Executive Committee
March 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
Bill Smith  General Manager
Catherine van de Braak  E/A, Recording Secretary

Observers

Janet Lo  Incoming VP Academic
Chris Samuel  Incoming VP External
Dwayne Wohlgemuth  AD ECOS

1. Call to Order
The meeting was called to order by HUDEMA at 11:10 am

2. Approval of Agenda
SHARMA/ROSS MOVED THAT the agenda be amended as follows:
Delete 6A
Add:
In camera personnel 5b
Women’s Centre Space 6b

VOTE ON MOTION 3/1 (BRECHTEL) /0 CARRIED

3. Approval of Minutes
SHARMA/HUDEMA MOVED THAT the March 12, 2003 minutes be approved.

VOTE ON MOTION 4/0/0 CARRIED

4. Reports
a. President
Generation debt is going well. Iron Chef cook-off was a huge success, would encourage incoming executive to do this next year.
Working on the citizenship class, hoping to meet with Dr. Owram

b. VP External
CASA is being discussed again, have been doing a number of interviews regarding this.
Ready for the Northern tour, MLA lobby tour is upcoming April 7-11
Met with ACTISEC chair regarding signing agreement
c. VP Academic  At CAAST a motion was passed that course outlines will now include the statement that this is a contract.
Provided an update regarding the new VP academic (U of A)

d. VP Operations and Finance  Absent

e. VP Student Life  Met with Jadene, beginning transition

f. General Manager  Attended CA meeting, all went well.  Things are coming together after hard work on some initiatives.
Working on budgets, food court proposals, met with the Dean of Students regarding signage in SUB, personnel issues
Wrote a letter of support for Dale Coffin’s appointment as secretary treasurer of CAUS.  This is a high profile position but the board turned about his appointment.
Have called our lawyer regarding Travel Cuts issue, waiting for a response.

g. E/A  Working on Awards, Nom Com, transition

5. Discussion Period  

a. Retreat  ROSS: in favour of cutting back to three days.  Focus should be on general issues such as the lawsuit and tuition.
SHARMA: understand the need to keep it short, however last years retreat was very good, would like to give the best to the incoming and maintain what was done last year.
SMITH: I echo what ROSS has said.
HUDEMA: 3 days should be effective; we can brainstorm topics that could be discussed.
BRECHTEL: last year was effective, learned a great deal it is important to understand all areas
SMITH: last year was a very “green” incoming executive, this year more experience, should be easier, feel that it was too long last year
CHRIS SAMUEL: the sole purpose is more than just knowledge transfer, the bonding aspect is significant
B.SMITH: retreat has evolved over a number of years to be very admired by many schools.  There are three main components: knowledge transfer, letting go and bonding.  It is important to review the agenda rather than just cutting things out.  Perhaps changeover night could be earlier and then the incoming can have couple days on their own.

ROSS Moved that the Executive Changeover retreat be limited to three days.
Motion dies as it is not seconded.
This will be discussed in further detail at the next executive meeting.

b. In Camera  

Personnel

6. Old Business  Moved to the end of the meeting
b. VIDS

HUDEMA/SHARMA MOVED that the Executive Committee remove the VIDS system from SUB.

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ROSS: where was the discussion lacking?

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HUDEMA left the meeting

7. New Business

a. Compressor

ROSS/SMITH MOVED that the Executive Committee transfer to budget 838 (Power Plant) $2603.00 + GST from the Contingency Fund for the purchase of a new compressor.

VOTE ON MOTION 4/0/0 CARRIED

b. Loan

SMITH/SHARMA MOVED that the Executive Committee lend Kail Ross $90.00 from the Students’ Union Credit Card for application expenses.

ROSS: will give the SU the $90.00 prior to using the credit card.

VOTE ON MOTION 2/0/2/(ROSS, SHARMA) CARRIED
c. **Combining of Positions**

ROSS/SMITH MOVED that the Executive Committee eliminate the Academic Affairs Coordinator and Community Relations Coordinator and replace these positions with the Academic and Community Relations Coordinator (ACRC)

ROSS: have observed throughout the year that there is no need for both positions.
HUDEMA: I support this as well
C.SAMUEL: the positions have been advertised already, it is not fair to eliminate at this time. A formal review should be undertaken to ensure that proper consultation has been done.

ROSS/SMITH MOVED to postpone this to the next meeting

VOTE ON MOTION 2/2(BRECHTEL, SHARMA)/0 FAILED

B.SMITH: understand where ROSS is coming from but the SU should be completing the org. review process and concerns such as Ross’s will be dealt with then.

VOTE ON MOTION 0/4/0 FAILED

SMITH/ROSS MOVED to reconsider and enter into the minutes.

c. **Salary**

Deleted due to 7b not passing.

d. **Conference Request**

ROSS/SMITH MOVED that the Executive Committee approve an expenditure not to exceed $839 to send Steve Derpack to the New Music West 2003 Conference

VOTE ON MOTION 4/0/0 CARRIED

5. b In camera

BRECHTEL/SMITH MOVED that the Executive Committee move in camera

8. **Announcements**

9. **Adjournment**

Meeting adjourned at 1:10 pm