

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE — 2023-2024 #10

June 29, 2023

12:30 PM

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>
Juliana du Pree	<i>Director of Marketing and Communications</i>
Jonathan Olfert	<i>Director of Research and Advocacy</i>
Ari Campbell	<i>External Relations Specialist</i>
Courtney Graham	<i>Assistant Manager, Governance Support</i>

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

ALMEIDA/BEASLEY MOVED TO approve the Executive Committee agenda as presented.
5/0/0 CARRIED

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

ALMEIDA/BEASLEY MOVED TO approve the Executive Committee minutes from June 26,
2023 as presented.
5/0/0 CARRIED

REPORTS

PRESIDENT

- Complimented the VPs on how well they have hit the ground running and helped and supported other student representatives in various spheres.

VICE PRESIDENT (ACADEMIC)

- Met with Assoc. Dean Undergraduate in Science, who wants to remove First Class Standing from that faculty.
- Met with COFA Senior Board.
- Will be setting up timeline for year's goals.

VICE PRESIDENT (EXTERNAL)

- CAUS just ended a planning conference and set its priorities, including its approach to SGBV advocacy.
- Will be leaving for Calgary to do advocacy work around Stampede, then leaving for CASA's Poli Strat conference. Will be returning in late July.

VICE PRESIDENT (OPERATIONS AND FINANCE)

- Signed lease renewals.
- Met with counterpart at St. FX around businesses and services.
- Focusing on planning year's priorities and working with Craig before his parental leave.

VICE PRESIDENT (STUDENT LIFE)

- Engaging with DoS on several issues, including selection committee for an Executive Director; an NDA is involved.
- Period equity project is ongoing; a new stage of trial should be up and running in July.
- Will be putting some time into the pronoun campaign for MarComms.
- Was able to review and provide feedback on a draft version of a major campus sexual violence survey, still confidential.

GENERAL MANAGER

- Working on physical space and building issues. Focusing on resolving several longstanding issues for a strong start to Fall. Will be writing a paper on SCF.
- Asked for Executive feedback on outstanding questions about MNIFs, and confirmed that the Executives would prefer to proceed with the course that includes the predicted 1.66% rate.

DIRECTOR OF MARKETING AND COMMUNICATIONS

- Handbook goes to press shortly. Working to resolve last-minute ad issues. Will be completing about 25% of annual work in July and about 25% in August.

DIRECTOR OF RESEARCH AND ADVOCACY

- At Waterloo, three people have been hospitalized after an attack targeting a gender studies class. Waterloo administration has been criticized for multiple failures to communicate/alert. It is worth verifying whether UAlberta is ready to communicate/alert in a similar situation.
- Explored timelines and feasibility of getting mandatory student groups training modules translated into French in the context of upcoming changes to student group management.
- Research capacity is high for the next two months.

ASSISTANT MANAGER, GOVERNANCE SUPPORT

- Scheduled ARRC, so all standing committees are up and running.
- New Governance Support Specialist coming in, so preparing training materials.
- Taking a vacation in July.

EXTERNAL RELATIONS SPECIALIST

- Working on CASA items.
- Compiling a suite of options for equity gaps in work-integrated learning.

STUDENTS' COUNCIL

- No discussion items have been submitted for Council, so it is automatically cancelled.

ACTION ITEMS

Joint Statement on Student Grant Increase

- Advanced Education has re-announced its increase to the Alberta Student Grant for Full-Time Students (first announced February 16 as part of a larger package of changes). The University is interested in a joint statement.
- The UASU estimated that the change allocated \$9.6 million toward needs-based aid for around 3570 UAlberta undergraduates.

DISCUSSION PERIOD

Photos with Politicians

- The Executives discussed factors around taking photos with politicians, including past practice and specific boundaries in the UASU's Nonpartisan Political Policy. They determined that they should continue to focus on engagements that reflect serious advocacy work, and use photos to practice transparency around meetings held with elected officials.

Student Groups

- Michelle Kim (Manager, Student Development) and other Student Life staff delivered a presentation on the Student Group Granting Program, including how much money is disbursed, what the criteria are, how adjudication is done, what the grants can and cannot cover, and barriers in the application process.
- The Executives discussed ways to adjust categories and processes to reduce barriers, and possibilities for a more streamlined process for smaller grants.

VLHR Committee Appointment

- The Executives discussed how to select a student to sit on the Visiting Lectureship in Human Rights (VLHR) Committee.

July Planning

- The Executives discussed how to finalize their goals for the year, and timelines for communicating them to the student body in various ways, as well as timelines for presenting their goals to Students' Council.
- The Executives also discussed determining costs for the year's project allocations.

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 2:18 PM