

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE — 2023-2024 #43

November 27, 2023

12:05 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>
Ellen Salter	<i>Assistant General Manager</i>
Jonathan Olfert	<i>Director of Research and Advocacy</i>
Ari Campbell	<i>External Relations Specialist</i>

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

FLAMAN/ALMEIDA MOVED TO approve the Executive Committee minutes from November 20
and November 23, 2023 as presented.
5/0/0 CARRIED

REPORTS

PRESIDENT

- BFPC tomorrow.
- Hiring processes for Augustana Students' Association ED.

- Potential interviews for Provost hiring.
- Responding to many student concern emails.

VICE PRESIDENT (ACADEMIC)

- May need to miss Council sharing circle due to serious personal circumstances.
- Attended Business Faculty Council to talk about lecture capture.
- Meeting of GFC Committee on the Learning Environment this week.
- Potential interviews for Provost hiring.

VICE PRESIDENT (EXTERNAL)

- The CAUS Vice Chair has resigned.
- Will be attending a district planning meeting to continue discussions about affordable housing renewal.
- Working on debriefing from CAUS and CASA Advocacy Weeks.

VICE PRESIDENT (OPERATIONS AND FINANCE)

- Attended MNIF Joint Oversight Committee.
- Worked on DFU questions at Bylaw Committee.
- Will be attending sharing circle.
- Will be attending Myer Horowitz committee meeting.
- Will be attending Health and Dental Plan committee meeting.
- Student Price Cards are being distributed, roughly two per week, which is exceeding expectations.

VICE PRESIDENT (STUDENT LIFE)

- A lot of preparation work this week for Sustainability and Student Groups Committee, as well as work for Health and Dental Plan Committee.
- With CAMPBELL, has been organizing a blood donation block for tomorrow.
- Helping groups with DFU and FAMF fee proposals.
- Residence Advisory Committee this week.
- Responding to many student concern emails.

GENERAL MANAGER

- Focusing on bylaw and fee policy review items.
- Been meeting with Clark Builders to resolve billing issues.

ASSISTANT GENERAL MANAGER

- Doing round tables with DoS about student clubs and how they work at other campuses. Engaging with counterparts. There will likely be a summary report in the Spring.
- A privacy complaint received in 2021 is in the process of being resolved. There may be implications for how Council minutes are filed.

DIRECTOR OF RESEARCH AND ADVOCACY

- Supporting CRO on various issues.
- Working to support Executives in relation to student concern emails and other ongoing priorities.
- Annual Survey is ongoing. Turnout is significantly lower than last year's record turnout due to academic schedule differences, but there is still a week to go.

EXTERNAL RELATIONS SPECIALIST

- Finished CASA Advocacy Week. Ready to support Executives on emergent priorities.

STUDENTS' COUNCIL

- The Executives discussed their participation in the upcoming Council sharing circle.
- The Executives discussed the Dewey's all-gender washroom renovation and discussions with University administration. Some discussions are ongoing with Allen Ball, Provost's Fellow (Student Accessibility and Implementation Lead).

ACTION ITEMS

NO ITEMS

DISCUSSION PERIOD

Tuition

- New tuition proposals have come forward privately. The Executives discussed the plusses and minuses of these proposals in depth and in their political context. The proposals would increase financial aid set-asides for international students in ways that the UASU has often requested, leading to an additional \$1.6 million per year.
- Increased post-secondary funding and financial aid reform are required, especially in the context of students' increasing financial need.
- Meanwhile, international tuition is still below comparator averages.
- Advanced Education would like to meet about the regulation of international tuition. What needs to happen for international students needs to be at the provincial level rather than at the University level.
- Because of the UASU's analysis of previous years' 'double-dipping' international tuition proposals, the University has shifted to a CPI model, which reduces impacts.
- Access Fund money may be depleting by the holidays.

- Executives will engage with groups of students directly impacted by the proposals.

U-School Preparation

- FOTANG has prepared materials for the Executives' participation in U-School.
- The Executives discussed the logistics of their participation and rearranged schedule items to ensure availability as much as possible.

Space Considerations for The Landing

- There have been several space challenges for The Landing, and these concerns were discussed. Additional space was allocated last year, but The Landing has increased space needs (as do other services and tenants in SUB like the Campus Food Bank).
- Staff will continue to explore options and determine what operational course of action to take in the short and long term, in the context of The Landing's increased needs and its upcoming DFU referendum.
- The upcoming change of the fee policy review process will resolve several related issues.

FLAMAN/BEASLEY MOVED TO go in camera.
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CLOSED SESSION

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 2:11 PM.