

MINUTES

EXEC 05/01

Executive Committee

May 10, 2005

Attendance	Graham Lettner	President
	Mat Johnson	Vice-President Academic
	Samantha Power	Vice-President External
	Jason Tobias	Vice-President Operations & Finance
	Justin Kehoe	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 LETTNER at 10:35 am
- 2. Approval of Agenda** JOHNSON/TOBIAS MOVED THAT the agenda is approved as tabled.
VOTE ON MOTION 5/0/0 CARRIED
- 3. Approval of Minutes** As this is the first meeting there are no minutes to approve.
- 4. Old Business** There is no old business
- 5. New Business** There is no new business
- 6. Discussion Period**
 - a. International Centre Tables** International Centre has requested the use of a significant number of tables for the Study Abroad Fair October 4, 2005. The executive committee supports this.
 - b. Tobacco Motion** TOBIAS: would like to discuss Kirkham's motion to curtail the sale of tobacco products in Submart. This has the potential to cause a \$50,000 hit to a \$90,000 budget.

Feel that if council wants to stop the sale of tobacco products that is their decision, but would like to see that time is allowed to adapt to the change.

LETTNER: what is the business side of this potential hit?

SMITH: this could drastically alter the finances and have an impact on revenue which impacts on some of the things that we are able to do.

LETTNER: Personally opposed to this, don't feel that we can dictate morality, the reason we banned smoking in business is the health risk to staff, and there is zero health risk to staff by selling tobacco products.

POWER: agree with Graham but also agree that this is council's decision. The executive needs to make the financial argument, not the moral argument.

TOBIAS: would have to oppose because of the financial hit to the organization.

LETTNER, POWER, JOHNSON: opposition more along ideological lines.

LETTNER: Tobias will bring financials to the meeting.

c. Council Retreat

Email will be sent out regarding the retreat agenda. POWER gave a brief breakdown of the schedule.

d. Nunavut Challenge

LETTNER: have received a request from a company who is launching a new "survivor" type show. They are looking for a base for operations in Edmonton and have approached us because of our location.

SMITH: this is a fantastic idea but there are a few concerns about any peripheral marketing that may be involved. Would like to contact other schools that may have been approached.

TOBIAS: sounds interesting-does it fit in the big picture "why".

SMITH will investigate further and bring information back to the executive.

e. Web Board

LETTNER: we need to set clear direction for the web board.

POWER: concerned about archiving the past threads, would like to keep the archive alive.

SMITH: believe that was the direction that last year's executive wanted to go.

LETTNER: there needs to be written into the use agreement mechanisms to deal with complaints depending on the level of the complaint.

All background information will be emailed to the executive.

f. CCSA

LETTNER: receiving inquiries from other schools regarding out attendance.

TOBIAS: not convinced of merit for me to attend.

POWER: 1.5 hours per session is not long enough to gain much benefit from, it is a long time away from the office; professional networking would be the only benefit.

LETTNER: it may be helpful in establishing consensus regarding federal lobbying. There is always something to learn but not sure of the value of the conference.

JOHNSON: there may be value in going as a role model and in helping other schools learn about our success. Agree that it is tough to spend money when we won't see a direct benefit.

LTEENER: see three benefits:

- Mentoring value
- Professional development
- Unifying the SU regarding federal lobbying
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SMITH: would like to add a fourth: setting up networks.

This will be discussed at the next executive meeting.

g. Adm. support for Council

JOHNSON: are we going to do this?

TOBIAS: there will be additional work going to council this year.

POWER: would like to see a council coordinator who can be a resource for council.

SMITH: there are challenges around key times in the year, it would be positive to strength the support group.

Power and Tobias will take this project on.

7. Reports

8. Announcements

9. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 12:10 pm