

## EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE — 2023-2024 #26

September 18, 2023

9:56 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>
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

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

### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

BEASLEY/GRIFFITHS MOVED TO approve the Executive Committee minutes from September 11, 2023 as presented.  
4/0/0 CARRIED

### REPORTS

#### PRESIDENT

- Attended BoG retreat.
- University strategic plan consultation will be forthcoming.
- Attending MNIF Joint Oversight Committee with FLAMAN and GRIFFITHS.

- Met with Provost.
- At TBAC, presented feedback around more specific item in appendices and an extra town hall as requested by the GSA.

#### VICE PRESIDENT (ACADEMIC)

- Working on SRA summit.
- Received concerns around budget model being discussed today at GFC.

#### VICE PRESIDENT (EXTERNAL)

- Met with media.
- Working with Edmonton Student Alliance about bylaw renewal.
- Went to see Mayor at 'State of Your City' event.

#### VICE PRESIDENT (OPERATIONS AND FINANCE)

- Group Purchasing Organization
  - Stumbled upon a pre-existing GPO that may suit our needs (Stake Hospitality Group). "Stake Hospitality Group is a community of independent restaurants, hotel & hospitality, education and leisure facilities who came together to leverage their buying power."
  - Would speed the process up significantly if we could join an already existing group rather than have to form one from scratch.
  - Have reached out for more information last week but have yet to hear back.

#### VICE PRESIDENT (STUDENT LIFE)

- Busy week, including CORA and SGBV meeting.
- Family Corner is opening soon.
- Doing events planning; Consent Awareness Week is mostly done, and Residential School Memorial and Mental Health events are taking up time.

#### GENERAL MANAGER

- Meeting with DoS to sort out oversight of overnight events.
- Working with Risk Management about liquor licenses.
- Will be visiting Augustana.

#### DIRECTOR OF RESEARCH AND ADVOCACY

- Completed survey report on vaping, smoking, and equity, with expected results.

#### EXTERNAL RELATIONS SPECIALIST

- AB Chamber of Commerce requested some information about Perks.
- Working to connect students with media around housing needs.

## STUDENTS' COUNCIL

- KAIROS Blanket Exercise this week.
- A climate action group has tagged the Council account; the Executives discussed a recent climate demonstration.

## ACTION ITEMS

### SUBstage and USP Launch

- The Executives discussed logistics for the University Strategic Plan launch event, and SUBstage as the likely venue.

## DISCUSSION PERIOD

### Alumni Room

- The Executives discussed space allocations in relation to finalizing the construction efforts and opening up bookable spaces. This would be for administrative/meeting space.

### ASA

- The Executives discussed supporting ASA during staff support capacity changes.

### SEAP Presentation

- The Executives discussed attendance and scheduling concerns around the release of the Student Experience Action Plan and a presentation from administration to the Executive team.
- The presentation is anticipated to be especially granular and a key opportunity to bring forward student priorities.

### 1 Million March 4 Children

- The Executives discussed a Canada-wide set of protests and counterprotests about gender and K-12 education planned for later this week, including reference material from the Canadian Anti-Hate Network. This is likely to be a difficult day for many students. The Executives discussed scope and safety concerns, as well as resources for impacted students, and determined to consult with The Landing about appropriate options.

### Youth for Climate Action

- The Executives discussed an email from a student group requesting divestment from RBC on climate grounds, as RBC is currently the bank most invested in

fossil fuels. The backing group, Banking on a Better Future, has a long list of demands and suggested actions, and the Executives discussed the list. Further discussions with the VP OpsFi will go forward. The Executives discussed potential responses to the email.

#### Federal NDP Roundtable on Student Housing

- NDP representatives have booked a space for a town hall on housing affordability and other student issues. Student representatives will be attending to express students' needs and housing advocacy asks, but various angles for participation could conflict with the Nonpartisan Political Policy; the Executives discussed appropriate scope of action.

#### Exec Tabling

- The Executives discussed scheduling public engagement sessions.

#### Ministerial Visit

- The Minister of Advanced Education will be on campus next week for a tour. The University has arranged for the UASU to have a time slot with the Minister. The Executives discussed scheduling issues and the best use of the time.

#### Strategic Plan

- Eight Student at Large applications were received and will be reviewed for the Thursday Executive Committee meeting.

### ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 10:50 AM.