ATTENDANCE

Abner Monteiro  President
Christian Fotang  Vice President (External)
Gurleen Kaur  Vice President (Academic)
Julia Villosa  Vice President (Operations and Finance)
Joannie Fogue  Vice President (Student Life)
Marc Dumouchel  General Manager
Jonathan Olfert  Director of Research and Advocacy
Michael Griffiths  Incoming Vice President (Student Life)

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

FOGUE/VILLOSO 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 March 30, 2023 as presented.
5/0/0 CARRIED

REPORTS

PRESIDENT

- Writing a letter to GFC about the student role in GFC composition.
- Involved in the University hiring a new governance secretary.
- Presenting bylaw amendments at Council tomorrow for discussion.
VICE PRESIDENT (ACADEMIC)
- Preparing for GFC and COFA Joint Board.
- Administration will be presenting on SPOTs and on AI, and having a discussion on the Embedded Certificates Framework.
- Working on second principles for the Indigenous Students Policy.
- Registration is open for the Festival of Teaching and Learning, including Gurleen's artwork.

VICE PRESIDENT (EXTERNAL)
- Working on transition.
- Heading to Montreal for a consultation with IRCC on international students.
- CASA ED is visiting.
- Working to overcome red tape around GOTV efforts.

VICE PRESIDENT (OPERATIONS AND FINANCE)
- Working on budgets with Marc and brought them to Finance.
- Working on transition.

VICE PRESIDENT (STUDENT LIFE)
- Continuing high-level meetings on orientation.
- Principles of Sexual Violence in Residence Policy should be approved at Council tomorrow.
- Working with specific student cases.

GENERAL MANAGER
- Budgeting is stable.
- Working on audit follow-ups and meeting with Finance Committee.

DIRECTOR OF RESEARCH AND ADVOCACY
- Preparing GFC Student Caucus briefing, including material on composition.
- Coordinating hiring for DIE Board, CRO, and Speaker.
- Note that Courtney is away April 5-11.
- Analyzed a student financial aid survey for Abner, to be discussed in this meeting.

STUDENTS' COUNCIL
- The Augustana Councilor would like accommodations for transportation to come out to Council meetings in person with some regularity.
- ARRC moved to send a Council member's draft recommendations to Council for presentation and discussion; the motion that came forward was for approval
instead of what ARRC moved, so that will need to be corrected. Support has been offered and the Executives will connect with the ARRC Chair.

**ACTION ITEMS**

**NO ITEMS**

**DISCUSSION PERIOD**

Needs-Based Financial Aid Survey
- This survey ran on the UASU Perks platform from March 28 to April 3, reaching 918 unique respondents.
- 57-62% of students who sought needs-based financial aid (either University aid or the Access Fund) reported the application process being too difficult or opaque.
- The most financially insecure students are still, on average, unlikely to seek needs-based financial aid of either type.
  - Out of twenty highly financially insecure students, nine will seek University needs-based aid (with or without completing an application), and three will receive it.
  - Out of twenty highly financially insecure students, four will seek an Access Fund grant (with or without completing an application), and one will receive it.
- Many students appear to have made multiple attempts over the past year or two to access needs-based aid, with varying results.
- It appears that students’ self-selection is playing a larger role in determining needs-based aid disbursement (with regard to applicants’ financial situation) than the actual selection phase does.
  - That is, while less financially secure students are more likely to seek needs-based aid, whether a given applicant receives aid does not vary much based on their financial security.
  - This suggests a need to reexamine how needs-based aid eligibility is evaluated.
- Medicine and Dentistry, Engineering, and Native Studies students reported a decent likelihood of receiving useful information if they approached faculty advisors/administrators about financial aid possibilities. This was not true for the other faculties.
  - In ALES, Arts, Business, and CSJ, students appeared especially unlikely to go to faculty advisors/administrators for this information at all.
Dean of Students Selection Committee
  ● The Executives discussed how to fill a student gap in the DoS selection process. They approached the Indigenous Students' Union but the specific time commitment did not work out.

Retreat
  ● The Executives worked on planning the transition retreat.

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 11:00 AM