EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

June 9, 2011
2:00 pm

ATTENDANCE:
Rory Tighe President
Emerson Csorba Vice President (Academic)
Andy Cheema Vice President (Operations & Finance)
Colten Yamagishi Vice President (Student Life)
Farid Iskandar Vice President (External)
Marc Dumouchel General Manager
Nicole Buchholz Admin Assistant to Students’ Council

REGrets: n/a
ABSENT: n/a

1. CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order by TIGHE 2:05 pm.

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA: CSORBA/YAMAGISHI MOVED THAT the Executive Committee approve the June 9, 2011 agenda as tabled.

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3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: CSORBA/ISKANDAR MOVED THAT the Executive Committee approve the June 2, 2011 minutes as tabled.

5/0/0 CARRIED

4. ANNOUNCEMENTS: Dumouchel: I will not be in tomorrow. I will be preparing for retreat.

Tighe: I will be away from June 25 to July 11.

5. ACTION ITEMS: Reviewed and updated.

6. STUDENTS’ COUNCIL: Tighe: Reports are due tomorrow at 8:00am. Council retreat is this weekend. Also please have your goals for council retreat.

7. OLD BUSINESS: n/a

8. NEW BUSINESS: n/a

9. DISCUSSION PERIOD:

a) Youth Assembly Conference

Tighe: The youth assembly conference is going on July 28-30. The youth ages are 16-25 and this is going on at the U of A. They had it last year and people were interested. They wanted discounts on food and rooms. I am getting prices from Kristen.

Csorba: It will be good marketing for us.
Tighe: I think this is worth bringing back to the next exec meeting.

Tighe: Farid and I can not go because we both will not be here. It is for four days, I think it would be good for one of you to go. It is June 26-29.

Dumouchel: It is leadership focused and has a lot of good speakers at it.

Yamagishi: It would be useful.

c) Delegate Cabinet

Csorba: It is hard to go to all the committee meetings. There should be a contract between all the delegates and us.

Cheema: I think we should have an agreement that shouldn’t automatically terminate. They should be an act of renewal.

Dumouchel: It does get busy and we tend to let the little things go. It is kind of a safety measure.

Csorba: Very few people continue after one year.

Cheema: Maybe it’s just the word termination. Maybe we could soften the wording in a contract.

Csorba: Amanda wrote this. I will bring it back later and we can discuss the termination part. Amanda’s advice has to be impartial and it is a matter of dealing with the delegates.

d) SU Corporate Challenge Team-June 19 Leduc Dragon Boat Race

Csorba: Devonne needs 16-24 people and I thought it might be a good idea for us to participate in this event.

Tighe: Someone should take the lead to get people to go.

Csorba: I’ll take the lead.

e) Pink Glove Dance

Csorba: On the Students’ Council facebook page Councillor L’abbe wants us to participate in this and wants to move a motion through council. I will vote against this.

Tighe: It is not sponsorship he just wants to make a thirty minute video with pink gloves.

Cheema: It is more of an endorsement.

Iskandar: I do not like the idea of passing a motion in council.

Cheema: Taking it to council could be a waste of time. I think we should just bring it the executive committee.

Yamagishi: I think it is go that a councilor os taking the initiative but maybe
he is going about it the wrong way.

Iskandar; What if we have this as a motion and no one shows up?

Dumouchel: I don’t know what to do with this. Council can do it if they want or exec can. I don’t think we should create a situation where people are back doorin through council.

Csorba: It might be good to go through council.

Cheema: We should discuss if we want to do this or not.

Iskandar: It should be more of an announcement. This will be a debatable issue in council. We need to set the tone with what council does.

Dumouchel: Could the policy committee have a look and see how we do endorsements?

Cheema: I could draft a policy.

Iskandar; I think this is fit for Bylaw committee.

Tighe: we will go over it more on the weekend.

f) Hat Friday

Yamagishi: I wanted to make sure that you guys are happy with the way things are going.

Tighe: I think it should be more formal.

Csorba: Should it just be 2-900 or all services?

Yamagishi: Some places in the building can not wear hats.

Dumouchel: We shouldn’t force people to do it though.

Cheema: Everyone should be able to pick ideas for what to do on Fridays.

g) TEDx Conference

Yamagishi: I was wondering if you wanted to do a TEDx? There are two co chairs taking care of it. They want to know if we could help with sponsorships. I can update you again when I have more information.

Dumouchel: We had a TEDx guy speak at a conference I was at and it was really good.

Iskandar: They charge a ridiculous amount of money but the SU should be cheap.

Dumouchel: Don’t bring people in but have locals instead.

Csorba: You should talk more to the people that are interested. I agree about
h) Winter 2012 Interfaculty Gala

Csorba: I would like to hoist this in January. I would like to bring in different faculties. I asked if the SU could make some kind of certificate.

Dumouchel: When I think of a gala I think more of a party is this more of a conference?

Csorba: Well it has dinner, speeches and other stuff. I have them some tips and asked them to bring me a proposal.

Tighe: You should direct them to SGS for grants.

i) Conference Request

Dumouchel: This is a great request.

Cheema: This is an exciting opportunity for me to meet with people in the same position across the country.

Tighe: This will come from projects allocation.

Iskandar: Maybe next time make it later in the year.

Csorba: Maybe think about hosting one if this goes good. Maybe we can showcase some of what we know.

ISKANDAR/YAMAGISHI MOVED THAT the Executive Committee approve a projects allocation not to exceed $1400.00 for the Vice President Operations and Finance Andy Cheema for the purpose of attending the Finance Operation Summit from June 20-22, 2011 in Toronto, Ontario.

5/0/0 CARRIED

10. REPORTS:

a) President

- Support the Vice Presidents
- Communications
- Sustainability
- Student Mental Health
- The External Portfolio
- Work Environment
- Student Space
- Increase the Number of Involved Students

b) VP Academic

- STUDENT/GRADUATE ATTRIBUTES
- SOCIAL MEDIA
- SUPPORT OF STUDENTS IN GOVERNANCE
- UNDERGRADUATE RESEARCH
- BE BOOK SMART/CRAM
- INTERNATIONAL STUDENT ASSOCIATION
- STUDENT OMBUDSERVICE MOU
- FAs IN ORIENTATION 2011
• COFA/FACULTY ASSOCIATIONS
• FESTIVAL OF TEACHING
• ASSESSMENT AND GRADING
• ACADEMIC SUSTAINABILITY
• TRANSFER CREDITS
• FALL READING WEEK

c) VP External
• Get Out the Vote Campaign
• Lobby Training Program
• Mandatory Non-Instructional Fees Regulation
• Increasing Non-Repayable Grants
• Improving the Elections Act
• Copyright/Book Import Tax
• International Student Visas
• Elimination of Property Tax on Student Residence
• Increase Faculty to Student Ratio
• Bylaw 2000

d) VP Operations & Finance
• Grant Allocation Committee
• Students' Union Building
• Students' Union Building Renewal
• PAW Centre
• PowerPlant/Dewey's
• Food & Beverage
• Retail Businesses
• Communication
• Executive Committee
• Finances
• Student Fees

e) VP Student Life
• Programming
• Services
• Advocacy

f) General Manager
• n/a

11. CLOSED SESSION:

12. ADJOURNMENT: Meeting adjourned at 3:57 pm.