

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE — 2023-2024 #44

November 30, 2023

10:35 AM

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>
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

ALMEIDA/FLAMAN TO approve the Executive Committee minutes from November 27, 2023
as presented.
5/0/0 CARRIED

REPORTS

PRESIDENT

- Continuing to participate in the Provost selection process.
- Highlighted a variety of student concerns at BFPC.
- Participated in U-School.

VICE PRESIDENT (ACADEMIC)

- Participated in U-School.
- Met with the Dean of Students about improving supports for students impacted by the geopolitical crisis in the Middle East. Working on a set of requests to send to DoS about these supports.
- Working with the GSA to plan the tuition down hall.

VICE PRESIDENT (EXTERNAL)

- Ongoing meetings with students with concerns.
- Ongoing meetings with CAUS to plan provincial advocacy efforts. A submission has been filed related to government funding for service support.
- Meeting with Alberta Post-Secondary Network.
- Attending Alberta Open Education Resources working group.

VICE PRESIDENT (OPERATIONS AND FINANCE)

- Attending Students' Council sharing circle.
- Met with Dean of Students.
- After the Students' Council meeting, funding has been approved to commission schematic designs for the Dewey's washroom renovation
- Attending a special Bylaw Committee meeting to review DFU proposals.

VICE PRESIDENT (STUDENT LIFE)

- Preparation work for Health and Dental Plan and Sustainability Committees.
- Several meetings with DoS, both regular and incidental, about a variety of student support issues.
- Working on student concerns related to Israel/Palestine.

GENERAL MANAGER

- Met with the University's trademarks team to discuss student groups.
- Working on theatre issues, some of which are approaching resolution.

ASSISTANT GENERAL MANAGER

- Focusing on student groups issues.

DIRECTOR OF MARKETING AND COMMUNICATIONS

- Two newsletters left before the end of the semester, and Perks is wrapping up for the semester.
- Focusing on the website.

DIRECTOR OF RESEARCH AND ADVOCACY

- Working on student concerns related to impacts of the Israel-Hamas war and the humanitarian crisis in Gaza. Supporting Executives in related advocacy.
- Annual Survey turnout through eClass is down from last year, but measures are being taken to boost turnout.

ASSISTANT MANAGER, GOVERNANCE SUPPORT

- Participating in DRO hiring committee.
- Coordinated Students' Council sharing circle, which went well.

EXTERNAL RELATIONS SPECIALIST

- Working on student concerns related to impacts of the Israel-Hamas war and the humanitarian crisis in Gaza. Supporting Executives in related advocacy.
- Working on items related to recovery on campus and CAUS provincial budget submissions.

STUDENTS' COUNCIL

- The Executives discussed past and current standards and practices around Students' Council closed sessions.
- The ISA would like to make a follow-up presentation to Students' Council about their proposal. Any proposal garners feedback, and the resulting plebiscite/referendum question works naturally from those changes; a full formal second presentation/submission is not necessary and would give Bylaw a very brief window to draft a question.
- The Executives discussed potential issues around HCA's FAMF, standards for funding allocation, and potential Council concerns.

ACTION ITEMS

NO ITEMS

DISCUSSION PERIOD

Clubs Approval Process

- Student Group Services paused all new group registration at the end of September due to capacity issues that should be resolved after the holidays.
- There are systemic issues (e.g. the administrative burden of legislatively required constitution reviews for 450 groups, almost 200 constitution reviews per year). Last fall, UAlberta's trademarks team implemented new rules that have also contributed to the slowdown. SGS has done its best to implement as simple a process as possible within its sphere, but there is a significant need for process simplification.
- This year has seen 67 new group applications and 130+ re-registration applications. Over 100 of the re-registrations have been processed over the past two months.
- A group of students wish to file an application to set up a Palestinian Cultural Club. There was a miscommunication that impacted the prospective club's expectations. The mistake was explained and apologized for, and additional options for support are being explored.
- Other cultural groups are also urgently seeking to be registered.
- The Executives, in discussion with relevant core managers, determined that student group registrations should reopen by January 8th, and that this should be clearly communicated to the student body

St. Joseph's College

- The Executives discussed a private members' bill to make St Joseph's College an independent degree-granting institution, and implications under the Post-Secondary Learning Act, including the probably-automatic creation of a small new students' association, which would raise a wide variety of potential questions around fees, facilities, and representations. The proposal has the support of UAlberta administration and has been discussed at the Standing Committee on Private Bills.

CLOSED SESSION

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 12:23 PM.