Executive Committee
May 2, 2003

Attendance
Mat Brechtel President
Janet Lo Vice-President Academic
Chris Samuel Vice-President External
Tyler Botten Vice-President Operations & Finance
Jadene Mah Vice-President Student Life
Bill Smith General Manager

Absent
Catherine van de Braak E/A, Recording Secretary

1. Call to Order
The meeting was called to order by BRECHTEL at 3:00 PM

2. Approval of Agenda
The agenda be approved as follows:

- Presentation by Eli
- In camera business
- Campus Outdoor centre
- Files
- CCSA
- Committee Structure
- COFA
- Office Security
- Research
- CAUS retreat

3. Approval of Minutes
As this is the first meeting of the year there are no minutes to approve.

4. Presentation by Eli regarding the Speaker series
Redefining the word revolutionary – revolutionizing industries
Less focused on the left, more focused on people who have initiated big things

Looking at Spike Lee & Chuck D. (Public Enemy), maybe throw in a Spike Lee Joint the night before as part of the package,
Photojournalist whose theme is ‘Americana’ – cross-sponsorship w/ camera shops & GMC Media Dept.

. Understand from Steve Derpack that we have $$$ for 5 or 6 big people, Photographer - $3,000 all inclusive, Gil Scott Harron
Howard Zin (sp?) – informative lecture though probably the most political one of all the series
Eli & Jimmy going through “available speakers guide” and will forward everything to Steve D. and he will pass that along to exec Derpack to approve budget recommendations

Jimmy to work on this while Eli is gone (next Tuesday ‘til June 15th)
Likely to do 3 fall, 3 spring speakers

Package deals being explored for speakers to go across multiple schools – if the Sofa pitches a chunk on multiple date tour, there’s a chance of getting revenue returns from all the shows
Possibility to bring this up to pitch a package deal from UA to other schools at COCA this summer

5. Reports  
   a. President  
   Attended two BoG meetings
   b. VP Academic  
   COFA retreat planned, slept in the office
   c. VP External  
   Met w/ Shirley Barg for lunch & Manley speech – nailed him on some questions, got a media plug, started talking on Chancellor’s Cup & HS Leadership Conference, slept in office
   d. VP Operations and Finance  
   CA/CCBC prep, slept in office
   e. VP Student Life  
   Slept in twice, hair appointment, computer training, talked to Hugh about COC
   f. General Manager  
   Personnel Issue w/ Mike, food Court agreement, 3 Grievances carried over from 02/03, CA work – agreements to put together – Business Plan for Board/Shareholders and a Chair’s Report Planning 2 Sessions for CCSA – Retreats (AMICCUS-C) & 25 Tips (MoneyCON, SuperCON, CART)
   g. E/A  
   Absent

6. Discussion Period
   a. In camera business  
   BRECHTEL/SAMUEL MOVED THAT the Executive Committee move in camera.

   VOTE ON MOTION  
   5/0/0 CARRIED

   b. Campus Outdoor Centre  
   MAH-Hugh is concerned about human resources for the outdoor centre; because of the high turnover, he doesn’t think that we’d be able to supply the staff to maintain equipment/inventory, which is why the issue died at the Faculty level. Hoyles suggested talking to John Barry (Dean Facilities for Phys Ed) – to get the documents that contributed to getting it shut down
BRECHTEL – can we stop sales of equipment?

MAH – doesn’t look like it, not sure though – snow valley sale is likely to go through, suggestion was made to go with corporate pairings to get the stuff done instead

SAMUEL – can we buy part of it, and have a ‘bare bones’ toned down centre

MAH – Hoyles still said that he’s not sure about that

SMITH – whose money has funded their equipment thus far?

MAH – the Faculty, not CREFC

c. Files

BRECHTEL - good to go on sharing all files across the portfolios on the server?

Consensus in favour

d. CCSA

BOTTEN - cheap flights (hooray), leave @ 6:30am on the 18th, Janet to return on the 26th @ 6:00am, other 4 flying out @ 7:00pm on the 26th

Brechtel/Botten going to CA AGM

e. Committee Structure

BOTTEN-concerns over committee structure, I think we need to improve upon the work undertaken by C.R.A.P. last year in further refining our committee structure – will bring forward something to the next Executive meeting

4:23 – PHILLIPS joins meeting

SAMUEL– often SAL’s are not really SAL’s – goes against the philosophy of having students on the boards.

BOTTEN – 2 camps on the issue:

1. councilors are more important because they have the democratic credibility attached to their position

2. SAL’s represent the student opinion

Perhaps we can have something in place dictating the criteria of SAL’s on boards

MAH– include what Joe student is getting out of council

PHILLIPS – inclusion of Council portion in the Gateway this year will help recreate a bond between students and Council

LO – does changing the structure really have an impact on councilors flexing their muscles in Council after a committee meeting?

SAMUEL – key is the relationship the chair has w/ the committee most of these concerns probably come from EAB 02/03, unique situation where lots of things came up in council that weren’t brought up in EAB

f. COFA

LO – has 4 others scheduled for discussion during retreat on how we’d like COFA to contribute to our portfolios and vice versa. How much time would you like? What kind of format would you like? Currently we have 30 minutes for all of us.
MAH – discuss satellite handbooks as well? Orientation & introducing FA’s there would be good.

LO – I’m rewriting the COFA handbook – looking for suggestions on elements that could be contributed.

MAH – not too much stuff – too condensed; nobody will want to read it.

LO – yes. Don’t want to dissolve into nitty gritty stuff and details at retreat, keep things general and set the tone for the coming year on COFA. We have a social that night 9pm at the plant.

**g. Office Security**

SMITH – concerns for awhile regarding keys going missing, many many people have access to these offices (2-900 et al) and there’s plenty of stuff to steal (electronics) or read (information) – further information to come on the matter

**h. Research Dept**

PHILLIPS – good way to start meeting some of research request needs would be to think about it for a couple of days and send me a quick email with questions on policy or external matters. Write down the issues, let me know and we can discuss a plan on what needs to be done to address the issue. I have workshop stuff from Canadian labor congress on using the media, writing a press release, etc. and we could possibly do a couple of workshops on external relations. Christine & I will do most of communications and external work but in the case that we’re not around, you can deal with your own stuff. Also possibly a one-hour session tacked on about the PSE feeling at a Provincial level with some Federal stuff added in. discussion on fed/prov budgets as well. I will send MM invite across to all y’all for some kind of 3 hour afternoon session in the summer.

PHILLIPS – research assistant Mark works in her department. Other person is archivist/historian responsible for putting together the old files, and ongoing work on the SU history to be finished by 2008. Previous historian quit @ xmas to pursue other things, didn’t think it was worth it to hire someone for 4 months at 15 hrs/week so they bumped Kyle up instead being the previous research assistant. Were hoping for a federal summer career placement program & Canadian heritage for grants for this historian. $1,900 accrued … do we hire someone for a month at this amount either of a couple options. Shannon’s primary concern is to get archiving done. Don’t feel comfortable hiring someone for a month or two… Would consider offering it to Mark – once we have word on Heritage Grant & word from Mark. To discuss w/ Bill as well (priority for him)

**i. CAUS Retreat**

SAMUEL - Leave tomorrow at 9:30 am.

SAMUEL/BRECHTEL Move that in the event that former VP OPS & FINANCE Steve SMITH cannot attend the CAUS retreat this weekend, that the UASU send CRC Kimmy Williams in his place.

**VOTE ON MOTION**

4/0/1(Samuel) CARRIED

**6. Adjournment**

Meeting adjourned at 5:18 pm