

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE — 2023-2024 #54

January 24, 2024

12:42 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>
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

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

FLAMAN/GRIFFITHS MOVED TO approve the Executive Committee minutes from January 18,
2024 as presented.
4/0/0 CARRIED

REPORTS

PRESIDENT

- Did table outreach with the VPs and got good public engagement.
- Meeting with the University to work on payment process for ICW.
- Tomorrow is the BoG/GFC/Senate Summit meeting. Will check in with the attending VPs.
- Attended CAUS Counterparts in Calgary.
- Will be working with Ari to plan CASA AGM.

VICE PRESIDENT (ACADEMIC)

- Final numbers on Zero Textbook Costs have been received and reported to Council. This was the highest semester yet of ZTC uptake.
- AMP document was used at MRU and, according to SAMRU, a major reason they are adopting a ZTC program at MRU.
- Met with Registrar's Office and received an update on BearTracks and the affirmed name project.
- Met with Vice Provost about Teaching, Learning and Evaluation Policy. Attended CLE.
- Met with ESA President and will bring their concerns to COFA, e.g. office space.
- Met with Program Support Team. Connected with Faculty of Science about a related issue.
- EDI Plan Steering Committee met, to be discussed later in the meeting.

VICE PRESIDENT (OPERATIONS AND FINANCE)

- Report Card interview with Anna rescheduled
- Met with Audit Committee Chair about changes to external audits for SRAs.
- Met with VP External Relations.
- Attended TBAC with FOTANG.
- Attended tuition town hall and handed out pastries afterward.
- Campus Food Bank community pantry has opened in Rutherford. University and UASU leadership attended the opening.
- Met with Registrar's Office about potential solutions for health and dental coverage for students on leave of absence.
- Regular and special Students' Council meetings went well.
- Meeting with Chancellor was rescheduled.
- At Finance Committee, brought forward budget principles.
- Executive tabling.

VICE PRESIDENT (STUDENT LIFE)

- Attended CAUS Counterparts and catching up.

- Working with FOTANG to get funding from the President's Office for Indigenous Celebration Week.
- Working with DoS staff to put together a small event to honour the victims of the Quebec mosque attack.
- Preparing for BoG/GFC/Senate Summit tomorrow.
- Working on Executive job shadowing.

GENERAL MANAGER

- Michelle Kim will be the interim manager of Services as restructuring is underway.
- The next month will be hectic due to fee policy review and bylaw changes.
- Focusing on organizational budgets.
- The theatre is on track for the UASU to take possession circa February 7th. The main floor corridor will likely be open circa February 13th. Will look to set up a tour for Council.
- The first event will be a booking on February 22nd, and the first student event will be the Myer Horowitz election forum.
- Landscaping will not be done until June or later due to the University needing to make installations in the electrical vault.

DIRECTOR OF MARKETING AND COMMUNICATIONS

- Continuing to work on website. Hoping to launch around the end of the semester.
- Went down to Balmoral Lounge to work with the chef on advertising.
- Working hard on ensuring elections are covered well and supported.

DIRECTOR OF RESEARCH AND ADVOCACY

- IM3 draft is complete except for recommendations; consultations are ongoing.
- ZTC report is complete, including savings estimates. Current estimate is up to \$13 million saved across Fall/Winter.
- Working on department budgets.
- Supporting elections staff now that nominations are open.
- Developing a comprehensive calendar of all deadlines in bylaws and regulations.

ASSISTANT MANAGER, GOVERNANCE SUPPORT

- Finished writing a report on Governance's pilot of Otter.ai.
- Supporting the Council special meeting, which went well.
- Coordinating Executive retreat.
- Supporting elections staff.
- Planning Council scheduling items.

EXTERNAL RELATIONS SPECIALIST

- Working to coordinate a tour of the theatre for CBC.
- Working on January advocacy updates.
- Finalizing back end for letter writing campaign about tuition.
- Finalizing handbill promo content.
- Working on advocacy meeting tracking.
- CASA AGM plans will be coming up.

STUDENTS' COUNCIL

- FLAMAN will be putting in a motion to waive petition requirements for The Landing and The Gateway per the newly passed bylaw changes.
- CBC is conducting listening sessions with youth in the community and would like to visit Students' Council. FOTANG will bring the particulars to CAC.

ACTION ITEMS

NO ITEMS

DISCUSSION PERIOD

EDI Plan

- EDI Plan steering committee met today. ALMEIDA is hoping the Executive Committee can provide a set of recommendations within the next two weeks. He will be preparing a draft and soliciting feedback from the rest of the Executives.

Advocacy Handbill

- The Executives reviewed content details for a handbill on advocacy wins.

CLOSED SESSION

GRIFFITHS/ALMEIDA MOVED TO go into closed session.
4/0/0 CARRIED

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 1:45 PM.