

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE — 2023-2024 #7

June 19, 2023

9:59 AM

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>
Michael Griffiths	<i>Vice President (Student Life)</i>
Marc Dumouchel	<i>General Manager</i>
Jonathan Olfert	<i>Director of Research and Advocacy</i>

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

ALMEIDA/GRIFFITHS MOVED TO approve the Executive Committee agenda as presented.
4/0/0 CARRIED

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

BEASLEY/ALMEIDA MOVED TO approve the Executive Committee minutes from June 12, 2023 as presented.
5/0/0 CARRIED

REPORTS

PRESIDENT

- GovCamp went well this weekend based on Council feedback.
- Discussions are ongoing around Standing Orders updates.
- Meeting with ISU leadership and setting up GRIFFITHS as their main point of contact.
- Working on Standing Orders changes for Students' Council.

- Board of Governors meeting went well; it included a discussion around the Asset Management Master Plan. It was a straightforward meeting.

VICE PRESIDENT (ACADEMIC)

- Participated in GovCamp all weekend.
- Planning for COFA.
- Reached out for more context about the potential for removing first-class standing; currently the proposal is only for the Faculty of Science.
- Reading up on policies to prepare for Policy Committee.

VICE PRESIDENT (EXTERNAL)

- Participated in GovCamp all weekend.
- Met and hosted counterparts and did introductory provincial advocacy meetings.
- Attended a business awards meeting and met with people with whom he sits on a task force.
- Visited with ISU leadership.
- Meetings on work-integrated learning possibilities.
- Attending a city council subcommittee to speak on affordable housing tomorrow.

VICE PRESIDENT (OPERATIONS AND FINANCE)

- Participated in GovCamp all weekend.
- Along with ALMEIDA, met with president of ESA on student discounts and other matters. Will be meeting with UASU business management about possibilities.

VICE PRESIDENT (STUDENT LIFE)

- Participated in GovCamp all weekend.
- Working with staff and DoS to schedule a key meeting.
- Working with ISU to get student-at-large nominations for ARRC.

GENERAL MANAGER

- Participated in GovCamp all weekend.
- Meetings on grants and student services.
- Meeting with new DoS.

DIRECTOR OF RESEARCH AND ADVOCACY

- Provided logistical support and troubleshooting for GovCamp this weekend.
- Collecting feedback about changes for next year (e.g. a smaller space than Dinwoodie, a different name to avoid confusing SRAs due to GovCamp also referring to SRA support items in some past years).
- Updated Executives on office security practices over the weekend.

STUDENTS' COUNCIL

- The Executives discussed some emerging confusion about how reports are to be given, who is to report, and the amount of time to be devoted to reports.
- Standing Orders changes are coming soon, which will change deadlines for reports. As one effect, that Executives' reports are finished by Wednesday mornings before Council. This will likely be implemented in mid-July.

ACTION ITEMS

NO ITEMS

DISCUSSION PERIOD

GovCamp Debrief and Feedback Collection

- The Executives discussed how to collect feedback about the GovCamp sessions; like last year, a feedback form will be sent out.
- Impressions were positive and Council struck an engaged, positive tone. Councilors who were less vocal on the first day engaged more later.
- The Executives discussed the possibility of running this retreat in May long weekend in future years.
- The Executives discussed connecting with some Councilors who were not able to make it for some or all of the sessions.
- Compared to last year, this year's GovCamp had heavier content (treaty acknowledgement workshop, anti-oppression training); last year's approach was more 'have fun learning' (e.g. with an Edmonton improv group), and the content was more social and interactive. Each year, GovCamp is tailored to the specific Council and its emergent challenges.
- Individual Councilors found the 'taking up space' portions and statistics to be an opportunity for introspection, and there also was a positive impact on Councilors who have not taken up as much space.
- The Council 'buddy system' will be a positive development.

Friday Mini Retreat for Executive Goals

- The Executives planned a goals development and strategic planning meeting, including productive mechanisms for course correction and mutual accountability.

SRA Summit

- The Executives discussed logistical challenges to repeating past years' SRA Summit plans, as well as potential times of year for a renewed summit.

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 10:52 AM