

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE — 2022-2023 #44

December 15, 2022

1:05 PM

ATTENDANCE

Abner Monteiro	<i>President</i>
Christian Fotang	<i>Vice President (External)</i>
Gurleen Kaur	<i>Vice President (Academic)</i>
Julia Villosio	<i>Vice President (Operations and Finance)</i>
Joannie Fogue	<i>Vice President (Student Life)</i>
Marc Dumouchel	<i>General Manager</i>
Jonathan Olfert	<i>Director of Research and Advocacy</i>
Ari Campbell	<i>External Relations Specialist</i>

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

FOGUE/VILLOSO 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 December 5,
2022 as presented.
5/0/0 CARRIED

REPORTS

PRESIDENT

- Gave a presentation at Policy Committee.
- Been meeting with the University on tuition advocacy.

- Been working with Marc on proposals for Council restructuring and committee size.

VICE PRESIDENT (ACADEMIC)

- Program Support Team today. Limited number of programs brought forward requests for exploration credit exemptions. President suggested keeping a list of programs that make those requests.

VICE PRESIDENT (EXTERNAL)

- Meeting with City of Edmonton, who want to get student voice on improving nightlife and making it safer. Potential for a student survey.
- Edmonton Student Alliance met and is working on an advocacy priorities document.
- The City's regional transit plan has failed; ESA is considering sending a letter of disappointment.

VICE PRESIDENT (OPERATIONS AND FINANCE)

- Continuing to assist ISU with governance challenges.
- Working on Sustainability and Capital Fund planning.

VICE PRESIDENT (STUDENT LIFE)

- Was invited by Courage to Act to be part of a CSV panel and it went very well. That discussion will be the foundation of a white paper. They want to work with the UASU on a research project about experiential learning. Much time spent on situations in residence and helping Residence Associations with transition.

GENERAL MANAGER

- Extremely busy week involving space planning, theatre renovations, and tenant relations. Working to address audit recommendations, including work on SIEF. Flagging an escalating challenge around getting students to run for student government roles.

DIRECTOR OF RESEARCH AND ADVOCACY

- Governance staff under strain and sick, helping Governance Support Specialist work to keep anything from falling through the cracks.

EXTERNAL RELATIONS SPECIALIST

- GOTV Coordinator hired, starting in January.
- Been doing research on federal-provincial transfer issues per Executive needs.
- Recovery on Campus has set up an advisory committee, the Student Recovery Committee.

STUDENTS' COUNCIL

- Monteiro notes that restructuring will have a very tight timeline and the bylaw restructuring has accelerated. Bylaw and regulation changes have been delegated out in various directions, including Councillors, some Chairs, and CRO. Major changes will be implemented in mid-January. Limited difficulty determining which elements should be bylaw and which should be regulation.
- Governance staff will provide an analysis of which planned structures will require what level of staff support.
- Executive Committee noted that Councilor Ali, who has resigned effective January 1, admitted to sharing an unknown section of audio recording of non-closed portions of Finance Committee meeting #8 (which he had access to as a member of Finance Committee) with an unknown third party. Execs discussed access and best practices, including access to the recordings in the context of Alberta's privacy legislation, the UASU's responsibility to protect personal information involved in various committees' mandates, improving clarity of expectations for committee members around privacy, and the consent of those recorded.

ACTION ITEMS

No items.

DISCUSSION PERIOD

Alberta Student Leadership Summit (ASLS)

- The Executives discussed planning issues around ASLS, session moderation, and how the individual Executives will participate.

Policy Committee Presentation

- The Executives will provide a trimester update on progress toward goals.

Tuition Update

- Administration has provided an updated response to the UASU's tuition asks. The response indicates willingness to move on major asks, including potentially eliminating the \$40 instalment fee for 25000+ students (first advocated against by Rory Tighe ten years ago), and reevaluating the late tuition payment structure.
- They do not appear willing to budge on the proposed 6.5% international increase, but did affirm or admit that international tuition is not determined by cost recovery as the previous Provost had stated, which is an important development.

- Monteiro has provided a response to each of those points.
- A new proposal is coming. The Executives discussed a role for the UASU to push links to the University's financial aid options in the new year; the University is noting reduced numbers of students applying for it. There is also a need to request that the University make applications easier and more accessible.

Mandatory Non-Instructional Fees (MNIFs)

- Council consultation was largely opposed to the idea of removing the reduced fee for off-campus students.

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 2:59 PM