on the budget brief and circulating it to some constituencies to see if there's anything missing. The budget brief for those of you don't know is a breakdown to understand the very complicated UBC budget. We'll circulate that and use that as a collective to leverage advocacy. We're also doing goal setting which will come to council and you guys can provide feedback.

Mayank: All the faculty specific info will be shared to the deans but will this be given to society execs as well?

Kamil: Yes, we gave them their constituency specific data but we'll do that as well

Mayank: Yes i think that's important to have

Kamil: We've been talking to Ainsley about it and referencing it. We'll make references to it all year with all our work. Faculty specific AES will be made available and sent to undergrad societies and deans of respective faculties

Mayank: Is this public?

Kamil: Yes on the AMS website as well as onboard.

Kamil: Right now we're working with the EDI office to see what that will look like. Some of it will be resource creation and some will be communicating to faculty. Hopefully we'll get something set up for september. The UBC e&i office has much more resources so a lot will be working with them.

Tina: Hi everyone. These are the updates relevant to the committee. So we're working on goals right now by doing research and looking at past office goals because it's important to continue what we can. Also doing policy briefs of each area and identifying gaps for govt policies in place. As we draft these goals we reach out to diff groups: student unions, coalitions, ministers because they're the main ones who can make this advocacy happen. Good to be on the same page with the student unions and coalitions. Reaching out to people and scheduling meetings. So far for goals, we have 8 or 9 big areas we're adding on to. But it will be financial security, affordability, wellness and safe resources. International resources ,transparency etc. We also have been working on the summer upass subsidy and we also want to expand eligibility to students working and taking online courses. We communicated with comms and updated the application. We also have SUDS. Everything is on track. We're following the timelines. Other than that, meetings and things going on with other coalitions such as UCRU and running for an exec position again. They are holding a re-election and AMS usually holds a big position so being apart of that.

Kamil: Want to Provide a background on UCRU

Tina: yes so onUCRU: basically it's 9 universities across Canada and all the vp externals sit on it. There are 3 exec positions there: Chair, Vice and Secretary/Treasurer. So this year, waterloo got chair and I got vice chair and the secretary was left open. SO the previous board introduced structural change so it'll be 5 execs = Chair, Director of OPs, Director of policy, Director of comms and treasurer. In terms of the changes from the AMS side we said we don't think it's a good idea but they went ahead with it. No one else was nominated for Director of ops so basically it's just me running again.

Kmail: Any Qs

Anna: Is this exec?

Kamil: so it's chair and directors

Tina: Yes but it's just gonna be me and waterloo

Anna: Any provincial lobby week for the summer?

Tina: No.

Anna: For the Upass subsidy you must have a loan to apply but there are some people with struggles that don't have a loan.

Tina: The previous VP X did this and they were aiming to have those with financial struggles but yes we definitely want to help as many students as possible but we've been meeting with the UPASS committee to see what the budget have

Anna: Someone might struggle financially but not have loans.

Tina: Yes we've been trying to figure out where we can approve people without a loan with this gray area but it's important for us to stick to this criteria and not just deem some people to have financial struggles and others not.

Mayank: What is the feasibility to apply tiers to this?

Bandhul: That's already in place by ubc

Aki: I want clarification on Anna's comments on needing loans to access the subsidy. Some background? I just wanna know because oftentimes those in bad financial need can't access credit and international students can't access without a cosigner

Tina: so basically the eligibility says show hardship through loans, scholarship etc so it's just to show financial hardship

Bandhul: we are not judging students on just that there are 5 criteria. Not just loans or scholarships but supporting financial documents etc. For example if they are working and living in van and haven't paid for the upass they are up for eligibility. Most students applying also have grants but we also accepts loans for their home country

Kamil: wanna explain SUDS

Tina: So it's gonna happen in August. Where UBC has AMS, other universities also have student unions across Canada. So we have them come to UBC and stay for 4 days. We have workshops during the day and keynote during the day and fun events. A lot goes into it which is why we have a suds coordinator. We have sponsorship packing finalized and making sure we can accommodate everyone. Planning for venues and dates etc. We always host it at UBC.

Kamik: Moving to goal setting. It's good to have a discussion on what we want to accomplish this year. And my office will produce a nicer looking articulation of what we have said.

Mayank: Can you go over what Vice chair does

Kamil: I envision it to co-create the agenda together and being a person to invite others to the meeting and doing that consultation work and then hosting the meeting when i'm not present. I'll just have my staff take minutes as it will allow everyone to partake in talking and listening. Any goals thoughts?

Anna: Who is responsible for the **Equity Action Plan review**?

Kamil: That's the Pres office but that's something we could lookin into doing if people are interested.

Mayank: **Academic policy for concessions and hardship**

Kamil: In terms of last year there wasn't a lot of work done to wrap that up so the best thing to do is look at academic policies and working with the CFA. It's very general right now and we want to expand that so that's something my office will work on. I would love for this committee to be providing feedback on academic policy. **Maybe in a future meeting I can circulate the AP related and we can all discuss them**

Mayank: In going through the AES I -didn't see data on how accessible it was. I think going forward **we should ask how accessible the CFA was in the AES** because a lot of people have problems with that and it's important to know how people feel. I think it may be good to have an **interest group or even a CFA survey or just some attention focused on that.**

Aki: lack of accessibility to CFA is a really big issue talked about in Law school. When we try to book exams we don't get timely responses. Another thing, broadly, there were also a lot of issues regarding the CFA policies and regulations themselves not being accessible. Those regulation and policies lay out how someone should request accommodations and one of the things, I know a friend who could literally not access the policies because of their specific disability and were denied accommodation because of their lack of understanding

Kamil: I had a meeting with the advocacy service team and that's what we kind of heard. The CFA doesn't seem willing to change. The AMS has approached them offering more funding and we've been rejected. So a lot of this year will be breaking down through that rigidity and figuring out the internal issues and why there are consistent issues across years and seeing from the student end what those issues are. I think it would be great to **bring Kevin from advocacy to share more about CFA issues as he has wide breadth of knowledge**

Mayank: I also think with the **academic caucus maybe something valuable to bring up**

Aki: I'm wondering if there's been anything about an external audit giving their lack of willingness to change?

Kamil: That's a great idea Aki!

Mayank: Is there any documentation relating to this issue?

Kami;: Yes previous, AES, previous budget submissions but not specific focus group connected with the CFA but we can **work to compile that potentially, a good item for us and a meeting between academic caucus would be good to do that.**

Aki: I joined a bit late, could you summarize the goals raised.

Kamil: CFA and exam hardships. We'll be putting forth recommendations through my senate role

Aki: I have a couple more ideas: One of the bigger things I think is housing and food related advocacy on that end. Another thing slightly different is inflation and rising cost of living. I would say maybe taking a harsher look at the UBC budget and ensuring because we're advocating for things that cost a lot of money that we make sure money isn't being spent on things not important to us.

Kamil: Yea so every year, the AUA office sends a budget submission with priorities for the AMS and that's where we talk about things we care about. That will likely be something we engage with and produce in November and for Housing the main thing over next year is the CV2050 process. This is a 30 year vision that UBC is engaging in. They'll be taking a look at the Land use plan and housing action plan. Wanted to expand the campus housing opportunities that are below market, the skytrain is part of that, amenities including grocery stores. Those are all

affordability things were advocating for. These are more long term but in terms of short term, we're looking at emergency bursary and looking at redirecting housing services that is similar to meal share. Subsidizing some part of housing. In terms of food insecurity, we're always looking to secure more for the food bank. We've already secured 350k but we have a meeting coming up next week to see where the addition 100k allocation will go (meal share, food bank, GSS, sprouts) and also looking into mealshare money reallocation potentially through working with the VpS

Tina: As for housing we're looking at current existing grants and looking at gaps. We're also looking at Canadian housing benefits. In the past there was a one time tax free \$5000 housing benefit to eligible students so we maybe want to lobby for that again. We advocate for food security grants through budget consultation. Speaking with other universities who are interested in making the same recommendation which is great because the government will hear it as a unified voice. As for covid inflation rates, we found that they impact students a lot and sent those stats to the government.

Kamil: **all things we'll include in the goals**

Mayank: Before going on to more ideas, does this committee serve as a place to bounce ideas off or do we actually partake in projects?

Kamil: It is more of a bounce off ideas and advice but when it comes to things like consultations like **CFA focus group or survey** that's something the committee can do but otherwise mostly advice

Anna: in the report there was also mention of more opportunity for indigenous learning will you speak with indigenous constituency

Kamil: Yes, we will definitely focus on indigenizing the syllabus is one of our big ideas but in the future also more consultation with the indigenous constituency.

Tina: We definitely would love to meet with Koda as well for recommendations. Right now we're looking into what's already in place and seeing new ways to advocate for. There's actually quite a lot for grants right now but still looking for gaps

Kamil: We can definitely **include indigenous learning and opportunities** into our work and goals for this committee.

Mayank: We were looking at last year into **professor evaluation on a deeper level than sei**. I've had my friends when they submit a CFA request the Prof is not open and disrespectful. The faculties need to make these spaces more inclusive and there needs to be more strict measures. I think that's something I'd like to see

Kamil: Nice something for the next meeting. I have a lot of ideas on that.

Meeting is adjourned at 7:01PM.

Action Items:

- Circulate AP related to Concessions for committee to review
- bring Kevin from advocacy to share more about CFA issues as he has wide breadth of knowledge