Executive Committee

January 24/06

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 LETTNER at 10:44 am.

2. Approval of Agenda
POWER/JOHNSON MOVED THAT the agenda is approved with the following additions:
c. Lawsuit Update
d. Council Presentation
VOTE ON MOTION 5/0/0 CARRIED

3. Approval of Minutes
TOBIAS/KEHOE MOVED THAT the January 19, 2006 minutes be approved as tabled.
VOTE ON MOTION 5/0/0 CARRIED

4. Action Summaries
Second meeting of the week only

5. Old Business
There is no old business

6. New Business
There is no new business

7. Discussion Period
a. Health Services Fee
Concerns were raised about the urgency of Dr. McInroy’s request. This should have come to exec and council much sooner than it did. Executive raised a number of areas of concern including:
- Before levying a fee on all users perhaps a user pay system, as is at other schools, should be investigated.
- If there is a deadline of 8-9 thousand visits due to not seeing staff, that should translate into fewer staff needed
- There is a strong case for the SU to be much more involved in the financial side of the health centre
POWER: feel we should ask for further financial numbers, and that
U of A staff should be asked to pay a fee.

b. Staffing Proposal

Norma Rodenberg joined the meeting. Staffing proposal tabled and discussed. There are two components to the proposal: Academic Guidance Centre/Info services merger (more of an expansion). This would make info more accessible to students at info booth, better for students. Would be lead by fulltime permanent manager. There would be three student coordinators (there will be no lose of student jobs) the three positions were outlined. This idea has been worked on for a while. Second part of the proposal relates to Orientation. Hiring two 3-year contract managers to oversee varied components such as new student programs, mature programs and web.

Discussion ensued regarding the time line and the importance of these changes to allow for growth.

TOBIAS: glad to see proposal, few questions about sponsorship money and grant from Dean of Students office.

NORMA: we are budgeted to receive money from sponsorship as well as money from the Dean of Students budget. Normally the amount from the Dean is 2/3 of our budget.

Structure changes were discussed. Norma’s was thanked for her time.

Tobias will investigate further the sponsorship component of the proposed budget as well as the involvement from the Dean.

c. Lawsuit Update

Smith provided an update regarding the Travel Cuts lawsuit. Preparation is proceeding, taking a great deal of time.

d. Council Presentations

LETTNER: will be giving a presentation at council tonight relating to what advocacy has been doing and why. Concerns were raised that the rest of the executive would like to know what exactly would be in the presentation. Executive will meet at 5:00 pm to discuss details.

8. Task Force Reports

LETTNER: important that everyone is on task and that we all know what is going on with each of the task forces. Please ensure that minutes of all meetings are included in the next Tuesday executive meeting agenda package.

9. Announcements

10. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 12:20 pm