

# **FIRST QUARTERLY REPORT**

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#### **INTRODUCTION**

Dear Constituents et al.,

It has been an exciting term so far. Were I in any other vehicle than the AMS, I would have experienced severe whiplash by now, as the amount of information that I've learned and continue to learn more and more about how the University and the AMS function and work together. Everything that's happened in this position from committee meetings to presentations to hiring to getting to know the staff, councillors, and other executives has been truly an amazing experience.

AMS code mandates that our quarterly reports include the following:

- (a) outline all the duties of that Executive as prescribed by the Bylaws and the Code;
- (b) outline specific additional duties assigned by Council;
- (c) report the progress and work done for each duty as outlined in (a) and (b);
- (d) report any other matter on which the Executive member is working; and
- (e) outline the goals being pursued by the Executive member and the timeline for achieving those goals.

I hope that this report meets these and your expectations. If there are any questions that arise from your reading and interpretation of the document, do let me know. I am most contactable via email (vpacademic@ams.ubc.ca) and phone (604-822-3092).

In the meantime, I will continue to try and fulfill my duties as VP Academic to the best of my abilities over the summer and the rest of the year!

Most sincerely,

Johannes Rebane



#### **CAMPUS DEVELOPMENT AND RELATIONS**

#### LIQUOR POLICY

This has been an area where there has been a great deal of progress. The main impetus for this issue has been the campus-wide issue of the "War on Fun". The "War on Fun" denotes a purported trend on campus that the RCMP and the University have been squelching university social activities by denying groups on campus SOLs, and by shutting down parties. A significant portion of these changes have to do with the interpretation of Provincial liquor policy on campus — an issue which I have been looking at since taking office. According to an article by the Tyee, the changes were associated with the "arrival of RCMP Staff Sgt. D.J. Wendland, who, in 2005, was called in to oversee policing the rapidly developing "University Town" campus."

According to Wendland, "When the provincial government created SOLs, they were intended for weddings and bar mitzvahs, not for weekly beer gardens, daily beer gardens, drunkfests, whatever [students] want to call them." This interpretation has resulted in a number of complaints from the Greek System, different student constituencies, and other groups on campus – including constituencies who have been told that they could not receive any more SOLs for the year, and who have been warned that their SOL quota was reaching a limit, even when there was no provincial policy to back up those claims.

And a good deal of this problem stems from the unique governance structure of Electoral Area A, which UBC sits on. Whereas SOL distribution is usually handled by city hall when it comes to municipalities, that responsibility is delegated to the RCMP at UBC. And, though the SOL distribution policies of municipalities are public information, the internal liquor policies of the RCMP are not.

In general, this issue can summarily be put as a huge miscommunication between the RCMP and students, and perhaps an issue of compatibility between provincial legislation and the social atmosphere of UBC.

As a result, with the enormous help of Neal Yonson and Colin Simkus, I have been looking into some possible approaches towards this issue.

- Reviewing and revising the current RCMP liquor policy so that there is agreement between the RCMP and the students with regards to its terms
- Lobbying the provincial government to revise their SOL policies
- Lobby the provincial government for the creation of a new liquor licensing class or provision to better reflect and suit the needs of UBC students.



Steps taken so far this quarter to address this issue:

- We were able to get a copy of every single SOL approved over the past year and a half. We were
  able to input all of the data from the SOLs into an excel file, which we have been using to
  analyze any variances and violations of the Provincial Liquor Policy (many violations have been
  found!)
- Meetings with the Police Advisory Committee and Sergeant Kenan to discuss this issue. We are
  in the process of setting up a discussion with relevant student groups, RCMP, and the University
  to discuss this issue.
- Prepared to issue an FOI if we are not able to gain access to the RCMP internal liquor policy using other routes.

On another note, I also ended up getting interview and quoted in a number of different Canwest newspapers across Canada on the topic of Binge Drinking. The relevant quote was:

The University of British Columbia's (UBC) student union said it doesn't consider irresponsible drinking a significant problem on its campus.

"We realize there can always be issues with students drinking responsibly," said UBC student union executive Johannes Rebane, "but we are very proactive in educating students about drinking responsibly."

Rebane said key events hosted by UBC's student union typically end by 8 p.m. The RCMP has a strong presence on campus as well, he said, with officers "frequently patrolling" large events. He said the RCMP also patrol the campus pub on a regular basis.

#### UNA BOARD OF DIRECTORS

One of the other roles that this position fills is being the student liaison on the Board of Directors of the University Neighbourhood Association. This association acts as a quasi-municipal governing body for all the residents of UBC residential neighbourhoods (i.e. Hampton Place, Hawthorn Place, Chancellor Place, East Campus, and Wesbrook Place). It's also my position to represent any students who may live in the neighbourhoods (though there are few)).

This has been a very interesting committee to sit on especially due to the wide variety of motions and issues which come across the table. Here are a few highlights of issues which the board have discussed and/or dealt with so far during my term:

- The UNA is pushing for a Noise Bylaw for the neighbourhoods, and the subcommittee on Noise has been reviewing ways to make that happen. The current stance of the University is that a Noise bylaw would be okay as long as its jurisdiction does not extend outside of the neighbourhoods (e.g. If the source of a noise heard in Hampton Place was outside the neighbourhood, the bylaw would have no jurisdiction) This is a problem for the UNA and there have been discussions of appealing to the provincial government to get special bylaw authority from them.
- At the May Board meeting (which did not reach quorum and was cancelled after 15 minutes of
  us waiting for one more person =( at least there was good food!), there was a discussion of
  engaging the Greek constituents on the possibility of a

#### **GOVERNANCE**

Last year, Brian Fixter, the Associate Vice President Academic was commissioned with the task of researching the different implications of governance structures at the UBC Campus. As mentioned previously, the current governance structure that UBC falls under is Electoral Area A, which also includes other regions including Buntzen Bay, Gambier Island Trust Area (part), Bowyer Island, Passage Island, Granite Falls, Strachan Creek. The GVRD and its communities committee govern the area along with a representative from Electoral Area A.

The governance models in consideration are:

- Incorporating the University as its own municipality
- Joining with the City of Vancouver
- Maintaining the status quo

Fixter's report recommended incorporation into a separate municipality. The report has been distributed through the AMS, and next steps considered. Now with the Campus Planning and Development committee starting to meet, this report will be forwarded to the committee for further review.

#### U-TOWN

Yet another committee which this position sits on is the U-Town Steering Committee. The original purpose of the committee was to be a strategic visioning group bringing together all of the key campus constituencies together around the idea of a "University City." What it seems to have evolved (or degraded), however, is more along the lines of a monthly meeting of constituencies getting together to give updates. Literally, the April U-Town Steering Committee's agenda was: Approval of minutes and agenda, Updates, Other Business, and Adjourn. As a result, I have begun to not attend the meetings as religiously as I could.



On a positive note, there were some great presentations on the farm and UBC's process of rebranding (UBC will be "A Place of Mind" come September) which were very useful.

#### VANCOUVER CAMPUS PLAN

Currently the UBC Campus Planning Process is in its 5<sup>th</sup> out of 6 stages. When I first took on this position, they were just finishing up phase four which evaluated the different options presented and viable through the consultation processes of stages 1-3.

There has been quite a bit of work recently on the committee towards sustainability within the plan. This is something that I am very glad about, especially since I had some major doubts first coming in. At the first few VCP meetings I attended, many of the sustainability concerns expressed by students in the first stages of consultation seemed to be thrown a bit to the side in favour of increased parking and other non-sustainability focussed concerns.

Another issue I have encountered with this committee is the extent to which there is actual consultation involved. Oftentimes the meetings tend to be just a presentation and defence of the work that C&CP developed rather than an open minded consultation. As such, I have found one on one meetings to be a lot more helpful to the cause of making sure student voices are heard than many of the committee meetings.

A lot of the results of the VCP meetings can be summed up with the presentation Nancy Knight, AVP Planning for UBC, made at the May AMS council meeting.

#### STUDENT HOUSING

There's not enough of it, it's not as affordable as some other universities, and there are not always enough resources to build residences at a whim.

In this part, I sit on the University's Student Housing Steering Committee. It has been very productive in the last little while, having finished a huge campus wide survey of demand for student housing. There was great total response (Around 3000 respondents from on-campus and off-campus students) and a lot of useful statistics that will be used in shaping the direction of future residence developments at UBC.

According to the UBC Student Housing plans, there is a target to build enough housing on campus for 50% of FTEs. This number seems to shift around depending on the context, sometimes being as low as 25%, sometimes being 35%.

Recently I have been researching different options for innovative housing on campus. It's one thing to increase the total number of beds and bathrooms on campus, but I am curious as to how we can increase student engagement and community through that. As a part of this process, I have had conversations with directors of innovative residences across Canada, including, most recently, Sean Van Koughnett, the director of the University of Waterloo's VeloCity Project (the world's first so-called

'Dormcubator'). I think it would be very cool to have similarly clustered residence setups on campus, and will be working with my Campus Development Commissioner, AVP, and the Campus Planning and Development committee to flesh out some more granular recommendations.

#### **CHILDCARE**

This was a campaign issue for me, and fortunately a good bit of progress has been accomplished on it:

- Lobbied the UNA for childcare spaces to be added to the new up and coming Wesbrook
   Community centre being constructed in South Campus.
- Worked with Tim to create a Child Care Commissioner Position
- Met with GSS to discuss possibility of putting on a Child Care Conference at UBC (supposedly there used to be one at UBC just over a decade ago...)

Most of the traction on this issue will probably be from Tim's side from now on, since the Child Care Commissioner reports directly to him, but I will continue to lobby all development projects on campus to provide child care space commensurate to the number of new residents and occupants the developments attract.

#### **OLYMPICS AND PARALYMPICS**

2010 is coming up, and there will be a number of changes on campus during that time. One of the most concerning changes is that of the effects of the Olympics on the Wesbrook area. Since a number of the Olympic Hockey Games as well as the Paralympic Sledge Hockey games will be held in the Thunderbird Arena, there will be security measures taken which may shut down Wesbrook mall for an extended period of time.

In order to mitigate the effects of this on students, I have met with representatives from the affected constituents along Wesbrook, found out what their concerns were (access to parking, etc.) and brought those to Michelle Aucoin, UBC Olympics and Paralympics Secretariat. Currently, I am in the process of putting together a composite and comprehensive list of students concerns regarding the Olympics, and compiling them into a letter which will be forwarded to all the members of the Olympics overlay committee (the committee which draws the lines and finalizes the logistics of the security barriers and such).

Due to the strict confidentiality and external nature of a lot of these processes (VANOC does not equal UBC, so it's very difficult to get direct student representation on a lot of the organizing committees), it's been difficult to have a lot of transparent student consultation. I am hoping that this exchange of information will act as a good form of consultation which we have been lacking so far.

#### **GREEK COMMUNITY RELATIONS**

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Another part of my campaign platform was to improve and further engage the relations between the AMS and the Greek community on campus. This started off before the term began by campaigning and consulting with the Greek communities. It has now evolved into regular meetings with the presidents of the IFC and the Panhellenic Society (Mike Scott, and Klazina Van de Berg respectively.

Issues which they have presented include:

- Capacity Issues at Fraternity Chapter Houses
- Concerns with the effects of the Olympics on Parking and access
- Getting space for Rush week in September
- Liquor Policy/SOL problems

#### RCMP POLICE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

This is a relatively new committee which has met up to discuss issues which have arisen with the RCMP and the UBC community. Everything from recent homicides, to staffing issues, to liquor policy concerns come to this committee. I have found this committee to be a great medium to communicate a number of the aforementioned issues, as most of the safety and security related directors are present here.

#### **ACADEMICS**

#### UNIVERSITY BOOKSTORE

One of the first committee meetings of my term which I attended was the Bookstore advisory committee meeting. Some cool ideas which we brainstormed from that session were:

- Fundraisers allowing students to donate something 15 cents or something for not using a plastic bag
- Electronic textbook sales this coming September

Also on my list of Bookstore-related to-dos which Rory Green alerted me to was lobbying the University to have the bookstore open the Sunday before classes start, so to increase capacity for book sales. Otherwise the store is just so....crowded!

#### BA/BCOM DUAL DEGREE INIATIVE

This project was started when I was still in my previous role of VP Academic of the CUS. I have since then facilitated a few more discussions between the associate deans of the faculties of Arts and Commerce, and it seems that things are well underway. Currently, Senator Ben Cappellacci is pursuing this initiative further and making sure that it is ready for implementation and presentation to Senate come September!

#### LEAD INITIATIVE

A really cool initiative coming from the president's office – it is a higher level committee focussing on innovation in teaching and learning at UBC. I sit on the Advisory Committee, and have been working with Lorne Whitehead and Chris Gorman to make sure that students can get involved in this as much as possible.

Though I am still figuring out the full capabilities of the committee from a tangible perspective (the terms of reference still seem pretty ambiguous to me), I made sure there were student representatives on some of the committees, and I am continuing to lobby some of the other academic issues in my portfolio through this initiative.

#### TA TRAINING

This was a big campaign priority, and one which has also seen a lot of progress since taking office. In order to better understand the issue of why there isn't better and more consistent TA Training on campus, I first met up with Anna Kindler (AVP Academic Programs UBC) as well as with representatives



from CUPE 2278 (the UBC TA Union) to field their concerns on the issue. The one common thread that the University and the TA Union shared was that they both are interested in and want increased TA Training – it is just the means to that end which conflict a bit more.

Within the current Collective Agreement between CUPE 2278 and UBC, it is mandated that, if TA Training is to be mandatory, it must be paid for by the employer which, in this case, is the University. From the union perspective, TA positions are seen as financial aid as opposed to pure employment, and therefore see the university as being obliged to pay for training. The University sees TAships as regular employment, where TA's should be expected to have the requisite skills in order to get the positions.

The extent of the disparity is more obvious when you see issues like the University wanting to provide free training opportunities, but not being able to make it mandatory unless they not only make it costless, but they pay TAs to go.

In order to come to some sort of consensus that could increase the amount of TA Training on campus, I have been speaking with both parties to see what sort of language could be inserted into the new collective agreement which is being bargained next year. I am quite optimistic that something positive can come out of these negotiations, but I guess we'll see what happens!

Other than that, I sat on a committee which went through proposals for TA Training Program funding for programs, departments, and faculties. We gave out a good amount of funding for well designed programs, but I was still surprised at the number of faculties and departments which did not take advantage of the funding opportunities. I recommended to those on the committee to further pursue departments such as Economics which desperately need TA Training to take advantage of the large amount of money available to jumpstart effective training programs.

#### **SENATE**

I do not sit on Senate myself, but due to the academic orientation of a good deal of my work I have the opportunity to work with a lot of Senators, and especially with a good number of the Student Senators. I had the good chance earlier on to attend a Student Senate Caucus meeting, and by the looks of it, it seems like the student voice on Senate is in good hands. I have talked with them a lot about the First Year Seminar Program as well the dual degree initiatives, and it seems like they have been positively responsive to it. I look forward to working more with them!

#### SUSTAINABILITY ACADEMIC STRATEGY

One of the three prongs of the University's Trek 2010 Strategic Plan (along with Aboriginal Incorporation and Internationalism) is Sustainability, and a big part of that has been Sustainability with regards to academics. There has been a substantive process regarding Sustainability Academic Strategy going on for about 3 months now. I appointed Anthony Smith, a very motivated and intelligent 4<sup>th</sup> year Geography Honours Student to be the student representative on the Sustainability Academic Strategy

Committee, and have been working with him to make sure that student concerns were pushed during the development of the considerable document that was put together regarding this issue.

Other than this process, I have been meeting up a lot with individuals concerned with increasing sustainability courses and programs on campus. I have continued to work with the CUS to finalize the Sustainability Concentration available there. I have met with representatives from Arts who are proposing a major or minor in Environmental Studies. I have met with Brenda Sawada, director of the SEEDS program and discussed how that program can be expanded.

One of the most encouraging things about Sustainability and Academics on campus is that there are already a number of student champions on this issue out there on campus. This makes me confident that we will see a good deal of progress on this issue as the year moves along.

#### **CAREER RESOURCES**

A campaign item – before taking office, I met with Director of Career Resources, Howie Outerbridge, to see how we could increase career resources on campus. This is what has been done:

- Presented at Career Services Staff meeting
- Met with events.ubc.ca staff to motivate for customized tabbing for better access to job and career-related events
- Brainstormed with Howie on how to increase the university capacity of specialist career mentors
  - As a result, investments will be made in hiring new career mentors in the Faculty of Graduate Studies (they didn't exist before?!?! An interesting discovery that was indeed.)
- Contributed to the strategic planning process of career resources on campus

#### PASS/D/FAIL

This was also a campaign item. Though I cannot take much credit for its success, it did pass in Senate back in April. The little bit of credit I could perhaps take is that I spoke in favour of it during council and I spoke with some administrators about this as well? Truth be told, after 4 years in the making, the success of this motion is not just one person's to hold, and I applaud all students, senators, and supporters, who made this happen once and for all!

#### FIRST YEAR SEMINAR PROGRAM

A big and exciting project I have undertaken is the implementation of a First Year Seminar Program at UBC. A bit more information about this is available on my campaign website (johannesrebane.ca), but the project is underway. Since coming on board at the AMS I have:

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- Created and hired the position of First Year Seminar Commissioner
- Begun a list of interested professors and course topics
- Compiled a 60 page situational analysis and marketing plan for the program
- Spoken with the Provost and his office about this project and received positive feedback regarding it
- Become really excited about where it could head in the next bit!

#### STUDENT DIRECTED SEMINARS

There was an internal review process which took place surrounding this issue which I was involved in. It seems like most parties think that the program is very worthwhile and should continue. That is the opinion that I put forth after consulting with students, and it seems like that is what will happen (though we are still waiting on the actual report to come out...)

#### **UNIVERSITY POLICY**

#### PRIVACY POLICY

An interesting issue which arose within the first two months of my term was that of Privacy and the lack of policy thereof on campus. There has been a process of developing a privacy policy on campus. There were some issues with that policy. I consulted with various individuals and groups and made a presentation to the Board of Governors about those issues. Most of those issue can be summed up by the presentation I made, which I have included below:

Good morning members of the Board. Thank you for your time, I assure you my remarks will be brief

I am Johannes Rebane Presenting from Alma Mater Society- represent 47 000 UBC students.

Students are pleased the university is taking the important step to codify its existing procedures so members of the university community have some clarity about what to expect in terms of privacy. And we appreciate the ability of the assignment of University Counsel as responsible executive puts UBC at the forefront of its peers in terms of privacy records management.

#### However:

We have concerns that the policy is overly broad, specifically with regard to section 5- <u>Use of University Information and Communications Systems</u>- which seems to give the university seemingly unlimited access to all user's records, in many formats beyond those bound by employment relationships or in cases of criminal investigations, emergencies, or maintenance needs.

We think the University's claim to custody and control of all records does not appropriately answer the reasonable need of the university to act in cases of emergency and criminal investigation.

In the case of emergencies, a more narrow policy would answer the university's need to carry on business

*In the case of criminal investigations, there is already a functional warrant process.* 

We have specific concerns about

academic issues relating to students' use of university facilities (which echo the faculty associations')

students as employees (particularly graduate students)

students as non employees who use university systems

students as residents at university facilities, (with regard to their right to quiet enjoyment of their homes) and

our own society as Internet client of the university, and the effect this policy has on our ability to carry out our business.

We have concerns about how this very broad policy affects our ability as a society to meet our obligations under PIPA

We have written to the provincial privacy commissioner for his opinion on these matters and we would prefer that the board delay its decision until we hear from him.

Thank you very much for your time.

As a result of the presentation, the Board seemed to become more and more concern and, as a result, the policy was tabled.



#### INTERNATIONALISM STRATEGY

Another portion of the Trek 2010 Strategic Process is Internationalism. As this strategic planning process will probably have significant effects on curriculum, development, and programming for students in the next decade, it made sense to have as much student input into the process as possible.

What has happened to further this issue?

- Hired an International Students Commissioner to research Internationalism programs on campus
- Met with representatives from I-house to discuss their plans, programs, and successes in their programming
- Spoke with Provost's office about the procedure that would be taken on this issue

In the near future, I plan to meet further with the VP International as well as the VP Students to see where students could hold the most leverage in the process.

#### STUDENT EVALUATION OF TEACHING

Another great contentious issue on campus – so much so that there still is a lawsuit going on between the Faculty Association and the University regarding it for some years now!

What has been done with this?

- I have sat on the SEoT Committee and given feedback on the designs of the evaluations interface
- I have done an interview with the Ubyssey on the topic
- I have sent out a campus wide communiqué encouraging students to evaluate their professors

#### HIRING OF NEW REGISTRAR

As a result of the nature of my position, I get to help out hire new people. With our old registrar leaving us, I was tasked with helping interview some of the most qualified people in the world for a University position. This was a lot of fun, and it was reassuring to see some people who could make multiples upon multiples of more money in other sectors who still are attracted by the culture and climate of a university and UBC who applied.

#### AMS INTERNAL/EXECUTIVE ISSUES

#### SUB, SUB, SUB

More about the SUB can be found in Crystal's quarterly; however, I have been quite involved in searching for and consulting with potential mediators for the SUB negotiations.

#### SUBMERSION/WHISTLER ORIENTATION WEEKEND

I worked with my lovely assistant, Eunice, to organize Whistler Orientation Weekend and SUBmersion this year. Both events were a great success, though we would've hoped that more councillors could have come out to them. Eunice prepared a detailed transition report for the event and hopefully that information will be relayed to the appropriate people next year!

#### RESTRUCTURING OF PORTFOLIO

I figured a few weeks in that there were way too many things to do in this position for only 3 people – so I did the unthinkable and decided to revive the University Commission. (\*gasp!). I have found this, so far, to have been a wonderful decision, as it allows more individuals to champion ideas with full strength, rather than having one guy try to juggle everything and do a mediocre job at all of them.

#### **New Positions:**

- First Year Seminar Commissioner
- International Students Commissioner
- Campus Development Commissioner

#### APPOINTMENTS REVIEW COMMITTEE

This has been a very productive committee so far this year. Along with the typical responsibilities of approving positions and compensations, we have undergone a process of developing a compensation rubric that will create a more objective measure by which to assign compensations for appointed positions.

Special thanks to Ekaterina Dovjenko for putting together a comprehensive report on compensation models which we will be using to finalize the AMS' strategy on the issue!



#### HIRING

Some wonderful hires this year! Let me introduce you:

**Ian Turner -** Associate Vice-President Academic

Worked as a reporter for the Ubyssey on academic issues before coming to the AMS (don't worry, we made him sign a non-disclosure agreement). Ian's knowledge of academic issues on campus is vast, and he seems to get things done. I'm personally very excited to have him on board and see what he will accomplish this year.

**Eunice Hii –** Assistant and First Year Seminar Commissioner

Eunice has been absolutely amazing so far in getting the office, and the visions and goals of the portfolio organized. In her first week, she helped organize WOW and SUBmersion, and has since made it possible for six positions to work out of an office which used to only house two. She has also come on as the First Year Seminar Commissioner, and has had a lot of progress so far.

**Selena Shannon** – *Campus Development Commissioner* 

Ms. Shannon's past experience includes representing youth on municipal planning committees in West Vancouver, and extensive community planning experience. Though she has just started her term, she has already done an extensive amount of research into the position and options for increased student housing on campus.

James Lin – International Students Commissioner

James has dedicated a good portion of his extra-curricular time at UBC to International Students issues on campus; including helping lead International Week last year. He is currently in the process of developing a report that will be brought to the University administration on the issue of Internationalism and the Trek 2010 Strategies.

#### Pavani Gunadasa – ECSS

I think you just need to meet her or read her transition report to see how awesome, organized, and dedicated she is. And though she doesn't report to me or anything (I don't think I could ever organize and manage the services like she does), I am still quite proud that I was able to have a bit of a say in hiring her...=P.

#### **Hayden Hughes** – *Ombudsperson*

Hayden just came back from an international conference on Ombudspersons and has shown an energy and passion that is so vital to the ombuds position. In fact, he was the first Ombuds in a number of years to come to an AMS council meeting. We like him – go use him if you have any concerns about the AMS!



### **Saadia Rai** – *Safety Coordinator*

She was the Safety Coordinator last year, and she was passionate enough about it to come back and continue doing it! Experienced, and well-versed in safety issues, we found no qualm in re-hiring her on to the position.



#### **PORTFOLIO VISIONING**

I have a more detailed PVD available elsewhere – but this is a bit of a summary for now. Enjoy!

#### **OLYMPICS CONCERNS**

With the Olympics coming in January, it is a once in a lifetime opportunity to get involved in their campus and their learning community. However, we should not let the games inconvenience students either.

#### Goals for this are:

- Meet with Olympics Commissioner, Greek representatives, RCMP, VANOC, and VISU to discuss demands of students and effects of the Olympics on the Wesbrook Mall area.
- Negotiate for initiatives that would mitigate the negative effects of the Olympics on the Greek Community, and transit
- Work with the VP External Office to communicate the changes that will be coming to campus as
  a result of the Olympics

#### STUDENT HOUSING

Goals for this are: Lobbying for expansion of Student Housing on campus. More creative housing on campus. Making student housing developments focused not only on numbers, but on accessibility, and their relation to the overall teaching and learning experience.

- Student Housing Study with CC&P Get involved!
- Look at trends at other universities
- Work with Campus Development Commissioner to propose specific residence types that we would like to see
- Feasibility studies!
- Propose them to Nancy Knight, etc.

#### LIQUOR POLICY

Goals for this are: Figuring out an internal RCMP SOL distribution policy that is transparent, and understood and accepted by both the RCMP and students.

- Review approved and unapproved SOLs from past year and analyze for inconsistencies with provincial policy
- Approach RCMP with list of inconsistencies and concerns and ask for internal SOL Policy
- If not given, file FOI for them
- Once received, engage in student-RCMP negotiation on the policy
- If all else fails, begin research into provincial legislation and possibilities of lobbying there

#### **CHILDCARE**

- Negotiate with the GSS with regards to their demands
- Work with external office
- Lobby UNA for increased childcare in Wesbrook Community Centre

#### PVDS FROM UNIVERSITY COMMISSIONERS

Month	James (Intl. Students Comm.)	Selena (Campus Dev. Comm)	Eunice (First Year Comm.)
June	-determine progress on UBC's "Internationalization" (one of five pillars of Trek 2010); evaluate ways to contribute to Trek 2010 (e.g. writing recommendations reports) -research, digest, and compile a list of available resources to UBC international students	Work on securing FOI from Properties Trust  -Seat on Campus Permit Board	research proposal formats from various examples ex. ta training, find as many contacts as possible - people from senate, professors, advisors, deans who are interested and have direction for this program, make initial contact with them via phone or e-mail
July	-complete first draft of recommendation report to Trek 2010 -draft survey aiming to understand the needs of incoming and current UBC international students	-Investigate reform towards more on campus student housing both within UBC housing and affordable rental properties	away in Malaysia till 21st, but will continue reading/ research, contacting people through e-mail

-Work on creating advocacy department for students living on campus in rentals (Fraser, Panhel, Rental Buildings), to ensure that all students are treated fairly and have representation should issues arise within their property (lease issues, etc..)

#### August

-continue to work with Trek 2010
-complete final draft of recommendation report to Trek 2010
-distribute survey to international students participating in Jump Start; analyze results

Work with UNA and Properties trust to encourage the creation of more affordable student housing

Try and meet with mininum contacts including KATRIONA Mac. who may be able to direct me over the course of the school year, draft up a draft proposal answering all questions primarily FUNDING? and set a time frame on this project with specific steps ending with senate

# **Sept.** -help I.H to begin organizing for International Week (restructuring, hiring IW coordinators, etc.)

Oct. -research on new universities to be a part of UBC Joint Academic Program

Nov. -appraise existing courses relating to internationalism; lobby for changes in such courses and implementation of new courses; collaborate with FYSC -evaluate international student resources at I.House (international student advising, peer programs, etc.); work to diversify and eliminate redundant I.H services

Dec.	Same as Nov.	
Jan.	Same as Nov,	1-2 classes of FYSP acting as a pilot program in Sauder
Feb.	-determine mutually beneficial partnerships with international agencies and organizations; lobby for such partnerships	
March	-help organize International Week	
April	-assess the effectiveness of the past Have student representation year's efforts in promoting within UBC properties Trust "Internationalization" at UBC -complete transition report to incoming ISC	