MINUTES

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
November 24, 2015
11:00am

ATTENDANCE:
Navneet Khinda  President
Fahim Rahman  Vice President (Academic)
Dylan Hanwell  Vice President (External)
Cody Bondarchuk  Vice President (Operations & Finance)
Vivian Kwan  Vice President (Student Life)
Marc Dumouchel  General Manager
Robyn Fenske  Executive Coordinator

REGrets:

ABSENT:

1. CALL TO ORDER
The meeting was called to order by KHINDA at 4:29pm

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA
KWAN/RAHMAN MOVED THAT the Executive Committee approve the
agenda as presented.

5/0/0 CARRIED

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES
BONDARCHUK/KWAN MOVED THAT the Executive Committee
approve the November 9 minutes as presented.

5/0/0 CARRIED

BONDARCHUK/KWAN MOVED THAT the Executive Committee
approve the November 16 minutes as amended.

5/0/0 CARRIED

4. REVIEW OF ACTION ITEMS
• Rahman still needs to talk to Fatimah about Med tuition

5. ANNOUNCEMENTS
• Most of the swag is in – package it up for council, buy some chocolates
• AYCTE meal plan will not be able to go through for this year. Will
set up another meeting with Don. Expecting CPI increases to the 3
tiered meal plan
• Navneet gave update on BFPC – Marc suggest doing a per square
foot vs room analysis of residence buildings vs SW Edmonton
• Vivian – RAC is tomorrow. The residence fee proposal is on the
agenda. All students are on the same page
• Sign card for Simon this week
• Dylan – make facebook event/invite old execs to Simon’s going away
party. Ask Wynita to invite all of 2-900. Dylan call ahead at RATT
and reserve some space.
6. STUDENTS’ COUNCIL

- Council reports – last one for the semester
- Provost presenting on Institutional Strategic Plan
- BSA and ESS FAMF motions coming to Exec
  - Dylan: most of the BSA FAMF going towards 34 students but that is their style
- Marc: we need to sign off on master agreement of single source Beverage agreement on recommendation of Exec to Council next week
- 2nd reading of quality instruction

7. OLD BUSINESS

8. NEW BUSINESS

8.1 CONFERENCE REQUEST CASA POL&STRAT

Points of Discussion:

- Dylan updated on CASA Conference. The discussions we had; themes we picked. Dylan changed taxi costs to $300 from $200. We will lower our per diem costs due to receiving breakfast. We will be going over budget for CASA line this year.
- Discussion of whether or not we need to bring DRPA to all CASA conferences

HANWELL/KHINDA MOVED TO request no more than $3500 for 3 UASU delegates to attend CASA’s Policy and Strategy Conference.

5/0/0 CARRIED

8.2 PA REQUEST FOR PRESIDENT’S INSTALLATION

Points of Discussion:

KHINDA/BONDARCHUK MOVED TO request no more than $750 from the Project Allocation fund to be used toward President Turpin’s Installation Video Project.

5/0/0 CARRIED

8.3 PA REQUEST FOR WASHROOM SIGNAGE

Points of Discussion:

- We need to change our washroom signs so that we can be consistent in what we ask from the university.
- Idea is to order 7 nameplates and 6 toilet icon plates (would say “washroom”) and would go on 4, 5, 6 floors of SUB.
- The plaque has gone missing on the 3rd floor men’s washing room. Need to replace that as well.
- This is the same toilet icon that we have in the lower level anyways.

BONDARCHUK/RAHMAN MOVED TO request no more than $400 from the Project Allocation Budget to replace gendered bathroom signage in SUB towers.

5/0/0 CARRIED
8.4 SSCB
RECOMMENDATION TO COUNCIL

8.5 INTERNATIONAL WEEK SPONSORSHIP

8.6 WELLNESS SUMMIT CONFERENCE REQUEST

Points of Discussion:

KWAN/KHINDA MOVED TO request no more than $15 for UASU Vice President Student Life to attend the Wellness Summit.

5/0/0 CARRIED

9. DISCUSSION PERIOD

9.1 UPASS SUBSIDY

Points of Discussion:

• Cody and Vivian had a meeting with Phyllis, Don, Martin, et al. They will send us letter that they’ll adjust the subsidy the university pays for students’ U-Passes. They will do that at the end of this contract (moving away from the 1/6th subsidy). Then they will be adjusting it to a flat rate, which has not yet been set. No other university subsidizes the cost, so this is difficult to argue against. So, we will be asking the City to make it lower. Unacceptable if UofA students lose U-Pass deal.

• Fahim asks why the cost raises so much each year. Cody says it increases by $7 each year given the contract we have. This will be a major issue for next EC to deal with.

• Cody: Fun fact – this started at about $75 back in the day.

9.2 SOLAR PANELS FOR SUB

Points of Discussion:

• Fahim got a random message from a student. Are we considering solar panels for SUB?

• Cody: not a short-term thing; in discussions with Margriet.

• Marc: we don’t actually pay for power, so the University may have money for it. We should consider the University’s Energy Management Program.

9.3 PLLC SRA

Points of Discussion:

• Fahim: plan is to meet with the student who emailed us this week. We should see how quickly PLLC students want to act. Our DG department is swamped right now. In the meantime, interest in setting up a townhall for PLLC students to gather feedback for students.

• We’re hearing that the PLLC itself is planning a townhall – we should clarify this. Ideally the students should organize this.
• Marc will discuss with Jane.

9.4 $40 ADMIN FEE ON TUITION

Points of Discussion:
• Marc mentions the fight Rory Tighe had with administration many years ago. The Board of Governors apparently said they won’t charge students who don’t get their loan money on time.
• Navneet: Get in touch with Rory or dig up past emails. This is a tax on being a poor student. Bring it up with Board and/or with Phyllis.

9.5 FRENCH LANGUAGE TRANSLATION POLICY

Points of Discussion:
• Move to Thursday’s exec.

9.6 DENTAL HYGIENE FEE INCREASE FOLLOW UP

Points of Discussion:
• This wasn’t brought to Board or GFC but done at the departmental meeting. This was allowed because the national body governing Dental schools mandated it.
• Fahim: This is not good; the fact that tuition can increase by $8000 without coming through University governance.
• Cody highlights need for better communication with students.
• Fahim: bring it up at upcoming SURO meeting. We should look into what other schools are dealing with.
• Navneet: Also, how much/what exactly did the accreditation body require? (In terms of equipment upgrades for reaccreditation). Some of these costs are also coming from the University’s imposed renovations.
  o Accreditation is a university responsibility.
  o Next steps: SURO meeting discussion plus letter if necessary.

9.7 GENDER IDENTITY IN EQUITY STATEMENT

Points of Discussion:
• At the RO meeting, Cody was told this would take at minimum 18 months to change the Statement of Equity in Student Affairs. However, this is supposed to reflect the Alberta Human Rights Legislation.
• Now we are looking at Bill 7 which considers gender identity as a protected right. This will make our advocacy significantly easier. (Even though only in First Reading at Legislature).
• Cody will bring this up again at SURO meeting because the University is required to meet legislation.

9.8 MYER HOROWITZ THEATRE SPACE FOR BELL LET’S TALK

Points of Discussion:
• Vivian met with Kevin Friese from UHC last week and had a discussion about collaborating.
• UHC will fund the cost of $1200 for this event to happen; they are looking for us to give in-kind use of Horowitz theatre. This means
we’d have to PA the money to cover this.

- Questions about attendance, etc. Apparently the event was popular in other schools. But how would breakouts and facilitation work?
- Vivian: check if theatre is available for those dates and then we discuss further.

9.9 ISA TO ISAC

Points of Discussion:
- Pushed to Thursday EC

9.10 ISP ‘N’ COUNCIL

Points of Discussion:
- Steven Dew coming to present Institutional Strat Plan to Council. We will put together Google doc for councilors

9.11 SIMON’S FAREWELL PARTY

Points of Discussion:
- Done

9.12 LANDING SUPPORT REQUEST

Points of Discussion:
- Marc/Cody will proceed with this after we think about this some more.

10. REPORTS

- VPA: GFC was fun yesterday – there was a motion to add Deputy Provost as resource person on APC.
  - Someone said “we can’t talk about this until we talk about Indira’s Governance report and the 2013 SU VP Academic’s Governance Report”. (These reports weren’t released until after Indira left). Surprisingly, this motion to table until next meeting passed.
  - ASC also met. Updates from Vice Provost. This new government really focused on learning outcomes.
- President: Leila needs support re: tabling

11. CLOSED SESSION

12. ADJOURNMENT

BONDARCHUK/KHINDA MOVED TO adjourn. 5/0/0 CARRIED

Meeting adjourned at 6:14pm.