

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE — 2023-2024 #14

July 17, 2023

10:06 AM

ATTENDANCE

Christian Fotang	<i>President</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>
Jonathan Olfert	<i>Director of Research and Advocacy</i>

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

FLAMAN/ALMEIDA 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 July 13, 2023 as presented.
5/0/0 CARRIED

REPORTS

PRESIDENT

- At CASA PoliStrat conference in Fredericton, NB. Striking an Executive Director hiring committee.

VICE PRESIDENT (ACADEMIC)

- With FLAMAN, consulted with AUFSJ around French InfoLink services, and have developed next steps.

- Engaged with Policy Committee and Chair on planning and scheduling for the year.
- Meetings this week on academic integrity and hybrid learning.

VICE PRESIDENT (OPERATIONS AND FINANCE)

- Met with AUFSJ.
- Met with StudentCare to go over changes to the EmpowerMe program.
- Met with Ari to go over Single-Source Cold Beverage Agreement in preparation for interview.
- Met with ISA about booking events and pointed them toward E-Class regarding election link promotion.
- Met with SPC; see the discussion item today.

VICE PRESIDENT (STUDENT LIFE)

- A very busy week. Several items with the Dean of Students.
- Attending MSoL working group.
- Working on Arc Card problem-solving.

DIRECTOR OF RESEARCH AND ADVOCACY

- Reorganizing files and records.

ASSISTANT MANAGER, GOVERNANCE SUPPORT

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EXTERNAL RELATIONS SPECIALIST

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STUDENTS' COUNCIL

NO ITEMS

ACTION ITEMS

EDI Task Force

- Task force has been struck and BoG Representative is connecting with Faculty Associations.

DISCUSSION PERIOD

Arc Cards

- Various parties are blaming each other for implementation delays, but it is anticipated that some current issues will not recur next year.

- Engaging with the city around grace periods/fighting fines and various operational questions.
- The UASU will be looking to distribute Arc Cards at Week of Welcome and is continuing to explore ways to offset or minimize cost to students.

SPC Campus Portal

- Student Price Card is a discount program, Canadian-owned and operated. They have made an offer for the UASU to bulk-buy cards and distribute them along various models. SPC discounts work nationwide. The cards can be branded (e.g. 'brought to you by your UASU and [the appropriate Faculty Association]').
- An individual card is \$12, and the proposal could mean a significant discount to students. Athabasca University sells the card at roughly \$10 and generates some revenue at that price point.
- There might also be first-year student engagement opportunities.
- Downsides include that the UASU would take on significant work around distribution. A pilot program could be feasible.
- With Craig Turner, Director, Business Operations, the Executives discussed how potential approaches might intersect or conflict with Perks platform possibilities. There might also be ways to handle some portion of card distribution through Perks participation functions. There are also considerations around existing discounts that Faculty Associations work to offer to their members.

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 10:46 AM.