EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
February 13th, 2013
10:00 am

ATTENDANCE:
Colten Yamagishi  President
Andy Cheema  Vice President (Operations & Finance)
Dustin Chelen  Vice President (Academic)
Saadiq Sumar  Vice President (Student Life)
Petros Kusmu  Vice President (External)
Marc Dumouchel  General Manager
Nicole Buchholz  Administrative Assistant-Council

REGrets:

ABSENT:
Zdena Fiala  Administrative Assistant-Executive

1. CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order by Yamagishi at 10:10 am.

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA: SUMAR/CHELEN MOVED THAT the Executive Committee approve the Agenda.

5/0/0 CARRIED

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: CHELEN/SUMAR MOVED THAT the Executive Committee approve the February 5th minutes as tabled.

5/0/0 CARRIED

4. ANNOUNCEMENTS: Chelen: Taking a leave of absence.
Dumouchel: I leave at 2:00 on Friday.
Yamagishi: Not going to be here much tomorrow because I have a midterm.

5. ACTION ITEMS: Reviewed and updated.

6. STUDENTS’ COUNCIL: Sumar: If Andy doesn’t send me anything by the end of the week I will send in my conference report at the end of the week for Council. We should also submit a report to Council before we go on our leave of absences.

7. OLD BUSINESS: n/a

8. NEW BUSINESS:
8.1) Conference Request (CASA) Kusmu: This conference request is budgeted for it’s a standard conference request. AGM is happening and a board retreat is happening.
Yamagishi: It looks like you are way over in accommodations.

Kusmu: Accommodations is $1000 for March. Sorry for the typo.

YAMAGISHI/KUSMU MOVE TO approve a conference request expense not to exceed $3,450 for the purpose of the President, Vise President External, and the Advocacy Director to attend the Canadian Alliance of Student Association’s Annual General Meeting in Vancouver, British Columbia from March 19th-22nd, 2013.

5/0/0 CARRIED

8.2) Campus musical

Sumar: Wanted to bring this back to exec so you would have a full picture of what this would look like. We just wanted to see if exec wanted to keep moving forward with this project and we want to start setting ticket prices and selling tickets.

Dumouchel: The major change has been in the venue costs the staffing costs and rent has been higher. Rent is essentially an internal transfer; no money is created or in effect lost. The other factor is though is that the seats for sale are actually less then we anticipated. If we did do it this way we would to two nights with buffet two nights without buffet just because there is only one room change then. The question is if you wish to proceed and if you do what would the price point be and how many tickets do you think we could sell.

Chelen: Where is marketing at?

Sumar: Right now marketing we have the posters all done and they will be going out within the next couple days, they have already been printed. We have also looked at ticketing websites and the cost for the websites is fairly small.

Chelen: Would you recommend that Saadiq bring a PA request to council to cover the upfront hard or total costs?

Sumar: I wont be at the next Council meeting to pitch it to Council. I also talked to Nigel and he said he would look into sponsorship. This is the first time the production as been put on in western Canada. You can decide if this project will go through just based on its merits.

Chelen: Are you doing any external advertising?

Sumar: Yes through the ticketing website that we have we are actually paying them to do marketing for us for external sites.

Yamagishi: I have a hard time seeing a student pay anymore than $25.00-
30.00 total for even a meal.

Dumouchel: I actually agree with you Colten that is why I put the $15.00 fixed price in. The question is will students pay $18.00 or $19.00 because even that little bit would help.

Yamagishi: I would rather take a $10,000.00 hit and have cheaper tickets.

Kusmu: I agree with Colten I would rather have better turnouts. I view it as a service to students and not everything we do will be cost neutral.

Yamagishi: The thing is the people who don’t get the buffet their satisfaction goes down because they see all the food they can’t eat.

Dumouchel: you would have to admit people at different times. This is designed to be the average price but actually the average price will be higher.

Kusmu: is there a street team for this?

Sumar: No but there are some very dedicated people working on this.

Dumouchel: I would say take $6000.00 to Council but the problem with going to Council is it pushes back selling the tickets. We would like to start selling them this weekend.

Yamagishi: is there any other way we can sell tickets right away?

Dumouchel: We can still sell tickets right away but then we might have to do refunds and someone might not get the message that it was canceled and show up anyways. Give Saadiq and me some time to talk about this and we will come talk about this later.

9. DISCUSSION PERIOD:

9.1) Gender neutral washrooms

Sumar: Got an update from Johanna and Melonie and they have been working on gender-neutral washrooms. I know that you told her if she wanted to get a proposal in she had to get it in within a timeframe and that timeframe has elapsed at this point.

Dumouchel: If we wanted to convert one of the washrooms that’s actually separate from the renovations and we can do that at any time.

Sumar: One thing that she mentioned to me was that the University of Victoria is that they removed any of the signs on the existing washrooms and then put stalls around the urinals.

Dumouchel: I think it’s the kinda thing where you want to get a lot of feedback and not just from the people that want it.

Sumar: The other option is to put something in the survey for next year.
9.2) Services staff change requests (SFAIC, SGS, Sustain SU)
Dumouchel: There will be some stuff coming forward, we are going to advertise for some positions but there will be some changing job descriptions coming after elections. SFAIC is merging two job positions, SGS has an extra request for an assistant manager and we are having discussions with Sustain SU on the directors position and the farmers market.

9.3) Infolink/Onecard
Dumouchel: The background is attached and they are giving a strong push to sign it or to at least commit to signing it while you guys are away. There are a few issues with the one that has been provided. What I want you guys to think about is giving authorization to Andy and Colten to give a response to this.

9.4) Health Week
Yamagishi: Is everyone ok with me just giving them the student group rate? It’s better than the university rate.

Dumouchel: They can’t make a lot of noise after 1:00.

10. REPORTS:

10.1) President

10.2) VP Academic

10.3) VP External

10.4) VP Operations & Finance

10.5) VP Student Life

10.6) General Manager

11. CLOSED SESSION:

12. ADJOURNMENT: YAMAGISHI/SUMAR adjourned at 4:12 pm.