

## EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE — 2022-2023 #35

October 31st, 2022

10:01 AM

### ATTENDANCE

Abner Monteiro	<i>President</i>
Christian Fotang	<i>Vice President (External)</i>
Gurleen Kaur	<i>Vice President (Academic)</i>
Julia Viloso	<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>
Navjot Kaur	<i>Governance Manager</i>
Ari Campbell	<i>External Relations Specialist</i>

### APPROVAL OF AGENDA

\_\_\_\_VILLOSO/FOGUE \_\_\_\_\_ MOVED TO approve the Executive Committee agenda as presented.  
5/0/0 CARRIED

### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

\_\_\_\_VILLOSO/KAUR \_\_\_\_\_ MOVED TO approve the Executive Committee minutes from [October 27th], 2022 as presented.  
5/0/0 CARRIED

## REPORTS

Share one priority for the week

### PRESIDENT

- Preparing Student Council to discuss tuition.

### VICE PRESIDENT (ACADEMIC)

- Planning the SRA social

### VICE PRESIDENT (EXTERNAL)

- None

### VICE PRESIDENT (OPERATIONS AND FINANCE)

- Finance committee

### VICE PRESIDENT (STUDENT LIFE)

- Residence-based advocacy - analyzing survey results

### GENERAL MANAGER

- Supporting VPOF regarding financial breakdowns

## MARKETING

None

## GOVERNANCE

- Supporting clerk and Council administration

## DIRECTOR OF RESEARCH AND ADVOCACY

- Juggling projections on tuition proposal

## STUDENTS COUNCIL

Order Paper Deadline

Governance has informed Council - due to staffing issues - to respect Standing Orders 2-day buffer - order paper submissions deadline has been moved one day earlier.

Campus Food Bank:

Monteiro and Fogue are meeting with the Campus food bank supporting a fundraiser for students.

FOGUE: Meeting with Food Bank biweekly since May. Goals are integrated regarding mental health and food security. The DOS and FOS are now collaborating on a "Food Pantry" project. This requires a campus-wide fundraiser. This includes an awareness campaign on campus which is coming up. Space and spacing are significant issues, including advocacy for more material campus supports (i.e., parking, vehicle access, etc.). I also sit on the Board - the ED has indicated that an endowment program is still a band-aid solution. Campus-wide internal solidarity is the direction the Food Bank is heading, including providing access to other physical spaces.

MONTEIRO: Starting in May (including International Tuition conversations) - I've brought up this issue regarding food security at BOG, GSA, and other University offices. Since Spring, we've been working on bringing all stakeholders to discuss material goals. We don't have a finalized plan, so we haven't been able to share it openly with students effectively.

FOGUE: A "community pantry" would be a collaborative effort; there is a precedence at McMaster University. In terms of space, the Foodbank is looking at East Campus.

GM: You are on the Board? What do the finances look like?

FOGUE: On November 8th, the AGM will publish its audited financials. The numbers look good - but I have to wait until the AGM to discuss them.

MONTEIRO: The narratives and misconceptions being created on Campus include interviews from volunteers rather than the Food Bank's Executive Director.

VILLOSO: In the Gateway article, the ED speaks directly about the space issue, not financials.

FOGUE: The first initiative this year as a collaboration - there are several other community-building initiatives.

We must integrate ED priorities with whatever Council decides to do to support the Food Bank.

## DISCUSSION PERIOD

Tuition Strategy:

MONTEIRO: Our broader outreach is still being determined. There is an option to direct the campaign to students. I'm also interested in integrating academic staff and instructors to share information effectively - these are ideas that we are considering, but we are still deciding.

GM: There is a real opportunity to engage international students and to negotiate non-instructional fees. There is a range of options that we can put together for the Executive Committee.

MONTEIRO: The UofA has indicated services justify the tuition increase, but looking at the numbers - it does not explain it.

GM: Before 2009, there was a registration and health fee. The name of the fee changed as the fees were not defined. MNIFs advocacy is based on the Ontario model - where students should have a say in these fees. There needs to be more consistency, and the University makes all the decisions regarding the fees.

MONTIERO: Bringing this to Council - so we can continue the strategy discussion there. I'll bring several topics and share with Execs that we need to cover with Council to ensure all themes are covered. Since it is closed - I'd like different Execs to take the lead on different sections and topics to take notes during Closed.

#### ACTION ITEMS:

None

#### CLOSED SESSION

#### ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at \_\_\_10:50 am \_\_\_\_\_