MINUTES

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
January 7, 2016
3:00pm

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)-left at 3:58pm
Marc Dumouchel  General Manager
Robyn Fenske  Executive Coordinator

REGRETS:

ABSENT:

1. CALL TO ORDER
The meeting was called to order by KHINDA at 3:03pm

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA
BONDARCHUK/HANWELL MOVED THAT the Executive Committee approve the agenda as amended.

5/0/0 CARRIED

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES
BONDARCHUK/KWAN MOVED THAT the Executive Committee approve the December 21 minutes as presented.

4/0/1 CARRIED

4. REVIEW OF ACTION ITEMS

5. ANNOUNCEMENTS
- Navneet and Vivian met with Sarah today to discuss residences
- Fahim has a PA request for URI Festival of Undergraduate activities coming next week
- Cody is working on reassessing the Gateway’s repayment plan, Beth is in contact with Cody

6. STUDENTS’ COUNCIL

7. OLD BUSINESS

8. NEW BUSINESS

8.1 PA REQUEST FOR OSCAR VIEWING EVENT WITH THE GATEWAY

Points of Discussion:
- Need up to 75 attendees to cover the cost, in case the event isn’t successful that’s where the $300 comes in
- Gateway is marketing the event
KWAN/BONDARCHUK MOVED TO request no more than $300 from the Project Allocation fund to host an Oscar Viewing event with The Gateway.  

5/0/0 CARRIED

9. DISCUSSION PERIOD

9.1 INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS WINTER TRANSITIONS PRESENTATION

Points of Discussion:
- Dylan and Vivian are going
- 15 minutes for presentation, Services will be a part of it too

9.2 FINALIZING EC RETREAT DATES & OPTIONS FOR TURPIN/DEW’S SESSION

Points of Discussion:
- April 26: in house day
- April 27 – May 2: retreat
- Invite Turpin and Dew out for a night? Navneet email them

9.3 RESIDENCE FEEDBACK FORM OUTREACH

Points of Discussion:
- The form has been really popular
- A lot of students want to join the residence feedback group

9.4 ACCESS FUND MANAGEMENT

Points of Discussion:
- Fund going to hit and surpass the amount of fees we have been collecting
- Trying to figure out where the increase is coming from in fees collection
- Our change accounted for 8% of what has happening, the rest came from a change the registrar did not run past us
- They put a cap on the debt that they expected professional students to take on at $16,000 allowing them to receive more from the access fund
- They are asking us to cover half of the overage amount (overage amount is about half a million) – if we don’t pay then the students won’t get the money
- We need a policy response to the agreement
- More than exhausted this year’s access fund
- Cody has authorized a transfer from our other account to cover the overage for this year
- More students are applying to access fund now
- We need to correct the process now – talk to Fiona about this and report to Council
- Need to meet with Lisa to discuss this after taken first steps and/or cosign a letter to send to them?
- Cody will take the lead on this
- Sirina will share the signed agreement and bursary policy with Navneet
9.5 FINISHED BUDGET PRINCIPLES

Points of Discussion:
- New format for principles this year – everything is grouped together
- Set in conjunction with strategic plan
- A lot of the principles do carry over year to year because they are value statements
- Review the new principles added this year
- These will be approved by finance committee Monday evening and then goes to council on the 19th

9.6 PLAGIARISM ACCUSATIONS

Points of Discussion:
- Third year in a row that more than 2 students have been accused of plagiarism in a particular course
- They take them through the process where one student typically stays accused
- The student asked why he got a grade of incomplete and only found out he was accused when he asked why he was given a grade of incomplete
- Has happened for the past 3 years for this course
- This prof seems intent on that plagiarism is happening in his course every year
- Fahim set up a meeting with Dew to discuss this

10. REPORTS

11. CLOSED SESSION

12. ADJOURNMENT

BONDARCHUK/KHINDA MOVED TO adjourn.  4/0/0 CARRIED

Meeting adjourned at 4:18pm.