



The AMS Sexual Assault Support Centre (SASC)

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Submission to the UBC Board of Governors Regarding UBC Policy SC17: Sexual Assault and Other Sexual Misconduct, Implementation Update

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Dear Board of Governors,

This submission is being made on behalf of the Alma Mater Society Sexual Assault Support Centre (AMS SASC) of UBC Vancouver to supplement the Implementation Update provided to the People, Community, and International Committee.

The statistics below are intended to complement the statistics submitted by the UBC Vancouver Sexual Violence Prevention and Response Office (SVPRO) to provide a holistic understanding of disclosures of sexual assault and other sexual misconduct at UBC Vancouver. Disclosures include any first visit where an individual completed an intake and met with a SASC Support Worker for an appointment. Repeat visits include all follow-up services, including phone, online or in-person appointments and accompaniments to police, academic, or medical services.

AMS SASC Support Service Statistics	January-April 2020	2019	2018
<i>Disclosures</i>	63	230	314
<i>Repeat Visits</i>	303	915	412
<i>Total Service Contacts</i>	366	1145	726

After a period of understaffing and more limited hours in 2018, 2019 saw a significant increase in total service contacts, which corresponds to the increased available drop-in hours at the SASC office. Like many service providers, the SASC saw an initial decrease in services in March & April due to COVID-19 office closures, which explains the lower than usual service contacts in the first few months of 2020 (compared to 91 disclosures from January-April 2019). Since implementing additional online service options, disclosures and repeat visits have once again increased and we anticipate total numbers for 2020 to be relatively comparable with previous years.

Our hope is that the Board of Governors will consider both offices' statistics when reviewing the Implementation Update and allocating resources to survivors of sexual violence on campus.

Sincerely,



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