

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE — 2023-2024 #4

May 18, 2023

12:40 PM

ATTENDANCE

Christian Fotang	<i>President</i>
Chris Beasley	<i>Vice President (External)</i>
Pedro Almeida	<i>Vice President (Academic)</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>
Ari Campbell	<i>External Relations Specialist</i>

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

ALMEIDA/BEASLEY MOVED TO approve the Executive Committee minutes from May 15, 2023
as presented.
4/0/0 CARRIED

REPORTS

PRESIDENT

- At CASA conference. Met with the government to push for funding commitments. Got pushback as the government's focus appears to be mental health literacy rather than resources, due to provincial relations issues.
- Working on Academic Materials Program (AMP) issues with Pedro and Jon.
- Will be filming GOTV content.

VICE PRESIDENT (ACADEMIC)

- Working on issues with AMP.
- Participated in Dean of Students selection Q&A.
- Met with ISA.
- Met with OASIS.
- Met with NSSA.
- Programs Committee today, GFC Exec on past Monday, and items came up that will be discussed today.

VICE PRESIDENT (EXTERNAL)

- At CASA conference.
- Will be attempting to join two CASA committees, but not running for any Director positions.

VICE PRESIDENT (STUDENT LIFE)

- Attended Safety and Security Committee.
- Administration may be pledging support toward community response team and stakeholder engagement.
- Results of the University's campus security survey should become available soon.
- Gateway interview today.
- Working with residence associations to help them start up for the year.
- Participated in Dean of Students selection Q&A.

GENERAL MANAGER

- Working on issues around SUB renovation.

DIRECTOR OF MARKETING AND COMMUNICATIONS

- Oriented new staff.
- Preparing to plan Execs' years.
- Exec and Council photos have been received.

DIRECTOR OF RESEARCH AND ADVOCACY

- Compensating for WestJet strike impacts on flights.
- Presented preliminary draft of 2022 Annual Survey.

ASSISTANT MANAGER, GOVERNANCE SUPPORT

- Working on Council logistics.
- Ensuring Exec and staff have swipe access to Council Chambers.

STUDENTS' COUNCIL

- Agenda will include a presentation on the Student Experience Action Plan and the selection of someone for Green and Gold Grant adjudication.

ACTION ITEMS

NO ITEMS

DISCUSSION PERIOD

Clean Air Strategy

- This attempt at a total smoking ban came forward in 2021 and was highly controversial for EDI reasons. Andrew Sharman intends to bring forward the same motion in October with no new consultation, as the past consultation was strongly divided. Sharman claims UAPS would be used as a last resort to enforce the ban, and that designated spaces (the previous UASU position) are not feasible.
- [UASU survey data](#) indicates that support for a total ban is very much a minority opinion.
- The points raised by UASU VPSL Talia Dixon and the Indigenous Students' Union at the time remain valid. Impacts on Indigenous students would be disproportionate.
- It is not possible to ban recreational use and not have it impact ceremonial use.
- The UASU will run a new survey in September once the Perks platform reopens.

Academic Materials Program

- Pedro will be meeting with the Bookstore Manager for more information.
- The Bookstore Manager will be meeting with COFA.
- A Freedom of Information request has been filed for additional detail.

GovCamp Planning

- The Executives worked to plan GovCamp (June 16-18).
- The agenda will likely come to CAC for approval on June 6.

Indigenous Celebration Week

- The Executives discussed which parties should be involved in planning and funding ICW, in the context of last year's burdens and the old and new ARRC Recommendations.
- While running ICW is an ARRC Recommendation, there is significant flexibility in terms of the content and ensuring that the programming is purposeful and intentional. The goals of this year's ICW need to be more explicit, and a postmortem on last year's event would be important.

Green and Gold Grant Adjudicator Selection

- The Executives received more information about the timeframe and workload of participating. This is anticipated to be 8-12 hours total. Each adjudicator scores each application individually on their own time; no more full days of work. The adjudicators then come together for a two-hour meeting.
- There has not been an honorarium in the past and there would not be this year.
- In the future, a Councilor or a dedicated student at large could do this work. This year, due to timelines, a Councilor needs to be recruited.

CLOSED SESSION

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 1:41 PM