Executive Committee

February 10, 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
Bill Smith  General Manager
Catherine van de Braak  E/A, Recording Secretary

Observers
Christine McCourt  ECO
Shannon Phillips  EPIO

1. Call to Order
The meeting was called to order by HUDEMA at 9:50 am

2. Approval of Agenda
HUDEMA/ROSS MOVED THAT the agenda be approved as amended

VOTE ON MOTION  4/0 CARRIED

3. Approval of Minutes
Minutes are not available at this time

4. Reports
Suspended to next meeting

5. Discussion Period
a. Media
W.P. Wagner is not allowing the media to attend kickoff of the high school tour. Press conference will be held at the SU.

b. High School Tour
Discussion of agenda for high school tour.

c. Monday Rally
There is a k-post secondary rally planned for Feb 17. This is for parents concerned about education costs. Steve and Mat will get the word out to students.

d. In Camera
SHARMA/SMITH moved that the Executive Committee move in camera to discuss a sensitive legal matter.

VOTE ON MOTION  4/0/1 ROSS

6. Old Business
CJSR

SHARMA read an email request from CJSR requesting a rent reduction due to air quality issues.
BRECHTEL: when will the ventilation upgrade happen?
B.SMITH: meeting next week, will know then.
SHARMA: they are asking for a rent decrease, they may have a case.
B.SMITH: believe that they are paying an occupancy cost; this is the cost we incur.
SMITH: have read agreement, only charging for hard costs.
HUDEMA: speak in favour of reducing the costs in the future as believe they may have a case.

General discussion ensued regarding health costs etc.

SHARMA: should be giving retroactively from the date they were able to prove that the CO2 levels were high. This is not a new issue for the SU.
B.SMITH: concerned about rent decrease when they don’t pay rent. Space was not alluded to in referendum question. Not obligated to provide space. Will need to find the money to resolve this.
ROSS: have we been doing our best on this issue?
HUDEMA: have been derelict in dealing with this during the summer. We have a legal obligation to our tenants.

HUDEMA/SHARMA: moved that the Executive Committee approve a 30% reduction in rent beginning February 2003 until space is brought to code.

ROSS: don’t owe anything to CJSR, we are taking action to alleviate this.
SMITH: no case to be made that we were negligent.
SHARMA: agree o most part. People have tried to help out. Have obligation to provide healthy environment, 30% is reasonable.
B.SMITH: frustrated and angry that people feel we have been derelict. Became aware of issue 6 months ago or so, and were told it should be resolved in post-reno re-balancing. That didn’t resolve the issue and we raised it with the University because their 96 reno created the problem. Have acted appropriately taking the proper action. Have behaved very responsibly, there is no dereliction in this picture. HUDEMA: this was brought forward 2 years ago. Have not seen that this was dealt with until November.

Discussion ensued regarding the past conduct

VOTE ON MOTION
2/2 (ROSS/BRECHTEL)/1 (SMITH)  MOTION FAILED

7. New Business
8. Announcements
9. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 11:00 am