Executive Committee

Wednesday July 23, 2003
12:00PM

Attendance
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
Margaret Stasiak  Recording Secretary

Absent
Mat Brechtel  President

1. Call to Order
The meeting was called to order by SAMUEL at 12:05pm.

2. Approval of Agenda
LO/BOTTEN MOVED THAT the agenda be approved as follows:
Add:
4h. Discussion Time

Delete:
Item of Business
5d. SWAG

Add:
Items of Business
5d. National BBQ
5e. Smoking Ban

VOTE ON MOTION  4/0/0 CARRIED

3. Approval of Minutes
LO/MAH MOVED THAT the July 9, 2003 minutes be approved as amended.

VOTE ON MOTION  4/0/0 CARRIED

4. Reports
a. President
Absent
b. VP External  
- Has been on media 2 days in a row  
- Got coverage for Senate Health and Wellness Report  
- Was put through the ringers in council  
- External Affairs Board meeting on Thursday  
- Bill 43 campaign is moving – looking at prices for Ads.

c. VP Academic  
- Met with president of AASUA – discussed several topics and agreed to work on a few academic issues together.  
- Meeting with Kathleen to work on some Academic Affairs Board issues.

d. VP Operations and Finance  
- Working on budgets  
- Typing Senior Manager appraisals  
- Working on refocusing goals  
- Working on operating policy rewrite  
- Campus Advantage board meeting was solid.

e. VP Student Life  
- working on WOW; encountering some difficulties with agents.  
- Met with gentleman from BBQ Canada  
- Attended Senate Press Conference

f. General Manager  
- Campus Advantage meeting was successful  
- Working on appraisals  
- Working on Travel Cuts Lawsuit; getting ready for discovery.

g. E/A  
Absent

h. Discussion Time  
LO brought forward some issues that were talked about in previous Executive Meetings but had not been followed up on.  
- Signage for relaxation space – MAH working on.  
- Special Council – BRECHTEL’S project – believe Catherine was working on set up.  
- Plant Prices – BOTTEN will work on this and get back to Exec.  
- VIDS- came up in council. BOTTEN will talk to Brock University. MAH felt that in order to demonstrate to council that they are researching the issue, it would be a good idea to run a trial period to get hands on experience of VIDS. BOTTEN felt that for now it would be a good idea to turn the televisions on and have the news running, don’t worry about computers.  
- Executive Committee Standing Orders – BOTTEN working on.  
- Doug Owram Award – BRECHTEL working on.  
- SWAG – MAH told council that she would be bringing more free stuff to give away and LO was wondering what that stuff would be and where it was coming from. MAH explained that she has a lot of extra Kokanee stuff that she needs to get rid of. Also, MAH needs to know from each Exec. what type of SWAG they need, how much, who it is going to, how much to spend etc.

5. Items of Business
a. Research Assistant

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Executive Committee approve the position of Research Assistant, formerly Research Analyst, at 30 hours/week and $1300/month remuneration, as a permanent position under the supervision of the EPIO and the President.

SAMUEL moved the resolution and introduced the motion. The job description was read aloud. MAH stated that she would like to see this person report to one person not two – most logically to the EPIO.

MAH/LO MOVED TO strike “and the President” from the job description.

VOTE ON AMENDMENT TO MOTION 4/0/0 CARRIED

LO would like justification for the position. SMITH reiterated the concerns he voiced last meeting which were that this request did not go through the appropriate process and that he hasn’t seen rationale for this position.

SHANNON PHILLIPS was asked to join Executive to answer questions with regards to the position.

PHILLIPS explained how after the pull out of CASA, money was moved into budget 425 for the research assistant. SHARMA was under the impression that there were extra resources. Discussion ensued.

VOTE ON MOTION 4/0/0 CARRIED
b. Faculty Association Handbooks

LO MOVED THAT the Executive Committee approve a grant to cover 50% of the costs of the handbook for Faculty Association sections, the terms of payment of which to be agreed upon by each Faculty Association, the Vice President Academic, and the Vice President Operations & Finance.

LO withdrew the motion.

LO has spoken to Faculty Associations and their presidents regarding the FA handbooks. This issue has been put on the COFA agenda. The Faculty Associations want to know what is going on with the contracts and how much the SU wants them to pay. SMITH asked whether the contracts had already been signed and if yes, how come they were not being honored. LO pointed out that the contracts had been signed but the Faculty Associations were under the impression that a certain number of advertisements would be sold, a target which was not met, and they were not expecting to lose this much money. MAH felt that the Faculty Associations didn’t have control over who sold the advertisements. Also, the money would be a drop in the bucket for the SU whereas it could amount to a FA whole years budget. BOTTEN stated that the FA knew that they had no control over who sold the advertisements, but they put their faith in the SU. Both sides messed up. BOTTEN doesn’t like the fact that some FA are willing to cough up but some want the SU to save them. MAH felt that this issue needs to come back to Exec. and would like to see a table summing up the numbers and what the different options are. The Executive Committee decided to meet tomorrow to discuss this issue further. LO stated that she would get the numbers together but also noted that she would not be going into COFA to negotiate. SMITH felt that the SU set out to help the FA and that the Executive needed to know the numbers. SMITH was concerned that we will cut a deal to people who make noise but those who are willing to pay will get shafted. SMITH felt that one deal needed to be made for all.

c. National BBQ

MAH introduced the motion. This undertaking was the project of a professor at the University who wants to run a BBQ for orientation students. The professor has donations and will recruit volunteers. He wants the SU to provide people to eat the BBQ and endorse it. SMITH asked whether enough people would be around to attend the BBQ since this was a holiday and whether it could be plugged into the Orientation program. MAH said that 5000 first year students would be on campus taking part in orientation and she has spoken to Norma about tying it into the orientation program. MAH also stated that she will be involved logistically and there will be vegetarian options available.

MAH/BOTTEN MOVED THAT the Students’ Union endorse the National BBQ to be held on September 1, 2003 in conjunction with the Orientation Program.

VOTE ON MOTION 4/0/0 CARRIED
d. SUB Stage  
BOTTEN introduced the request. CHRISTINE DMYTRYSHYN was asked to join Executive. DMYTRYSHYN explained what the SUBStage request was for. This event happens every year and it is growing bigger every year. They are very well organized and DMYTRYSHYN highly endorses their request. SMITH asked if there was any way to change the time to 5pm-9pm. DMYTRYSHYN didn’t think this was a problem.

BOTTEN/MAH MOVED to approve the use of the SUB Stage area for the Alumni Pride Awards Post-Ceremony Reception Thursday, October 2, 2003.

VOTE ON MOTION 4/0/0 CARRIED

e. Smoking Ban  
SAMUEL would like to ban smoking in RATT. SAMUEL did not feel a move like this would hurt revenue as the other bar on campus that does allow smoking is also Students’ Union run and operated so people who want to smoke will go there instead of RATT. SMITH felt that SAMUEL’s assumptions as to how people will react may or may not be accurate. SMITH asked if SAMUEL had spoken to anyone from RATT. SAMUEL stated that he would speak to others and come back to Executive.

6. Announcements  
LO announced that she was looking for a roster of people to participate in computer testing of Bear Tracks.

7. Adjournment  
Meeting adjourned at 1:45 pm