

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE — 2023-2024 #2

May 11, 2023

2:00 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>

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

GRIFFITHS/ALMEIDA MOVED TO approve the Executive Committee minutes from May 8,
2023 as presented.
5/0/0 CARRIED

REPORTS

PRESIDENT

- Working on filling vacancies.
- Working on issues around new Academic Materials Program proposal.

VICE PRESIDENT (ACADEMIC)

- Getting up to speed with Student Academic Support.
- Working on issues around Academic Materials Program proposal.
- Connecting with GFC Student Caucus.

VICE PRESIDENT (EXTERNAL)

- In Canmore for CAUS Changeover.
- Working with GOTV Campaign Coordinator, and working to engage Councilors with GOTV.

VICE PRESIDENT (OPERATIONS AND FINANCE)

- Met with the ISU about representation on ARRC, a positive meeting.
- Met with Craig and Joel to discuss synergy between platform points and ongoing business initiatives.

VICE PRESIDENT (STUDENT LIFE)

- Met with Katherine to discuss the May 1 wellness check situation.
- Will make an effort to attend the August 19 Augustana move-in and August 28 Lister move-in, as well as the CSJ move-in (TBD).
- Will be presenting goals to University leadership.
- Setting up attendance at various committees, associations, and working groups.

GENERAL MANAGER

- Working on new space planning and management, including space for the Black Student Association.
- On vacation soon.

DIRECTOR OF MARKETING AND COMMUNICATIONS

- New social media staffer has started work.
- New web content staffer starting soon.
- Team focusing on the student handbook.

DIRECTOR OF RESEARCH AND ADVOCACY

- Working on administrative support and logistical planning for GovCamp.
- Provided an update on the wildfire evacuations and the measures that the University took for the 2016 wildfires, including \$91,000 in emergency support

bursaries for 44 impacted students. Based on postal code data, estimates are that up to 1800 students may have home addresses in areas impacted by the 2023 evacuations.

- Working with CRO to get Vacancy Petitions for Council and GFC up and running as soon as possible. CRO has a strong work ethic.
- Provided a brief update on Slack usage by department, from data provided by Brennan.

EXTERNAL RELATIONS SPECIALIST

- Working on public/media relations items around beverages and the election.

STUDENTS' COUNCIL

- The Executives noted that the past meeting was unusually efficient at allocating Councilors to committees. The key element was a survey of Councilors, soliciting yes/maybe/no interest in the committees, as well as interest in Chairing.
- The late meetings can become an accessibility issue for Muslim Councilors at certain times of year due to Iftar (the breaking of the fast).
- The Executives discussed issues around filling vacancies in committees, subcommittees, and external boards, most of which is complete.

ACTION ITEMS

NO ITEMS

DISCUSSION PERIOD

May 1 Welfare Check in Lister

- Michael provided sensitive context on the situation discussed in the previous meeting. The context was provided by Katherine Husing.

GRIFFITHS/ALMEIDA MOVED TO go into closed session for the balance of this discussion.
4/0/0 CARRIED

ALMEIDA/GRIFFITHS MOVED TO leave closed session.
4/0/0 CARRIED

Executive Membership in Committees and Boards

- The Executives discussed which of them would sit on WUSC (Christian), The Landing (Pedro), PAWSOC (Levi), and RAC (Christian).

Academic Materials Program

- The Bookstore is doing informational presentations on a proposed Academic Materials Program (AMP), an opt-out program that will give students access to all course materials (digital-first) on day one.
- Comparator programs cost around \$300 CAD per semester.
- This would be managed through the MNIF system and has been framed as something that is happening for Fall 2024.
- It may be, in part, a reaction against the success of OERs/ZTCs, and the presenter acknowledged AMP would disincentivize the growth of those programs.
- It would be significantly beneficial to a fraction of students and detrimental to a fraction of students (with faculty-based differentials), might have ambiguous impacts on most students, and would not be any help to the students who spend much less than \$300 on textbooks due to financial need.
- There are many other outstanding concerns about process and impact, and benefits remain uncertain.

CLOSED SESSION

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 2:51 PM.