EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE — 2022-2023 #27
September 29th, 2022
1:40 PM

ATTENDANCE

Abner Monteiro  President
Christian Fotang  Vice President (External)
Gurleen Kaur  Vice President (Academic)
Julia Villoso  Vice President (Operations and Finance)
Joannie Fogue  Vice President (Student Life)
Marc Dumouchel  General Manager
Juliana du Pree  Director of Marketing and Communications
Jonathan Olfert  Director of Research and Advocacy
Navjot Kaur  Governance Manager
Ari Campbell  External Relations Specialist

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

______VILLOSO/KAUR______ MOVED TO approve the Executive Committee agenda as presented.
5/0/0 CARRIED

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

______VILLOSO/FOGUE______ MOVED TO approve the Executive Committee minutes from [September 22nd], 2022, as presented.
5/0/0 CARRIED
REPORTS

PRESIDENT

- BOG reports, Relayed Sexual violence, points on student service access, Food security working group for fundraising and storage initiatives
- Meeting with the Head Chaplain, learned more about the Interfaith Centre
- Attended Forward Slash Conference, pushing work experiential learning and entrepreneurship.

VICE PRESIDENT (ACADEMIC)

- Follow up meeting with URI, topics included: International Students' opportunity for research; Committee of Learning Environment session; PST meeting - regarding student accessibility in the classroom learning environment; COCA COLA adjudication - blocking Weds and Thurs next week to focus on the review.

VICE PRESIDENT (EXTERNAL)

- Stakeholders session at Augustana and understanding advocacy goals in Camrose
- Meeting with St. Albert City Council
- Week of Oct 17th - I’ll be away at the University of Manitoba related to CASA.

VICE PRESIDENT (OPERATIONS AND FINANCE)

- RSM Memorial event; Booking a Deweys Tour for Exec; Meeting with a Fine Arts Professor to obtain student pieces for SUB

VICE PRESIDENT (STUDENT LIFE)

- Students who are Parents working for the group
- Meeting with stakeholders on campus for service and policy access - policies around children access to classrooms
- Next week meetings on Food Security with Food Bank
- Wellness Supports office collaboration for a Human Library event planning.

GENERAL MANAGER

- Finish Council remuneration report
- Send an email regarding Landing
GOVERNANCE

● Exec meeting change soon (Mondays)
● Chamber access should work - Execs, please check your OneCards
● Clerks supports - minutes are behind, need to prioritize.

DIRECTOR OF RESEARCH AND ADVOCACY

● Survey data coming in regarding CoVid
● Meeting with counterparts (Colleges) regarding International student equity
● Moving Councillors to check in with Abner

STUDENTS COUNCIL

VILLOSO/ Parking:

1. Approach Parking services for a parking code related to attending Councils
2. Coupon code for after 5 pm / Randa (?) Director of Parking Services

VILLOSO/ Augustana Trip:

1. Montiero: meeting with the administration last year to advocate for ASA; a weekday trip for Executives outside of the Council trip; depends on what the ASA wants
2. Nav to organize an Exec trip to Augustana before Council attends
ACTION ITEMS

None

DISCUSSION PERIOD

MONTEIRO/ Mahsa Amini:

1. Draft statement attached for Executive committee to review
2. OLFERT: Significant protests are planned upcoming in Eastern Canada
3. FOGUE: People may take our participation out of context or say that UASU supports all calls of Iranian students. How can we support our constituents in tangible ways? We want to avoid setting a precedent for how UASU responds to these situations; we can meet with students and provide direct support.
4. DUMOCHEL: Perhaps a discussion among Councillors
5. MONTEIRO: There is support, but the action method needs to be clarified. We were reaching out to Iranian students or International Students Association to support Iranian students or supporters. This is brought forward as we get emails from students, so I requested Jon to put something together based on what has been done in the past. Several students are reaching out, so it is a decision that either Executive or bringing it forward to Exec.
6. VILLOSO: Student emails I've received around booking space but have yet to receive a statement. It may set a strange tone. I don’t know if a statement is the best way to support students.
7. MONTEIRO: I’ve had students directly ask me about protests or direct them towards some kind of organizing on campus.
8. VILLOSO: Don’t think the Iranian students association is political
9. FOTANG: We want to be seen as something other than supporting everything. There could be something said in terms of the person who was killed. We can provide our support regarding the freedom of speech, to gather, to protest - which is happening in Iran. This can be very straightforward.
10. MONTEIRO: There is a tension between supporting students who are feeling lost and who want to do something - supporting and directing them.
11. OLFERT: The angle focuses on students’ difficulty navigating this issue. FOGUE should have a decision-making framework for issues like this. A benchmark system as a community priority should be established.
12. FOTANG: Stating Ukraine has created an issue related to this benchmark.
13. MONTEIRO: Part of our role is to support students and give outlets
14. KAUR: I agree with Fotang. I don’t see a problem with posting a statement and students reaching out. We are in a good position to do something publicly.
15. MONTEIRO: In summary: when students approach us, we validate them and provide them access to resources; the other piece is giving direction and empowering students to take on leadership - whatever that looks like. We can put out a statement, but we must direct students to services and support.
16. DUMOCHEL: Best decisions are made in groups, and we should spend some time in the future.
17. VILLOSO: I am clearly stating that a public statement shouldn't be made as we operate from the context after the last Executive.
18. MONTEIRO: Keeping the UASU open to taking direction based on the Execs at the time. We must decide as a team and agree with the decision since we all must support the outcome. I will bring this back to the next Executive committee next meeting
19. FOGUE: Are we only bringing this forward as a reaction to students instead of being proactive?
20. OLFERT: yes, there is room for proactive discussions on this. Execs are uniquely positioned where students come to Execs directly from different community groups.

TIME IN LIEU in Management: Guest Ellen Salter

1. Execs are in management roles - with the freedom to set their own schedule
2. The job must get done - and time is balanced accordingly
3. Vacation is a block of time - multiple days off without working
4. Time in lieu is very formal and should be used very soon after. It shouldn’t be carried over.
5. It needs to be written down or banked formally.
6. VILLOSO: I just found out that this existed last week. So I wasn't able to take this time that was done over the summer.
7. SALTER: a lot of conference time and travel is kind of a write-off, which is the expectation of managers. We just want to know when you aren’t in the office or workplace.
8. MONTEIRO: If you expect to work long hours and weekends, it is challenging not to take off blocks - where individual execs can take time off. We can discuss details at the retreat.
CLOSED SESSION

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at ___3:09 pm____