

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE — 2022-2023 #65

April 13, 2023

1:04PM

ATTENDANCE

Abner Monteiro	<i>President</i>
Gurleen Kaur	<i>Vice President (Academic)</i>
Julia Villosio	<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>
Chris Beasley	<i>Incoming Vice President (External)</i>
Pedro Almeida	<i>Incoming Vice President (Academic)</i>

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

VILLOSO/FOGUE MOVED TO approve the Executive Committee agenda as presented.
4/0/0 CARRIED

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

FOGUE/VILLOSO MOVED TO approve the Executive Committee minutes from April 6, 2023 as presented.
3/0/1 CARRIED, KAUR abstaining

REPORTS

PRESIDENT

- Bylaw Committee today, hopefully finalizing Article I.

- Working with Daniela and others on the new set of ARRC Recommendations.
- MNIF meeting tomorrow.

VICE PRESIDENT (ACADEMIC)

- Met with AUFSJ about language exams; the University is adjusting the acceptable threshold for specific programs admissions, and AUFSJ has concerns.
- GFC Nominating Committee worked on student seat replenishment.
- Working on DIE Board interviews with Joannie and the committee.
- Finalizing Indigenous Students Policy.
- Festival of Teaching and Learning will be May 2-4.
- GFC Student Caucus today.

VICE PRESIDENT (OPERATIONS AND FINANCE)

- Focusing on finalizing the budget.

VICE PRESIDENT (STUDENT LIFE)

- Met with ASA to discuss Augustana Residence Association.
- Augustana students contact the VPSL frequently about residence issues and there is desire for a residence association.

GENERAL MANAGER

- Working on final report to Council.
- Finalizing the audit findings response.
- Finished the budget.
- Focusing on retreat.
- Looking at reserve and investment policies.

DIRECTOR OF MARKETING AND COMMUNICATIONS

- Working on handbook.
- Hiring for two positions.

DIRECTOR OF RESEARCH AND ADVOCACY

- Finalizing Council handbook for 2023/24.
- CRO hiring is ongoing, candidates are strong. A recommendation should be coming to Council for late adds.

STUDENTS' COUNCIL

- The Executives discussed their year-end reports at the upcoming Council meeting.

ACTION ITEMS

2023-24 Budget

- The Executives examined the finalized budget, which will come forward to Council shortly. The budget has a somewhat different format this year.
- We anticipate significant growth once renovations conclude, and have contingencies in place.
- Although we no longer have access to provincial casinos, we have offset this loss through grants and other adjustments.

VILLOSO/FOGUE MOVED THAT the Executive Committee recommend to Finance Committee the approval of the 2023-24 Students' Union final Operating and Capital Budget.
4/0/0 CARRIED

DISCUSSION PERIOD

SIEF Meeting

- Based on mechanisms previously approved by Council, a SIEF meeting is needed and will be scheduled.

Article I: Governance

- The Executives went through the final draft of Bylaw Article I: Governance, which is intended to amend, rearrange, and replace a variety of current bylaws. As one example, the Acknowledgement of Traditional Territory would have the force of regulation rather than being part of Standing Orders.
- Core elements and principles have already been approved by Council at this stage.
- One notable expansion is around Councilors' eligibility. This has been deeply discussed from a variety of perspectives.
- The Executives discussed principles of committee composition and related definitions to ensure that Councilors have clear and appropriate opportunities to participate.
- The Executives discussed how to optimize the new process for filling Student-at-Large vacancies, and how to make that process functional for both mid-year vacancies and startup.
- The Executives discussed the appropriate extent of legislative language around the roles and responsibilities of Department Associations and their relationships with Faculty Associations, with an eye to practical problems in recent years.
- The Executives discussed potential clarifications to the governance standards that apply to Student Representative Associations.

End of Year Advocacy Updates

- The Executives will be doing individual year-end reports to Council and will pass that information, particularly advocacy successes, to Marketing and Communications.

Retreat Schedule

- The Executives discussed the scheduling of retreat.

CLOSED SESSION

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 3:13 PM