MINUTES

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
October 25, 2010
10:00 am

ATTENDANCE:
- Nick Dehod: President
- Rory Tighe: Vice President (Student Life)
- Aden Murphy: Vice President (External)
- James Eastham: Vice President (Academic)
- Marc Dumouchel: General Manager

REGRETS:
- Zach Fentiman: Vice President (Operations & Finance)

ABSENT:
- n/a

1. CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order by DEHOD at 10:10 am.

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA: MURPHY/EASTHAM MOVED THAT the Executive Committee approve the October 25, 2010 agenda as tabled.

   4/0/0 CARRIED

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: TABLED.

   4/0/0 CARRIED

4. ANNOUNCEMENTS:
   - Dehod: Feeling irritable, no patience. Feels like lashing out for no reason (looks mad) needs Nick time.
   - Murphy: Thanks to everyone for coming out to the Party With a Purpose Event.

5. ACTION ITEMS: TABLED.

6. STUDENTS’ COUNCIL:
   a) CRO Censure
      - MURPHY: I’m not necessarily against it, but it is a delicate issue and I think we should discuss it before council so we are well prepared for a good discussion.
      - EASTHAM: I think the debate will be centered on the CRO’s comments regarding voting for none of the above.
      - MURPHY: Do we expect anyone to be very strongly for or against this motion?
      - EASTHAM: It was discussed fairly thoroughly at CAC so it likely has some support. They want to address the situation with some sort of reprimand and a censure seems like a reasonable way.
DEHOD: If the CRO misspoke, that is his mistake. He came in late but he was also reimbursed for the time that he was going to have to make up at the start. I am not sure that this is the best way to mitigate the possibility of him making a similar mistake later in the year.

EASTHAM: I’m not sure about the timing; it is already getting a bit late to react.

MURPHY: We want to make sure the discussion at council is constructive.

DEHOD: I don’t think that council is an appropriate venue for a presentation like this. Students’ Council is a board of directors, which exists to make sure that the Executives are handling the day-to-day operations of the Students’ Union in an appropriate manner. It is also not fair that only the Labor Union will be presenting to council and we will only hear one side of the conflict.

EASTHAM: I don’t think that this is something that we want to get ourselves involved in.

DEHOD: It also sets a bad precedent for similar presentations coming to council in the future and expect some level of support. I want to object to this presentation happening.

MURPHY: I think that we should listen to this one and in the future talk to council about bringing this type of presentation forward. We should allow the presentation to happen and just ask questions afterwards.

DUMOUCHEL: Presenting the other side of the argument, shouldn’t we be supporting things that further values that the Students’ Union holds as important?

DEHOD: Should we email the councilor to withdraw the presentation?

DUMOUCHEL: This could devolve into a “what is the role of the Students’ Union” type debate. Some councilors were elected under the premise of doing things which others may see as outside of our mandate.

DUMOUCHEL: Council is the ultimate authority and can ultimately decide the mandate. There is precedent from other institutions but that doesn’t necessarily mean that our mandate is the exact same as theirs.

DEHOD: It is a possibility that someone else will object to this presentation.

EASTHAM: I don’t think that it is my job to tell council what they should do, I would usually abstain in a situation like this.

DEHOD: We will table this discussion for later.

TIGHE: If everyone is opposed to this presentation than I think that we should speak against it before it happens. If there is a position about this presentation I
7. **OLD BUSINESS:** n/a

8. **NEW BUSINESS:** n/a

a) Casa Conference request

Chris Henderson, Director of Research and Political Affairs enters

MURPHY: Explains attached document.

DUMOUCHEL: Is it budgeted?

HENDERSON: Yes.

DEHOD: Shouldn’t this be adjusted to reflect me leaving early?

HENDERSON: Yes you are right, I will adjust it down.

EASTHAM/TIGHE MOVES THAT the Executive Committee approve a budgeted expense not to exceed $6200 for the purpose of sending the President, Vice President (External), and The DRPA to the CASA Lobby Conference in Ottawa from November 13 – 20, 2010.

4/0/0 CARRIED

9. **DISCUSSION PERIOD:**

a) External Advertising Requests

TIGHE: I keep getting requests from University and external groups wanting me to advertise for them and I think we need some type of policy directing my action.

EASTHAM: I also get those requests; I usually try to accommodate the University’s requests to get the word out for students.

DEHOD: I think that is a really good idea, I have that problem as well and had it last year.

DUMOUCHEL: That has been an issue for a long time, let’s set up a meeting to talk about it in more depth.

**ACTION ITEM:** Zdena to set up a meeting between Rory and Marc to talk about external advertising policies

Exit Aden Murphy at 10:59

b) ECOS

Bring back as a discussion item next meeting.

ENTER Zach Fentiman at 11:18, Executive Committee is reconvened.
10. REPORTS:

a) President
- Wants to get material advertising town hall on Academic Plan up today
- Met with the Law Students Association and they are going to go ahead with their letter supporting a tuition increase
- Met with Dru Marshall regarding market modifiers and it seems like the implementation from last year is going as planned.
- Met with Dr. Andy Knight, he wants us to support a Global Youth conference in July by providing space for it. It will be happening for two days on the weekend before Heritage Days. We agreed with
- Went to the Chancellors reception last week which welcomed International Students and it was really good.
- Went to Residence Saint Jean last week for an evening event and it was really great.
- Had a really great meeting regarding mental health with the Peer Support Centre, Health Promotions Advisory Committee, and the Peer Health Educators that was really good.

b) VP Academic
- Met with the LSA and Dru Marshall with Nick
- Has a midterm tomorrow so will be studying a lot today and tomorrow
- Tomorrow has an awards review meeting with the Registrars Office
- Meeting with some Law students who want to respond to the LSA’s letter regarding tuition increases
- COFA meeting on Thursday

c) VP External
- Doing job interviews for CASA
- Putting together our Lobby Document for CASA
- Preparing for Lobby Conference
- Will be presenting to the House Standing Committee on Finance in a week on the CAUS stuff, which is exciting. Has to rearrange a student financial aid meeting to make time for it.
- Has to do a council report and blog

d) VP Operations & Finance
- Good holiday; really needed a break
- Grant Allocation Committee is meeting this week, overlapping with Bylaw Committee. May have to resign from Bylaw.
- Midterm today
- Presentation for a class later this week
- Strategic Planning Committee and Sustainability Audit Committee is going well.

e) VP Student Life
- Meeting about the Residence Lease Agreement with Dima Utgoff
- Going to try and figure out a microwave agreement with Ancillary Services
- Attending ECOS Future meetings
- Services Review meetings happening later this week

f) General Manager
- Next week Nigel and Marc have a meeting to discuss the Undergraduate Student Survey
- Annual performance reviews for a few Senior Managers this week
- Trying to organize a trip out to UBC for some of our staff to see their
Student Involvement Centre and their Welcome Centre. It will also be a great opportunity to see their plans for their new Students’ Union Building. The Executives who attend can also meet with their counterparts in the AMS.

• Meeting for the PAW agreement with Bart Becker this week.
• Met with the Auditors last week and they seem to be happy with our records management. They had some suggestions for our finance reporting to make it easier but all in all it was very good.
• There is a possibility that we will not have copyrights for some of our printed material for January.
• Looking at a community service learning opportunity in conjunction with an AREC professor.

11. CLOSED SESSION:

12. ADJOURNMENT: Meeting adjourned at 11:45am.