

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE — 2022-2023 #51

January 26, 2023

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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>
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/FOGUE MOVED TO approve the Executive Committee minutes from January 19,
2023 as presented.
5/0/0 CARRIED

REPORTS

PRESIDENT

- Work on governance bylaws is reaching an advanced stage to meet Students' Council timelines.

- Meeting with Registrar's Office on financial aid to gather information about how they calculate a moderate standard of living and how they developed their 15% financial aid set-aside for tuition increases.

VICE PRESIDENT (ACADEMIC)

- The University is looking at creating an app for students to book appointments with a variety of student services.
- Asked that the University make it more clear which service is provided by which department, and improve navigability of services web presence.
- Met with the University to discuss financial aid for Indigenous students based on the Indigenous Success Survey; had trouble getting solid answers.

VICE PRESIDENT (EXTERNAL)

- Held a [CASA press conference](#) to urge the federal government to foster and retain talent.
- Met with COSA Advocacy Board.
- Working on Get Out The Vote operations and postering.
- Working on Black History Month.

VICE PRESIDENT (OPERATIONS AND FINANCE)

- Working on Budget Principles. Brought it to Core Managers.
- Chairing the EDI committee for the remainder of the semester.
- Very busy with a variety of priorities for the near future.

VICE PRESIDENT (STUDENT LIFE)

- Augustana now has a dedicated sexual violence support and wellness coordinator, which was a major advocacy ask. This has not yet been announced.
- Working on a speaker series and anonymous Q&A about sexual education, consent, disclosures, gender-based violence, etc.
- Working on potential reforms to BearTracks around name changes and legal names, streamlining student experience.
- Dealing with Lister issues.

GENERAL MANAGER

- Heavily involved with theatre project at the moment.

DIRECTOR OF RESEARCH AND ADVOCACY

- Working to secure University data to support Get Out The Vote.
- Working with Governance Support Specialist to eliminate governance backlogs.
- Updated and overhauled the ARRC Recommendations progress tracker.
- Finished a survey report on student involvement and volunteerism. Interest in volunteering is much lower among upper-year students than in late 2018. Lower

interest is associated with reduced time availability, a need for paying work, and a fear that volunteering won't be meaningful work. Those interested in volunteering are attracted to the idea of building community, meeting people, and gaining practical experience/resume building.

DIRECTOR OF MARKETING AND COMMUNICATIONS

- Nothing to report.

EXTERNAL RELATIONS SPECIALIST

- Working on Get Out The Vote and logistics for CASA AGM.

STUDENTS' COUNCIL

No items.

ACTION ITEMS

PA for FURCA Sponsorship

- As with previous years, FURCA has asked the UASU to sponsor awards and provide closing comments.
- This sponsorship will result in 4 awards (at \$250 each) in the Outstanding Communications category.

KAUR/FOGUE MOVED TO approve a Project Allocation for FURCA in the amount of \$1000.

5/0/0 CARRIED

DISCUSSION PERIOD

Student Organizing

- The Executives met with the VP External of the University of Calgary Students' Union to discuss best practices in organizing based on his experiences with student protests, as well as comparing timelines for tuition advocacy.
- UCSU is exploring possibilities for 'day of action' rallies late in March — 'stop the hikes, reverse the cuts.'

Dunk Tank for Elections Publicity

- The Executives discussed a student suggestion to have an Executive 'dunk tank' as part of elections possibility. They decided not to pursue the possibility on various grounds, including for financial reasons.

Student Group Grants

- The Executives evaluated internal data on student group grants. This year, the UASU gave out roughly \$68,000 in grants to student groups, funding 43% of the applications received. Total granting is comparable to the first year before the COVID-19 pandemic.
- Each applicant received a reasonable available amount, not necessarily their full request. The average money awarded per application is currently around \$800, funding both operating and event costs.
- The Executives discussed potential ways to improve granting processes within budget constraints.

Augustana Visit

- The Executives discussed potential dates for an in-person meeting with Augustana student leaders in Camrose.

CLOSED SESSION

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 2:54PM.