MINUTES

Executive Committee
August 27, 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
Catherine van de Braak E/A, Recording Secretary

Observer
Christine Osinchuk ECO

1. Call to Order
The meeting was called to order by Mike at 10:37 am

2. Approval of Agenda
The agenda was amended to add the following Items of Business and re-numbered as follows:
Discussion Items
a) SU Page (Christine)
g) Orientation (Kail)

SMITH/ROSS THAT the agenda be approved as amended.

VOTE ON MOTION  4/0/0 CARRIED

3. Approval of Minutes
ROSS/SHARMA MOVED THAT the minutes of August 19 and 21 2002 be adopted as tabled.

VOTE ON MOTION  4/0/0 CARRIED

4. Reports
Tabled to a later meeting due to the length of the agenda.

5. Items of Business
a) SU Page
Christine would like feedback regarding what the SU page will be used for this year and how often the executive would like to have it in the Gateway. Discussion ensued regarding the purpose of the SU page.
Anand felt that it is a good communication tool and can be used to speak about issues more. Mike would like to see the pages used more for announcements, event postings and more informational. It is important that the SU pages be approached in an organized manner to ensure that Christine is able to manage the workload. The executive would like to see the SU page bi-weekly. Christine will email a proposal to each executive outlining what should be done on each page.

b) In Camera

SMITH/BRECHTEL MOVED THAT the Executive Committee moves in camera.

VOTE ON MOTION 4/0/0 CARRIED

Executive moved in camera

c) Red Deer College

Steve identified two options to deal with the Red Deer College issue.

1. Speak with the U of A registrar regarding differential fee for RDC students and then increase their fee to the full time rate. Once this is done an 80/20 split would be initiated.
2. Initiate an 80/20 slip for the current fee structure.

The first suggestion would be the best solution. Currently RDC students pay the equivalent of U of A co-op fees and are able to access all services of the U of A as well as Red Deer College.

d) Handbooks

Red Deer College students would like to receive SU handbooks. There are about 210 students who are entitled to receive the handbooks. It was decided to ask RDC if there is an executive member who will be in Edmonton if they can pick up the handbooks. As well information regarding handbooks for off campus students will be put on the SU website so students can request that one be mailed to them.

e) Sponsorship

Mike has been approached regarding sponsorship for a basketball event. This may have been sponsored by EBC in the past. Catherine will research this request.

f) Parkland Institute

Parkland Institute has submitted a request for sponsorship of their upcoming conference. Discussion ensued regarding the request and if it meets the sponsorship criteria currently in place. The conference budget is needed to meet the criteria. Mike can request the budget but would like to deal with this request now. The request was submitted in July.

Steve will contact Parkland about submitting a budget prior to sponsorship being decided on.

g) Orientation

A decision must be made soon regarding the president’s address and what the executive will be doing. Mike would like to see the executive present themselves as a team with everyone involved. The executive will meet later today to discuss the issue further.
Action Items
a) International Centre Sponsorship Request
   No budget was submitted with this request so the request was denied. Steve will contact the International Centre.

b) Sponsorship Policy
   SMITH/ROSS MOVED THAT the Executive Committee approve the proposed changes to the Sponsorship Policy.

   Discussion ensued:
   Mike raised concerns regarding 7.23.1F that it is a form of censorship and that the SU should be encouraging an exchange of ideas. Steve felt that it is important to have some statement regarding political decision.

   SMITH/BRECHTEL MOVED THAT 7.23.1F be amended to read the event instead of the organization requesting sponsorship. (Friendly amendment)

   Anand spoke against the motion. Mat spoke about the difference between letting an event happen and actively supporting it with student dollars.

   SMITH/ROSS MOVED TO call previous question

   VOTE ON MOTION 3/1/0 CARRIED

   SMITH/ROSS MOVED TO refer the policy back to the Vice President Operations and Finance for review.

   VOTE ON MOTION 4/0/0 CARRIED

c) Garneau Policy
   SHARMA/ROSS MOVED THAT the Executive Committee approve the proposed policy relating to Garneau Expansion as proposed by External Affairs Board.

   Discussion ensued regarding the policy. Mat raised concerns that the University has stated publicly that they are not expanding into Garneau and that this is not an SU issue. This could create challenges with the SU/U of A relationship. Mike stated that this is a student issue and there are huge implications with expansion into Garneau that do impact students. Anand explained that the External Affairs Board felt that the need to work with the community is very strong and that a partnership should be maintained.

   ROSS/SMITH MOVED THAT due to time constraints this item be moved to the next executive meeting.

   VOTE ON MOTION 4/0/0 CARRIED

   Items d-i tabled to the next meeting.

6. Announcements

7. Adjournment
   Meeting adjourned at 12:30 pm