Executive Committee

May 31, 2005

Attendance

Graham Lettner  President
Mat Johnson  Vice-President Academic
Samantha Power  Vice-President External
Jason Tobias  Vice-President Operations & Finance
Justin Kehoe  Vice-President Student Life
Catherine van de Braak  E/A, Recording Secretary

Absent

Bill Smith  General Manager

1. Call to Order
The meeting was called to order by LETTNER at 10:33 am

2. Approval of Agenda
TOBIAS/JOHNSON MOVED THAT the agenda be approved with the following additions:
5b. Tribune Selection Committee
6d. DFU Motion
6e. Council
6f. Conference
VOTE ON MOTION  5/0/0 CARRIED

3. Approval of Minutes
JOHNSON/TOBIAS MOVED THAT the May 26, 2005 minutes be approved as tabled.
VOTE ON MOTION  5/0/0 CARRIED

4. Old Business
a. Political Policies
LETTNER: would like political policies reviewed by the appropriate executive and update policies brought back to exec. on June 14.

Executive list of policies was reviewed.

b. Web Board
KEHOE: there are three options that we need to consider.
• Return to the former web board
• Create a completely new web board with a new look, feel etc.
• Have no direct SU web board at all.

Recommend that we return the former web board; any new web board would have the same issues as the old one, and it is not worth the effort to take the old down.
See some benefit to allowing non-U of A students to use the web board, especially perspective students.
LETTNER: don’t want to get involved in minor issues.
KEHOE: limiting to U of A accounts does not stop the negative comments
POWER: don’t feel that concerns were justified regarding the negative comments; it was a good venue to encourage discussion outside of council.
LETTNER: would like to see it a useful venue for all, less inside jokes etc.
KEHOE: need to avoid small details, look at the overall benefit.
TOBIAS: go back to the status quo, put up a splash page explaining why it was taken down, add a comment section that will stay up until the end of September.

TOBIAS/POWER MOVED THAT the Executive Committee direct VP Student Life to act on the recommendation of the Executive Committee relating to the web board.
VOTE ON MOTION 5/0/0 CARRIED

c. Transition request
Discussion ensued regarding the best use of money; it may be more effective to put money into the Info Mart where students will be getting information.

POWER: could offer to come back and hold an educational event for students.

TOBIAS/LETTER MOVED THAT the Executive committee undertake to do involved in the Student Academic Responsibility Panel, Welcome Address to New Students and the Info Mart.
VOTE ON MOTION 5/0/0 CARRIED

Power will contact the International Centre.

5. New Business
a. City Link
Kehoe tabled a request for support from City Link, a for profit company. Tabled to the next meeting.

b. Tribune Selection Committee
TOBIAS/KEHOE MOVED THAT the VP External sit on the Tribune Selection Committee.
VOTE ON MOTION 5/0/0 CARRIED

6. Discussion Period
a. Operational Policies
Tobias and Lettner have spent some time reviewing; need to complete the review process. Once finished the policies will be pass to appropriate senior managers for review and updating.

b. Gateway
Kehoe tabled a report regarding recommendations relating to the Gateway.
JOHNSON: University will ask for our comment on this issue
KEHOE can say it is important to support student run newspapers.
LETTNER: will continue to work on this, would like a letter brought to the next meeting for review.
c. Goals
Goals briefly reviewed. It would be good to use Jason’s excel sheet as a template.
Will review in depth at Tuesday’s meeting.

d. DFU Motion
TOBIAS: after some thought, feel that the principle sound, implementation is not. This will be on council’s agenda after the budget has passed.

e. Council
LETTNER: is there anything coming forward tonight that we need to be aware of?
Everything has already been discussed.

f. Conference
Johnson tabled information regarding the upcoming STLHE (Society for Teaching and learning in Higher Education). This is a budgeted request.

TOBIAS/POWER MOVED THAT the Executive Committee approve a budgeted expense not to exceed $1600.00 for the VP Academic to attend the STLHE (Society for Teaching and learning in Higher Education) Conference in Halifax, June 8-11, 2005

VOTE ON MOTION 4/0/1(JOHNSON) CARRIED

7. Reports
8. Announcements

9. Adjournment
Meeting adjourned at 12:00 pm