

## EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE — 2023-2024 #37

November 2, 2023

12:39 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>
Courtney Graham	<i>Assistant Manager, Governance Support</i>

### APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

BEASLEY/GRIFFITHS MOVED TO approve the Executive Committee minutes from October 30,  
2023 as presented.  
5/0/0 CARRIED

## REPORTS

### PRESIDENT

- Executives visited Augustana yesterday, including ASA Council meeting and a tour.
- Met with Melissa Padfield to discuss the International Pathway Initiative, an open studies bridging program for international students, which has benefits and risks.
- Later today, will be presenting MSoL Working Group outcomes at COSA.

### VICE PRESIDENT (ACADEMIC)

- Had a number of EDI meetings, including the EDI Leads Network Meeting. Gender-inclusive washrooms were an important topic. Efforts are underway to secure funding from the Board of Governors for the upcoming budget cycle.
- With GRIFFITHS, secured significant progress on ONEcard access.
- The upcoming GFC has a packed agenda and does not include the Academic Materials Program.

### VICE PRESIDENT (EXTERNAL)

- CAUS Advocacy Week will have a significantly higher number of meetings with elected officials than last year.
- Minister Sawhney will not be able to attend CAUS Advocacy Week.
- Spoke with Advanced Education contacts about how to engage with the Minister.
- Connecting with UAlberta government relations team to get their thoughts on a variety of issues.

### VICE PRESIDENT (OPERATIONS AND FINANCE)

- Met with The Landing.
- Met with Campus Services leadership at Lister.
- Finance Committee will be filling the remaining seats on the Reserve Funds and Investment Policy Task Force.
- MNIF Joint Oversight Committee tomorrow.

### VICE PRESIDENT (STUDENT LIFE)

- Working with Accounting, OLFERT, and Residence Services to resolve residence association fee issues.
- With ALMEIDA, held several new meetings on ONEcard building access and secured major new commitments. Information will become available for announcement within the next few weeks.
- Working with the ISU leadership team.

#### GENERAL MANAGER

- Working on strategic planning.
- Working on compiling feedback on the access to information bylaw for Bylaw Committee.
- Working on fee policy items.

#### DIRECTOR OF MARKETING AND COMMUNICATIONS

- Working on holiday items and a variety of communications tasks.

#### DIRECTOR OF RESEARCH AND ADVOCACY

- Conducted and oversaw a number of research items.
- As one point of interest, around 60% of students have had COVID-19 and around 16% think they have, or have had, long COVID. Masking in and around class is much reduced compared to April.

#### ASSISTANT MANAGER, GOVERNANCE SUPPORT

- Working on fee issues with several student groups.
- Speaking with people who are potentially interested in filling Council and GFC vacancies.
- Putting together information packets and logistical support for CSJ Council retreat.
- Scheduling Council sharing circle.

#### EXTERNAL RELATIONS SPECIALIST

- Continuing to contribute to a grant application that will be filed soon.
- Monitoring various evolving communications situations.

#### STUDENTS' COUNCIL

- GRAHAM is getting student groups to provide timeline updates for FAMFs/DFUs/SRAMFs to come to Students' Council, and has met with almost all of them to guide them through processes. GRIFFITHS will additionally prompt several groups to provide the required information. The Executives discussed timelines and a potential need for special meetings due to the number of fee proposals coming forward this year. (Out of 12 remaining presentation slots in this semester's regular meetings, around 10 will be FAMFs/DFUs/SRAMFs.) This will likely be discussed further at CAC.
- The EDI Plan Steering Group wants to come to Students' Council so they can design a student survey at ALMEIDA's suggestion. The group aims to review all consultation input in early Winter Semester.

## ACTION ITEMS

### Piano Restoration

GRIFFITHS/FLAMAN MOVE TO approve \$200 from the PA fund as an honorarium for Feiyao (Mark) Wu for his work in restoring the piano in the HUB/humanities pedway.

4/0/0 CARRIED

## DISCUSSION PERIOD

### Senate II&EDI Meeting

- A request has come in for an Executive to make a presentation on November 7th, regarding how undergraduate students evaluate the university's efforts to support belonging on campus, and/or any other items related to Indigenous Initiatives or equity, diversity, inclusion, and accessibility.

### Grad Student Residence Association/Fee Collection Eligibility

- A number of questions have come in around potential graduate student groups and fees administration. Most of these questions are the Graduate Student Association's jurisdiction and will be redirected there. The Post-Secondary Learning Act gives the UASU the authority to levy fees on undergraduates.

### Holiday Cards

- Executive photos are usually included. The type of photo is up to the Executives, but Marketing and Communications need lead time for printing and distribution. The Executives discussed timing.

### Policy on Social Media and Partnerships

- DU PREE solicited the Executives' current preferences on partnerships and collaborations with campus partners, student groups, and CAUS and CASA in relation to various UASU-controlled social media accounts. On the main UASU account, collaboration, partnership, tagging, and sharing are not currently done due to how full the feed is, unless the UASU is directly involved in a particular event. Standards have been less firm on other accounts, such as the UASU Executive accounts. A recent collaboration between the Faculty of Arts and Safewalk got good engagement.
- BEASLEY affirmed that any precedent that MarComms would do work, particularly content creation work, for CAUS or CASA would not be appropriate. Collaborations are possible if handled proactively.

### International Pathways

- The Executives discussed a proposal to go through an external partner to create a bridging program for international students. Under the current proposal, this would go through a corporate vendor which would likely keep 80% of revenue, as other universities who have tried to 'go it alone' have not had the recruitment infrastructure to make it sustainable. UAlberta would be responsible for program delivery.
- This has been highly controversial in previous meetings. This is a low-cost method for enrolment expansion, but there are major outstanding questions.
- FOTANG is undertaking meetings to learn more about what conditions, fees, and supports, including differential levels of support access, would apply to these students. There are major potential issues around residence and orientation. CAMPBELL put forward parallel case studies from other institutions.
- The consensus was that, if this happens, these students would need to be treated like any other students and have full access to services, supports, and the same student experience as any other international student.

### ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 2:30 PM.