

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE — 2023-2024 #21

August 17, 2023

12:35 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>

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

BEASLEY/ALMEIDA MOVED TO approve the Executive Committee minutes from August 14,
2023 as presented.
4/0/0 CARRIED

REPORTS

PRESIDENT

- VPs have a deadline for portfolio reports.
- Met with candidates for DoS Executive Director.
- Met with DoS about events for Black students on campus.

- Met with Provost on issues including AMP and OneCard access.
- Will be at SUDS and CAUS Counterparts next week.

VICE PRESIDENT (ACADEMIC)

- Meeting with Florence Glanfield, Vice-Provost (Indigenous Programming & Research), and with ISU, to discuss Indigenous course content.
- Consultation meeting on AMP at COFA.

VICE PRESIDENT (EXTERNAL)

- Attended Heather McPherson's nomination meeting as candidate for MP for our riding.
- CASA Member Relations staffer visited Council.
- Met with MLAs on issues including campus sexual and gender-based violence.
- Was asked to write a piece for Alberta Views.
- Met with ISA to discuss international tuition caps. Looking toward significant collaboration this year.

VICE PRESIDENT (OPERATIONS AND FINANCE)

- Report provided in writing in advance due to absence.
- Invited by Pedro to meet with Florence Glanfield - Vice-Provost (Indigenous Programming & Research) - regarding room/space renaming initiatives in SUB.
- Monthly Gateway Student Journalism Society board meeting.
- Going to UBC in the morning before SUDS begins to meet with Abhiudai Mishra (AMS Vice-President Finance).
- Will tour the AMS Nest (their SUB) and get an overview of their businesses and services.
- At Student Union Development Summit Friday afternoon through Monday morning.
- Going to BCIT in the afternoon after SUDS concludes to meet with Joshua Luu (BCITSA Vice-President Student Experience). Will tour the BCITSA building and get an overview of their operations.
- Going to SFU to explore the SFSS space.
- Will be at CAUS Counterparts, Wednesday through Friday.

VICE PRESIDENT (STUDENT LIFE)

- Several DoS meetings, including sensitive matters.
- Met with campus safety committee and discussed stakeholder engagement; will be visiting Council, COFA, and CORA.
- Pronoun campaign email will go to instructors next week.

GENERAL MANAGER

- Working on lease agreements and related matters.

- Working on staffing issues.
- Continued meetings about theatre renovation.

DIRECTOR OF MARKETING AND COMMUNICATIONS

- Catching up after vacation; came back to find good progress from the team.

DIRECTOR OF RESEARCH AND ADVOCACY

- Took on overhaul of the CRO's nomination package, which should be available by its Saturday deadline.

ASSISTANT MANAGER, GOVERNANCE SUPPORT

- Scheduled all committee meetings and COFA Senior Board, as well as relevant admin support.

STUDENTS' COUNCIL

- Council referred the Dewey's accessible washroom planning allocation back to Finance Committee, suggesting additional quotes and/or funding options. Additional quotes had been sought but were not received. Additional documentation will be provided in future allocation matters.

ACTION ITEMS

NO ITEMS

DISCUSSION PERIOD

"Right to Attend" Bylaw Amendments

- The Executives discussed a proposed draft amendment on students' ability to attend committee meetings. This is as part of the overhaul of Bylaw 500 and involves moving the relevant Bylaw sections into Article I. The Executives also discussed potential ways to mitigate space booking and security considerations, such as creating a form for prior notice.
- Provisions should allow future Councils and Executive Committees the right to define what constitutes a safe process for meetings, including committee meetings.

Consent Awareness Week 2023

- Consent Awareness Week is September 18-22, 2023. The Sexual Assault Centre does similar programming but has not been involved in the project; however, there are still possibilities for collaboration, including with UCSU, SAC, GSA, and Students for Consent Culture, among others.

- CAUS, ASEC, and Possibility Seeds are working on a provincial proposal.
- Marketing materials have been provided; MarComms will examine and will prepare to publicize Consent Awareness Week.

International Tuition Cap

- The ISA is pushing for provincial advocacy on international tuition. With the ISA, BEASLEY discussed past tuition increase rates and Academic Price Index values to benchmark potential asks for a cap. The Executives discussed advocacy possibilities and government receptivity.
- Since the start of the cohort model (2020), which ensures predictability, international tuition for incoming cohort students has gone up 15.1%, meaning the total cost of a degree for an international Arts or Science student has gone up around \$10,000 in three years.
- However, this means student advocacy has largely succeeded in limiting international tuition increases to rates comparable to, and often far below, domestic tuition increases (21-63% over the same three years).
- Meanwhile, international students spent roughly \$1.8 billion in Alberta in 2022/23.

Alberta Views

- BEASLEY has been invited to provide a 150-word retrospective on post-secondary policy under Nicolaides.

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 1:15 PM