MINUTES

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
January 18, 2010

ATTENDANCE:
Zach Fentiman  President
Leah Trueblood  Vice President (Academic)
Beverly Eastham  Vice President (External)
Nick Dehod  Vice President (Student Life)
Marc Dumouchel  General Manager

1. CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order by FENTIMAN at 12:34.

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA: TRUEBLOOD/FENTIMAN moved to approve the January 18, 2010 agenda as tabled.

   4/0/0 CARRIED

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: TRUEBLOOD/EASTHAM moved to table the approval of the January 14, 2010 minutes until the next meeting.

   4/0/0 CARRIED

4. ANNOUNCEMENTS: No announcements.

5. ACTION ITEMS: Not reviewed.

6. STUDENTS’ COUNCIL: FENTIMAN: VPOF Nomination Committee has met and decided on a communication strategy, requirements for candidates and the timelines and deadlines. The committee will be meeting again on Friday afternoon to come up with interview questions and applications are due at 4:00 on Friday. Interviews will be held on the weekend, Monday, and possibly early Tuesday morning.

   FENTIMAN: Need to contact Gerry Kendal and ask if we can send out an email to all SU members regarding the available position.

   TRUEBLOOD: Need to send out this information to CoFA as well.

7. OLD BUSINESS: No old business.

8. NEW BUSINESS: No new business.

9. DISCUSSION PERIOD:

   a) Haiti Relief Effort (EASTHAM) EASTHAM: Working with Justin Benko (AVPX) to put something together that will allow UofA staff and students to easily donate to Haiti Relief. Will bring more information back to exec committee after Justin has looked into it further.
b) Centenary Scholarship

EASTHAM: Just wondering where this is at. I think that Kory mentioned it would be going through GFC or one of the sub-committees for approval in mid-January. It must receive approval before we are able to advertise for the award.

TRUEBLOOD: I will look into this and get back to the executive.

c) Talking Points Document

Nigel Brachi (Senior Manager of Marketing and Communications) joined the executive meeting for this discussion.

BRACHI: SU website not getting a huge amount of resilient traffic and it might not be a bad idea to do some kind of a PR/marketing for what is going on in the SU (student groups, businesses, services, advocacy, etc). A small document like the talking points that the university puts out would be an easily accessible way to do this for students. These could be put at infolink booths. Could include reminders of dates coming up, maybe put it out once a month or even maybe every two months. Maybe we could make up some stands and put them at SU businesses and services. The SU Street Team could also be involved in distribution.

The executive likes this idea and will be investigating it further.

d) Tuition (FENTIMAN)

FENTIMAN: Had a meeting with Dru Marshall this morning. Will not be receiving the business cases for market modifiers as it seems that they are being treated as confidential documents (similar to grant applications) to the Minister. The business cases have been mailed to the Minister. Professional Faculty Associations are meeting with the UBEF (University Bursary and Emergency Funding) Office to talk about the distribution of Student Financial Assistance and distribution – possible central distribution. Peter is going to talk to the Science students at 5:00 tonight to make sure they have what they need for the tuition discussions.

e) Gateway Sponsorship

FENTIMAN: Still working on resolving this, but should work out nicely. We are going to cover the costs of Dinwoodie usage for the NASH conference. In turn we will be asking for some ad space, but this is being sorted out as the NASH budget and Gateway budget are not the same.

f) Getting Involved

DEHOD: Some students have approached me and want to have a link from our website to their group which is called “Getting Involved”. Getting Involved is like a volunteer registry, but is a group of people that actively look to connect students.

TRUEBLOOD: Have they talked to Hallie about this?

DEHOD: I think they have been talking to the City of Edmonton as well as
the public and catholic school boards, but no, I don’t think they have talked to Hallie yet. I shall suggest that they do this and that Hallie and Jane meet with them and ask them some questions about what they are doing and then give an assessment to the executive about whether this is a group that the SU should be partnering with.

10. REPORTS:

a) President
   - Busy!
   - Schedule on iCal is like swiss cheese… without the holes
   - Many councillor meetings being scheduled
   - Law show on Saturday was fantastic
   - Met with Dru Marshall this morning as discussed in tuition portion of meeting
   - Community and Government Relations meeting this afternoon
   - Dean of Students stakeholder consultation meeting is tomorrow morning

b) VP Academic
   - Going through the Bylaw 8000 stuff and working with John on it on Wednesday
   - Interim Governor for the Science students has done an incredible amount of work in the last little while which is helping things to move along nicely. He will be coming to council on Tuesday 26 to answer any questions that councillors might have
   - I have met with Hallie about the academic awareness week and she is keen to have it tie in with the centenary week
   - I have a night class on Tuesday nights this term, but it will not interfere with council
   - Festival of Teaching is coming up and there are T-shirts that the exec will be wearing so see me later for those

c) VP External
   - Transitioned to provincial tuition issues fully, will not be attending BAC further
   - CAUS press conference had good attendance, but little airtime
   - Centenary meeting tomorrow
   - Working on reports, both conference and midterm
   - Working on CASA presentations for next council meeting

d) VP Student Life
   - Campus Cup: Dare to Dodge is taking up lots and lots and lots of time!
   - A trophy is being made and should be done soon
   - Registration has not picked up as much as I would like it to, but hopefully more people will be handing in team registrations over the next few days

e) General Manager
   - Putting together space plan audit
   - Senior managers meeting is tomorrow
   - PAW meeting is also tomorrow
   - Gone after 2:00ish on Monday

11. CLOSED SESSION: Entered closed session at 13:45
12. ADJOURNMENT: EASTHAM/FENTIMAN moved to adjourn. 4/0/0 CARRIED

Meeting adjourned at 14:00.