EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
May 12, 2016
12:30pm

ATTENDANCE:

Fahim Rahman  President
Marina Banister  Vice President (Academic)
Mike Sandare  Vice President (External)
Francesca Ghossein  Vice President (Student Life)
Robyn Fenske  Executive Coordinator
Jon Mastel  DRPA

REGrets:

Robyn Paches  Vice President (Operations & Finance)
Marc Dumouchel  General Manager

Absent:

1. CALL TO ORDER
The meeting was called to order by RAHMAN at 12:03pm

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

4/0/0 CARRIED

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES
GHOSSEIN/SANDARE MOVED THAT the Executive Committee approve the May 9 minutes as presented.

4/0/0 CARRIED

4. REVIEW OF ACTION ITEMS

4.1 BOOKING MEALS W/ FACULTY ASSOCIATION EXECS
• Marina thinks we should start booking the Faculty Association dinners with Execs
• Some RATTios, some lunches, some dinners
• Smaller ones invited their councilors along if 2 or less councilors
• Some might go into September but try to get them done over the summer

5. ANNOUNCEMENTS
• Mike is the chair of the ESA
• CAUS is happening tomorrow
• Letters got sent out to the MPs
• Finance committee recommended the Lister representatives motion to council

6. STUDENTS’ COUNCIL
• Get your reports in today

7. OLD BUSINESS
8. NEW BUSINESS

8.1 CONFERENCE REQUEST: CAUS CHANGEOVER

Points of Discussion:
- Happens this weekend, transitions meeting
- External, President, and DRPA going

SANDARE/RAHMAN MOVED TO request no more than $1,800 to send the Vice President External, President, and DRPA to the CAUS Changeover conference.

4/0/0 CARRIED

8.2 CONFERENCE REQUEST: CASA FOUNDATIONS

Points of Discussion:
- May 23 to May 27 in Ottawa
- Transitions conference as well

SANDARE/GHOSSEIN MOVED TO request no more than $3,000 to send the Vice President External, President, and DRPA to the CASA Foundations conference.

4/0/0 CARRIED

8.3 CONFERENCE REQUEST: WELLNESS SUMMIT

Points of Discussion:
- Food is provided
- Tabled request until the first week of June

9. DISCUSSION PERIOD

9.1 EXEC GOALS

Points of Discussion:
- Fahim put all the goals that had been brainstormed into a PowerPoint
- This is what will be brought to core managers next week
- For the presentation would like to go through each other’s goals one by one so the managers have an idea of what we want to get done in the year
- Expanding last class bash – Francesca
  - Has already started the conversation with Sirina and Brennan about it
  - Not sure about money yet for it – could always PA part of this
  - Would like to get groups (~7) involved in this as well with events, depends on how big or small they want to go
- Office hours & 1-1s – Marina
  - Do we want to publicize this for any student to drop by and how would we do this?
- Podcast - Marina
  - More of an SU podcast? Would we have a host?
  - Each VP could host segments in line with their portfolios
- Blog post - Marina
  - Should we post more than once a month?
  - Could open it up to the councilors as well to write pieces
Can rotate between the execs – posts will be every 2 weeks so each exec will only do one every 10 weeks

- Start in June

- Mental Health & Safety – Mike
  - Add sustainable mental health funding
  - Community partnerships: focus on Augustana, they need mental health services right now
  - Centralizing services (Francesca): road map or website that has the different mental health services available specifically outlined and detailed. Could integrate into the Student Life Specialist position in InfoLink (will talk to Sirina)

- Student Financial Aid – Mike
  - Looking for non repayable grants

- Funding Frameworks & Tuition – Mike
  - Stable funding for the institution for a set period of time

- STEP Expansion – Mike
  - Seeing if it can carry on into the Fall and Winter

- Experiential Learning – Fahim & Mike
  - Having more funding and more opportunities for students
  - Mike is hoping to have an employment initiative

- Flexible course loads, interdisciplinary program options, protection for international students – Marina
  - In the process of researching all of these right now

- Student Groups & Governance
  - Emancipation from DoS (Francesca) – looking to have more autonomy. Have a taxonomy for student groups would be good too.
  - DAs (Marina) – will be pursuing to move them into Bylaw 8100
  - Council accountability (Marina) – CAC seems to be very interested in it this year. Should we bring back honorariums?
  - Diversity in representation (Marina) – making sure people are empowered to be a part of governance. Five workshops during the year
  - Accessibility of SU facilities (Robyn) – student groups host events in Deweys and RATT

- Residences
  - Res association autonomy (Francesca) – fee collection, student representation, recommendations for changes to residence. Better residence conditions.
  - Tenant rights (Mike) – could improve student living situation (RTA, taxation)

Points of Discussion:
- VPA in collaboration with DG
- DG wants to bring more awareness to what their office does
- Would get students interested about governance before by-elections happen
- Would be programming for a week with different workshops about
governance
• Could launch the podcast during this week
• Each VP could do workshops
• Write up a PA request for all the potential activities
• Talk about again next exec

10. REPORTS

11. CLOSED SESSION

12. ADJOURNMENT RAHMAN/GHOSSEIN MOVED TO adjourn. 4/0/0 CARRIED

Meeting adjourned at 1:34pm.