MINUTES

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

May 8th, 2014
8:00am

ATTENDANCE:

- William Lau  
  President
- Cory Hodgson  
  Vice President (Operations & Finance)
- Nicholas Diaz  
  Vice President (Student Life)
- Kathryn Orydzuk  
  Vice President (Academic)
- Navneet Khinda  
  Vice President (External)
- Marc Dumouchel  
  General Manager
- Nicole Buchholz  
  Administrative Assistant (Council)

REGrets:

ABSENT:

1. Call to Order 8:06AM

2. Approval of Agenda LAU/KHINDA 5/0/0

3. Approval of Minutes N/A

4. Announcements

  DIAZ: 05/20 4:00PM TDM Unable to Attend
  KHINDA: Bought a mirror, how do we expense it?

5. Review of Action Items

  - LAU - email Tech Support to fix Projector
  - HODGSON - Set up training session with Peter re: Finances
  - LAU - Resend survey to VP's for goal setting
  - ALL - stop by SUBphoto for portraits
  - KHINDA & ORYDZUK - brush up on Roberts’ Rules
  - KHINDA - find out who's going to SUDS/LH
  - LAU - book retreats @ Marc's
  - LAU - set up meetings with BoG Representative

6. Students' Council

  DIAZ - # of Councillors didn't get LAU's survey for pairing with VP's
  HODGSON - what's the avg length of council meetings? Brief requested.
  ORYDZUK - notice how Councillor Mohamed invited speakers prematurely and asked Councillors individually to support his presentation... what can we do?
  KHINDA - how do we increase the value of Roberts' Orders?
  HODGSON - we could strengthen standing orders... last meeting was unproductive
  DIAZ - nom com? can we use it to fill these committees? we also have to explain late additions

7. Old Business N/A

8. New Business

   - CASA Conference Request

     - L: Let's bring Kusnu!
     - K: Regular practice to bring outgoing!
     - H: Let's just make sure there's room in the budget line for $500 more
     - DRPA enters-
     - W: Flights and accommodation are cheaper than last year
• KHINDA/ORYDZUK move to approve the CASA National Transition Conference Request for up to $4700 for the purpose of transitioning President Lau and Vice President Khinda with our federal lobby group in Ottawa from May 9-13, 2014.

9. Discussion Period

- SUDS vs Leaders Hall

  • O: I'd like to request dates and costs
  • H: LH June 16-19 (Hamilton, ON), SUDS Aug 14-17 (Vancouver, BC)
  • W: Might want to consider who's going to each conference.
  • K: CAUS is going to LH.
  • H: SUDS - it would be nice to have June mostly in office
  • D: Heard UBC isn't as comparable to UAlberta, thoughts?
  • W: AMS is comparable in size! McMaster has an amazing Student Life Centre. Let's think beyond the host though and look at attendance.
  • [Cory prefers Weekdays, Kathryn prefers Weekends]

- Council Standing Orders

  • K: Reducing speaking times - please?
  • H: What's the impact? how often does anyone use up 6 minutes?
  • O: Anchoring! What about presentation lengths?
  • K: Let's lock down the presentation, then flex QP
  • H: Information being relevant doesn't mean it's time sensitive
  • H: Against the randomly fluctuating meeting lengths
  • W: Expectation setting. There are units in the University that think of talking to Council as communications to the student body, where requests come through exec.
  • H: Is it a good idea to allow admin to check off their "consultation box" by presenting to Council?
  • K: We often need the leeway more than others... let's be careful how we restrict ourselves.
  • O: Agree with principle of shortening meetings, let's find the best way to do it
  • L: Let's go to CAC to have this discussion.
  • H: Will go to CAC
  • [ Request for Juice and Coffee @Council]

- Exec Support

  • L: When should we have one by? We need a decision soon.
  • O: Need to hire a new assistant. I rely on UGAA, DRPA, and DG.
  • H: Chatted with Marc, nice to have someone like an Exec Chief of Staff style. We want a handler, not a bureaucrat. Look to them for direction.
  • O: Glorious, but is it realistic?
  • D: Title? What other duties could be part of this?
  • O: What will the relationship be with other admin assistant?
  • L: Let's be conscious about our needs over the next month
  • O: Let's brainstorm this on Basecamp

10. Reports N/A

11. Adjournment LAU/DIAZ 5/0/0 9:26AM

12. Closed Session