

SO-8: EXTERNAL AND COMMUNITY AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

<i>POLICY TYPE: COUNCIL POLICY</i> <i>POLICY TITLE: EXTERNAL AND COMMUNITY AFFAIRS COMMITTEE POLICY</i> <i>REFERENCE NUMBER: SO-8</i>		
Position	Signature	Date
President		

Relevant By-Laws

1. By-Law 7(14)(g)

External And Community Affairs Committee

8.1 Council shall maintain the External and Community Affairs Committee as a standing committee.

8.2 This Committee shall generally coordinate the advocacy work regarding federal, provincial, and municipal advocacy and lobbying campaigns and community-facing information campaigns.

8.3 The Committee shall actively seek and establish partnerships with relevant community organizations to address issues affecting students and the broader community.

8.4 The Committee may propose collaborations and recommend to council sponsorships from external organizations to support its initiatives.

Composition

1. [Ex-Officio] President
2. [Chairperson] VP External & Community Affairs
3. Five Councillors
4. Up to 7 At-Large members

5. One representative of each constituency group [Non-voting] Policy, Research, and Community Affairs Coordinator
6. [Non-voting] Campaigns Coordinator
7. [Non-voting] Services Lead
8. [Non-voting] Operations Lead

Terms of Reference

8.5 Identify and prioritize issues of concern to students that are external to the University community.

8.6 Develop and coordinate strategies to address those concerns.

8.7 Establish working groups to implement campaigns and take actions to address those concerns.

8.8 Ensure that the Society members are informed of these issues, and the steps taken to address them.

8.9 Review the progress of business from the Federal, Provincial and Municipal governments or other decision-making bodies external to the University.

8.10 Create information campaigns directed towards the Society membership regarding External and Community advocacy.

8.11 Review and recommend to council proposed sponsorships to ensure alignment with the Society's values and objectives.

Governance

8.12 The committee will strive for consensus. Where no consensus is reached, the committee will make decisions by simple majority vote.

8.13 This Committee shall establish working groups wherever possible and may strike sub- committees when necessary, to be and used sparingly, in order to conduct the business of the Committee.

8.14 The committee shall take into consideration and respect Indigenous forms of governance and recognize how often other forms of governance overrule Indigenous ways of knowing, especially on occupied stolen territories.

8.15 When the committee takes into account Indigenous forms of governance, the committee shall consider other aspects and ways of knowing in order to properly support this decision-making process. This can include:

- (a) Inviting Indigenous Elders of the Territories and asking for advice or support in the decision-making process.

- (b) finding ways to include Indigenous forms of governance i.e. talking circles, transparency process and community engagement

8.16 The committee shall ensure all partnerships and sponsorships are conducted transparently and ethically, focusing on benefiting the student body and respecting the Society's commitment to inclusivity and social responsibility.