MINUTES

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE — 2023-2024 #13

July 13, 2023
12:32 PM

ATTENDANCE

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

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

ALMEIDA/GRIFFITHS MOVED TO approve the Executive Committee minutes from July 10, 2023 as presented.
4/0/1 CARRIED, BEASLEY abstaining.

<u>REPORTS</u>

PRESIDENT
- Met with new Chief Information Officer and talked about the Affirmed Names Project and wifi accessibility improvements, as well as BearTracks improvements. She will get back with updates.
- According to the SEAP surveys, the number one student experience issue is affordability and tuition.
- Will be away at CASA PoliStrat.

VICE PRESIDENT (ACADEMIC)
- Exploring opportunities to promote GFC vacancies to unsuccessful but qualified applicants for Student-at-Large positions.
- Participated in two completed first drafts for policy proposals.

VICE PRESIDENT (EXTERNAL)
- Met with 69 MLAs, 21 Ministers, and the Premier at the Calgary Stampede.
- Tested out language about being watchdogs for universities and ROI with great success/receptivity.
- Many people are waiting on the SGBV data from Leger.
- Meeting with Minister of Advanced Education and Chief of Staff next week. Minister is interested in a campus visit.

VICE PRESIDENT (OPERATIONS AND FINANCE)
- Student Senate interviews.
- Horowitz Theatre meeting and tour; progress is looking good.
- Will be meeting with The Gateway about the Single-Source Cold Beverage Agreement.

VICE PRESIDENT (STUDENT LIFE)
- CORA yesterday went well.
- Been meeting with Augustana, ISU, and ISA.

GENERAL MANAGER
- Planning for strategic plan process improvements.
- Working on potential solutions for the rapidly oncoming Arc Card distribution issues and trying to engage ETS Branch Manager.
- Current timeline for theatre completion is end of October.

DIRECTOR OF MARKETING AND COMMUNICATIONS
- Focusing primarily on website; Executives will see mockups next week.
- Marketing is continuing to work through its heavy July/August workload.

DIRECTOR OF RESEARCH AND ADVOCACY
- Developing survey of past participants of all UASU leadership programming in the past six years.
- Been compiling data sources on UASU history (e.g. Council composition and student body gender proportions).
- Been compiling data to support increasing the Moderate Standard of Living. For example, Statistics Canada's Edmonton poverty line is 30% higher than the MSoL.

ASSISTANT MANAGER, GOVERNANCE SUPPORT
- Busy training new Governance Support Specialist.
- Doing Student-at-Large admin work, integrating them into their new committees.
- Will be away next week; working to set up Students' Council to run smoothly in her absence.

EXTERNAL RELATIONS SPECIALIST
- Working on key messages for Single-Source Cold Beverage Agreement, SGBV survey data, and theatre.

STUDENTS' COUNCIL

- The Executives discussed upcoming and potential Council and committee discussion items, as well as prioritizing replenishment of various committees.
- Bylaw Committee had a robust discussion on the vacancy petition mechanism. The Executives discussed the possibilities and shortfalls of potential bylaw mechanisms that could address relevant issues, and the importance of ensuring that Bylaw Committee has enough time to address its main priorities for the year.
- The Executives discussed ways to engage Council in discussing the draft charter of shared expectations, and whether to hold that discussion informally, or in committee of the whole, or in camera, etc.

ACTION ITEMS

ETI Task Force
- Chaired by last year's CAC Chair and by the Board of Governors Representative, and working closely with ALMEIDA and FOTANG, this task force would focus heavily on the Faculty Associations evaluating changes in their faculties in regard to commitments that were made around the Exceptional Tuition Increases (ETIs).

In short, major tuition increases were passed in combination with significant promises about usage of the extra funding, and this task force would help determine the extent to which those commitments were addressed.
- The Executives discussed who should chair the task force, which would be an ad hoc subcommittee under the Executives.

BEASLEY/ALMEIDA MOVED TO approve the terms of reference for the ETI Task Force as presented.
5/0/0 CARRIED

DISCUSSION PERIOD

JROC
- The Joint Residence Oversight Committee was put in place circa 2017. It did not run last year. Administration wants to know whether the UASU would prefer to revitalize it, keep it paused for another year, or abolish it.
- There is now significant overlap with the Residence Oversight Committee.
- The important thing would be to ensure that the VPSL still has a sufficient seat at the table around SGBV training and residence rate increases.

A Safer Walk
- This is an emerging women-only app that attempts to fill the space of Safewalk. The company has reached out to the Executives. The Executives discussed the proposal, including the extent to which the app's policies address and support gender diversity, and ultimately opted not to pursue an agreement.

Haven
- This is another software service, a campus safety app with a variety of emergency modes and emergency-notification functionality. The company has reached out to the Executives. Some other student associations are using it primarily for student engagement and to bolster their universities' emergency response systems. The Executives discussed the proposal and ultimately opted not to pursue an agreement.

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 2:23 PM