

# MINUTES

EXEC 04/54

## Executive Committee

January 31, 2005

### Attendance

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|---------------------|-------------------------------------|
| 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                     |
| Stephanie Van Orman | A/A, Recording Secretary            |

### 1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by BLATZ at 12:05 p.m.

### 2. Approval of Agenda

TAYLOR/McLAUGHLIN MOVED THAT the agenda be approved as follows:

5b. Conference Request (McLaughlin)

6a. Augustana (Blatz)

VOTE ON MOTION

5/0/0 CARRIED

### 3. Approval of Minutes

TAYLOR/LAW MOVED THAT the January 26, 2005 minutes be approved.

VOTE ON MOTION

5/0/0 CARRIED

McLAUGHLIN/TAYLOR MOVED THAT the January 26, 2005 in camera minutes be approved.

VOTE ON MOTION

5/0/0 CARRIED

### 4. Old Business

#### a. Nom Com

Changes were proposed to Operating Policies 9.03 and 9.28.

### 5. New Business

#### a. Peer Health Request

LAW – They are looking for rack space for external brochures. I think Information Services should be able to direct inquiries.

SMITH – Did they want racks or display tables? I thought they wanted booth space. Are we all right with not charging them the regular fee an outside group would be charged for a table in SUB?

BLATZ – This does not appear to be time sensitive. Let's wait until we have more information before we come to a decision.

**b. Conference Request** McLAUGHLIN – There is a conference entitled “Assessing Teaching in Higher Education: Practice, Problems, and Progress” taking place this February at the University of Guelph. Some of the topics to be discussed at this conference are: developing teaching, analyzing teaching in large classrooms, and inquiry based learning as opposed to lecture style learning. The nature and relevance of this conference would be useful to not only my successor, but also to the university community. The Academic Affairs Board was also hoping to draft a policy regarding teaching evaluations. I am asking for \$300.00 to cover the shortfall.

Discussion ensued regarding the merits of the conference, the usefulness of the Vice President’s attendance, and the possibilities as to where the necessary funds would be found.

LAW/BLATZ MOVED THAT the Executive Committee approve an expenditure of an amount not to exceed \$350.00 from the Special Project Reserve for the Vice President Academic to attend “Assessing Teaching in Higher Education” in Guelph, February 21<sup>st</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2005.

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

**6. Discussion Period**  
**a. Augustana**

BLATZ – Last time we met I said that I would speak to the Registrar in regards to Augustana fees. Apparently, we cannot collect Students’ Union fees from Augustana until the 2006-2007 academic year. Even though we cannot collect their fee, I had an idea that perhaps we could have them pay a symbolic amount in lieu of their Students’ Union fees, just like the University paid a dollar for HUB Mall. We could charge them something like a penny a student for the 2005-2006 year and welcome them to the Students’ Union as students of the University of Alberta. Then for the 2006-2007 year, we will have an assessed fee worked out and we will charge them that.

SMITH – If they have not paid a fee, how can they vote in the 2005-2006 elections?

ABBOUD – Will they need to have University of Alberta identification in order to participate in voting?

BLATZ – A review of the bylaws will have to be done before we can make a concrete decision on the direction this is going to take. Augustana students may not be able to vote this year, but legally we will be their representatives, so I’d like to find a way for them to vote in the upcoming election.

**7. Reports**  
**a. President**

BLATZ – I interviewed candidates for the Augustana Transitions Coordinator position. We have hired Scott Scambler and he starts tomorrow.

- b. VP Academic** McLAUGHLIN – I need to get your cross tabs for the SU survey. Please try to have them in to me before Wednesday’s meeting. Also, the Academic Survey project received ethical approval.
  - c. VP External** No report available at this time.
  - d. VP Operations and Finance** LAW – Dean Selection Committee short-listed Dr. Lynch. He’s hosting a student-centered discussion tomorrow if anyone is interested in attending.
  - e. VP Student Life** TAYLOR – I’m putting a last minute Special Projects Reserve request to Council tomorrow to fund our portion of Wellness Week. Unfortunately, I still haven’t heard back from several University groups as to their financial involvement, however they have committee to providing some type of financial assistance.
- 9. Adjournment** Meeting adjourned at 1:14p.m.