

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE — 2023-2024 #49

January 4, 2024

12:32 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>
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>
Courtney Graham	<i>Assistant Manager, Governance Support</i>

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

BEASLEY/FLAMAN MOVED TO approve the Executive Committee minutes from December 18, 2023 as presented.
5/0/0 CARRIED

REPORTS

PRESIDENT

- Meeting with administration about student fees and sexual violence prevention.
- Planning strategic plan surveys.

VICE PRESIDENT (ACADEMIC)

- Working on proposed changes to University Calendar, including changes to exam deferral.
- Working on proposed changes to the elections dates regulation.

VICE PRESIDENT (EXTERNAL)

- Helping OASIS leadership prepare for media.
- Working on international tuition advocacy items.

VICE PRESIDENT (OPERATIONS AND FINANCE)

- Met with counterparts at student associations in Saskatchewan while working remotely there.
- Working on proposed changes to the elections dates regulation.

GENERAL MANAGER

- Making progress on financial items related to the theatre construction, which is currently expected to conclude in early February.
- Strategic planning.
- Catching up with holiday emails and tasks.

DIRECTOR OF MARKETING AND COMMUNICATIONS

- Elections planning is underway.
- Working on the website.

DIRECTOR OF RESEARCH AND ADVOCACY

- Assisting with several election support issues and working to finalize nomination package drafting for the CRO.
- Continuing work on Identity Matters 3 report.

ASSISTANT MANAGER, GOVERNANCE SUPPORT

- Setting up committee meetings.
- Working to set up Bylaw Committee meetings to enable adjustments to election bylaws and regulations.

STUDENTS' COUNCIL

- The Executives worked to arrange the scheduling of various items upcoming at Council meetings in early Winter Semester, including a visit from the auditors.

ACTION ITEMS

JD Approvals

- The Executives reviewed draft job descriptions for an Administrative Support Coordinator and for a Client Coordinator, Digital Platforms.
- These jobs are essentially in budget already and are important to supporting shifts in operational structures and responsibilities between core management portfolios. The salary is being finalized based on upcoming reviews of compensation schedule elements.

BEASLEY/FLAMAN MOVED TO approve the job descriptions as presented.
4/0/0 CARRIED

DISCUSSION PERIOD

Potential ISU Event

- Frances Widdowson, a controversial speaker, is anticipated to speak on campus in the next few weeks. The ISU and IGSA are considering a concurrent event like a counter-speaker or counter-protest. Executives will meet with them to learn more about their plans and determine what support is being requested.

Regulation 320.02: Election Dates

- FLAMAN and ALMEIDA have worked through proposals for a potential overhaul of the election dates. The Executives considered a variety of legislative timing considerations, and worked toward a synthesis of the proposals on a date-by-date basis, as well as options for clarifying the existing regulations.

Results Announcement Event

- Questions have arisen regarding whether the election results event is essential or should be discontinued.
- Several of past years' unsuccessful candidates disliked that pictures of them crying or looking unhappy were publicized, which can be raised with The Gateway. There were also some timetable issues and access concerns for Augustana students.
- The Executives consulted a number of unsuccessful past candidates. The general consensus was that the results event was fine.
- There is no requirement to go to the event, and it can be livestreamed.
- Candidates who do not anticipate victory have the agency to not attend.
- The event allows successful candidates to immediately connect with unsuccessful candidates and encourage them to stay involved; a more dispersed model does not have that community-building benefit.

- Likewise, it has had benefits for prospective Councillors who get to engage with the incoming Executives and the team-building aspect of the event.
- The Executives discussed other logistical options with the spaces available.
- The regulation currently provides for the results to be announced by, rather than at, the deadline.
- Without an official event, unofficial events will likely take place, which will reinforce rather than bridge social groups.
- Ideally this question would not eat up committee time given the work they still need to do this year.
- The choice ultimately lies with the CRO.

BEASLEY/FLAMAN MOVED TO go in camera.
4/0/0 CARRIED

CLOSED SESSION

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 2:05 PM.