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The Compassion Policy is an adaptation of Policy 72 (entitled “Access to the University of British Columbia”) from the University of British Columbia Board of Governors into the Commerce Undergraduate Society to allow undergraduate students of the Sauder School of Business access to the services of the CUS who are otherwise prevented from doing so for financial reasons alone.

**1) Purpose and Scope**

- a) The purpose of the Compassion Policy is to provide students who may be in financial hardship with access to the services of the Commerce Undergraduate Society
- b) As the cost to serve on extra student at any one particular event, the CUS may be able to grant access to a certain number of students to services of the society free of charge
- c) The Compassion Policy is not a finite solution, nor an official opinion, of the Commerce Undergraduate Society on students in financial hardship

**2) Eligible Events**

- a) Any service of the CUS where students can participate in or attend where the value to students attending is strong beyond a reasonable doubt may be considered for students in financial hardship
- b) Services or events where the primary benefit may not be achieved within a reasonable doubt or if the students motivation for going may be questioned may not necessarily be considered for students in financial hardship
- c) External conference subsidies, sports subsidies, and case competition subsidies shall not be considered

**3) Procedure**

- a) Students wishing to attend an event free of charge may speak directly with the Ombudsperson for assessment

- b) If it is determined by the Ombudsperson that his or her case is legitimate and the student interests are pure, the Ombudsperson will determine the best course of gaining the student access to the service
  - i) Methods of access could include:
    - (1) Self-registration and reimbursement
    - (2) Ombudsperson registration for the service
    - (3) Cash float used to register for the service
  - ii) Which exact method is used will be determined by the Ombudsperson based on the level of comfort the student on financial hardship has with disclosing their need for assistance
  - iii) The Ombudsperson may elect to speak with the student after the end of the service to determine learning areas or value achieved out of the service