

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE — 2023-2024 #6

June 12, 2023

9:57 AM

ATTENDANCE

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>
Ellen Salter	<i>Assistant General Manager</i>
Jonathan Olfert	<i>Director of Research and Advocacy</i>

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

GRIFFITHS/ALMEIDA 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 May 29, 2023
as presented.
3/0/1 CARRIED, FLAMAN abstaining

REPORTS

VICE PRESIDENT (ACADEMIC)

- Attended several convocation sessions.
- Connecting with administration over various advocacy and governance issues.
- Connecting with SGS over NSSA governance support.
- Preparing agenda for COFA Senior Board meeting.

VICE PRESIDENT (EXTERNAL)

- Met with government on work-integrated learning.
- Attended Mayor's Pride brunch and met briefly with MPs and MLAs.
- Attended Drag Brunch with a member of the Premier's staff.
- Met with Apathy Is Boring, potentially to discuss possible angles for collaboration with the UASU and Campus Food Bank Advocacy School.

VICE PRESIDENT (OPERATIONS AND FINANCE)

- Catching up on emails.

VICE PRESIDENT (STUDENT LIFE)

- Attended several convocation sessions.
- Working with ISU and attending their council tomorrow.
- Starting to plan Indigenous Celebration Week and ARRC logistics, as well as early plans for Residential School Memorial depending on ISU's preferences.
- Working on period equity and meeting with a potential new period product provider.
- Anticipating sinking a great deal of time into Campus Food Bank-related issues.

GENERAL MANAGER

- Cultural spaces grant application was turned down as we are too far along in the process.
- Attempting to finalize a date for theatre opening (likely end of October); current priority is ensuring a major main-floor route is open to pedestrian traffic in time for the start of Fall classes.
- Will be presenting to Council on theatre finances, electric vault, abatement, and other renovation issues.
- Had a good response to Perks from comparator associations at AMICCUS-C. Plans for a broad beta are in the works, as well as a developers' conference early next year.

ASSISTANT GENERAL MANAGER

- Senior Manager of Student Services has accepted a position elsewhere. Ellen will be overseeing the Services department's managers rather than hiring that position immediately, allowing for potential restructuring approaches over the next year.
- Working to deploy the new performance evaluation system.

DIRECTOR OF RESEARCH AND ADVOCACY

- Have hired a new full-time governance staffer (to start in a few weeks) and am hiring an analyst for the rest of the summer.

- Analyzed three years of Services awards data by faculty. Science, Medicine and Dentistry, and Pharmacy have been heavily overrepresented but those overrepresentations are improving. Education and Engineering have been heavily underrepresented but those underrepresentations are improving.
- New survey data suggests students are favoring a recreational smoking ban if designated areas are no longer an option, but Indigenous students' equity concerns will be paramount.

STUDENTS' COUNCIL

- The Executives discussed communications options around Students' Council photos, and different Councilors' preferences regarding photos taken by the UASU of Council meetings. The Executives discussed options through transparency and equity lenses.
- The Executives worked on GovCamp planning and questions about last-minute additions. They determined that the decision of whether to include an SRA leader (when only Council members will be attending) should likely be left to CAC.

ACTION ITEMS

NO ITEMS

DISCUSSION PERIOD

Student Groups

- The Executives discussed their potential stances on student groups and what groups the UASU wants to recognize. Currently the UASU only manages groups with a majority of undergraduates.
- The Executives discussed whether the UASU should be willing to recognize groups with a majority of graduate students.
- The University is handing over oversight of student groups, but the GSA may not have the capacity to oversee graduate student groups.
- There are concerns about the student group application process, and there are reservations about groups that are partially students and partially non-students.
- There will need to be very clear and consistent guidelines about group recognition.
- The Executives will revisit this on Thursday.

CAUS Meeting on Wednesday

- The Executives discussed a proposal for a CAUS fee cap. GRIFFITHS will sub in for FOTANG, who will be out of town on that day.

Ministerial Appointments

- BEASLEY briefed the Executives on the new provincial ministerial appointments. A press release will be forthcoming.

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 10:20 AM