

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE — 2023-2024 #46

December 7, 2023

12:36 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>
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

FLAMAN/GRIFFITHS MOVED TO approve the Executive Committee minutes from November 30 and December 4, 2023 as presented.
5/0/0 CARRIED

REPORTS

PRESIDENT

- Meeting with Deputy Provost (Students and Enrolment) about tuition issues.
- Meeting with University administration about student financial aid.
- Attending Board of Governors meeting.
- Working to prepare for Tuition Town Hall.

VICE PRESIDENT (ACADEMIC)

- Met with SPARC about textbook costs.
- Attended GFC Programs Committee. EDI came up, and better lecture capture was advocated for.
- There is a meeting today to discuss policy around student bereavement. Research and Advocacy provided context from other institutions.
- Met with BSA leadership, the Dean of Business, and the Deputy Provost (Students and Enrolment), regarding BSA's concerns about the growth of excessively large Business classes.

VICE PRESIDENT (EXTERNAL)

- Prepared for potential media push on international work hours, which was partially preempted by today's announcement from the Minister of Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship. The current levels of international work hours will remain consistent until the end of April. International students will now need to demonstrate over \$20,000 in funds instead of \$10,000, as the amount had not changed in 20 years.
- Had an interview yesterday with the Daily Hive about rent control.
- CAUS will elect a new Vice Chair.
- Participating in meetings on mental health funding.

VICE PRESIDENT (OPERATIONS AND FINANCE)

- Attended PAWSOC meeting.
- Brought water supply cost issue to Core Managers for discussion, with potential angles for space improvements.

VICE PRESIDENT (STUDENT LIFE)

- Working on a lot of issues with the Dean of Students and with student groups. Heavy focus on uplifting student concerns to DoS.
- Sustainability Committee Green Fund application adjudications are ongoing.
- Helping with meetings on between Athletics and Perks
- Met with Campus Services to discuss concerns about residence rent rationalization plans.

DIRECTOR OF MARKETING AND COMMUNICATIONS

- Concentrating on website development.

DIRECTOR OF RESEARCH AND ADVOCACY

- Helping Governance keep up with the minutes for the frequent and long Council meetings.
- Beginning to process Annual Survey data.
- Continuing to support Executives on issues related to Palestinian student welfare.

ASSISTANT MANAGER, GOVERNANCE SUPPORT

- Focusing on minutes, as clerks are overwhelmed with frequent meetings and with their finals.
- Working to book the Council trimester and year-end celebration.
- Working with FAMFs and DFUs to get the last rounds of presentations to Students' Council.
- Trialing transcription software is going well. Working from recordings, looking at workflow integrations, and may be shifting to live transcription in January.

EXTERNAL RELATIONS SPECIALIST

- Working on news release around international student changes.
- Working on budget submission items.

STUDENTS' COUNCIL

- A Councillor is needed for the DIE Board Replenishment Committee due to emerging or upcoming vacancies.
- Many meetings have been canceled in mid-to-late December due to lack of Councillor availability; major work will resume in January, and many Councilors will be especially busy during finals.

ACTION ITEMS

NO ITEMS

DISCUSSION PERIOD

Student Positions

- University administrators reached out about recruiting or recommending students for two different part-time positions related to student issues.

- The Executives will share the information with their networks.

Cascade Room for Pride Week

- A request has been made from a University office to waive the fees to book the room for the event in March.
- GRIFFITHS will follow up with Conferencing and Events about costs.

St. Joseph's College

- The bill has been fast-tracked and passed third reading; it will receive royal assent soon. It is not yet certain whether these students will be University of Alberta students as well as St. Joseph's students.

Election Workshops

- Governance asked for Executive input on the 101-level election workshops that have been delivered in past years, their content, low attendance, and staff capacity in both Governance and the LEAD Centre. Content focuses on items like volunteer recruitment and the basics of social media platforms.
- The Executives suggested leaning toward creating more sustainable solutions. It is important to have resources available related to some of this content, but there are options around existing recordings or one-on-one meetings. There may also be opportunities with the new website around developing an online repository of resources. This would likely be a Governance task.
- The Executives are willing and available to give feedback on content.

NSSA

- The Executives discussed NSSA's intentions and expectations around a potential FAMF submission that does not follow FAMF processes and deadlines as laid out in presentations/communications. Based on meetings with NSSA, it was believed that they would not be running a FAMF referendum/plebiscite.
- There are complexities around NSSA membership definitions.
- Recent NSSA constitution changes include a membership fee.
- ALMEIDA will meet with the NSSA and clarify.

Indigenizing SUB

- CAMPBELL spoke with the NIAC Co-Chair, who was under the impression that everything was ready to go at the end of last year and was seeking more information.
- There had been discussions around potential place name signage, pillar decoration, and a mural, as well as Treaty 6 and Métis Nation of Alberta flags.
- The UASU aims to collaborate with the University on a flag raising ceremony. This means that these flags can be raised anytime on campus without a ceremony.

- A territorial plaque had been worked on, as had room name signage.
- Due to future construction considerations, there was no decision made about pillar decoration or a potential mural.

CLOSED SESSION

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 2:03 PM.