MINUTES

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE — 2023-2024 #42
November 23, 2023
12:33 PM

ATTENDANCE

Christian Fotang  President
Chris Beasley  Vice President (External)
Pedro Almeida  Vice President (Academic)
Levi Flaman  Vice President (Operations and Finance)
Michael Griffiths  Vice President (Student Life)
Marc Dumouchel  General Manager
Juliana du Pree  Director of Marketing and Communications
Ari Campbell  External Relations Specialist
Courtney Graham  Assistant Manager, Governance Support

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

BEASLEY/ALMEIDA MOVED TO approve the Executive Committee agenda as presented.
4/0/0 CARRIED

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

TABLED

REPORTS

Vice President (Academic)

• Met with Vice Provost Indigenous Programming and Research
• EDI Planning and Steering Committee
• Student Bereavement Policy meeting
- CoFA Senior Board meeting
- NSSA Meeting to discuss Lecture Capture

**Vice President (External)**
- Currently attending CASA advocacy week in Ottawa
- Met with MPs and advocated for CASA asks
- Watched Federal Fall Economic statement get delivered
- Attending a reception for CASA later in the week

**Vice President (Operations and Finance)**
- In the process of conducting DFU Reviews
- Proceeding with the Dewey’s Washroom Renovation Design Schematic Report
- Strategic Planning meeting later today
- MNIF Oversight Committee
- Bylaw Committee meeting later this week, where DFU plebiscite questions will be discussed and approved

**Vice President (Student Life)**
- Attended the GFC meeting as well as the Trans Day of Remembrance Vigil on Monday
- Prepping for Sustainability and Student Group Committees
- Following up on emails
- Getting ready for MNIF, which will discuss the Sexual and Gender Based Response Coordinator Role
- Early Learning meeting last night
- CAMPUS CUP this weekend

**General Manager**
- Managing personnel issues
- Attended an Organization Strategy meeting with Core Managers
- Discussion about Student Orientation

**Director of Marketing and Communications**
- Conducting Fall Check-ins to ensure Winter Semester marketing plans run smoothly

**External Relations Specialist**
- No updates

**Assistant Manager, Governance Support**
- FAMF and DFU Fee Presentation coordination is underway
STUDENTS’ COUNCIL

- The Executive Committee decided that they will reach out to the ISA directly to discuss extended supports and advocacy for international students.
- Requests for the Council recording have been received from a few guests who attended the most recent meeting of Students’ Council.

ACTION ITEMS

NO ITEMS

DISCUSSION PERIOD

Alumni Room in December

- Clark Builders was extended to use the Alumni Room until November 27th, but has since requested to continue using the room until the end of the year. This room is typically a study room, which could impact students’ negatively.
- Options are either to remove Clark Builders from the Alumni Room and continue, as in previous years, to use the space for student studying, or book a meeting room downstairs for students to study in, keeping Clark in the Alumni Room until the end of the year, and potentially provide a coffee service for students as compensation for the inconvenience. The quiet lounge could also be converted into a dedicated study space.
- The Alumni Room typically had 50-60 students studying there throughout the final exam season. The room was set up with couches as well as tables and chairs. This configuration could be recreated in a downstairs meeting room.
- The Executive Committee will move forward with booking meeting rooms downstairs to provide student study space and will move to keep Clark Builders in the Alumni Room until the end of the year.

Council Emails and Confidentiality

- An email to the Councillors was forwarded to a community member who later posted it on social media, revealing the sender’s name and email address. Concerns were raised about the standards of communication for Councillor emails when items are not marked confidential.
- There is an expectation that Councillors should not be sharing personal or identifying information of individuals who send emails to council members. However, the content of emails can be discussed and brought forward to relevant people, when appropriate.
Hosting Possible Legal Observer Training in Collaboration with Law Faculty or Other

- Legal observers are often trained and present at student protests, generally acting as observers and reporting protest happenings. Legal observers maintain non-partisanship, which would enable Executives to be present at protests/supporting student needs while maintaining non-partisanship.
- The Executive Committee will reach out to the LSA to receive Legal Observer training.

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 2:05 PM.