

**Office of the Vice President External Affairs**  
**Written Update - November 8th, 2023**

**1. Meeting with Minister Rachna Singh and Eric Peters**

- Meeting with Minister Singh went well! Followed up on various asks made during ABCS Lobby week, such as food security, affordable housing for students, and sexualized and gender-based violence prevention.
  - Minister Singh also showed great interest and support for Skytrain to UBC, among other transit projects that will connect the campus to the GVA in a more accessible manner.
- Meeting with Eric Peters, Chief of Staff to Minister Robinson, also went well. Reiterated the asks made during the ABCS Lobby week, learned of the government's effort to increase apprenticeship in the construction sector to combat the housing crisis, food security funding for post-secondary institutions, and a transparent 4-year tuition cost for international students coming soon!

**2. Meeting with Councillor Klassen**

- Meeting with Councillor Klassen also went well – he has shown a lot of interest in our municipal-level-focused advocacy priorities on food security, affordable housing, and transit accessibility. Will be planning for a Vancouver city councillors-AMS VPX Office meeting for the new year.

**3. AMS Provincial Lobby Week Planning**

- Emailing BC NDP, United, and Green caucus to start planning for the AMS Provincial Lobby Week (different from ABCS Lobby Week with more AMS-specific advocacy asks) for March, 2024.

**4. UCRU Federal Lobby Week Planning**

- UCRU Research Committee has been meeting to compile a list of asks that SUs across Canada can agree upon for the February Federal Lobby Week.
- UCRU Logistics Committee has been dealing with logistical matters – compiling a list of MPs to contact, the dates for the Lobby Week, accommodation, etc.

**5. More data!**

- Received data and reports from Mike Buda on TransLink ridership stats, overcrowding issues, and comparison of the TransLink network to other cities, as well as a backgrounder to the Access for Everyone Plan with a focus on the Burrard Peninsula.