MINUTES

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE — 2021-2022 #51
March 24, 2022
1:30PM

ATTENDANCE

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

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

KIMANI/DIXON MOVED TO approve the Executive Committee agenda as presented.
5/0/0 CARRIED

APPROVAL OF MINUTES
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.