

MINUTES

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE — 2023-2024 #39

November 9, 2023 2:00 PM

ATTENDANCE

Christian Fotang President

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

Courtney Graham Assistant Manager, Governance Support

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

4/0/0 CARRIED

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

GRIFFITHS/ALMEIDA MOVED TO approve the Executive Committee minutes from November 6, 2023 as presented.

4/0/0 CARRIED

REPORTS

PRESIDENT

 Focusing on a variety of student safety and welfare issues surrounding the Israel/Palestine conflict. Working on further outreach to directly impacted students and student groups, to identify specific needs and possibilities informed by those dialogues, and to secure potential University funding. Has been working with ALMEIDA and others to plan in-person meetings. Has been working with the Dean of Students and other University offices about the current needs of impacted students. Appreciates how seriously the Executives have engaged.

- With BEASLEY, meeting with cabinet ministers and MLAs about tuition and sexual violence prevention.
- Spoke with Executives about potential support needed at CSJ.

VICE PRESIDENT (ACADEMIC)

- Met with SPARC about AMP.
- Presented to the AASUA Academic Affairs Committee about the UASU's position on the syllabus management tool.
- Met with the LMS advisory committee, most of which was under NDA.
- Drafting policy first principles.
- Programs Committee met today.
- Florence Glanfield is circulating a new draft of revised Indigenous ceremonial guidelines.
- Supported SRA leadership on sensitive issues.

VICE PRESIDENT (OPERATIONS AND FINANCE)

- Campus Association Transfer Payment discussions are ongoing.
- A round of EDI Steering Committee survey responses have come in. FLAMAN briefed the Executives on trends and options.

VICE PRESIDENT (STUDENT LIFE)

- Working with the ISA and other stakeholders on a range of student safety issues.
- Will be presenting at CORA and discussing Augustana residence structure.
- Filmed content to explain Options Navigation Network.
- With FOTANG, participated in the Rutherford Family Lounge opening.
- Met with Services staff and Core Managers.
- With ALMEIDA, working to wrap up the ONEcard access proposal.

GENERAL MANAGER

- Briefed Students' Council in closed session.
- Continuing to work on strategic planning.
- Supporting Executives and staff on student safety and welfare issues surrounding the Israel/Palestine conflict.

DIRECTOR OF MARKETING AND COMMUNICATIONS

• Supporting Executives and staff on student safety and welfare issues surrounding the Israel/Palestine conflict.

• Met with design students about a potential rebranding for external-facing Perks applications as a capstone project.

DIRECTOR OF RESEARCH AND ADVOCACY

- Supporting Executives and staff on student safety and welfare issues surrounding the Israel/Palestine conflict.
- Helped building management with a people counter data request.
- Preliminary data from the ongoing quality of education survey is coming out. As one example, it suggests that, given some hypotheticals, around nine out of ten students would not use AMP.
- Reworked some election staff contract elements that were inherited from previous years.

ASSISTANT MANAGER, GOVERNANCE SUPPORT

- Finishing meetings with SRAs to prepare for their SRAMFs. Noted that HCA presented special challenges.
- There are only three presentations with unconfirmed timing at this stage.
- Continuing to support the DRO hiring committee.
- All minutes for all committees are completed, edited, and distributed, eliminating a small backlog.

STUDENTS' COUNCIL

- Almost all presentation slots at all regularly scheduled meetings for the rest of the semester are full of fee presentations. ARFSJ is the only remaining association that has not confirmed at time of writing that it is running a fee campaign.
- GRAHAM and the Executives discussed presentation scheduling and logistics, including complications around the Standing Orders requirement that presentations take place in the order received.
- CAC discussed whether to pursue longer or extra meetings but did not reach a consensus. Additional Councillor input will be solicited.

ACTION ITEMS

SPARC Student Advisory Committee

 ALMEIDA has been invited to participate. This group is organizing to oppose 'equitable access' textbook billing programs, which students at UAlberta appear not to support. Committee members would receive a \$500 USD honorarium and have outreach responsibilities. FOTANG/GRIFFITHS MOVE TO endorse the participation of the UASU Vice President (Academic) on SPARC's Student Advisory Committee.

3/0/1 CARRIED, ALMEIDA abstaining

PA Approval

• To augment the motion in the previous meeting due to evolving conversations with the ISA.

GRIFFITHS/FLAMAN MOVE TO approve the use of up to \$1500 of PA funds towards the UASU's part of International Day, in collaboration with the ISA.

4/0/0 CARRIED

DISCUSSION PERIOD

StudentCare Sponsorship Money Allocation

• The Executives discussed potential allocation of remaining sponsorship funds to support Indigenous Celebration Week.

Clarifying HCA Fee

HCA believed that they had a probationary year after the expiry of their fee in
which they could continue to collect the fee after failing to meet the turnout
threshold. Bylaw and governance records did not support this understanding.
 HCA will continue to be supported in preparation for a fee campaign.

CLOSED SESSION

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 2:54 PM.