University of Alberta Students' Union

MINUTES

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
October 26, 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:
Marc Dumouchel

1. CALL TO ORDER:
The meeting was called to order by MATHEWSON at 12:45

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA:
TRUEBLOOD/MATHEWSON moved to approve the October 26, 2009 agenda as tabled with the following additions:

   New Business
   a) Conference Request
   b) Project Allocations

   Discussion Period
   e) Tuition
   f) Consolidating Programming
   g) In-camera

   5/0/0 CARRIED

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:
DEHOD/TRUEBLOOD moved to approve the October 21, 2009 minutes as tabled, with editorial changes.

   5/0/0 CARRIED

4. ACTION SUMMARIES:
Reviewed and updated.

5. STUDENTS’ COUNCIL:
TRUEBLOOD: Have we heard back from Craig about the presentation yet?

   MATHEWSON: No, but it looks like the presentation will not be a problem. I would like to hold this out-of-camera so that everyone can hear this information and then we can blog, tweet, and etcetera about this. I would also like to present, regardless of what information we do or do not have from the administration tomorrow. Also, it should be noted that the email that was sent out to council with the delicious URL had an issue with it, so I have sent it out again and it should be working now.

   FENTIMAN: Have put forward a somewhat editorial change to Bylaw 6000 in order to make sure it is up-to-date and in line with the way things are working currently. This will be complicated to explain in council, but is a relatively small change.
MATHEWSON: Make Poverty History has a table downstairs that they are using to distribute information about Bill #10.

FENTIMAN: Okay with letting this slide as the information seems presented fairly and it is good to see students taking an interest in what Students’ Council is doing and informing their fellow students about it; however, tables are only to be used for the purpose for which they were signed up for. This should be discussed with the group so that they are aware of it for the future.

6. OLD BUSINESS:

No old business.

7. NEW BUSINESS:

a) Conference Request – CASA AGM (EASTHAM)

EASTHAM outlined the conference proposal.

FENTIMAN/MATHEWSON moved to approve a budgeted expense not to exceed $4450.00 for the Vice President (External) and the Director of Research & Political Affairs to attend the CASA AGM in Halifax from November 15 – 21, 2009. 5/0/0 CARRIED

b) Projects Allocation – National Student Survey (EASTHAM)

EASTHAM outlined the proposal and the work that has been done on it to date as well as the other contributors to the project.

Discussion ensued on the pros and cons of taking part in the survey.

EASTHAM/FENTIMAN moved to approve an expenditure not to exceed $750.00 from the Projects Allocation for the purpose of the National Student Survey. 5/0/0 CARRIED

8. DISCUSSION PERIOD:

a) Centenary Awards Terms of Reference (MATHEWSON)

MATHEWSON: Meeting with Jeff Wright to discuss the Centenary Award Terms of Reference. Interested to know what everyone thinks about this, how we can best fit it in to our structure. It would be one award of $1000.00 from the Students’ Union on the merits of student involvement and leadership activity.

DEHOD: Can’t really remember exactly what details were discussed, but Dr. Robinson thought we might be able to work together on this and bump up the value of the award with help from the Office of the Dean of Students.

TRUEBLOOD: I would be interested in changing the terms of reference so that they talk more about a student achieving visible growth of skills, involvement, etcetera, instead of outlining specific areas of volunteering that should be achieved.

b) Survey End Date (MATHEWSON)

MATHEWSON: Two options: October 30th or November 6th. We should probably be able to have the marketing for the end of the survey ready in the next two days, which would give us two more days for students to fill out the survey before the 30th. This will include putting stickers on the posters,
sending out another email or Facebook message, and putting some information in Thursday’s gateway.

FENTIMAN: I like the idea of this ending on the 30th as the NSS will start on the 9th, and it would be good to have a bit more time in between the two of them

MATHEWSON: This will also keep us on track with the initial timeline that we had hoped to have.

c) Conference Report: Greening of the Campus (Information Item: DEHOD)

DEHOD: I emailed this to everyone in the hopes that it would not be printed, but it seems to have been printed anyways.

FENTIMAN: I was just following the policy that says conference reports are to be attached to the agenda as information items.

DEHOD: Just giving the VPOF a hard time. I would point out that he assumes that this means it has to be printed out and attached, when it could mean sent out for people to have as information (electronically).

FENTIMAN: Maybe it would be a good idea to look at the policy and change this.

TRUEBLOOD: Will this be going to council? I thought the recommendations that you came up with were very good and would hope that councillors and anyone hoping to run for your position in the future would be able to see them and have a chance to discuss them with you.

DEHOD: This will go to council as an information item and they can ask me questions about it or talk to me in person about anything they would like more information on.

FENTIMAN: Interested in taking some of these recommendations to the SU Social Responsibility Committee to work on, as they are very interesting.

*Action Item (DUMOUCHEL): To gather all of the conference reports that have been completed for this year and compile them on to the conference tracking section of the wiki.*

*Action Item (DEHOD): Look at the policy on conference reports and see how we can work to make this a paperless process.*

d) Centenary Update (MATHEWSON)

MATHEWSON: Had a discussion with Jen Wanke and Marc Dumouchel about the best way to work on planning the Centenary Week so that we can separate brainstorming from logistics (worrying about how the plan is going to be implemented). The two major things I am working on are the Centenary Award and setting things up to launch the SU Alumni Chapter (for Feb 13 during the Alumni Dinner).

e) Tuition Update (MATHEWSON)

MATHEWSON: We all met with the GSA this morning, as everyone was there you should all know what was said, but it should be noted in the
minutes. I like the culture of openness that we currently have in these discussions and hope that it will continue along this path.

FENTIMAN: I think Amanda Henry said it best this morning when she said that we should try to work together as much as possible, but there may come a point when we naturally go separate paths and that should not be seen as hostile.

DEHOD: Working with the GSA is critical, but it is also very important to work with AASUA and find ways for the three groups to work collectively as much as possible.

f) Consolidating Programming (DEHOD)

DEHOD: How should we best move forward with this? The end goal is to ensure that all of our programming is being done by someone from the programming area of the SU.

We are looking at creating a programming committee that would include Jerry, Catherine and Maureen (as the programming merges with the food and venues).

Another area that we have outlined that we would like to consolidate is Awards. There will still be a part of awards (namely, the academic & administrative part) that is not done by programming, but everything that is programming related should be moved under that area.

FENTIMAN: The problem with this is that the EAs Job Description encompasses awards, so if it is changing there may be some changes to the JD. While there have been discussions about different aspects of awards between the exec and also between the VPSL, VPA and AVPA, this still needs to be discussed with the EA, which Dehod will be doing soon.

MATHEWSON: Just to note in the minutes, the exec look favourably upon this idea. It will be important to have a plan for all aspects of this moving forward.

*Action Item (DEHOD): Investigate what it looks like to have programming consolidations within the SU. Discussions will occur with the Bar Managers and Senior Manager of Food & Beverage Operations over current programming as well as another discussion with the EA over Awards.*

9. REPORTS:

Reports not conducted due to GFC at 2:00PM.

10. ADJOURNMENT:

MATHEWSON adjourned the meeting at 13:50.