University of Alberta Students' Union

MINUTES
EXEC 02-61

Executive Committee
January 20, 2003

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
Catherine van de Braak  E/A, Recording Secretary

Absent
Bill Smith  General Manager

Observers
Gregory Harlow  Speaker of Students’ Council
Chris Jones  Councillor

1. Call to Order
The meeting was called to order by HUDEMA at 10:35 am

2. Approval of Agenda
SMITH/ROSS MOVED THAT the agenda be amended as follows:
Strike 6A
Re number so that 7B is 7A
Add 7B: SMITH/HUDEMA MOVED that the Executive Committee
approve the instillation of sinks in the lower level.

VOTE ON MOTION 5/0/0 CARRIED

3. Approval of Minutes
HUDEMA/ROSS MOVED THAT the January 13, 2003 minutes be
approved.

VOTE ON MOTION 4/1 SHARMA/0 CARRIED

4. Reports
a. President
Press Conference regarding Human Rights Challenge is today at 1:00
pm.

b. VP External
Focus will now be on provincial lobbying efforts, high school
leadership is up coming in March. Working on CAUS reform.

c. VP Academic
Handbooks-contracts are being signed this week. Add drop deadline
–first vote is on Thursday.

d. VP Operations and Finance
Preparing for tuition de-briefing meeting

e. VP Student Life
Working on WUSC, Orientation re-structuring, will be applying for
funding from APIRG for bike racks.

f. General Manager
Absent-attending Campus Advantage Executive meeting
g. E/A

Working on awards, would like to see the office cleaned up.

5. Discussion Period

a. C.R.A.P

HARLOW tabled background information regarding the concept of collapsing the 6 primary standing committee of the SU into 3 committees. Have spoken with 4 executive members (not Mike) about this. At the last C.R.A.P meeting there was only 4 members of Students’ Council attending so would like to know the level of executive support for this.

Concerns that were raised at the meeting were:

• Combining the committees will create committees that have too much to do.
• Eliminating SLB and Programming committee as these two committees do not perform a significant role in policy making. However they do successfully produce major events so combining makes sense rather than eliminating.

SMITH: support this. SLB combined with EAB and AAB would work, as there would not be enough for programming to do on its own.

HARLOW: this is an attempt to make the committees work better.

ROSS: agree with the amalgamation of programming and student life board. Concerned about the lack of understanding that Oberhoffner been raised regarding the programming committee

SHARMA: don’t agree with combining EAB and AAB, one is internal focused and one is external.

Discussion ensued regarding the student at large positions and who would chair the committees.

Concerns were raised about the elimination of the CAC.

SHARMA; it would be more effective to combine EAB and CAC to have an external focus and SLB and AAB to have an internal focus.

C.R.A.P will meet with in the next week to discuss this proposal. All executive are encouraged to attend.

6. Old Business

7. New Business

a. ECO Presentation

SMITH MOVED THAT the Executive Committee recommend against there being a presentation on the Environmental Co-ordination Office of Students at the next Students’ Council meeting
SHARMA; speaking against this motion. Would like to see this presentation given. Councillors need as much information as possible about this new service.
HUDEMA: speak against this motion as well. Open to postponing to the next meeting
JONES: there is a packed agenda for tomorrow’s meeting. It may be better at a later date.
SMITH; suggest asking for a written report and attending to answer questions.
HUDEMA; oral reports are more effective as everyone receives the same information.

MOTION WITHDRAWN

b. Sinks in Lower Level

SMITH/HUDEMA MOVED that the Executive Committee approve the installation of sinks in the lower level.

SMITH: Various involved parties met on Friday and everyone is now on the same page. The SU will be renting the space to Simple Foods at the same rate as CJSR and the Gateway are charged. The agreement will be coming to executive for approval. Would like to see Simple Foods pay for the sinks.
BRECHTEL: how will they pay for the space?
SMITH: A large part will come from APIRG as well they have various revenue streams.

VOTE ON MOTION 5/0/0 CARRIED

8. Announcements

SFAIC issued a challenge to the executive to volunteer at their service sometime during the year. Catherine will arrange this for the executive.

9. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 11:50 am