

MINUTES

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE — 2023-2024 #53

January 18, 2024 12:35 PM

ATTENDANCE

Christian Fotang President

Chris Beasley Vice President (External)

Levi Flaman Vice President (Operations and Finance)

Pedro Almeida Vice President (Academic)

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

Courtney Graham Assistant Manager, Governance Support

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

GRIFFITHS/FLAMAN MOVED TO approve the Executive Committee minutes from January 11 and 15, 2024 as presented.

4/0/1 CARRIED, ALMEIDA abstaining.

REPORTS

PRESIDENT

- Met with Provost and Vice Provost about tuition and affordability.
- Had Executive Retreat.
- Met with Dean of Students about academic calendar.
- Continuing to plan Black History Month events.
- Working on classroom change problems.
- Working to with Registrar's Office to get more period equity resources.
- Tuition Town Hall coming up.

VICE PRESIDENT (ACADEMIC)

- Met with the Library and got very positive preliminary ZTC uptake numbers.
- Met with OASIS.
- Met with VPAs from across the country.

VICE PRESIDENT (EXTERNAL)

- Provided media training to ISU.
- Had a job shadow this morning.
- Worked on CAUS business.

VICE PRESIDENT (OPERATIONS AND FINANCE)

- UASU Member Monday (a discounts project) will be happening next week.
- Met with the Dean of Students and CCR about the Athletics and Recreation Fee.
- Met with ISU about financial statements.
- Attended Gateway finance committee and board plenary meeting; went over DFU referendum campaign. The Gateway offices were impacted by the break-in.
- Upcoming meetings related to audits.
- Meeting with Elan MacDonald.
- Chairs Committee tonight.

VICE PRESIDENT (STUDENT LIFE)

- Working on Sustainability Committee items and applications.
- Working on Student Groups Committee items.
- Had SUCELC board meeting.
- Attended GFC SCPC.
- Working on Executive shadow days; 22 responses so far, across all Executive portfolios.
- Major work on MNIFs.

GENERAL MANAGER

• Working on organizational restructuring and budgets.

• Then working on bylaw items.

DIRECTOR OF MARKETING AND COMMUNICATIONS

- Working on UAS-U Got This event; a project champion is away for the month and MarComms is working to support.
- Working on website.
- Planning for elections.

DIRECTOR OF RESEARCH AND ADVOCACY

- Team has almost completed the Identity Matters 3 draft.
- Working to support elections. Nomination package is out and French version of key items is almost ready. Team is working to emphasize access for CSJ and Augustana students.

ASSISTANT MANAGER, GOVERNANCE SUPPORT

- Working on Tuition Town Hall and Executive retreat planning.
- Setting up COFA meetings.
- Implementing OtterAI in Governance to support Council and committee meetings, excluding closed sessions.

EXTERNAL RELATIONS SPECIALIST

• Focusing on tuition campaign and international student issues.

STUDENTS' COUNCIL

• Governance has been meeting with Speaker and CAC Chair to prepare for the special meeting. The Speaker is strongly encouraging Councillors not to submit proxy applications for this specific meeting, which does not count for attendance.

ACTION ITEMS

NO ITEMS

DISCUSSION PERIOD

CBC Tour of Theatre

• CBC has requested a tour of the Myer Horowitz Theatre, whose renovations are concluding. FLAMAN and DUMOUCHEL will help lead the tour. CAMPBELL will

facilitate scheduling with CBC. The General Election's annual Myer Horowitz Forum will be held in the Myer Horowitz Theatre.

NSSA

- ALMEIDA laid out a number of governance and University relations challenges that the NSSA has faced.
- The NSSA has not been a recognized student group for a long time, but is still listed under Bylaw.
- The NSSA would like to charge students for membership without a referendum but on an opt-in basis, comparable to Medical Students' Association past practice.
- One issue is that, by definition, undergraduate students in that faculty are represented by their faculty association (the NSSA).
- The enrolment in the faculty is quite small and the proposed opt-in fee is quite small (~\$5). The NSSA also intends to offer that membership to others (e.g. graduate students). Creating some kind of associate membership along these lines was generally considered not problematic.
- The Executives discussed a number of potential governance configurations and solutions. Any change would need to be self-directed from within the NSSA.
- The UASU delegates its representative authority to FAs on academic matters; if the NSSA is not comfortable with its ability to fill that role at this point, the role can simply devolve to the UASU, and there may also be a role for the ISU.
- The regulations for a FAMF referendum might pose obstacles to a 'town hall' style approach.

Gateway Interviews

• The Gateway wants to do an interview on the ISA office and how UASU advocacy has gone. FLAMAN will take the interview.

CLOSED SESSION

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

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 1:45 PM.