Executive Committee
August 11, 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
Bill Smith  General Manager
Catherine van de Braak  E/A, Recording Secretary

Observers
Shelly Kelly
Stephen Kirkham

1. Call to Order
The meeting was called to order by BLATZ at 12:40 pm

2. Approval of Agenda
TAYLOR/LAW MOVED THAT the agenda be approved with the following additions:
New Business
d. In Camera
e. In Camera
f. SU Survey
g. Bear Scat Security
Discussion Period
b. Independent
VOTE ON MOTION 5/0/0 CARRIED

3. Approval of Minutes
TAYLOR/MCLAUGHLIN MOVED THAT the August 4, 2004 minutes be approved.

4. Old Business
a. Bear Scat
MCLAUGHLIN: Stephen Kirkham would like to launch a new version of Bear Scat; there may be some controversial issue that need executive approval.

KIRKHAM: currently students are able to view a list of textbooks that they will need. The bookstore supplies the ISBN numbers so that students can compare with Amazon/Chapters. I would like to show students what the cost of that book would be through Amazon/Chapters and Subtitles and availability as well.

This service would result in referral money for the SU which could be used for the ongoing maintenance of Bear Scat.
LAW: concerned about the Bookstore, how do they view this?

MCLAUGHLIN: I have spoken with Todd Anderson; he recognizes the challenge of textbook costs for students but that it is important to alert students to the concerns of ordering books on line

SMITH: very pleased with this idea and that there has been such positive dialogue with the Bookstore and that they are supportive of this. Ultimately would like to see an on campus distribution centre.

KIRKHAM: I would also like to allow students to rate a class rather than the instructor. A trial run needs to be done to set up a numerical rating system. A number of stats could be drawn from the data.

MCLAUGHLIN: this could be contentious with the faculty.
TAYLOR: it is important to include professors in this process and to work with the administration so as not to alienate them.

SMITH; Was the senior adm. involved in this at the U of T and it may be good to include the cost of course material for students as well.

ABBOUD: yes, Carl was. This is a good idea that I would like to see discussed with provost office.

BLATZ; we can talk to senior adm and hopefully institute in December. It is important to let the University know why we are doing this.

5. New Business
b. Presentation

Chelli: the Arts Students Association would like permission in the event that Ariana and I are needed in ASA to borrow computers from the SU for a month or so.

MCLAUGHLIN: concerned that the ASA is not currently a FA or student group and as such the ASA needs to have permission from the Dean to even be in that space.

ABBOUD: this can be deferred until a formal proposal is brought forward.
a. **Accounting Server**

The accounting server collapsed on June 29. The consultant needs another 8 hours to be able to salvage the data.

Linda Hayes was asked to join executive

HAYES: the problem is that we were trying to restore and closed a box that we didn’t realize would cause the server to collapse.

ABBOUD/LAW MOVED THAT the Executive committee approve an amount not to exceed $1500.00 from the contingency reserve to fix the accounting server.

VOTE ON MOTION 5/0/0 CARRIED

c-e. **In camera**

Meeting moved in camera to discuss items c-e

d. **Survey Design**

MCLAUGHLIN: would like to have design spend a few hours working on the length and design of the SU Survey. Dan has estimated that it will cost no more than $45.00.

MCLAUGHLIN/TAYLOR MOVED THAT the Executive Committee approve an expense from the Special Project reserve not to exceed $45.00 for the design cost related to the SU survey.

VOTE ON MOTION 5/0/0 CARRIED

g. **Bear Scat Security Certificate**

The security certificate for Bear Scat is due for renewal. The cost is $200.00

MCLAUGHLIN/LAW MOVED THAT the Executive Committee approve a payment of $200.00 from 402-3209-000 for Bear Scat security certificate renewal.

VOTE ON MOTION 5/0/0 CARRIED

6. **Discussion Period**

a. **Student Groups Database**

LAW: investigating transferring this database to the Dean of Students. The U of A is required to follow FOIPP so it may be better for them to house the database and to provide better access for the Dean of Students office.

Concerns were raised about maintaining the ownership and how this could affect student group’s registration.

Tabled to the next meeting

b. **Independent**

Tabled to the next meeting

7. **Reports**

Tabled to the next meeting

8. **Announcements**

Meeting adjourned at 2:30 pm