

MINUTES

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Executive Committee

Thursday, July 13, 2000

ATTENDANCE	Leslie Church Christopher Samuel Naomi Agard Gregory Harlow Jennifer Wanke Bill Smith Slavinka Osmanagic	President Vice-President Academic Vice-President External Vice-President Operations & Finance Vice-President Student Life General Manager Admin Assist, Exec, Recording Secretary
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Absent Gregory Harlow VP Ops and Finance (MoneyCon in Calgary)

1. Call to Order The meeting was called to order by Leslie Church at 11:10 am.

2. Approval of Agenda The agenda was amended to add the following Items of Business:
g) Videographer (Jenn)
h) Power Plant Rental (Leslie)

3. Approval of Minutes The minutes of the July 6, 2000 Executive Committee meeting were adopted by consensus.

4. Reports Monday only

5. Items of Business

a) Decals Jenn is initiating last year's Executive proposal to have the decals over the door handles, entrances and windows. The decals were budgeted for in last year's marketing budget as part of logo changes. She would like to see it up and running by the end of August. The Executive decided that it is necessary to find out whether the decals are in the budget for this year. Depending on that, the Marketing Department will further investigate the cost of such a project, the size and number of decals and the exact location where they would be placed.

b) WUSC

Jenn asked for Executive's guidance with regards to her decision to write a letter to the Registrar office asking them to waive tuition fees for the WUSC refugee student who is extending his studying time due to family reasons. Discussion ensued regarding the equal treatment of refugee students under similar circumstances. It was concluded that Anita will write a letter to the Registrar's office explaining Solomon's situation.

c) Faculty Weeks

Jenn would like to see the Students' Union as a leading force in coordination and encouragement of the Faculty Weeks. The short notices about the Weeks could be advertised through the SU page, elevator cases and Dinwoodie. The faculty would select the days on a first come, first serve basis. It was agreed that Jenn will make a presentation on this issue at the Students' Council meeting and COFA retreat scheduled for end of August.

d) TELUS

Chris has received an e-mail from TELUS in which they outlined the marketing plan and memorandum of understanding and asked him to respond to it by Friday. The plan contains some new ideas but still does not meet the Executive expectations. Due to the current deal not meeting executive expectations, it was decided not to renew the memorandum of agreement.

The Executive is in favor of continuing the dialog and negotiations with TELUS until the best possible deal for the students has been reached.

e) Bookstore

Chris informed the Executive that the Bookstore manager Julio Picheca is leaving his position and that a new director is going to be hired. As the Bookstore Task Force is being struck as well, he thinks that this is a good opportunity to look into every aspect of the relationship between the Students' Union and the Bookstore. He would like a guidance from the Executive regarding the issues he will bring to the Task Force. Some of the proposed issues included student needs, cost effectiveness, cheaper books, helping SU to develop its role with publishers, staff structure etc. The Executive supported the idea of Bill being included in the Task Force.

f) Ombuds

Chris met with Bill, Sheryl, Dale, Natalie, Deb and Greg to discuss how to accommodate the expansion of this service. A fifth person is going to be hired soon but there are only four offices available. Different possibilities were discussed such as using one of the meeting rooms on the fourth floor or having installed office space on the third floor or even using the kitchen area in the Student Services space. They all agreed that this would be a temporary solution and that the service has to be kept unified. The Executive will discuss this further at its meeting next Monday.

g) Videographer

The Executive supported Jenn's proposal to have a person in charge of recording all the important SU events (WOW, Orientation, Anniversaries, Awards Night) but they needed more information. Jenn will bring a more complete proposal to the Executive for discussion including the job description, whether it would be a contract or part-time position, number of working hours, overall cost, University experience etc.

h) Power Plant Rental

Leslie had a meeting with Counterculture Ministries Student Group who would like to rent out the Power Plant for a few hours, Sunday afternoons, on a weekly basis. They would bring speakers and pay cover costs - staff and security. Discussion ensued regarding the financial and other ramifications of renting the Power Plant on days when it is closed especially to a religious group. Jenn also expressed her concerns over renting the Power Plant to the religious group. The Executive decided to discuss this matter in detail, in two weeks.

6. Actions from Minutes

Attached

7. Announcement

8. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 1:07 pm.