UNIVERSITY OF ALBERTA STUDENTS' UNION
MINUTES

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
October 14, 2009

ATTENDANCE: Kory Mathewson, President
Leah Trueblood, Vice President (Academic)
Beverly Eastham, Vice President (External)
Zach Fentiman, Vice President (Operations & Finance)
Nick Dehod, Vice President (Student Life)
Marc Dumouchel, General Manager

REGRETS: n/a

1. CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order by MATHEWSON at 13:05.

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA: FENTIMAN/MATHEWSON moved to approve the October 14, 2009 agenda as tabled with the following additions:

   Discussion Period
   c) In-camera

   New Business
   a) Conference Request – CMSF (EASTHAM)

   5/0/0 CARRIED

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: EASTHAM/DEHOD moved to approve the October 7, 2009 minutes as tabled.

   5/0/0 CARRIED

4. ACTION SUMMARIES: Reviewed and updated.

5. STUDENTS’ COUNCIL: MATHEWSON: Pleased with turnout at October 13th meeting, 150 in the room. Approximately 30 students watched the live streaming on SUBstage.

   EASTHAM: Disappointed that, for the second consecutive meeting, guests from Make Poverty History stayed for entire meeting without seeing Bill 10 discussed.

   MATHEWSON: First time external media attended one of our council meetings.

   MATHEWSON: Thank you so everyone for their contributions in making the meeting a success, and to exec for thanking people who contributed.

6. OLD BUSINESS: No old business.
7. NEW BUSINESS:

a) Conference Request – CMSF (EASTHAM)  
Final wrap-up conference of the Millennium Scholarship Foundation. EASTHAM would be attending in her role as CAUS chair, and the CAUS does not provide the chair with a travel budget. Last chance to talk about important issues, for instance: “What will happen when no organization is doing research on financial aid in post-secondary, as the new body will not?”

Action: All executives to complete outstanding conference reports.

DEHOD/MATHEWSON moved to approve a budgeted expense not to exceed $1225.00 for the Vice President (External) to attend a Canadian Millennium Scholarship Foundation: Realizing the Promise of Higher Education Conference in Toronto from November 10 -14th, 2009.  
5/0/0 CARRIED

8. DISCUSSION PERIOD:

a) Spinsation (DEHOD)  
DEHOD: Katie Berg from marketing is participating. Suggested that the Students’ Union contribute a team. This involves biking for four hours on SUBstage. DEHOD will be away, but encourages the executive should participate in this.

MATHEWSON: Willing to participate, and will take ownership.

Action: MATHEWSON will take the lead on executive participation in Spinsation.

b) Executive Transition Retreat (MATHEWSON)  
MATHEWSON: Are we interested in holding our retreat at another location? For consideration, do we want a location in which we can cook for ourselves?

A discussion on the merits of different locations ensued.

MATHEWSON: Would be interested in the executive seeing three or four different options for location.

Action: DUMOUCHEL will bring three or four options to the executive for next week.

DEHOD: Worthwhile to also consider the structure of entire retreat and the possibility of transition day in the office.

DUMOUCHEL: Transition is critical.

Action: Executive transition will be added to the agenda for next week.

c) Sustainability Awareness  
DEHOD outlined challenges that need to be addressed in the partnership
policy revision from issues with table booking for sustainability awareness week.

Discussion ensued.

d) In-camera

Discussion ensued.

9. REPORTS:

a) President

• Incredible survey response: 4700 completed the survey
• Pleased about Tuition Talks, lots of council engagement
• Nervous/excited about R2D2
• Lots of media hits.
• Free ad-space in Profile magazine is being offered to us

b) VP Academic

• Re-examination of Goals in light of academic plan
• Getting Faculty of Science Leadership Group back on track this week

c) VP External

• Peter Lougheed confirmed for February 13, 2009
• Outreach breakfast was good on Tuesday morning
• Media protocol Challenges
• Frustration: main wiki page is broken
• Centenary committee is still trying to gain momentum
• Talking to other execs in Alberta about market modifier

d) VP Operations & Finance

• Audit committee to approve the audited financial statements for the Students’ Union 2008/2009 this evening
• PAW request for research, past referendum information
• Bylaw 3000/6000 work with councilors Seth and Mastel
• Students’ Union Social Responsibility Committee starts on Friday
• Access Fund Selection Committee on Thursday/Friday

e) VP Student Life

• Still some U-Pass movement, should be finished soon
• Spending more time on Campus Cup
• Orientation hiring taking place

f) General Manager

• New marketing manager in tomorrow at 10:30 for a tour and contract signing, Nigel starts approximately November 6th
• Kiel’s last day in the office will be next Friday
• A great deal of CSHG reading and activity this week
• AMICCUS-C Conference Request will come to us next week
• Anita, Margriet and Norma are organizing executive management training for late next week

10. ADJOURNMENT:

Meeting adjourned at 14:30.