MINUTES

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE — 2022-2023 #60
March 16, 2023
1:26 PM

ATTENDANCE

Abner Monteiro  President
Christian Fotang  Vice President (External)
Gurleen Kaur  Vice President (Academic)
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

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

FOGUE/KAUR MOVED TO approve the Executive Committee minutes from February 23, 2023
as presented.
4/0/0 CARRIED

REPORTS

PRESIDENT

- Meeting with the University around problems with New Student Orientation.
- Working to prepare a document package for Board of Governors, especially
  around food insecurity, in preparation for the March 24 tuition protest. Drafting
  BoG motions based on advocacy.
- Trying to finalize bylaw work and plan for retreat.
- Reminds Executives to create their Executive Plans for transition.
VICE PRESIDENT (ACADEMIC)
- Programs Committee this morning included a presentation from an Indigenous instructor around mandatory Indigenous content.
- Exploration credit exclusions were approved.
- Got more clarity around how courses can be applied to embedded certificates without 'double-dipping.' A course can be applied to the program, to one certificate, but not to a second certificate. The complication is, what happens if a course is a prerequisite for multiple certificates, potentially across multiple faculties? The limitation should be on the University’s side (e.g. number of certificates a student can take), not the student’s side. VPA will ask how many certificates have overlapping prerequisites. Another wrinkle is around equivalent courses at CSJ; those courses will count as fulfilling the prerequisites, and the University is aiming to clarify that. Many CSJ students think they cannot get a certificate because they cannot see their courses on the list of approved courses.
- Festival of Teaching and Learning yesterday.

VICE PRESIDENT (EXTERNAL)
- Met with Minister Rajan Sawhney about student support services.
- Preparing for CASA AGM in Halifax.
- Met with Chris Beasley for transition.

VICE PRESIDENT (STUDENT LIFE)
- Met with Florence Glanfield to talk about funding for Indigenous Celebration Week.
- Black History Month debrief with DoS.
- Filming for protest.

GENERAL MANAGER
- Finalizing auditing followup.
- Good meeting today about student groups. It appears currently that DoS may not do any student group administration in the future; this may be a complete handoff to UASU.

DIRECTOR OF RESEARCH AND ADVOCACY
- Catching up after vacation.
- Working on CRO and DIE Board hiring.
- Working on election support.

DIRECTOR OF MARKETING AND COMMUNICATIONS
- Working on election support.
- Hiring a new social media specialist.
STUDENTS’ COUNCIL

- Two Councilors are needed to sit on a hiring panel for DIE Board replenishment. This will involve a small number of interviews, likely in the first week of April. The hiring committee is two Councilors, two Executives, and two DIE Board members. This temporary committee exists for the duration of this process.

ACTION ITEMS

Operating Policy Amendments
- The Executives discussed amending Operating Policy to notify Students’ Council of media releases. Some Councilors have requested a standardized process.

FOTANG/FOGUE MOVE TO amend Operating Policy to include a section 7.2(3), to state: "Students’ Council shall be notified of all media releases when publicly posted." 4/0/0 CARRIED

Selecting Students for Dean of Students Hiring
- Based on time constraints and the University's difficulty finding students to sit on this hiring panel, the Executive Committee are attempting to find individuals to sit on the panel. The hiring starts next week.

DISCUSSION PERIOD

U-Pass and Transit Safety
- A student email asks for a U-Pass refund due to extreme lack of safety on public transit, including many incidents of harassment and witnessing violence. As transit safety is a major issue for many students right now, requests like this may escalate. Transit safety issues may damage the credibility of the U-Pass. Ridership is somewhat inelastic as students have no real options. The City was hoping that once ridership returned from emergency remote delivery that there would be ‘safety through numbers,’ but that doesn’t appear to be the case.
- The Executives discussed how to respond to the student and their experiences, and options under the terms of U-Pass agreement. U-Pass reimbursements would be a difficult precedent. The Executives determined to raise this at an upcoming U-Pass meeting.

Retreat
- The Executives discussed retreat scheduling and transition planning.

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 2:12 PM