

MINUTES

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE — 2023-2024 #33

October 19, 2023 12:35 PM

ATTENDANCE

Christian Fotang President

Chris Beasley Vice President (External)

Pedro Almeida Vice President (Academic)

Levi Flaman Vice President (Operations and Finance)

Michael Griffiths Vice President (Student Life)

Marc Dumouchel General Manager

Juliana du Pree Director of Marketing and Communications

Jonathan Olfert Director of Research and Advocacy

Ari Campbell External Relations Specialist

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

4/0/0 CARRIED

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

ALMEIDA/GRIFFITHS MOVED TO approve the Executive Committee minutes from October 16, 2023 as presented. 5/0/0 CARRIED

REPORTS

PRESIDENT

- At TBAC, 2% is the proposed domestic tuition increase based on Alberta Budget 2023. An international cohort tuition increase proposal has not yet come forward. A few remaining program-based international students will likely see significant increases.
- Attended Innovation Fund launch.

VICE PRESIDENT (ACADEMIC)

- The University and the UASU continue to discuss AMP.
- There has been a request for the student members in the AMP advisory committee to present on the UASU's position.
- Met with Sarah from the Library; they are doing a direct outreach campaign to instructors who use resources already offered by the library, which is a result of a UASU ask.

VICE PRESIDENT (EXTERNAL)

- This week's focus was zoning bylaw renewal. Several students attended City Council to speak to it. Looking at counter-arguments, Councilors have been asking what they would say to students, which means the student voice has been well positioned.
- Attended CASA National Advocacy Committee. Little is expected from the Fall Economic Statement.
- Has been taking several media interviews.

VICE PRESIDENT (OPERATIONS AND FINANCE)

- Attended and spoke at the zoning bylaw meeting. Was contacted by a City Councilor asking for material.
- Attended Board of Governors luncheon and made contacts around a potential group purchasing organization.
- Presented at the SRA summit.
- Working with Businesses staff on options in line with the upcoming website release.

VICE PRESIDENT (STUDENT LIFE)

- Attended first VLHR committee meeting.
- Attended SEAP meeting.
- Attended Campus Food Bank AGM.

GENERAL MANAGER

• Working on strategic planning with managers.

- Working on finance and HR issues.
- Working with Levi on DFU and Bylaw changes.

DIRECTOR OF MARKETING AND COMMUNICATIONS

No major items to report.

DIRECTOR OF RESEARCH AND ADVOCACY

- Working on some strategic planning items.
- Finished writing reports on a sustainability survey and a LEAD Centre participant retrospective survey.

EXTERNAL RELATIONS SPECIALIST

- Supporting BEASLEY in many media appearances.
- Working on planning for CASA AGM.
- Supporting potential federal grant applications.

STUDENTS' COUNCIL

- The Executives reviewed an updated Students' Council poster.
- ALMEIDA is seeking a finalized date for the Augustana retreat.

ACTION ITEMS

NO ITEMS

DISCUSSION PERIOD

SEAP Feedback

 GRIFFITHS updated the Executives that the Student Experience Action Plan and its accountability framework are nearing completion. He solicited feedback from the team.

GFC Nominating Committee

- The GFC Nominating Committee has requested a presentation on the UASU
 election processes. The purpose of this discussion item is to identify the desired
 next course of action with undergraduate GFC members and if there is any
 desired advocacy for the establishment of additional processes.
- The Executives discussed the functionality of the current vacancy petition process, which is high this year, and whether there are desirable adjustments.

There is also a minor misalignment: the by-election currently takes place in September, but the University's processes recognize the midyear replenishment as taking place in October.

FAMF/DFU Processes and Bylaws

• The ISA fee is a SRAMF, not a DFU, despite confusion in approval processes in past years. GRIFFITHS and Governance staff will work with the ISA to ensure they have a clear path to bringing their fee forward for a renewal plebiscite.

BEASLEY/GRIFFITHS MOVED TO go into closed session. 5/0/0 PASSED

GRIFFITHS/BEASLEY MOVED TO leave closed session. 5/0/0 PASSED

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 2:35 PM