University of Alberta Students' Union

MINUTES

EXEC 05/55

Executive Committee

February 28, 2006

Attendance

Graham Lettner President
Mat Johnson Vice-President Academic
Jason Tobias Vice-President Operations & Finance
Justin Kehoe Vice-President Student Life
Bill Smith General Manager
Catherine van de Braak E/A, Recording Secretary

Absent

Samantha Power Vice-President External

1. Call to Order
The meeting was called to order by LETTNER at 10:36 am

2. Approval of Agenda
TOBIAS/JOHNSON MOVED THAT the agenda is approved with the following addition
7f. Travel Cuts
VOTE ON MOTION 4/0/0 CARRIED

3. Approval of Minutes
LETTNER/JOHNSON MOVED THAT the February 17 and 21, 2006 minutes be approved as tabled.
VOTE ON MOTION 4/0/0 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. CCSA Letter
LETTNER: there has been zero response from CCSA organizers regarding the letter sent outlining concerns with upcoming conference. It is clear that AMICCUS-C is not welcome and have made alternative arrangements.
SMITH: U of T Scarborough will be hosting AMICCUS-C and has expressed a willingness to hold a student conference as well.
LETTNER: does exec want to support the creation of a new conference?
Discussion ensued regarding the general issues.
LETTNER/TOBIAS MOVED THAT the Executive Committee support and encourage the creation of an alternative conference to
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CcSA for 2006.
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c. UHS

LETTNER: met with Dr. McInroy and Kevin, it was a positive meeting.
Would like to consider creating a group of councilors/exec/health centre staff to review data and make recommendations. We need to be proactive in dealing with this issue.
SMITH: concerned about how this smaller committee will affect the request for SU to have a greater involvement in ancillary fee issues.
LETTNER: smaller groups can be incorporated into larger group when time comes.

Lettner, Tobias and Kehoe will draft a proposal to take to Council.

d. WUSC Invitation

Kehoe will attend WUSC event

e. MSA

Lettner tabled a letter from the MSA relating to the release of the controversial cartoons. LETTNER: will draft a response saying thank you for the letter; we respect the impact this has had on students.

f. Travel Cuts

SMITH: formal document is waiting to be signed and couriered back to lawyers. Closure is March 31. Not anticipating any problems. Hopefully will be meeting the last week of March to resolve issues around NEWCO. Need to resolve name issue soon.

9. Announcements

10. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 12:08 pm