Executive Committee
May 17, 2004

Attendance
Jordan Blatz President
Lisa McLaughlin Vice-President Academic
Alex Abboud Vice-President External
Alvin Law Vice-President Operations & Finance
Duncan Taylor Vice-President Student Life

Catherine van de Braak E/A, Recording Secretary

Absent
Bill Smith General Manager (attending CMHA)

1. Call to Order
The meeting was called to order by BLATZ at 1:34 pm

2. Approval of Agenda
McLAUGHLIN/TAYLOR MOVED THAT the agenda be approved with the following additions:
6a. Executive Communications Office (BLATZ)
   b. Hip Hop for Hope (BLATZ)

   VOTE ON MOTION 5/0/0 CARRIED

3. Approval of Minutes
LAW/McLAUGHLIN MOVED THAT the May 12, 2004 minutes be approved.

   VOTE ON MOTION 5/0/0 CARRIED

TAYLOR/ABBBOUD MOVED THAT the May 12, 2004 In Camera minutes be approved.

   VOTE ON MOTION 5/0/0 CARRIED

4. Old Business
   a. Conference Request
McLAUGHLIN tabled revised information regarding a conference that she would like to attend. This would be highly beneficial and a great opportunity to engage in higher-level discussions regarding education. Much of the conference relates specifically to VP Academic goals.

   Concerns were raised that there may not be money for the VP Academic to attend CART II if this request is passed. VP Academic is aware of this.
TAYLOR/BLATZ MOVED THAT the Executive Committee approve a budgeted expense of not to exceed $1335.00 to attend Experiencing the Richness of the University Mosaic.

VOTE ON MOTION 4/0/1 (McLAUGHLIN) CARRIED

b. Conference Request
TAYLOR tabled an up-dated conference request for the Student Activities Coordinator and VP SL to attend COCA. Steve Derpack has budgeted to attend a conference in late September but due to personal reasons will not be attending. This money has been transferred to the VP Student Life conference budget so that the SAC can attend COCA. After discussing this conference with many people who have attended I believe it would benefit the SAC to attend.

McLAUGHLIN/LAW MOVED THAT the Executive Committee approve a budgeted request of not to exceed $2870.00 for the VP Student Life and the Student Activities Coordinator to attend COCA.

VOTE ON MOTION 4/0/1 (TAYLOR) CARRIED

5. New Business
a. SPR Request
BLATZ tabled background relating to the open-air concert the end of September. This is a major goal for the president.

Concerns were raised regarding sponsorship expectations and if the concert will be free.

BLATZ: have spoken with Geoff (SU sponsorship coordinator) he is not sure how much we can get from sponsorship and yes the concert will be free.

ABBOUD: concerned about the large amount that will be taken from SPR.
Reviews of the pending projects were discussed briefly.

BLATZ: the budget could be knocked down but that may mean a less quality event. In order to improve things this year, we must take risks to achieve the greatest goals.

BLATZ/McLAUGHLIN MOVED THAT the Executive Committee approve an expenditure not to exceed $14030.00 from the Special Project Reserve for the Open-Air Concert in quad

VOTE ON MOTION 5/0/0 CARRIED

6. Discussion Period
a. Executive Communications Office
Due to the resignation of the Executive Communication Officer there is now an empty office. The Advocacy Director would like to move into that office. Once a new ECO has been hired, that position will have a desk in the current advocacy office.
Executive feel that this is a great idea.
b. Hip Hop for Hope  
This group will be holding a benefit concern in the Horowitz on July 30th. All proceeds will go to the Ronald McDonald House. They would like to request sponsorship from the SU in the form of an internal rate charge for the theatre. In exchange for sponsorship, the SU would be a silver sponsor.

Concerns were raised about the precedent that will be set by this. It may be better to direct this group to the Eugene Brody committee. This will be discussed in further detail at the next executive meeting.

7. Reports  
a. President  
Attended first APC meeting—expressed concern over mandatory laptop discussion
CAUS retreat on the weekend. Alex is the new CAUS chair
Attending numerous training sessions

b. VP Academic  
Training sessions
Met with Norma regarding the first year experience.
Attended APC as an observer
Upcoming—will be meeting with Kathleen Conway

c. VP External  
Attended CAUS retreat
Working on federal lobbying
Meeting with Kim Steele June 1
Hiring the ECO
Attending Vote! Society tonight, EAB Thursday.

d. VP Operations and Finance  
Working on DVD and ABM draft license agreements
Meeting with energy audit people on Thursday morning
Gateway budget meeting tomorrow
Numerous budget meetings
Met UAB president
Meeting with SLS

e. VP Student Life  
Having weekly meeting with Tyler (SAC)
Attended first Campus Food Bank meeting—rep. from NASA will be the chair, SU VPSL will be vice chair
Saw Troy—greatest movie ever.
Will be hiring a new tobacco reduction coordinator as Sunita is leaving.

e. General Manager  
Attending CMHA conference

f. EA  
General cleaning

8. Announcements

9. Adjournment  
Meeting adjourned at 2:50 pm