

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE — 2021-2022 #51

March 24, 2022

1:30PM

ATTENDANCE

Rowan Ley	<i>President</i>
Christian Fotang	<i>Vice President (External)</i>
Abner Monteiro	<i>Vice President (Academic)</i>
Emily Kimani	<i>Vice President (Operations and Finance)</i>
Talia Dixon	<i>Vice President (Student Life)</i>
Marc Dumouchel	<i>General Manager</i>
Ellen Salter	<i>Assistant General Manager</i>
Juliana DuPree	<i>Director of Marketing and Communications</i>
Jonathan Olfert	<i>Dir. Research and Advocacy and acting Governance Manager</i>
Ari Campbell	<i>External Relations Specialist</i>

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

KIMANI/DIXON MOVED TO approve the Executive Committee agenda as presented.

5/0/0 CARRIED

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

No minutes for approval.

REPORTS

PRESIDENT

- Enrolment document access now has a paywall, University wasn't aboveboard.
- Exploration credits passed at GFC, major win. University and UASU will both announce it on Wednesday.
- Minister was unhappy with University's exceptional tuition increase consultations (second round) but not unhappy enough to send the proposals back.

VICE PRESIDENT (ACADEMIC)

- Academic advisor concerns are rising. Raised the issue at Program Support Team. Cuts, fewer staff. Desire to run a survey about experiences, and to show students how to avoid common mistakes and roadblocks (e.g. not including student number, not using UAlberta email, not mentioning what the problem/severity is).
- Developing new options for replenishment for GFC.

VICE PRESIDENT (EXTERNAL)

- Met with CMHC housing assessment project about student housing needs. Desire to run a survey about student needs.
- Provincial advocacy coordination challenges.
- CAUS met with COPPOA, who asked for student consultation guideline framework, something similar to UAlberta's student participation process handbook (which isn't followed).

VICE PRESIDENT (OPERATIONS AND FINANCE)

- Violet King Award donation from Canadian Association of Black Lawyers.
- UPass agreement signed.
- EDIT work wrapping up.

VICE PRESIDENT (STUDENT LIFE)

- Indigenous Celebration Week ongoing, has functioned smoothly. SubStage lunch sessions very popular.
- Prayer space delays (Engineering) may be coming to an end, space may be ready soon.
- Passed Mental Health Policy.
- SVPRC (Deb) needs to complete review of all sexual violence-related policies by November; the deadline may be unrealistic and lead to rushed work. Deb has

decided not to create the advisory committee that includes student; doesn't want to 'tokenize' students; pushback about meeting with students.

GENERAL MANAGER

- Nothing to report.

AGM

- Another round of EDI training workshops.

DIRECTOR OF MARKETING AND COMMUNICATIONS

- Nothing to report.

DIRECTOR OF RESEARCH AND ADVOCACY

- Hiring new Governance Manager.

EXTERNAL RELATIONS SPECIALIST

- Nothing to report.

DISCUSSION PERIOD

MyCreds

- University was not aboveboard about this change coming; has been discussed in a limited way, very carefully messaged, since summer 2021.
- New \$10 fee to access enrolment documents, only accessible for 30 days. University processes 15,000 every year, wouldn't provide exact figure. Student unrest, disproportionate impact on international students (student visas, immigration, banking).
- Document security is an issue, easy to forge, national push to create shared system (MyCreds, ARUCC) which IRCC will probably adopt as a standard.
- License fee is confidential, low six figures. Transcripts and diploma disbursement costs were paid through academic support fee. 'Lowest cost in Canada' - but there are many institutions (e.g. Leth and MacEwan) that don't charge at all.
- Essentially mandatory, ergo backdoor way to work around MNIF framework without working with UASU.
- Working to make MyCreds free or +\$2 to MNIF, but that would take a year and the problem is now.
- Outstanding questions, e.g. would a downloaded version still be readable by an employer after the 30 days? Other employment-related issues.

Academic Advising Survey

- Negative student experiences with academic advising lately. Survey to be developed. Great interest from Karsten.

- UASU consistently asked for academic advising to be insulated from SET as much as possible, primary student ask related to restructuring.

Staff EDI Survey Results

- Preliminary data from the staff EDI survey as of 50 respondents. Largely positive with points of interest.

CLOSED SESSION

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 2:49 PM.