

## EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE — 2023-2024 #30

October 5, 2023

12:30 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

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

### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

BEASLEY/GRIFFITHS MOVED TO approve the Executive Committee minutes from September 21, September 25, and October 2, 2023 as presented.  
4/0/1 CARRIED, FLAMAN abstaining.

## REPORTS

### PRESIDENT

- Met with AVP Marketing to discuss standards for posters and advertising in SUB.
- Met with ISU to discuss Indigenous student leadership recognition.
- Attended a Black faculty and student mixer.
- SRA summit this weekend.

### VICE PRESIDENT (ACADEMIC)

- Planning SRA summit.

### VICE PRESIDENT (EXTERNAL)

- Met with an MP to discuss copyright in the context of CASA advocacy.
- Interviewed by Taproot about student affordability.
- Will be appearing on Ryan Jespersen's show to discuss sexual and gender-based violence.
- Preparation for the SRA summit are going well.
- CASA is engaging the federal government about visa processing delays for Indian international students.

### VICE PRESIDENT (OPERATIONS AND FINANCE)

- Working on proposal possibilities for group purchasing and meeting with existing groups.
- Working on securing a second quote for the Dewey's washroom per Council's request.
- Working on draft terms of reference for the Investment Policy Working Group.

### VICE PRESIDENT (STUDENT LIFE)

- Gateway interviews on reconciliation.
- Addressing individual student concerns.
- Attending Residence Advisory Committee.

### GENERAL MANAGER

- Working on strategic planning, new student orientation, and theatre budget issues.

### DIRECTOR OF MARKETING AND COMMUNICATIONS

- Nothing to report; getting caught up after trip.

### DIRECTOR OF RESEARCH AND ADVOCACY

- Team participated in identifying past Canadian Institute of Ukrainian Studies (CIUS) donors and memorial endowments as Waffen-SS soldiers.

- Completed a survey report on student attitudes toward alcohol at events.
- ASSISTANT MANAGER, GOVERNANCE SUPPORT

- Working on FAMF support materials and meeting with FAMF leadership.
- Preparing for CSJ and Augustana Council retreats.

EXTERNAL RELATIONS SPECIALIST

- Setting up interviews for BEASLEY.
- Looking into banking and grant possibilities.

STUDENTS' COUNCIL

- The Executives discussed scheduling a presentation for a third party who wishes to present at the last minute.
- For a later meeting, a discussion item will be forthcoming about the potential for Council remuneration for 2024-25.
- The Executives discussed asking Marketing to update some public-facing Council materials. FOTANG will follow up.

ACTION ITEMS

ALMEIDA/GRIFFITHS MOVED TO request no more than \$5000 from the Project Allocation budget to be used for the SRA Summit.  
5/0/0 CARRIED

DISCUSSION PERIOD

HUB Piano

- GRIFFITHS connected with the person who wants to tune and partially restore the HUB piano per the last meeting's discussion. The Executives found consensus. A PA request is forthcoming.

Lactation Pod in SUB

- The University has proposed lactation pods again. The project was derailed during the height of the pandemic, but the University has found funding and has asked whether one could be put in SUB. This initiative was partially student-driven in past years. The University will provide dimensions and technical needs, e.g. power and water hookups.
- The Executives discussed logistics considerations, including cleaning responsibilities.

- The pod does not appear to have changing table capacity.
- GRIFFITHS will follow up about the possibility of changing tables. Changing tables are important considerations for washroom renovations also.

#### Parkland Institute Email

- The Executives discussed an email about sexual violence allegations regarding Ricardo Acuña, the Parkland Institute ED, who was let go from Oxfam board governance positions and stepped down from AASUA's presidency in 2021 based in part on student calls for accountability.
- The UASU was involved in those discussions (including calls for hiring a sexual violence prevention and response coordinator, and overhauling rules for faculty/student relationships) and made statements in several venues, while avoiding defamation issues. This conversation involved a joint letter and a GFC walkout.
- There is a concern that some explicitly partisan parties appear to be attempting to weaponize a survivor's story to achieve political aims. Past UASU actions were based on, and motivated by, direct communication with the survivor.
- The Executives discussed appropriate ways of engaging with the University and Students' Council, and ongoing public engagement about sexual and gender-based violence. GRIFFITHS and CAMPBELL will begin drafting materials.

#### Student Day of Action

- The Executives discussed an invitation to participate in a day of action started by CFS, focused on an ask for free tuition. The UASU's political policy on tuition advocacy and tuition reduction, which defines the Executives' mandate in this area, is not consistent with the organizers' asks. BEASLEY has engaged with those involved and with CASA. He presented to the Executives to the effect that asking for free tuition is counterproductive and leads to sharply reduced credibility with government.

#### Zoning Bylaw Renewal

- BEASLEY and FLAMAN will try to attend City Council to speak to zoning bylaw renewal. The Executives discussed engaging with the city.

#### Enterprise Square Student Interest

- GRIFFITHS was provided with a long presentation deck about the Enterprise Square initiatives. The Executives discussed the most appropriate venue for a presentation.

### ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 2:06 PM