Executive Committee

September 16, 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
Margaret Stasiak  A/A, Recording Secretary

ABSENT

Bill Smith  General Manager

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Mike at 10:25am.

2. Approval of Agenda

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

Discussion Items:
   a) Garneau Policy
   b) CASA/CFS
   c) Actual Home
   d) Mat/Mike

Action Items:
   a) Steve Derpack Conference Request
   b) Homelessness Policy
   c) Loan Agreement
   d) Personal Flaring

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

VOTE ON MOTION  4/0/0 CARRIED

3. Approval of Minutes

SMITH/BRECHTEL MOVED THAT the approval of the minutes of the September 12, 2002 Executive Committee Meeting be postponed till the next meeting.

VOTE ON MOTION  4/0/0 CARRIED

4. Reports

VP External
   ù CAUS still happening
   ù Still working on CASA/CFS – will hopefully be at least partially finished for council on the 17th.

5. Items of Business

Discussion Items
a) Garneau Policy

Concerns were brought up with the Executive submitting their version of the Garneau Policy to council but the External Affairs Board version not being included on the agenda. It was decided that the Executive would withdraw their motion from the Students’ Council agenda and would submit their changes to the External Affairs Board first.

b) CASA/CFS Policy

The Executive raised concerns about the CASA/CFS paper, that was to be presented to council, not being completed. Anand informed the Executive that he is working on the paper and he is almost finished. He will try to finish the paper by council to include as an information item. Anand wanted to make it clear that he had not promised the paper at this time. Mike suggested that council was perfectly right to request a report for a conference that was attended 3 months ago. Anand stated that he wanted to attend the CASA lobby conference prior to making recommendations because it was not prudent to compare the two without attending the lobby conference. Steve Smith felt that the statement Anand had made in council about the CASA/CFS paper left the impression that it was going to be presented to council soon. Mat also felt that this was the impression that council got from Anand. Steve suggested that Anand make a comparison of the two conferences he attended and create a report later comparing lobby tactics (after he attends the lobby conference).

c) Actual Home

Mike was hoping to hold a homelessness event on September 25, 2002. Food not Bombs may come to serve which would be a good trial run for the student meal program. Kail raised the question whether the Students’ Union could hold an event like this without having a Political Policy in place. Steve and Mike disagreed that a policy needed to be in place as they were not taking a political stance on homelessness which is generally viewed as being bad. The Executive agreed that it would be alright to have speakers come and educate people on homelessness.

d) Mat/Mike

Steve raised concerns that at the time that the motion to appoint Mat and Mike to the Vice President (Academic) and Provost Search Committee was made, Steve was not aware that the committee would be making actual recommendations and not just searching for candidates. Steve wanted to retract the motion and instead have council appoint two undergraduate students. Kail agreed but thought it would be better to just amend the original motion instead of retracting it. Mat thought that the original motion should be kept intact because he was under the impression that when the Executive selected Mat and Mike it was because they were the two most qualified to sit on the committee. Steve stated that he still believed that Mat and Mike were the most qualified but for the sake of process, he would like to open it up. Anand thought that it was a really risky move to let council select the two representatives to sit on the committee and felt that the Executive needed to put a recommendation forward on at least one Executive member.

Action Items
a) Steve Derpack  
Conference Request

BRECHTEL/SHARMA MOVED TO Approve a conference request of $800 for Steve Derpack to attend the Prairie Music Week Conference.

Mat introduced the motion stating that this was an important conference for Steve to attend in his capacity as Manager of Programming and Licensed Events and would help him with future programming. Steve raised some questions, so Steve Derpack was brought into the meeting to answer these questions. Steve asked whether this was a budgeted expense, to which Steve Derpack replied yes. Steve also asked why the per diem was only $25 per day instead of the usual $30 per day. Steve Derpack said that he normally put $25 per day as he was finding that this was approximately how much he was spending. Kail pointed out that this conference took place at the same time and location as the COCA Regional Conference, and therefore the SU would be saving on travel/accommodation costs as this was a “2 Conferences in 1” request. Steve Derpack agreed saying the COCA Conference was the same weekend at no extra cost which saves on going on another trip.

SMITH/SHARMA MOVED THAT THE Total cost of the trip be amended to read $790 (FRIENDLY).

Vote on Original Motion 4/0/0 CARRIED

Steve Derpack left the meeting.
b) Homelessness Policy
ROSS/SMITH MOVED THAT THE Executive approve the proposed Policy – Homelessness.

The Homelessness policy was revisited. This policy did not include the “1%” provision that the original policy had. Steve stated that he was comfortable with the policy but did not want to pass it yet as he felt some of the wording needed some work.

SHARMA/ROSS MOVED TO Amend the policy to include the 1% provision.

Kail stated that he would like numbers showing how the 1% number was arrived at and just where that 1% would come from (which areas of the budget might be sacrificed by the government in order to make this 1% provision). Sharma stated that the 1% of GDP was a provision that has already been passed by the government and was something that they already recognized. Smith asked Sharma what GDP had to do with homelessness and whether he was just throwing random economic terms around. Sharma apologized for saying GDP, it was the wrong word to use. Discussion ensued.

ROSS/SMITH MOVED TO Call the question.

VOTE                                                   4/0/0

VOTE ON AMENDMENT                                   1/3/0 FAILED

SMITH/ROSS MOVED TO Postpone the motion until the next meeting of Executive (1:00 PM), to allow for rewording of the policy.

VOTE ON MOTION TO POSTPONE                         4/0/0 CARRIED

c) Loan Agreement
ROSS/SMITH MOVED THAT THE Executive Committee approve a $20,000 loan to the Forest Society.

Ross introduced the motion. The Forest Society was requesting a $20,000 loan to finance their tree push at Christmas. They have made this request before and their have been no problems. The loan agreement is pretty tight.

Discussion ensued.

SMITH/ROSS MOVED TO Postpone this motion and invite a representative from the Forest Society to answer some questions.

VOTE ON MOTION TO POSTPONE                     4/0/0 CARRIED

d) Personal Flaring
ROSS/SMITH MOVED THAT The Executive Committee move in Camera to discuss matters of a personal nature.

VOTE ON MOTION                   4/0/0 CARRIED

Meeting recessed until 1:00 PM.
Meeting Reconvened at 1:00 PM to discuss Homelessness Policy.

ROSS/SHARMA MOVED THAT THE Executive adopt the proposed Political Policy – Affordable Housing.

VOTE ON MOTION 4/0/0 CARRIED

6. Announcements

7. Adjournment Meeting adjourned at 2:00 PM.