Executive Committee

December 12, 2006

Attendance

Samantha Power                  President
Amanda Henry                    Vice-President Academic
Chris Cunningham                Vice-President Operations & Finance
Omer Yusuf                      Vice-President Student Life
Bill Smith                      General Manager
Catherine van de Braak          E/A, Recording Secretary

Absent

David Cournoyer                Vice-President External

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by POWER at 1:35 pm

2. Approval of Agenda

POWER/HENRY MOVED THAT the agenda is approved with the following additions:

5a. In Camera

VOTE ON MOTION 4/0/0 CARRIED

3. Approval of Minutes

YUSUF/CUNNINGHAM MOVED THAT the November 30, 2006 minutes be approved as tabled.

VOTE ON MOTION 4/0/0 CARRIED

CUNNINGHAM/HENRY MOVED THAT the November 30, 2006 In Camera minutes be approved as tabled.

VOTE ON MOTION 4/0/0 CARRIED

4. Action Summaries

There are no action summaries to review

5. Old Business

a. In Camera

YUSUF/CUNNINGHAM MOVED that the Executive Committee move in camera.

VOTE ON MOTION 4/0/0 CARRIED

6. New Business

a. NODA Conference

SMITH: this is a budgeted, annual conference.

CUNNINGHAM/POWER MOVED THAT the Executive Committee approve an expenditure of not to exceed $4012.00 for the Orientation Coordinators and the CDS Manager to attend the NODA Conference February 16-18, 2007.

VOTE ON MOTION 4/0/0 CARRIED
b. Credit Card Policy

CUNNINGHAM: would like to update policy 7.09, Corporate Credit Card, to allow the Senior Manager of Finance and Operations to have a credit card. This is necessary so that we are able to purchases the movie passes that are sold through the Info Desks.

CUNNINGHAM/YUSUF MOVED THAT the Executive Committee approve the proposed changes to Operating Policy 7.09 relating to Corporate Credit Card.

VOTE ON MOTION 4/0/0 CARRIED

b. Facility Request

YUSUF: this has been taken care of, we are giving them a University rate.

c. Table Application

Table application relating to having a petition about the Young Offenders Act was reviewed. Exec. support this application.

7. Discussion Period

a. U of A Art Collection

HENRY: my position sits on this committee.

b. Campus Food Bank

Yusuf provided background on the Campus Food Bank situation. GSA has been approached about using space in the North PowerPlant, but they have said no, we are waiting for an official response with the exact reason why it would not work. The University option is a house in ECV but that would prove to be too expensive and not feasible due to a lack of loading dock, too many stairs.

CBF needs to be actively seeking space for Capital Heath to allow them to continue in their current space. CFB is asking to be including in the next SUB reno and is willing to put money in to accommodate their needs.

They have build up enough in reserves to spend on the reno and still run the food bank, they are willing to raise money as well.

SMITH: so the current situation is not ideal but it works?

YUSUF: yes

SMITH: GSA is uncommitted to finding a location that works, still it is a joint service? Concerned about additional funding that was given years ago to keep CFB afloat, not to accrue a reserve. At least, this is my recollection. Would like to know that Grads are committed and supportive.

POWER: where does the University fit into this?

YUSUF: they have a rep. on the board. Will confirm amount of each groups financial contribution.

SMITH: Chris and I met with Dean Connor about how SUB fit into the University master plan, would like to see what has been done on this.

YUSUF: CFB needs a letter acknowledging their interest in the long term
plans for SUB. We need to outline time considerations etc and that we are open to working with other partners. Yusuf will draft this letter.

c. Coke/La Chiva Presentation

CUNNINGHAM: at the last council meeting Power indicated that someone would be coming in January to speak about the Coke ethics. Feel this is a significant issue, Coke attended the meeting, brought people to answer questions, and they will not be able to defend themselves in January.

POWER: Coke has said they would answer questions via email. Any group can present to Council, too bad that we couldn’t get them together in the same room.

CUNNINGHAM: separate presentation is in very poor taste, it should not happen, wrong to have another.

POWER: a student group have every right to present to council, I am so tired of this.

SMITH: there are ethical issues, the University and Coke arranged their schedule to meet what we asked. The opposing side did not show. Concerned that before the end of the meeting Sam indicated that the group would be presenting in January.

POWER: I am very upset that this keeps coming up. It is a greater betrayal to the student body.

SMITH: it is important to act in good faith with relationship to the University.
POWER: I am not saying no to this group.
SMITH: I am uncomfortable letting the University know about this.
POWER: I don’t care.

YUSUF: I can appreciate that this does not look good, however, anyone can present, only council can say no to a presentation, there really is nothing we can do to stop this.
SMITH: appreciate the acknowledgement that this doesn’t look good, would appreciate feedback on how to address this issue.

8. Reports
a. President

Omer and I attended a meeting regarding the rent issue
Dave and I are meeting with various BoG members
Tuition will be discussed at APC tomorrow

b. VP Academic

Will be in Calgary and Lethbridge next week
Carl has been re-appointed to his position
TLE proposal has had a response back, bit confusing, there are questions that have been raised that need to be answered

c. VP External

d. VP Operations & Finance

Studying—will be done tomorrow
Medicine Hat; dealing with
Hookah pipes would like to see in Dewey’s in January
Space in basement Que/Games Room would like to update somehow.

e. VP Student Life

Working on advisory groups, will be emailing
SU Kids Christmas Party went extremely well
Antifreeze is going well.

9. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 2:45 pm