University of Alberta Students' Union

MINUTES

EXEC 02-10

Executive Committee

July 3, 2002

ATTENDANCE

Mike Hudema President
Mat Brechtel Vice-President Academic
Steve Smith Vice-President Operations & Finance
Kail Ross Vice-President Student Life
Bill Smith General Manager
Margaret Kosson AA (Exec), Recording Secretary

ABSENT

Anand Sharma Vice-President External

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Mike at 10:05 AM.

2. Approval of Agenda

The agenda was amended to add the following Items of Business:

a) Edmonton Journal
b) GATS/FTAA/Deregulation
c) Fair Trade Coffee
d) Christine's Office
e) CUP
f) Whistles
g) Shaw
h) CBC
i) Smoking Policy
j) Food Court RFP, Bank Space, ABM's
k) CASA/CFS
l) Council BBQ
m) Budgets
n) COFA
o) Student Groups Symposium
p) Handbook
q) VIDS
r) Carpool Program

ROSS/SMITH MOVED THAT the agenda be approved as amended.

VOTE ON MOTION 3/0/0 CARRIED

3. Approval of Minutes

ROSS/BRECHTEL MOVED THAT the minutes of June 26, 2002 be adopted as tabled.

VOTE ON MOTION 3/0/0 CARRIED
4. Reports

VP ACADEMIC
- Attended GFC, CAAST, GFC EXEC, FDC
- Addressing concerns with green space
- Attended COFA Meeting
- Working on changing the composition of the Practice Review Board
- Met with one of the expert panels of the Funding Solution Taskforce. Looking at three possible courses of action: trimester system versus semester system, contract/sessional professors, incentives

VP STUDENT LIFE
- Meeting with Shaw Conference Centre Representative re: WOW dance
- Met with Labatt Representative
- Attended first ever rally – sat in the second row and held a sign that said “Terrorism – Stop the Hunt”
- Travelled home to British Columbia to visit Family
- Handbook must be in by July 8
- Working on sending letters to “famous” people on campus asking them to flip pancakes at WOW Pancake Breakfast.
- Would like Mike, who took his ELECTRIC toothbrush and LEATHER belt, to kindly return them

GENERAL MANAGER
- Continuing work on SUB Expansion: Final details/design, costing, managing what was budgeted with what is being projected, dealing with tenant issues, ran space ad last weekend and will be running again this coming weekend.
- Preparing for meeting with “Aussie” visitor
- Working on CCSA document
- Working on budget (Food and Beverage Department)
- Quality Color meeting to discuss service desires/expectations with upcoming ownership change.

PRESIDENT
- Attended Funding Solutions Taskforce Meeting; interesting however have a lot of objections how it is running; expert panels want submissions by July 14.
- Working on Eco-Conference with Bridget – agenda; looking to get speakers finalized; getting lots of support from Student Native Services
- UPASS Meeting – not very favourable

5. Items of Business

a) Edmonton Journal
Looking into getting a subscription to the Edmonton Journal for the Executive Communications Officer. Discussion ensured regarding concerns with Journal policies.

SMITH/ROSS MOVED TO postpone the motion.

VOTE ON MOTION 3/0/0 CARRIED

b) GATS/FTAA/ Deregulation
Policies have been created and will be going to council.
c) Fair Trade Coffee
The Executive would like to see all SU Business’ switch to using Fair Trade Coffee. Most SU Business’ are already doing this on the most part but would like to create a policy to make this mandatory for all business’. The Executive will research different distributors to find the best coffee. Discussion ensued whether to amend current Ethical Buying Policy or to create a new one to incorporate this policy.

d) Christine’s (Executive Communications Officer) Office
Christine has requested her own office or work space citing that with the type of work she is doing and knowing what type of environment she works best in, this would be the best arrangement. The Executive discussed the office arrangement situation. The Executive decided that the Student Activities Coordinator and the Academic Affairs Coordinator will share and office, the new CAUS Director will share and office with the Community Affairs Coordinator, and the Executive Communications Officer will move into the vacated Access fund office.

e) CUP
Don Iveson has not gotten back to Kail. This item was postponed.

f) Whistles
Discussion ensued re: donating money for whistles for personal security. Concerns were raised regarding scenarios that could arise if the SU did not partake in this initiative. Mat raised concerns with the type of whistles being bought and expressed that he felt that there were cheaper alternatives available that were not looked into. Discussion ensued regarding possible courses of action.

ROSS/BRECHTEL MOVED TO spend $500 from the Special Projects Fund to help create the personal security whistles.

VOTE ON MOTION 3/0/0 CARRIED

h) Shaw
Kail and Steve Derpack will be meeting with a representative from the Shaw Conference Centre with concerns regarding using the facility during a strike. Discussion ensued regarding where to go with the WOW dance if a deal can’t be brokered with Shaw. An interest to keep the event on Campus was expressed. Alternative venues will be looked into with a primary focus of keeping the event on campus.

h) CBC
CBC Television has approached Kail with an interest in doing a live remote from the WOW Pancake Breakfast. Kail felt that this was a good opportunity to promote WOW. Mike expressed that if we could get CBC to focus on student issues such as poverty then it would be a good opportunity to get the word out about issues students face. The Executive decided to find out what angle CBC wanted to take and they would make suggestions as to what issues to cover. The Executive would like to see an itinerary before the live remote and be able to make changes to it if inappropriate content is included. Kail will speak with CBC.
i) Smoking Policy
Amendments to Operating Policy 11.06 were brought forward. The Executive expressed a desire to make Dinwoodie Lounge a non-smoking environment except during licensed events. Mike expressed a desire to also eliminate smoking in Myer Horowitz Theatre. Discussion ensued regarding the policy.

SMITH/ROSS MOVED TO instruct the Vice President Student Life along with the Manager of Programming and Licensed Activities, to amend Operating Policy 11.06 to prohibit smoking in Dinwoodie Lounge except during licensed events and to eliminate smoking in Myer Horowitz Theatre.

VOTE ON MOTION 3/0/0 CARRIED

j) Food Court RFP, Bank Space, ABM’s
ROSS/SMITH MOVED TO move In Camera.

VOTE ON MOTION 3/0/0 CARRIED

Meeting was suspended at 12:00 PM.

Meeting Reconvened at 2:00 PM.

k) Council BBQ
Some Councilors had approached the Executive regarding putting on a BBQ for Councilors. The Executive felt that this would be a good way to get to know Council Members better.

l) Budgets
Steve asked the Executive for input as to where they felt the Financial Affairs Board should make cuts. Discussion ensued regarding where to make cuts.

m) COFA
Mat met with COFA where Faculty Association Elections were discussed as well as the idea of creating one handbook for all students instead of each faculty as well as the SU creating their own and competing for advertising. The handbook that was discussed would be comprised of three sections: an SU section, a Faculty Association section (which would be different for each Faculty) and a Daytimer section. Discussion ensued regarding this idea.

n) Student Groups Symposium
Kail has talked to Carissa. Carissa will be getting back to Kail with some costs and more information.

o) Handbook
The Executive discussed some editorial changes to the handbook.

p) VIDS
The viability of VIDS was discussed. Discussion ensued regarding the value of VIDS and how much money would have to be spent to bring VIDS up to where it would be of value.

q) Carpool Program
Mike brought forward an idea to create a carpool website. Several options exist including buying a membership in carpool.com or creating our own website similar to carpool.com. Discussion ensued. Decision was made to postpone item.
6. Announcements

7. Adjournment  
   Meeting adjourned at 3:50 PM.