

Student Union Society

Advocacy Committee Policy

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RELATED DOCUMENTS

-Committee Structure Policy

Purpose

The purpose of the Advocacy committee is to engage the student body in current or political events in a student focused manner, to stand as a body of academic representation for our student body, and to respond to student inquiries regarding academic concerns and accessibility needs. The Advocacy Committee should take initiative to look out for student interests within the institution, and on a provincial and federal level.

1.0 Responsibilities

1.1 The specific responsibilities of the Advocacy Committee include, but are not limited to:

1.1.1 Seeking and assisting in the development of strategies to improve the level of academic excellence throughout the University;

1.1.2 Work towards educating students, and advocating for improvements, in pressing issues in education, human health, politics, etc;

1.1.3 Establishing Advocacy Committee operational policies and agreements and monitoring compliance with them; and

1.1.4 Ensuring all services provided by UFV and the SUS are equally accessible by students;

2.0 Membership and Chair

2.1 Members of the committee are added and removed in accordance with the Committee Structure Policy

2.2 The Chair of the Advocacy committee is the Advocacy Officer by default.

2.2.1 If the Advocacy Officer cannot chair the Advocacy committee, the VP External is the chair by default.

3.0 Quorum

3.1 One-third of the voting members, but never less than three (3) voting members

4.0 Responsibilities of the Chair

4.1. Providing leadership to the Committee;

4.2 To schedule meetings and set the agenda

4.3 To ensure that attendance and minutes are being taken and properly stored

4.4 To assign and coordinate the work of the committee

4.5 To be the primary liaison between the Committee and SUS Executives

4.6 To report on the work of the committee for the Executive and/or the Board as required

4.7 Being aware of CASA and ABCS strategies and campaigns, and bringing updates or action items to the Committee