Executive Committee
July 4, 2003

Attendance
Mat Brechtel  President
Janet Lo  Vice-President Academic
Chris Samuel  Vice-President External (joined at 10:05am)
Tyler Botten  Vice-President Operations & Finance
Jadene Mah  Vice-President Student Life
Bill Smith  General Manager
Catherine van de Braak  E/A, Recording Secretary

1. Call to Order
The meeting was called to order by BRECTHEL at 9:15 am

2. Approval of Agenda
LO/BOTTEN MOVED THAT the agenda be approved as follows:
Delete a
Add and renumber accordingly:
  b. Various Policies
  c. Food Bank
  d. Coffee Policy
  e. In Camera Personnel

VOTE ON MOTION  4/0/0 CARRIED

3. Approval of Minutes
LO/MAH MOVED THAT the June 26, 2003 minutes be approved.

VOTE ON MOTION  5/0/0 CARRIED

4. Reports
a. President
Attended an Access Fund board meting, this has bee a very short week.

b. VP External
Absent

C. VP Academic
Frustrating week cannot get as much accomplished as hoped.
Working on: handbook issue, Beartracks is proving quite challenging, research into evaluations of professors.

d. VP Operations and Finance
Attended two Access Fund board meetings, budget will come to council on Tuesday, trying to return to normal life.

e. VP Student Life
Finished budgets and preliminary allocation of alternative programming budget. ACPC interviews, planning meeting for festivals at Foote Field upcoming.
f. General Manager

Culmination of food court deals last week, preparing for grievance hearing, senior manager hiring, GM at Calgary has left.

g. E/A

Assisting with leases, hiring process for AA Exec.

5. Items of Business

a. Crash Space

SMITH provided background regarding complaints about the noise level. This may be an area where a sign is required. Suggestions for signage: Please respect this quiet space; please respect the quiet nature of this space.

BOTTEN/MAH MOVED THAT the VP Student Life develop signage for the crash space.

VOTE ON MOTION 4/0/0 CARRIED

b. Policies

BOTTEN/MAH MOVED that the Executive Committee approve the proposed changes to Operating Policy 5.13 (Procurement)

VOTE ON MOTION 4/0/0 CARRIED

BOTTEN/MAH MOVED that the Executive Committee approve the proposed changes to Operating Policy 11.08 (Publications Distribution)

VOTE ON MOTION 4/0/0 CARRIED

BOTTEN/LO MOVED that the Executive Committee approve the proposed changes to Operating Policy 11.16 (Tables Bookings and Displays)

VOTE ON MOTION 4/0/0 CARRIED

BOTTEN/LO MOVED that the Executive Committee approve the proposed changes to Operating Policy 11.29 (Cleaning)

VOTE ON MOTION 4/0/0 CARRIED

BOTTEN/LO MOVED that the Executive Committee approve the proposed changes to Operating Policy 11.07 (Advertising in the Students' Union Building)

VOTE ON MOTION 5/0/0 CARRIED

BOTTEN MOVED that the Executive Committee rescind Operating Policy 14.07 (Fair Trade)

VOTE ON MOTION 3/2(SAMUEL, MAH)/0 CARRIED
c. Food Bank

BOTTEN tabled a request from the Director of the Food Bank for additional space in the lower level. Currently the Food Bank is in violation of health rules and would like more space for storage, a director’s office.

MAH: have an issue with the director being so far a way from the service when security is a concern.

d. Coffee

BOTTEN/LO MOVED that the Executive Committee rescind Operating Policy 14.06 (Coffee)

BOTTEN: this policy is covered by the ethical buying policy.
SMITH: we need to figure out how this policy will impact on the new operation. There will be significant financial challenges. Feedback from Java Jive regarding free trade coffee is that the cost is significantly higher and imposing premium prices may be a detriment on the operation. As well the quality is difficult to control. Direction is need from the executive.

SAMUEL: the options are increase price or decrease our margin
SMITH: taste and consistency are an issue; coffee brings customers into the outlet to buy doughnuts etc.
MAH: we should not make a decision based on making a profit.
BRECHTEL: a higher margin could sink our business.
SAMUEL: we have the option to switch over if necessary, we are playing with numbers at this point. The decision has already been made; it is a disservice to go back on this now.
BRECHTEL: this is a new situation, argument made last year that the costs were the same.
LO: if looking t larger deficit, should cut additional budget items. We could offer fair trade at L’Express and regular coffee at new operation.
SMITH: the main issues are:

• Fair trade did not pass the taste test. It is significantly more expensive
• Consistency is a challenge
• Not sure if financial benefits get to front line workers

The price issue can be overcome.

VOTE ON MOTION 3/2(SAMUEL, MAH)/0 CARRIED

d. In Camera

BRECHTEL/BOTTEN MOVED THAT the Executive Committee move in camera.

VOTE ON MOTION 5/0/0 CARRIED

6. Announcements

7. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 11:30 am