



**Office of the Vice President External Affairs  
Written Update - Sep 13th, 2023**

**Goal 1 - Financial Affordability**

- **Action Item 1-3:** We have met with Minister Andrew Mercier, who serves as the Minister for Workforce Development, and has worked closely with post-secondary students and its relevant ministries in the past. We shared our priorities to expand the BC Access Grant and increase the current Graduate Student scholarships that exist for post-secondary students.

**Goal 2 - Food Security**

- **Action Item 1:** We also discussed our priority of establishing a non-repayable food security grant program for post-secondary students with Minister Andrew Mercier, who we followed-up with additional statistics and reports we drafted.

**Goal 4 - Transit Accessibility**

- **Action Item 1:** All U-Pass exemptions for the winter term have been processed, and sent in to the UBC team. All questions and emails from students have been responded to, and will continue to be responded to on an ongoing basis as school is starting and students return to campus at various times.
- **Action Item 2:** A second social media 480 campaign has been drafted and submitted to COMMS, posters have been put up around the Nest, and we have set up consistent bi-weekly meetings with the students who created the campaign throughout the school year. We shared our priority to restore the 480 bus in a meeting with Minister George Heyman, the Minister of Environment and Climate Change Strategy, and are currently looking at other stakeholders to meet throughout September.

**Goal 5 - Wellness and Safety Resources**

- We have compiled a list of sexual violence supports resources on-campus, off-campus, and online, along with their contact informations, locations, websites, and a summary of their services. These sources have been organized and submitted to COMMS for a digital campaign to be released per day during September 18th - 22nd for Consent Awareness Week. We have also met with SASC, and will be supporting them during their boothing and workshop sessions.

**Goal 9 - Accessible Learning**

- **Action Item 1:** We have reached out to BC student unions to initiate conversations around collaboration for the #Access4All campaign. We will be meeting with several of them over the next few weeks, and are currently collecting materials to bring to Provincial Lobby Week in October.

**10 - Transparency, Inclusivity, and Receptiveness**

- **Action Item 1:** We are planning Provincial Lobby Week, and have been meeting with the ABC's to pick out recommendations, share statistics, stakeholders, and all other logistics.



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- **Action Item 2:** We have wrapped up all logistics of the Student Union Development Summit of 2023, and made a total net profit of around \$25,000. We are only waiting for our photographer, so we can distribute photos to all delegates.
- **Action Item 3:** We are currently working with COMMS to get a few more updates from the External Affairs office up, so students are aware of the projects we are working on and feel looped in enough to contact us directly should they have any questions or concerns about the AMS.