EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE — 2022-2023 #50
January 19, 2023
1:05PM

ATTENDANCE

Abner Monteiro  President
Christian Fotang  Vice President (External)
Julia Villoso  Vice President (Operations and Finance)
Joannie Fogue  Vice President (Student Life)
Marc Dumouchel  General Manager
Jonathan Olfert  Director of Research and Advocacy
Ari Campbell  External Relations Specialist

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

VILLOSO/FOGUE MOVED TO approve the Executive Committee agenda as presented.
4/0/0 CARRIED

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

VILLOSO/FOGUE MOVED TO approve the Executive Committee minutes from January 16, 2023 as presented.
4/0/0 CARRIED

REPORTS

PRESIDENT

- The University has removed the off-campus category for two mandatory non-instructional fees. On-campus students will not be seeing a fee increase for the Health and Wellness Fee, and a reduced increase for the Academic Support Fee. We will be modeling these changes; at this point, it appears that the changes will save students over $1 million per year.
• The University has recently informed us that they will be investing in Counseling and Clinical Services for mental health support for enrolment growth. This is a response to UASU advocacy and mental health data over the past 8 months. This is a major advocacy success and will likely be made public in the near future. The University has found money to pay for this; students will not pay for it.
• The University is working on improving digital wayfinding around campus, so students can navigate and find services more easily.

VICE PRESIDENT (EXTERNAL)
• Ari and I met with a senior staffer in ETS Security Branch to discuss lighting and environmental design-related safety concerns, as well as camera coverage and staffing. Mosquito noise generators were discussed and had been tried but are vulnerable to a Charter challenge, so are not likely to be pursued. Fare gates are also unlikely due to extreme cost.
• We have been doing significant provincial advocacy around affordability, cost of living, and food insecurity using new annual survey and Perks data.

VICE PRESIDENT (OPERATIONS AND FINANCE)
• Fee governance consultation with SRAs is ongoing.
• SUB Planning Committee is meeting now that quorum issues are being resolved.
• Looking to help ISU plan for DFU reporting.
• Progress is being made on Cree room names for SUB.

VICE PRESIDENT (STUDENT LIFE)
• Did an interview with the Gateway on the SGBV Policy.
• Working on planning the sexual violence speaking series and a Black History Month event.
• A survey is being planned with CCR.
• Academic integrity reports are increasing.

GENERAL MANAGER
• Working on staffing resource allocations.
• The theatre is aimed for final completion in July.
• Planning for governance transition is underway.

DIRECTOR OF RESEARCH AND ADVOCACY
• Working on staffing resource allocations with a focus on governance support.

EXTERNAl RELATIONS SPECIALIST
• Students have started pledging to vote and GOTV content is rolling out.
• A key messages document for the provincial affordability plan is available.
STUDENTS’ COUNCIL

- Abner and Melissa Padfield will be doing a joint presentation on the Student Experience Action Plan.
- The Executives discussed the timing of potential upcoming presentations and potential discussion items, e.g. refinements to governance restructuring and auditing followup items.

ACTION ITEMS

ToR for SUB Planning Committee
- The committee has struggled to reach quorum, causing operational concerns. The VOPF is looking to adjust the quorum requirements and expectations of committee members, retaining representation from Executives, Council, and students-at-large. The VPOF proposed adjusting the mechanism for inactive members, and changing the quorum requirement to 50% of committee membership with at least one non-Executive Committee member.

VILLOSO/FOTANG MOVE TO approve amendments to the Terms of Reference of the SUB Planning Committee.
4/0/0 CARRIED

DISCUSSION PERIOD

Bylaw 8100 - SRA Reporting to VPX
- Current mechanisms do not sufficiently encourage reporting. The Executives discussed how to adjust mechanisms to encourage proper reporting.

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 2:02PM