

## EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE — 2023-2024 #8

June 22, 2023

12:39 PM

### ATTENDANCE

Christian Fotang	<i>President</i>
Chris Beasley	<i>Vice President (External)</i>
Pedro Almeida	<i>Vice President (Academic)</i>
Levi Flaman	<i>Vice President (Operations and Finance)</i>
Michael Griffiths	<i>Vice President (Student Life)</i>
Marc Dumouchel	<i>General Manager</i>
Juliana du Pree	<i>Director of Marketing and Communications</i>
Jonathan Olfert	<i>Director of Research and Advocacy</i>
Ari Campbell	<i>External Relations Specialist</i>
Courtney Graham	<i>Assistant Manager, Governance Support</i>

### APPROVAL OF AGENDA

ALMEIDA/GRIFFITHS MOVED TO approve the Executive Committee agenda as presented.  
5/0/0 CARRIED

### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

GRIFFITHS/ALMEIDA MOVED TO approve the Executive Committee minutes from June 19,  
2023 as presented.  
5/0/0 CARRIED

## REPORTS

### PRESIDENT

- Council went well, including a respectful but thorough examination of a presentation on the Academic Materials Program (AMP) proposal.
- Met with MarComms to plan the year.
- Standing Orders have changed: materials are due eight days before Council. This will sharply reduce stress on governance staff and make for more informed decision-making.
- Attended a meeting on reevaluating the Moderate Standard of Living (MSoL) threshold.
- Attended a presentation by SPARC against 'Equitable Access' proposals like AMP.
- Setting up meetings with COFA members about priorities for the year.

### VICE PRESIDENT (ACADEMIC)

- Attended lunch with Provost.
- Attended meetings about AMP with Katherine Huising.
- Attended meetings about financial aid possibilities.
- Met with ASA.
- Went to ISU film screening event.
- There are talks about a new LMS, moving away from Moodle/eClass. It came up today in Programs Committee, a public meeting. Moodle is open-source, so when it crashes its repair is on IST staff. Switching to an alternative system would mean more available developer support and a more stable experience. At the earliest, installed in Fall 2024, which would be at the same time as a syllabus tool and a potential AMP launch.
- Potential to bring SPARC to speak with Council, GFC, COFA, or GFC Student Caucus.
- Attended COFA Advocacy yesterday and presented a great deal of information on upcoming issues. There was significant engagement on the Clean Air Strategy. The ISU's stance is likely going to be against it.

### VICE PRESIDENT (EXTERNAL)

- Spoke at the municipal Urban Planning Committee about zoning bylaws and affordable housing. Engaged with City Councilors and put out associated social media content.
- Went to ISU film screening event.
- Attended COFA Advocacy Board.
- Needs to be in the loop this year if any FA/SRA engages with government.
- Will be attending Camrose City Council meeting this summer.
- Attending CAUS planning conference.

#### VICE PRESIDENT (OPERATIONS AND FINANCE)

- Attended lunch with Provost.
- Participated in Council's engagement with AMP consultation.
- Met with Gateway EiC and Board.
- Attended SPARC presentation.
- Attended working group on MSoL.

#### VICE PRESIDENT (STUDENT LIFE)

- Attended Campus Safety and Security Committee. Received extensive student survey data.
- University committed \$550k in unlocked funding for small-scale security-related capital changes around campus, building by building.
- Working on sustainable funding for period equity. By Fall there should be two new stocked machines in SUB.
- Attended Canadian Mental Health Association stakeholders meeting.

#### GENERAL MANAGER

- Had a good meeting on SCF marketing.
- Working on theatre renovation matters.
- Working to find more long-term space for The Landing and the Peer Support Centre.

#### DIRECTOR OF MARKETING AND COMMUNICATIONS

- Working on social media planning and SCF communications planning.

#### DIRECTOR OF RESEARCH AND ADVOCACY

- Data from 2022 UASU surveys supports the argument that internet access is inconsistent enough to make the digital-first Academic Materials Program (AMP) 'Equitable Access' proposal inequitable.
  - 38% had internet access too unstable for effective remote learning in January 2022.
  - 15% reported that their home/residence internet (excluding University residence) was occasionally, rarely, or never good enough for remote learning.
  - 18% reported that their internet connection had impacted their student experience over the preceding year.
  - 11% (much higher for disabled students, international students, and food bank visitors, among others) did not have mobile devices that met their needs for schoolwork.

- Some of the new chairs are nervous about chairing committees that include more experienced members of Students' Council. It will be vital to ensure that chairs have a positive, rewarding experience and feel empowered in their roles.
- As a complication of folding Nominating Committee into CAC, the CAC permanent members (other than the chair) are currently unavailable to sit on the two-member interview panels for each Student-at-Large position. By the letter of Bylaw 120 and Regulation 120.02, only the permanent members can shortlist and make final adjudication/selection; in between those decisions, however, other members of CAC (including Executives) could technically sit on the two-member interview panels, and will likely need to do so.
- Kwantlen Polytechnic has followed Waterloo and UBC in going essentially tuition-free for Indigenous students from the First Nations most directly associated with the land where their campus is built. Note also that the University of California system has made tuition free for Indigenous students.

#### ASSISTANT MANAGER, GOVERNANCE SUPPORT

- Collected and reorganized all COFA and CORA documents.
- Meeting with various committee members.
- Preparing for new Governance Support Specialist.

#### EXTERNAL RELATIONS SPECIALIST

- Did background work for BEASLEY's municipal appearance and speech.
- Working on CASA and CAUS participation support.
- Translating data and key messages into communications.

#### STUDENTS' COUNCIL

- The Executives discussed various short- and long-term solutions, within the bounds of Bylaw and CAC's mandate, to the CAC Student-at-Large selection issue. Short-term solutions are in the works, and Bylaw will be asked to reevaluate specific lines that are causing red tape.

#### ACTION ITEMS

NO ITEMS

#### DISCUSSION PERIOD

##### AMP Stance

- The Executives discussed whether and when to take a stance on AMP.

- There is a need to consult with students in Fall Semester (e.g. through surveys, potential town hall) before finalizing a position.
- This is anticipated to come to the Board of Governors for March 2024.
- It is vital to know the timeline of when the AMP 'price tag' will be available.
- The Executives will reach out for textbook sales data.
- It is still not clear whether this would qualify as an MNIF.
- The University is not putting any money into AMP; their proposal would be entirely funded by students.

#### Sponsorship

- After a briefing by Nigel Brachi (Director, External Relationships), the Executives discussed emerging and unresolved policy questions around potential sponsorships for Campus Cup and other events, through an ESG (environmental social governance) lens.

#### Student Financial Aid/Moderate Standard of Living

- An advisory committee meeting has taken place, and the Executives discussed how to proceed and what University, UASU, and/or external data would be required or valuable.

FLAMAN/GRIFFITHS MOVED TO enter closed session.  
5/0/0 CARRIED

CLOSED SESSION

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 2:30 PM