Executive Committee
Wednesday July 10, 2002

ATTENDANCE
Mike Hudema President
Mat Brechtel Vice-President Academic
Anand Sharma Vice-President External
Steve Smith Vice-President Operations & Finance
Kail Ross Vice-President Student Life
Bill Smith General Manager
Margaret Kosson A/A, Recording Secretary
Kelly Herrogodts Academic Affairs Coordinator

1. Call to Order
The meeting was called to order by Mike at 10:15 AM.

2. Approval of Agenda
The agenda was amended to add the following Items of Business:
   a) Poster Policy
   b) Travel Policy
   c) Sponsorship (Fabutan, Bell)
   d) CAUS
   e) Campus Advantage
   f) Executive Evaluations
   g) SFAIC
   h) CUP
   i) Handbook
   j) Shaw Conference Centre
   k) ASC Reps
   l) POD NAIT
   m) Minutes Laptop
   n) Differential
   o) ListServ/Space Issues
   p) CAUS
   q) Edmonton Journal
   r) Carpool
   s) Parkland
   t) Nader
   u) Other
   v) Dogs
   w) Shinerama

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

VOTE ON MOTION 4/0/0 CARRIED
3. Approval of Minutes

EXEC/EXEC MOVED THAT the minutes of July 3, 2002 be adopted as amended.

VOTE ON MOTION 4/0/0 CARRIED

4. Reports

GENERAL MANAGER:
- Working on SUB Expansion
- Attended Campus Advantage Meeting
- Met with Andrew O’Brien from Monash University, Melbourne Australia, who was extremely impressed with what we are doing and will take back some ideas. Wanted to thank everyone for the hospitality.

VP OPERATIONS & FINANCE:
- Attended the Campus Advantage Meeting.

VP ACADEMIC:
- Working on changing the composition of the Practice Review Board. GFC Executive have shown their support for the change.
- Working on changing the add/drop deadline. Spoke with Carol Byrne who is in support of the change.

VP EXTERNAL:
- Returned from vacation in Halifax – enjoyed himself immensely.
- Had the opportunity to meet with Rahim Jaffer on the flight back from Halifax. Anand expressed a desire to set up a meeting with the Jaffer.
- Spoke with some New Democrat Members of Parliament (Libby Davies, Lorne Nystrom, Bill Blaikie) while in Halifax. They expressed a desire in moving forward on Private Members bill on Post Secondary Education.
- Attended CAUS meeting.
- Had an External Affairs Board Meeting where 3 Political Policies were passed: GATS, FTAA, and Deregulation. These policies will be brought to council.
- Tuition Document in being worked on.

PRESIDENT:
- Working on eco-conference and funding.
- Working with Food Not Bombs on Second Harvest program.
- Setting up Speaker Series.

VP STUDENT LIFE:
- Planning WOW – Bill Connor and Doug Owram have both expressed their desire to participate in the Pancake Breakfast.
- Shaw Conference Centre will be sending a document outlining their side of the labour dispute – has yet to hear from the Union side.
- Communicating with representatives from Shinerama re: being involved during WOW.
- Spoke with Facilities Management regarding water being used in Quad.

5. Items of Business
a) Poster Policy

SMITH/BRECHTEL MOVED THAT the Executive Committee approve the proposed Postering Policy.

This policy emerged from concerns from various sources. It tightens up what is and isn’t acceptable for SUB with consequences for not following the rules. The policy will prohibit postings advertising items for sale and will concentrate on campus related activities. Mike raised concerns with the penalties that are imposed on people who violate the rules being too harsh and the ability for people posting materials to “frame” others. Steve said he had zero tolerance for people who violate the policy as it is clearly posted what is and isn’t allowed. Mat had concerns with not letting students sell materials on the boards but Mike stated that there were enough other spaces around campus and that the boards were starting to become cluttered. Discussion ensued regarding how to administer warnings and the harshness of the penalties imposed.

VOTE ON MOTION
3/0/1 CARRIED
(Sharma abstained)

b) Travel Policy

ROSS/BRECHTEL MOVED THAT the Executive approve the proposed Travel Policy.

Mat raised concerns with part of the policy that states there will be no first class or business class travel and wanted to know if this would apply to special guests who often request first or business class travel. Bill pointed out that this policy only covers Employee travel so it would not apply to speakers being flown in for special reasons. Anand raised concerns with the policy and the inflexibility of it, specifically if the need arises to get somewhere within Alberta with short notice. Bill spoke against the inside Alberta alternative as well. This policy would mean we would have to go by bus or car when it may be faster to go by place. Discussion ensued regarding the faster and cheaper modes of travel. Kail felt that we should keep the policy as is but if something comes up, deal with it then. Bill spoke against the policy saying it was far too constrictive and there was no latitude to the policy.

BRECHTEL/SMITH MOVED TO postpone the motion in order to search out numbers.

VOTE ON POSTPONEMENT
3/1/0 CARRIED

Nikki approached the Executive with a list of companies she wanted to approach for sponsorship. Mike had some concerns with two of the companies – Fabutan and bell. Mike felt Fabutan had detrimental health effects and that the Students’ Union should not be promoting a company whose product has adverse effects on the health of the student population. Anand disagreed with Mike’s argument and felt that you cannot push lifestyle choices on people. Discussion ensued regarding this issue. It was decided that the Executive would allow Nikki to approach Fabutan. Mike will be bringing forth his concerns regarding Bell at a later Executive meeting.
d) CAUS
Concerns with raised at the Financial Affairs Board regarding CAUS. CAUS runs a deficit – dues that are brought in do not cover expenditures. FAB would like CAUS to bring forth a balanced budget. Anand agreed with Steve that CAUS does run deficit. Anand will be creating a budget for CAUS. Anand wanted it noted that CAUS does a good job with what it has and he would have no problem asking them to create a budget. Discussion ensued regarding concerns with our organization covering a lot of extra costs without acknowledgement from the rest of the membership and an illusion of equal coverage.

e) Campus Advantage
Steve and Bill both attended the Campus Advantage meeting. Steve informed the Executive that as a director he was going to attempt to recruit some shareholders and added that he would be willing to resign as a director if the Executive did not want him approaching potential shareholders. The Executive felt it would be alright for Steve to approach potential shareholders. The Sample Pack program opt-out by the University of Alberta Students’ Union was brought up at the meeting. Our reasons were understood. The possibility of looking in environmentally friendly programs in the future was brought up. The Sample Pack program was going ahead as scheduled.

f) Executive Evaluations
Executive evaluations were discussed. Steve wanted some input as to what type of Evaluations to have this year and would like to start creating some forms. The Executive agreed that 2 evaluations would be good and Evaluations would be done by Students’ Council, Staff as well as the Executive evaluating each other. Steve will start looking into forms.

g) SFAIC
Concerns were raised with SFAIC being a dedicated fee when it should not be because it is a service. Steve would like to put forth referendum question at the next election to eliminate the SFAIC fee and increase the Students’ Union fee accordingly. The Executive agreed to allow Steve to work on a referendum question.

h) CUP
Kail is still waiting for information.

i) Handbooks
Several Student Associations have approached the Executive asking for SU Advertisements in their handbooks. Discussion ensued regarding the feasibility of advertising in all the handbooks. The idea to advertise only in some handbooks but not in others due to cost was raised. Concerns were voiced with picking and choosing and potentially alienating some faculties. Discussion ensued.

This item was postpone to the next Executive Committee meeting when more concrete numbers regarding the cost of advertising would be brought forward.
j) Shaw
Met with representative from Shaw Conference Centre who said the cost of holding the WOW dance there would be cost the SU a $1000 deposit but if they had more than 2000 people show up, there would be no extra charge and if more than 3000 people showed up, Shaw would pay for the caterers. Steve stated that so long as there is a strike at Shaw the SU cannot hold anything there and we must be unmoveable on this position. Mike concurred with this as well. Other alternatives will be looked into.

k) ASC Reps
Mat spoke with Lewis Cardinal regarding student representatives on council. Lewis mentioned that he would like to have SU/GFC seats available for election through the Aboriginal Students’ Council instead of through the School of Native Studies. Mat introduced three possibilities: 1) Hold elections within the Aboriginal Students’ Council; 2) Hold elections within the Aboriginal Students’ Council within the School of Native Studies; 3) Hold elections within the School of Native Studies. Discussion ensued. The Executive felt it would be best to go with the third option. Mat will take this under advisement and will speak with Lewis.

l) POD NAIT
Will be looking at POD.

m) Minutes Laptop
Mat would like the laptop to be available to be used to take minutes at all Committee meetings. The Executive agreed. Will look into creating a policy.

n) Differential Tuition
Mat raised a concern that he was approached by a concerned student who wanted to help in the fight against differential tuition. The student had contacted Anand on one occasion (Anand’s recollection) to get some information but has had no reply. Anand apologized and added that he was out of town in the last little while and hadn’t any access to his email. Anand will be contacting the student.

o) ListServ
Concerns were raised with some of the pranks that have been recently played and that they seem to be getting out of control. It was decided that the Executive would not move any further on the particular incident that happened in the past week. The Executive agreed to keep things amongst themselves and not to involve the rest of the staff. Concerns were raised with the professionalism in the office and it was agreed that they were walking a fine line and may be stepping over the border.
p) CAUS
The CAUS document is being prepared. It has been accepted by CAUS membership with a few changes. Anand spoke with Lyle Oberg at the Premiers breakfast and asked him directly if there will be anything being deregulated. Oberg said no except for programs close to the CAP which means everything would remain status quo at the UofA and at the UofC. CAUS also met about representation at the presentation on Monday. A vote was held and it was decided Matt, and Melanie would be doing the representation. Discussion ensued regarding the presentation to the SFB. Anand wanted it noted that he did want a UofA representative at the presentation.

Matt Brechtel left the meeting at 12:30pm.

q) Edmonton Journal Postponed

r) Carpool Program
It was looked into and determined that there is no current SU Carpool Registry online. It would cost the SU a one time cost of $5000 to create a carpool registry on campus. It would cost $1500/year to join carpool.ca. Idea was raised to create a model of a carpool registry that could then be sold to other school through Campus Advantage. This will decrease the hit the UofA SU is taking and will possibly help recoup costs through sales to other schools. Bill will talk to Mark regarding this possibility.

s) Parkland
Approached the SU requesting support for a conference they are holding on campus. Would like the SU to distribute conference materials/registration at the Info. Booths, purchase 10 tickets to the conference and donate $500. Discussion ensued regarding what would be an appropriate level of support.

The motion was postponed until a policy is written.

t) Nader
Mike informed the Executive that approximately $18000 has been raised to date and will need to raise approximately $8000 more to move forward. Discussion ensued.

u) Shinerama
Kail was approached by Shinerama who wanted to know if they could tie their event in to WOW by holding their event on the weekend. It was agreed that since there were no other activities going on at this time, this would not be a problem.

6. Announcements
7. Adjournment
Meeting adjourned at 1:00 PM.