University of Alberta Students' Union

MINUTES

Executive Committee

May 8, 2000

ATTENDANCE
Leslie Church    President
Christopher Samuel Vice-President Academic
Naomi Agard     Vice-President External
Gregory Harlow  Vice-President Operations & Finance
Jennifer Wanke  Vice-President Student Life
Bill Smith       General Manager
Catherine van de Braak E/A, Recording Secretary

1. Call to Order
The meeting was called to order by Leslie at 10:36 am

2. Approval of Agenda
The agenda was amended to add the following Items of Business:
g) Pool Table (Leslie)
h) Student Help Name Change (Jen)
i) In Camera Personnel (Bill)

3. Approval of Minutes
The minutes of the April 20, 2000 Executive Committee meeting were adopted by consensus.

4. Reports
GREGORY
• Met with Dale to discuss the renewal of the Student Groups contract with the University. Dale also raised concerns regarding the frequency of the computer systems crashing.

NAOMI
• Settling in
• Met with Blair to discuss position
• Attended the Chamber of Commerce meeting
• Upcoming is the senate meeting and the chancellor farewell

JEN
• Receiving numerous calls from other schools
• Working with Jon on the handbook
• Attended a sponsorship meeting
• Met with Katherine regarding COCA
• Transitioning with Mike
CHRISTOPHER
• Met with Ellen Schoek from the University Secretariat
• Attended a OneCard advisory meeting and University Awards committee meeting
• Dealing with a student’s academic concern
• Learning about the office

BILL
• Working on the presentation for SuperCon
• Upcoming is the CCBC AGM and the Campus Advantage presentation
• Working on Campus Fest

LESLIE
• Attended the CASA executive retreat
• Attended Finance and Property Meeting-University budget passed. Included was the $7000.00 clinic fee for Dental Students. University approved a new policy for ancillary fees: if the proposed increase from a department or unit is greater than inflation then the increase must be approved by students’ council.
• CAUS meeting upcoming
• Spring CAUS newsletter is complete

5. Items of Business
a) Student Newspaper
The University would like SU approval for a group of students to distribute a small newspaper on campus. Discussion ensued regarding a second student newspaper. Issues raised included:
• Protection of the Gateway
• Freedom of the press and competition
• Mandate of the SU to meet student needs
Jen will research other campus newspapers and how multiple newspapers are dealt with.

HARLOW/WANKE MOVED THAT the Executive Committee approve the University of Alberta allowing the distribution of the “Toque” across campus.

VOTE ON MOTION 3/0/1 CARRIED

b) Conference Request
Greg brought forward a conference request from Ombuds to attend a conference in San Francisco. More information is required on this item. Greg will bring further information to the next executive meeting.
c) Gateway contracts

Jen raised a concern regarding legal issues and the Gateway contracts. Considerable work has gone into updating the contracts and they should be signed.

WANKE/SAMUEL MOVED THAT in order for the Gateway Staff to receive their keys their contract must be signed. If contacts are not signed by August 11, 2000 the positions will be advertised effective August 18, 2000.

VOTE ON MOTION 4/0/0 CARRIED

d) SU Swag

Jen will be meeting with Liz from Subtitles to discuss SU Swag. Bill suggested calling Western University as they have very interesting ideas.

e) SuperCon

Jen raised the possibility of the SU bidding for SuperCon next year. The SU has hosted SuperCon five years ago. A discussion ensued regarding conferences.

f) Health Plan

Jen asked for input regarding a student health plan proposal that she has received. Discussion ensued regarding health plans and it was decided that Jen will keep a file of all new proposals.

g) Pool Tables

This is an operational issue concerning the placement of pool tables in the Power Plant. The executive support Colleen’s proposal.

h) Student Help Name Change

Student Help would like to change the name of this service to better reflect what the service does. Discussion ensued regarding the merits of Campus Distress Centre vs. Student Distress Centre. All information produced with the new name should include “formerly Student Help”.

HARLOW/AGARD MOVED THAT Student Help change their name to Student Distress Centre.

VOTE ON MOTION 3/0/2 CARRIED

i) In Camera Personnel

Meeting moved in camera.

6. Actions from Minutes

Jen:

- Research other campus newspapers and dealing with more than one paper
- Research SU swag
- Notify Student Help of the name change
- Work on Gateway contract issue
- Greg
- Research the Ombuds conference request
Announcements
Naomi has the name of a student who is interested in sitting on SU boards and committees

Adjournment
Meeting adjourned at 12:30 pm