Executive Committee
July 19, 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
Bill Smith  General Manager
Catherine van de Braak  E/A, Recording Secretary

1. Call to Order
The meeting was called to order by POWER at 10:35 am

2. Approval of Agenda
JOHNSON/KEHOE MOVED THAT the agenda is approved as tabled.
VOTE ON MOTION 5/0/0 CARRIED

3. Approval of Minutes
LETTNER/KEHOE MOVED THAT the July 14, 2005 minutes be approved as tabled.
VOTE ON MOTION 5/0/0 CARRIED

4. Old Business
a. Grantsmanship
Tobias is still looking into this, has not been forgotten

5. New Business
There is no new business

6. Discussion Period
a. Use of ETS Contra
TOBIAS: approached by Norma Rodenburg about the use of ETS hours that the SU receives from ETS. Would like to use some of these hours to bus people to NODA conference in SUB.
JOHNSON: should create a policy to regulate non-SU use of contra.
TOBIAS: there are a limited number of hours that we receive from ETS, there is no set number, and this year we have a windfall.
SMITH: it is important to use contra wisely

LETTNER/TOBIAS MOVED THAT the General Manager and VP Operations and Finance investigate the possibility of creating a process for the use of contra.
VOTE ON MOTION 5/0/0 CARRIED
b. Council Committees

LETTNER: concerned how committees are functioning.
TOBIAS: see several problems. The common belief that the problem is lack of adm. support I believe is false. I believe that the committees do not have enough people to fill positions. There are some people who are sitting on 4/5 committees.
The issue of forcing councilors to sit on committees results in councilors who may not have time/interest. Scheduling meetings are a huge issue.
Feel that too much is diverted to committees
Mandates of the committees is too large
Quorum is too large; quorum of council is 19 quorum of committees is 7.

LETTNER: how can we help the process? There is going to be some growing pains.

POWER: good points have been raised, these issues should be discussed at CAC

SMITH: sounds like there are fundamental flaws in the current system. If quorum is this high for committees then council is spread very thin.

TOBIAS: some committees have key issues that must be dealt with to ensure the running of the SU. They are: BFC, Access Fund, Grant Allocations Audit, Bylaw (in order for council to function)

SMITH: some committees are so core that the SU cannot function without them. If it took 7 minutes for the BFC to pass the operating budget that is shameful.

LETTNER: Tobias did consult with members individually prior to the BFC meeting regarding the budget.
It comes down to manpower over the summer. There are too few councilors available.

Executive Committee are asked to send concerns to Power, who will forward them to CAC to discuss on July 29.

7. Reports
a. President
Sent Alumni proposal to member of the Board for review.
On Tap topics have been picked.
Meeting with Bill and Chris to discuss volunteer issues
Meeting with Adam to discuss tuition presentation

b. VP Academic
Strategic Initiative group meeting on Aug 9 re 24/7 in SUB.
Working on putting together an orientation for new Vice Provosts later in August.

c. VP External
Working on campus campaigns
Planning for upcoming CAUS meeting
Affordability review
d. VP Operations & Finance  
Re-focusing on goals now that the budget is finished, met with Bill and Anita. Working on committee issues.

e. VP Student Life  
Met with International Centre regarding partnership in RSS  
Working on WOW  
Re-focusing on goals sound like a good idea.

f. General Manager  
Same as last time, many meetings, senior manager meeting this morning to assimilate Anita back and ensure things are fitting well.

8. Announcements

9. Adjournment  
Meeting adjourned at 11:35 am