Executive Committee
March 10, 2003

Attendance
Mike Hudema
Mat Brechtel
Anand Sharma
Steve Smith
Kail Ross
Bill Smith
Catherine van de Braak
President
Vice-President Academic
Vice-President External
Vice-President Operations & Finance (arrived late)
Vice-President Student Life
General Manager
E/A, Recording Secretary

Observers
Shannon Phillips EPIO

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

2. Approval of Agenda
SHARMA/BRECHTEL MOVED THAT the agenda be amended as follows:
Add to Discussion Period:
   b. Energy Rebate (HUDEMA)
   c. Activist workshop (HUDEMA)
   d. In Camera Personnel (SHARMA)
Move to New business
   d. Accessibility conference (SHARMA)

VOTE ON MOTION 4/0/0 CARRIED

3. Approval of Minutes
HUDEMA/SHARMA MOVED THAT the March 7, 2003 minutes be approved.

VOTE ON MOTION 4/0/0 CARRIED

4. Reports
   a. President
   Most of report will be covered in the discussion period.

   b. VP External
   Congratulations to BRECHTEL and SMITH for well run campaigns. High school leadership conference is on March 14. There are concerns being raised by many Edmonton schools about the conference last year and they will not be attending this year. Northern tour is coming together. Working on CAUS reform. Excited about the new VP External.

   c. VP Academic
   Took the weekend off
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<th><strong>d. VP Operations and Finance</strong></th>
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| **e. VP Student Life**          | Working on:  
  - Revising the campus food bank constitution  
  - Athletic fee composition  
  Received zero funding from APIRG for the bike lockup  
  Due to the amount of time it takes for onecards to be processed it is impossible to decrease Orientation to one day |
| **f. General Manager**          | Working on: budgets, RFP’s, staff issues, and CJSR issue. We are moving towards an intermediate resolution on the CJSR issue. The University has committed $5,000 for general space repairs. Preparing for Campus Advantage meeting this weekend |
| **g. E/A**                      | Pass   |

Due to a presenter from the Women’s Centre this item was moved forward on the agenda.
6. Old Business  
c. Women’s Centre

HUDMEA/SHARMA MOVED that the Executive Committee approve the proposed agreement between the Students’ Union and Tess Elsorthy

Update provided by Megan (representative from the Women’s Centre)

BRECHTEL: why the need for a safe space? PHILLIPS: all centers have a safe space.
ROSS: concerned about the exclusion of males in the development of constitution/bylaws. I am a misogynist and I hate women. MEGAN: the centre is run in a non-hierarchal manner. This is a centre that deals with women’s issues and can be run most effectively by women.
BRECHTEL: a number of services are already offered by other services. MEGAN: there is no institution just for women.
HUDEMA: highly in favour of this. U of A is the only major university that does not offer a women’s centre. Dr. Connor’s office has agreed to pay half of the budget for this year.
B.SMITH: How are the top 15 University women’s centers funded? Why have the centres been shut down? The term “union” involves linking people together. A women’s centre appears to discriminate against men. The goal of the Students’ Union is to ensure that these services will be successful so it is important to address the problems that have arisen at other centers. MEGAN: not asking for funding, asking for space and we will pay the rent. Women make up 50% of the population. The centre will bring positive ideas into the mainstream.

Megan was thanked for her time.

ROSS: concerned about not allowing men to be involved. Space is at a premium in SUB. Dr. Connor should be able to find space as well as give cash.

BRECHTEL/ HUDEMA Moved to amend the agreement to only allow this use of one room (the larger one) for the Women’s Centre.

SHARMA: very concerned that we are not recognizing a groups request and that we are imposing our will on them.
VOTE ON AMENDMENT 2/1 (ROSS)/1 (SHARMA) CARRIED

VOTE ON MAIN MOTION 3/1(ROSS)/0 CARRIED

5. Discussion Period
a. Safewalk
All executive are encouraged to sign up for one shift at Safewalk

b. Energy Rebate
The SU would like all staff to wear a sweater on Wednesday to call attention to the high-energy cost and how it impacts on the University.

c. Activist Workshop
HUDEMA will be presenting a workshop tonight and would like one executive to assist him.
d. In Camera

SMITH/SHARMA MOVED that the Executive Committee move in camera.

6. Old Business
a. VIDS

Tabled to the next meeting

b. War Photographer

HUDEMA/SMITH MOVED that the Executive Committee endorse the proposal for funding for the movie war photographer.

J.JEONG provided background on the show and the budget. He is pursuing sponsorship for this event.

B.SMITH: this is a great event, comfortable that we will break even. However we must know where the money will come from in case we don’t.

S.DERPACK: this is alternative programming so it would have to come from 713.

VOTE ON MOTION 5/0/0 CARRIED

VOTE ON MOTION 4/0/1 SHARMA CARRIED

7. New Business
8. Announcements

SMITH/SHARMA MOVED that the Executive Committee approve an expenditure not to exceed $470.00 for the VP External to attend the Accessibility Conference in Montreal April 3, 2003

SMITH: I applaud the VP External’s cost effectiveness.

Meeting adjourned at 1:15 pm