Executive Committee

August 28, 2008

Attendance
Janelle Morin President
John Braga Vice-President Academic
Beverly Eastham Vice-President External
Steven Dollansky Vice-President Operations & Finance
Kristen Flath Vice- Student Life
Catherine van de Braak Executive Assistant

Absent

Guest
Bill Smith General Manager
Marc Dumouchel

1. Call to Order
The meeting was called to order by MORIN at 9:10 am

2. Approval of Agenda
BRAGA/FLATH MOVED THAT the agenda is approved with the following additions:
8e. Eugene L. Brody
8f. Hours of Operation
8g. Orientation
VOTE ON MOTION 5/0/0 CARRIED

3. Approval of Minutes
DOLLANSKY/EASTHAM MOVED THAT the August 25, 2008 minutes be approved as tabled.
VOTE ON MOTION 5/0/0 CARRIED

4. Action Summaries
Reviewed and updated

5. Students’ Council
There are no items to discuss

6. Old Business
a. Casino Funding
DOLLANSKY: we have budgeted to receive 85 thousand from casino funding. The majority will be going to Facilities: 45 thousand to cover couches; with the rest allocated to the Student Groups lounge furniture, SUB signage, and Student Groups resources. Dollansky will send a list to all executives.

7. New Business
a. SLC Proposal
FLATH: this is a conference for services directors in Calgary; everyone is budgeted for except the Student Groups director but there is enough in other budgets to cover the costs.

MORIN/DOLLANSKY MOVED THAT the Executive Committee approved a budgeted expense not to exceed $2400.00 for the managers of Safewalk, Student Distress Centre, Student Group
Services and the Senior Manager Student to attend the Services Canadian Conference on Student Leadership at the University of Calgary November 13-16, 2008

VOTE ON MOTION 5/0/0 CARRIED

8. Discussion Period
   a. Beer Gardens
      FLATH: volunteers are needed!
      DLOOANSKY: last year this was a real challenge as well, we need to email councilors
      Morin will post a message on facebook, Flath will email council and Braga will email CoFA.

   b. Transitions 2008
      Discussion ensued regarding when the executive will be able to attend.

   c. Multifaceted Evaluation of Teaching
      BRAGA: fixing USRI’s is important this year; things are stalled right now but will be drafting a letter with UTS to the Provost addressing this issue.

   d. Student Groups
      FLATH: with Roddenburg, met with the Dean of Students and Jim Bohun regarding the SU proposal to the Provost. We will be incorporating some of the suggestions but due to time constraints some are a challenge to include. Biggest issue is the assistant manager position. This is a key position that we need to discuss if we can fund.
      MORIN: not sure if we have the budget for this.
      DOLLANSKY: would have to go into next year’s budget, feel that we should ask for funding in our proposal to the University.

   e. Eugene L Brody
      DOLLANSKY: have done some research, would like to investigate removing this fee, feel that it is not providing a benefit to students. It is important to review the fees on an ongoing basis. This change will come to GAC and then council.
      BRAGA: agree with Dollansky’s interpretation
      FLATH: this fund is a method of students giving back to the community
      DOLLANSKY: agree that the fund is well intentioned but it is not working. Will bring this to another exec meeting for further discussion.

   g. Hours of Operation
      DOLLANSKY: would like to propose new hours for SUBtitles as well as closing SUBMart on Sunday and between Christmas and New Year. The exception to the Sunday closing will be during
exam times.
Executive support these changes.

h. Orientation
FLATH: Orientation training is with weekend will send everyone a summary email of what is going on.

9. Reports
a. President
BoG strategic planning and Aboriginal Student Task are both next week
Beginning tuition planning

b. VP Academic
CoFA is coming, like Skulk only better
September 3 is the launch of Be Booksmart campaign
New report on academic materials has been released by PIRG
CBAS is off probation on Sunday

c. VP External
Federal election is up coming
Working on Housing week
Chancellor interviews next weekend

d. VP Operations & Finance
Reviewing operating plans with Anita, very constructive
Hoping to get to SUB expansion document soon
Gateway obligations are taking up time

e. VP Student Life
Working on Student Groups, health plan and WOW

10. Adjournment
Meeting adjourned at 10:07 am