

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE — 2023-2024 #31

October 12, 2023

1:08 PM

ATTENDANCE

Christian Fotang	<i>President</i>
Pedro Almeida	<i>Vice President (Academic)</i>
Chris Beasley	<i>Vice President (External)</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>
Courtney Graham	<i>Assistant Manager, Governance Support</i>

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

ALMEIDA/GRIFFITHS MOVED TO approve the Executive Committee agenda as presented.
4/0/0 CARRIED

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

GRIFFITHS/ALMEIDA MOVED TO approve the Executive Committee minutes from October 5, 2023 as presented.
4/0/0 CARRIED

REPORTS

PRESIDENT

- Board of Governors tomorrow.
- GFC next week.

VICE PRESIDENT (ACADEMIC)

- Attended meetings about MyUAlberta app and other digital interface issues.
- With GRIFFITHS, planned regarding the proposed Clean Air Strategy.
- GFC Student Caucus tomorrow.

VICE PRESIDENT (EXTERNAL)

- Just hosted 'Bite-Sized Politics' event, with around 20 people attending and several pledging to speak at City Council.
- Held meetings with elected officials on zoning bylaw renewal.
- Edmonton Student Alliance priorities conditionally approved.
- With FOTANG, meeting Mayor Sohi for dinner next week.

VICE PRESIDENT (OPERATIONS AND FINANCE)

- EDI Steering Committee met.
- Met with business management.

VICE PRESIDENT (STUDENT LIFE)

- World Mental Health Day on Tuesday.
- Attended KAIROS Blanket Exercise.
- Attended SRA Summit.

GENERAL MANAGER

- Working on Strategic Plan.
- Working on theatre items.

DIRECTOR OF MARKETING AND COMMUNICATIONS

- No major developments to report.

DIRECTOR OF RESEARCH AND ADVOCACY

- Attended KAIROS Blanket Exercise.
- Working on several surveys.
- Prepared GFC Student Caucus briefing.

ASSISTANT MANAGER, GOVERNANCE SUPPORT

- The staff KAIROS Blanket Exercise was well attended.
- Began meeting with Faculty Associations. Working to prepare for FAMFs and DFUs, including checklists and emails.
- Starting to book Council retreat at CSJ.

STUDENTS' COUNCIL

- FOTANG spoke with MarComms and updated public Council materials (a poster) will be available soon.
- Dates are continuing to be explored for a Council meeting at Augustana. Opportunities are dwindling. The Executives discussed Council availability, Bylaw considerations, and the scheduling constraints and requests of Augustana representatives. Bylaw Committee may be revisiting elements of this, e.g. the requirement to make the visit a formal Council meeting, which does not necessarily meet local needs.
- Securing a second Dewey's quote has been pursued, per Council's request, but no second quote has resulted yet. This will continue to be investigated as a priority.

ACTION ITEMS

Strategic Plan Student-at-Large Selection

- The Executives reviewed applications for this position. They selected Angelina Botros, Christina Tran, Jiawei Ryan Zhang, Nathan Thiessen, and Pritika Sood.

DISCUSSION PERIOD

AASUA Presentation

- Rachel Narvey, Communications Officer at AASUA, delivered a presentation about the AASUA Fair Employment Week campaign, a national campaign through CAUT, the Canadian Association of University Teachers. AASUA represents seven constituencies with disparate and sometimes precarious working conditions.
- The campaign is especially timely because the new strategic plan aims for enrolment growth of 16,000 students, and because AASUA is in a collective bargaining year.
- Academic Teaching Staff are sessional instructors in short-term contracts; there are around 2000 faculty members, of whom 920 are ATS. They receive lower pay and no benefits (unless they work over 12 consecutive months, which is often interrupted by Spring/Summer), and have no job security. Course planning is uncompensated work, and they are given contracts with short notice. Impacts include less time to mark, answer emails, meet with students, plan courses, and order course materials.
- There are over 400 Trust/Research Academic Staff (TRAS) whose employment depends on external funding; over half have been at UAlberta for six years or longer without job security.

Muslim Students' Association — Space Requirements

- The MSA needs prayer space, and those needs have grown considerably in recent years. The MSA and Research and Advocacy have established that common practice in the U15 is for the University to pay for prayer space.
- Scheduling has been an issue as the time of the prayers changes throughout the year, but the MSA can give the schedule at the beginning of the year, with plenty of advance notice.
- The University paid for space while it was in Lister, but does not do so anymore.
- The MSA has done good work contacting University administration but offices have bounced them around.
- The current space the MSA has meets their needs, but cannot afford to continue. It costs around \$3,000 per year, which would be trivial for the University to forgive.
- The Executives discussed bringing this to the Dean of Students again.
- Based on past UASU data and current MSA statements, around 7% of undergraduates are Muslim, which would be over 2,000 students.

Executive Town Hall

- The Executives discussed potential forms for a town hall event.

Dewey's Space Booking / CFB Fundraising Support

- An independent student has requested UASU support for an event raising funds for Campus Food Bank donations. The Executives discussed connecting the student with the CFB and potential opportunities if the CFB opts to become involved.

EDI Committee Questions

- The EDI Committee has created an internal survey to gain feedback from Executives and UASU managers. The Executives discussed how to provide feedback and appropriate input on the committee's scope of work.

Treaty 6 Flag

- The Executives discussed complexities, including ceremonial protocol factors and timeline issues, around properly hanging a Treaty 6 flag in SUB.

CLOSED SESSION

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 2:28 PM