

MINUTES

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE — 2023-2024 #22

August 23, 2023 12:06 PM

ATTENDANCE

Christian Fotang President

Chris Beasley Vice President (External)

Pedro Almeida Vice President (Academic)

Michael Griffiths Vice President (Student Life)

Marc Dumouchel General Manager

Jonathan Olfert Director of Research and Advocacy

Courtney Graham Assistant Manager, Governance Support

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

ALMEIDA/BEASLEY MOVED TO approve the Executive Committee agenda as presented.

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APPROVAL OF MINUTES

TABLED

REPORTS

PRESIDENT

- Dealing with ETS over Arc Card issues, trying to resolve major distribution problems.
- SUDS was a successful experience.
- With GRIFFITHS, met with Athletics and Recreation on community creation, events awareness, and value for fees. They were interested in Perks merch opportunities.

- Working with DoS on Black students welcome event.
- Working on strategic planning.

VICE PRESIDENT (ACADEMIC)

- Working on planning the stance on the Academic Materials Program (AMP) proposal and an associated document package.
- Met with the BSA.

VICE PRESIDENT (EXTERNAL)

- Spoke with Augustana Student Association.
- Advanced Education confirms that the 2% cap will be in place this year and seems to imply it will continue beyond.
- Has heard that the gender-based violence campus climate survey will be released 'soon.'

VICE PRESIDENT (STUDENT LIFE)

- With FOTANG, attended Moderate Standard of Living (MSoL) advisory committee yesterday. Commitments were made around increasing needs-based aid. More information is forthcoming but it will be a significant advocacy win deriving from last year's protest at the Board of Governors.
- Sent pronoun campaign email last year, garnering largely positive feedback from instructors.
- Attended Campus Food Bank planning workshop.

GENERAL MANAGER

- Met with operations managers about Student Experience Action Plan and upcoming website redesign.
- Met with ISA.
- Working on space allocations.

DIRECTOR OF RESEARCH AND ADVOCACY

• Been putting together data packages for MSoL and AMP advocacy.

STUDENTS' COUNCIL

- With External Relations Specialist, GRIFFITHS is working on a blood drive with Students' Council and some staff.
- Stride presentation will be forthcoming and needs to take place shortly due to Fall 2023 recruitment timelines.

ACTION ITEMS

NO ITEMS

DISCUSSION PERIOD

Community Partner in Residence

- FOTANG spoke with the University for more context. This would be a 12-week part-time fellowship for a local knowledge expert to serve as a resource, e.g. around houselessness.
- They are looking for a basic office/meeting space. A space will be explored.

Orientation

There were communications that the University planned to take over orientation.
FOTANG and DUMOUCHEL engaged with administration and determined that
there had been a miscommunication that had percolated through the University,
causing significant confusion. Senior administration has provided assurances that
the UASU will be involved in all potential changes to orientation. This has been
addressed as a high priority and will be raised with the new DoS Executive
Director.

Camrose Connector

- BEASLEY met with Augustana Student Association and municipal representatives over a provincial transportation infrastructure proposal. It has several letters of support.
- The Executives discussed ways to support ASA advocacy.

Executive Planning Meeting

• The Executives discussed opportunities and logistics for a half-day planning retreat around key issues for the year.

University Strategic Plan

• Items that will be discussed at an upcoming meeting include mental health campaigns, a OneCard proposal, and AMP.

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 12:27 PM.