Executive Committee

September 8, 2005

Attendance
Graham Lettner President
Mat Johnson Vice-President Academic
Samantha Power Vice-President External
Jason Tobias Vice-President Operations & Finance
Bill Smith General Manager
Catherine van de Braak E/A, Recording Secretary

Absent
Justin Kehoe Vice-President Student Life

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

2. Approval of Agenda
TOBIAS/JOHNSON MOVED THAT the agenda is approved as with the following additions:
4a moved to end of discussion period
add: 5d: Bear Scat Server
replace 6b with Communication/Grammar
VOTE ON MOTION 4/0/0 CARRIED

3. Approval of Minutes
TOBIAS/POWER MOVED THAT the August 31, 2005 minutes be approved as tabled.
VOTE ON MOTION 4/0/0 CARRIED

4. Old Business
There is no old business

5. New Business
a. Ethical Business Policy
Exec have sent suggestions to Tobias (thank you Power). Power’s suggestion to replace “practical and feasible” with “not knowing” is friendly.
Discussion ensued regarding how active the SU should be in pursuing information from suppliers. It was decided that it would depend on the size of the vendor/contract.
Tobias will incorporate the suggested changes and bring a revised policy to the next executive meeting.

b. High School Leadership
Power introduced the background that Colpitts has provided.
Concerns were raised that some schools may not be able to attend if the event is extended to two days. Power assured the executive that
Colpitts has looked into this and it should not impact on attendance. Additional information is needed before a decision concerning funding can be made. Concerns were raised that this request should be on the upcoming agenda as Council will need to give the final approval.

TOBIAS/JOHNSON MOVED THAT the Executive Committee recommend that Students’ Council approve an expenditure not to exceed $5,000 (five thousand dollars) from the Special Project Reserve for the High School Leadership conference.

VOTE ON MOTION 4/0/0/ CARRIED

Power will ask Colpitts to attend the next executive meeting so that questions/concerns can be addressed.

c. Day with the President

The President’s office will only be able to cover the cost of food and booking of meeting rooms. It is important that this event not be scaled down.

LETTNER/POWER MOVED THAT the Executive Committee recommend that Students’ Council approve an expenditure not to exceed $5,000 (five thousand dollars) from the Special Project Reserve for the Day with the President

VOTE ON MOTION 4/0/0/ CARRIED

d. Bear Scat Server

Kirkam has contacted Lettner regarding the bear scat server and what to do when it crashes and needs to be re-set. The server is in the safe room, which has very limited access. Tobias will speak with Marc Dumouchel regarding this concern.

6. Discussion Period

a. DOSE/External media

TOBIAS: Geoff has been approached by DOSE regarding sponsorship and access to SUB. There was a discussion regarding this a few months ago, are there any new thoughts?

SMITH: there are different sides to this discussion. Should one newspaper have a monopoly, is this serving students?

POWER: DOSE is available on campus, just not in SUB.

It was decided to remain with the status quo. Tobias will draft a policy relating to publications in SUB.

b. Grammar

Lettner: spoke with a U of A staff member earlier this morning regarding grammar on the SU website. This is a reminder to all to be vigilant about correct usage etc.
c. PAC Presentation  LETTNER: will be absent on Tuesday so someone will need to liaise with Bob when he comes to do the PAC presentation. Tobias will take care of this.

d. Recap of Wednesday  Tabled to the next meeting

e. Event at Augustana  Exec have been invited to an event this evening at Augustana. Tobias can drive 3 people. Lettner, Kehoe and Power will go with him. Johnson opts to not go due to limited space.

f. Profit Prep Course  JOHNSON: U of A prof. is running a 2-hour course on how to succeed in University at a cost of 150.00/class. LETTNER: spoke with the prof, he felt that there was a niche to be filled and that the U of A was not filling it fast enough. Will be meeting with Norma and the professor in November to review how successful Orientation was at giving first year students this information. POWER: shouldn’t the U of A be doing this for students? It is not right to charge students $100.00

7. Reports  
   a. President  This has been a crazy week, quite a bit of adjustment but fun. Met with Jim Dinning this morning

   b. VP Academic  Interviewed by city TV at the WOW breakfast this morning. Working on: employee appraisals, cohort stuff

c. VP External  Retreats last week were successful, Campus campaigns are coming along well, CAUS press conference on Tuesday went well, having been doing some outreach.

d. VP Operations & Finance  Busy week, have been doing some outreach, will be working on bylaws and policies next week

e. VP Student Life  Absent

f. General Manager  Marketing issues-good meeting with Sam SSCB issues Travel Cuts Lawsuit still on target for February G10 meeting Ensuring that operations are ready to go for the September start.

8. Announcements

9. Adjournment  Meeting adjourned at 12:10 pm