EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
August 4, 2011
2:00 pm

ATTENDANCE: Rory Tighe  President
               Andy Cheema  Vice President (Operations & Finance)
               Emerson Csorba  Vice President (Academic)
               Colten Yamagishi  Vice President (Student Life)
               Farid Iskandar  Vice President (External)
               Zdena Fiala  Admin Assistant to the Executives

REGRETS: Marc Dumouchel  General Manager

ABSENT: n/a

1. CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order by TIGHE 2:07 pm.

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA: 5/0/0 CARRIED

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: CSORBA/YAMAGISHI MOVED THAT the Executive Committee approve the August 2, 2011 minutes as tabled. 5/0/0 CARRIED

4. ANNOUNCEMENTS: n/a

5. ACTION ITEMS: Reviewed and updated.

6. STUDENTS’ COUNCIL: Iskandar: There is no Students’ Council next Tuesday. I have a CASA presentation coming up.

               Cheema: I have a presentation coming up on building updates in SUB.

7. OLD BUSINESS: n/a

8. NEW BUSINESS:

   a) Exec Delegate Agreement

      Csorba: I sent you guys the agreement out two days ago. I sat down with Andy and made the corrections and I think it is ready.

      Cheema: I provided feedback and I am happy with the results. There could be consequences if it is interpreted as a contract. I will create a delegate operating policy right away.

      Tighe: Is everyone happy with it?

      Executive Committee: Yes.
9. DISCUSSION PERIOD:

a) Booth During Week of Welcome/ Month of September

Iskandar: Through Duncan Webster I asked Colten about Gary Mar’s volunteers having a booth at WOW. I also sent this to SGS and then to Nigel as it might be a marketing issue. If we do this we will have to offer the same rates and deal to other political parties. In Amanda’s year there were nine candidates running. That executive committee did not approve of this. I would like to hear what you all think. I am not excited about this.

Csorba: How does sponsorship work? Do they pay us?

Iskandar: Yes.

Tighe: There are different levels of sponsorship for Week of Welcome.

Iskandar: The problem here is that we want to engage students on campus but the bad part is that we look like we are supporting just one party.

Tighe: I don’t think we can do this while looking impartial. It is a bad idea.

Iskandar: It is not free.

Tighe: There are other ways to engage students, we have the debate coming up.

The Executive Committee discussed orientation, week of welcome, political events such as the debate on campus.

Iskandar: Inviting them looks biased but all political parties are invited.

Cheema: I am not sure about the perception on the SU. I don’t see a way of escaping it.

Iskandar: If there were four or five candidates it would be okay and good exposure.

Csorba: Have we sent out the pricing packages?

Iskandar: No, we need to decide on this first.

Tighe: sending out the packages seem like extortion. And perceived the wrong way.

Csorba: I am against it and the perception is the biggest problem I have with it/ Also there could be political implications.

Yamagishi: I am against it. There are too many negatives.

Cheema: If we deny the candidates it’s systematic to everyone and there might be opportunities for them later.
b) Services Election Committee

Csorba: A few weeks ago we met with the services committee to discuss elections. I think we made a mistake. I think we should talk about the lessons we learned from this. I talked to Ian and everything they had as goals we had as well and we talked about what needed to happen. We all wanted the same thing. In the future we need to go talk directly to people rather than a few lines filtering the information. When I met with Ian I apologized. They would like Exec and Zach to go to events and speak about elections.

Iskandar: I see problems with us going to people without speaking to managers.

Yamagishi: There were concerns raised at the meeting and I think going to the assistant manager is the best way to do it. I do agree that we over reacted but I thought the concerns were valid. In the future when we notice concerns in the meeting we need to react slower.

Csorba: I think it is good to raise concerns and it is good we went to Johanna. I am not happy that we didn’t know what they wanted. I think the proper step is to contact the manager then speak to them.

Cheema: I was not at the meeting and I am not sure how we over reacted.

Yamagishi: There were problems with communicating some ideas that didn’t align with the organizations.

Csorba: We can learn from this.

c) SU Representatives Poster Relocation

Csorba: There is that SU poster with spelling mistakes and in correct contact information. I would like to move it.

Iskandar: I am apathetic about it. I haven’t noticed it.

Cheema: I think we should change the sign to increase awareness.

Csorba: The location is so bad. There will be more potential to see it if the sign is relocated.

Tighe: You can find a new space.

Csorba: Andy and I walked around and there is space by the east entrance. There are open spaces we just need to decide where to put it.

Iskandar: I don’t think this should even exist.

Yamagishi: I think it is good for Council appreciation and a good idea to move it.

Cheema: It is currently in the glass case and I think different locations will require different signage. We could take this to CAC as an outreach activity fund and see if they will pay for it.
Iskandar: I think we should do the video I have been talking about at exec.

Tighe: The CAC budget is $1200.00 bucks and it would be kinda weird to ask them.

Csorba: It could just be a small change for a few hundred dollars. It could make a difference. Small changes like this add up over time.

Yamagishi: It is information that students need to know.

Tighe: So four out of five execs think it is okay.

Cheema: I think we should redo it asap for correct spelling mistakes/ We might want to wait until the by-elections.

Yamagishi: I got an email from Virgin radio for Big Brothers/Big Sisters to have a booth here. It would be in the last two weeks of September.

Tighe: You can discuss this further with Andy. You might want to also speak to Kim about pricing. Bring this back to Executive if you would like sponsorship.

10. REPORTS:

a) President
   • Fall Reading Week with Emerson
   • Goals document has been sent out to the University members
   • A lot of reading

b) VP Academic
   • Fall Reading Week
   • Reading Bylaws every morning
   • Undergraduate Research Symposium
   • Festival of Teaching and Learning
   • Met with Karen Unger
   • Met with Heather Kanuka

c) VP External
   • CASA conference was a success
   • Working with two CASA Committees

d) VP Operations & Finance
   • GAC on Tuesday
   • GAC next Tuesday
   • Rory and I will be meeting with Ernie Ingles
   • The new chef is a go
   • Lunch with Ben Louie tomorrow
   • PAW Steering Committee meeting tomorrow

e) VP Student Life
   • Microwaves on their way to HUB
   • Chairing the RHA Council
   • Working on the food policy
   • WOW and Orientation
   • Selection Committee for Access Fund
f) General Manager • n/a

11. CLOSED SESSION:

12. ADJOURNMENT: Meeting adjourned at 3:04 pm.