

MINUTES

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE — 2022-2023 #[41]

[NOVEMBER 17], 2022

[1:00] PM

ATTENDANCE

Abner Monteiro	<i>President</i>
Christian Fotang	<i>Vice President (External)</i>
Gurleen Kaur	<i>Vice President (Academic)</i>
Julia Viloso	<i>Vice President (Operations and Finance)</i>
Joannie Fogue	<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>
Navjot Kaur	<i>Governance Manager</i>
Ari Campbell	<i>External Relations Specialist</i>
Ellen Salter	<i>Assistant General Manager</i>

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

____ VILLOSO/FOGUE____ MOVED TO approve the Executive Committee agenda as presented.
5/0/0 CARRIED

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

____ VILLOSO/KAUR____ MOVED TO approve the Executive Committee minutes from [NOVEMBER 14th 2022], 2022 as presented.
5/0/0 CARRIED

REPORTS

PRESIDENT

- MNIF Oversight Committee: principles regarding new agreement, focus on consultation with students, topics regarding on vs. off campus.
- Tuition budget advisory committee; have the tuition briefing from Advo team; looking forward to bring it to Verna - and for the dialogue that emerges.
- Conversations with ARRC Chair - specifically around some SUB related goals - ie. plaques.

VICE PRESIDENT (ACADEMIC)

- Had a meeting of the GFC Programs Committee where an idea of a new Business 101 course was discussed which would be a requirement for first year business students. It is currently in the consultation phase and the framework and content regarding the course itself looks good as it includes all different aspects such as EDI training and indigenous content as an orientation for students which I have been advocating for as well - was able to review.
- Academic Integrity Policy committee - currently discussing the decision making processes that who should have the authority and how we can ensure consistency in decisions on different cases.

VICE PRESIDENT (EXTERNAL)

- Teach in last night went well: minimal students, but very engaged and knowledgeable on issues related to granting and student funding; specifically inter-provincial points and potential openings for advocacy.
- Townhall on Tuesday went well: main point included the online survey; going to review data accumulated.
- Zoning bylaw consultation (City of Edmonton) happening tonight
- Waiting on some details from the City to forward to Councillors for participation.

VICE PRESIDENT (OPERATIONS AND FINANCE)

- Sick this week, had to cancel some meetings
- Did attend the Dean Selection Committee - had to advocate for obtaining a zoom link from the University! Have been tasked to gather students to facilitate discussions regarding their expectations of a new College Dean.
- Attended MNIF as well
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- Recommendations for the finance committee require quite a bit of research and restructuring.

VICE PRESIDENT (STUDENT LIFE) - Please Update! Joannie Fogue

- **ABSENT**

- Attended the MNIF Oversight Committee. We went over new agreement's principles
- Attended GFC Meeting, where we approved the revised SV policy. Afterwards attended the GFC Engagement Session - University Strategic Plan
- Met with Campus & Community Recreation : we discussed CREF Plebiscite, and running a student survey

GENERAL MANAGER

- AWAY at a Conference

GOVERNANCE:

- A couple of line items on today's agenda
- Supporting and creating training document for Administrative Clerks (student-staff)
- Goal to strategize/organizing the drive and will request support from Chairs Committee.

DIRECTOR OF RESEARCH AND ADVOCACY

- Annual survey responses are trickling in; main themes: homelessness, food security, burnout.
- Typical demographic issues - but this time International Students are taking this survey! eClass and Newsletter as outreach - definitely will reach 3000 students - pushing for 4000 student submissions!

[MONTEIRO] - Can we focus on getting underrepresented students to take the survey? If we can get Faculty/Departmental Association tagged on social media posts. Marketing has a list of all the accounts and their account handles.

MARKETING

- Pleased with the department, able to get some tasks completed
- Some small capacity for small project request

ASSISTANT GENERAL MANAGER

- Quiet week, sick
- Reviewing employment contracts
- Hosted Western AMICUS Conference last week, was successful

MONTEIRO MOVES TO STUDENT COUNCIL:

STUDENTS COUNCIL

[MONTEIRO]

- Special meeting upcoming - just presentations scheduled at this point.
 - Execs do not have to submit reports
 - Will be presentation heavy, please let me know if there are questions
 - November 29th UASU special council session will be held at Faculte St Jean.

MONTEIRO MOVES TO DISCUSSION:

DISCUSSION PERIOD

[Augustana Representative Travel Cost]

- Governance to cover expenses for Augustana Councillor travelling from out of town to attend Council Chambers special meeting at Campus St. Jean on November 29th.

[FIFA World Cup Qatar 2022- Request to host in SUB]

[MONTEIRO] - Some research context before discussion:

- Games schedule from November 20-December 18th 2022
- University Commons is blocking signal to Deweys and is not an option for airing
- Few options to discuss (substage, other meeting rooms or not to stream): opening floor to Executives

[VILLOSO]:

- My position to not support this event still stands based on students who have reached out to me personally.
- Though I understand there are Councillors who want to play it and have proposed some alternatives such as the fundraiser, but I think that doesn't address the concerns that were brought up to me.

[KAUR]:

- I agree regarding a fundraiser being an unnecessary component, I'm not convinced asking students to donate is appropriate.
- Councillors and other students can organise watch parties

[FOTANG]

- We shouldn't play it this year and that is my stance.
- Fundraising from students is problematic, it is the Campus Food banks position as well - is not appropriate to ask students to stretch their dollars further.

[FOGUE]:

- I echo VILLOSO, since many students have reached out to me personally about their discomfort with us potentially playing the game.

[ELLEN SALTER]

- Canada has been in the World Cup for the first time in years, that is something to celebrate
- Operations staff has prepared, and changing minds any last minute affect staff as well.
- SubStage is the only option due to logistics, other meeting rooms - due to the nature of the games - would be too difficult to coordinate.

[JON OLFERT]

- On paper, all operations authority is given to Executives - you are able to define a final organisational decision as this authority is delegated to this committee.

[JULIANA DU PREE]

- What is our guideline for things on substage?
- We rarely use substage, why this request for a sporting event and not others?

[MONTEIRO]

- In summary: I'm hearing there is no appetite from the Executives to stream FIFA World Cup on Substage, as the only logistical option.
- Students are welcomed to organise watch parties, but we will not play this particular series on substage.
- There are a lot of games - every single day for a large portion of the day - and there are students who are uncomfortable or won't feel comfortable coming into SUB during that entire time, as they have stated to Executives.
- I want every student to feel comfortable to be in SUB at all times, for example to study, hang out etc.
- I agree with VPOF and Marketing regarding what and how substage should be used is valid.
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[MONTEIRO]

- It is a long period of time (Nov 20 - Dec 18) and we are considering all students and their use of the Students Union Building. SUB and specifically in front of SubStage is the only informal gathering space of its kind on campus for students where they can socialise.
- UASU staff have indicated SubStage is the only feasible area to stream.
- Students are more than welcome to organize their own, though I don't think the SU should play a role in that.
- We should discuss a future plan in the instance issues that may come up so we can deal with consistently.

MONTEIRO facilitates drafting a motion regarding this decision for Executive committee vote.

[DISCUSSION] Translation Committee Request

- Translation Committee would like to request Advocacy manager to prepare a one page report
- The Executive committee will request advocacy and prepare a summary document to share with the Translation committee.

[DISCUSSION] Holiday Photoshoot

- Rescheduled to November 29th 2022

[DISCUSSION] ASLS Speakers

- Request for execs to collaborate or individually present on a topic
- Can request a slot that works around schedules if needed

MONTEIRO MOVES TO ACTION ITEMS:

ACTION ITEMS

[Action] FIFA World Cup Qatar 2022 Motion

AFTER the Executive Committee discussion of a proposal hosting FIFA World Cup watch parties between November 20 and December 18, AND in light of student concerns and logistical obstacles, MONTEIRO/FOTANG MOVES to direct UASU staff not to stream the FIFA World Cup games as UASU programming.

CARRIED 5/0/0

CLOSED SESSION

NIL

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at __2:54pm__