

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE — 2023-2024 #52

January 15, 2024

12:15 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>
Marc Dumouchel	<i>General Manager</i>
Jonathan Olfert	<i>Director of Research and Advocacy</i>
Ari Campbell	<i>External Relations Specialist</i>

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

GRIFFITHS/BEASLEY MOVED TO approve the Executive Committee agenda as presented.
5/0/0 CARRIED

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

TABLED

REPORTS

PRESIDENT

- Working with the team to develop a Mandatory Non-Instructional Fees athletics and recreation proposal.
- Working on strategic planning.
- Developing tuition town hall event.
- Meeting with Provost this week.

- Met with St. Joseph's College President about the future of its relationship with the University and the potential for its own student association. A Memorandum of Understanding may be necessary.

VICE PRESIDENT (ACADEMIC)

- GFC Executive Committee meeting scheduled for today.
- Working on student bereavement policy development.

VICE PRESIDENT (EXTERNAL)

- Working on a press release on international student working hours.
- Attended City Council to discuss affordable housing.
- Meeting with Indigenous Students' Union to see how best to support them in the context of the planned Frances Widdowson talk.

VICE PRESIDENT (OPERATIONS AND FINANCE)

- Attended Joint Beverage Committee meeting.
- Exploring whether to raise the one-application-per-year limit on the Activation Fund, which has not seen strong uptake lately. Will be meeting with Student Group Services to discuss options.
- Meeting with Campus Services.
- Marketing and Communications working group.
- Attending ARRC.
- Speaking with ISU about their financial statement audit.

VICE PRESIDENT (STUDENT LIFE)

- Working on Augustana residence regulation changes.
- Participating in MNIF proposal.
- Meeting with SGS and the University about potential for starting an EDI fund.
- The Safety and Security Committee will meet tomorrow.
- SCPC on Thursday.

GENERAL MANAGER

- Developed MNIF proposal items.
- Working on strategic planning.

DIRECTOR OF RESEARCH AND ADVOCACY

- Supporting election operations and helping the CRO finalize the nomination package.
- Working to finalize Identity Matters 3 for a February 1 due date.

STUDENTS' COUNCIL

- After GRIFFITHS and BEASLEY meet with the ISU, Council will be brought up to speed.
- Council has access to a \$10,000 fund, and how to use that fund to achieve key Council objectives is being discussed.

ACTION ITEMS

NO ITEMS

DISCUSSION PERIOD

Student Arrest

- The Executives discussed the arrest of a student protestor. Little is known about the situation, and the Executives will reach out to learn more.

Indigenous Students' Union

- The ISU and IGSA are discussing their preferred response to a planned talk by Frances Widdowson (invited by a UAlberta instructor), including student safety concerns.
- The Executives are working with the ISU to determine how best to support them; the ISU and IGSA are doing a 'counter-program,' an alternative event, rather than a counter-protest. The event focuses on residential school denialism.
- Some students are also planning a counter-protest. Information is limited.
- The Executives are engaging with the ISU, IGSA, and Dean of Students on this evolving situation. They decided to follow Indigenous student representatives' lead and support them in the ways they prefer.
- The Executives discussed contingency plans depending on how many people show up to various locations.

Tuition Town Hall

- The Executives worked to lay the groundwork for this event and options for engaging the public.

International Student Working Hours

- The Executives discussed a draft joint statement urging the federal immigration minister to remove the 20-hour-per-week off-campus work limit.
- Over the weekend, the Minister discussed capping numbers of international students.
- BEASLEY will engage counterparts about their preferences.

CLOSED SESSION

BEASLEY/GRIFFITHS MOVED TO go in camera.
5/0/0 CARRIED

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 1:00 PM.