

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

2010-2011 #58

February 17, 2011
12:00 pm

ATTENDANCE:	Nick Dehod	<i>President</i>
	Zach Fentiman	<i>Vice President (Operations & Finance)</i>
	Rory Tighe	<i>Vice President (Student Life)</i>
	James Eastham	<i>Vice President (Academic)</i>
	Aden Murphy	<i>Vice President (External)</i>
	Marc Dumouchel	<i>General Manager</i>

REGRETS: n/a

ABSENT: n/a

1. CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order by DEHOD at 12:09 am.

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA: EASTHAM/TIGHE MOVED THAT the Executive Committee approve the February 17, 2011 agenda as tabled.

4/0/0 CARRIED

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: TIGHE/DEHOD MOVED THAT the Executive Committee approve the February 15, 2011 minutes as tabled.

4/0/0 CARRIED

4. ANNOUNCEMENTS: Dehod: Greg Weadick is the new Minister. The provincial budget will be announced next Thursday. We have one ticket to that so we are figuring out who is going. It will either be Justin, Aden or myself. Rory will potentially be gone for three weeks.

Dumouchel: The tentative date for the new website is next Thursday, assuming there are no problems.

5. ACTION ITEMS: Reviewed and updated.

6. STUDENTS' COUNCIL: Tighe: That was a good BOG discussion.

Rory: I would like to create a position.

Fentiman: No.

Dumouchel: We have a lot of capital coming in this year.

Fentiman: I am not opposed to using PA money. I would also not be opposed to an exec support position. Or possibly a campaign or outreach position.

Dehod: I think we should wait until Aden is here to discuss this. Is there

anything else for council? Just so you know I will be playing in the council bonspiel.

7. OLD BUSINESS

n/a

8. NEW BUSINESS:

a) CASA AGM Conference Request

Murphy: This is a relatively concise proposal. It has been budgeted for the President, the DRPA and myself.

Dehod: The conference travel seems low.

Murphy: This is a quote from Air Canada.

Dehod: I will need to come back on Thursday night.

Tighe: Does it make sense for the new VP External to go?

Murphy: If he wants to.

Dehod: Is it budgeted.

Murphy: This was an expected conference but there isn't a lot of extra money. I will have to run a variance. In case there is not enough in the CASA budget.

FENTIMAN/MURPHY MOVED THAT the Executive Committee approve a budgeted expense not to exceed \$4050.00 for the President Nick Dehod, Vice President External Aden Murphy, Director of Research and Political Affairs Justin Williams, for the purpose of attending the CASA AGM on March 14-38, 2011 in Vancouver, B.C.

5/0/0 CARRIED

9. DISCUSSION PERIOD:

a) Budget

Dehod: So you had a budget question Rory.

Tighe: Shouldn't student group stuff be included in this?

Fentiman: No.

Tighe: I do like the point about the businesses, not running a deficit before and after cost appointment.

Fentiman: I have spoke to Peter about this.

An overall assessment of the current state of budget preparation was provided. Fentiman and Dumouchel noted that we are currently reviewing revenues and expenditures to bring the budget into balance. There are more additional programs, capital, and staffing changes anticipated than usual, and this has made budgeting more difficult this year.

Tighe inquired about the profitability standards for businesses. This led to a discussion of the overall portfolio, cost apportionments, and issues surrounding businesses such as SUBtitles, where affordability concerns constrain net revenue expectations. Tighe, Fentiman, and Dumouchel discussed how best to evaluate the business portfolio performance, whether that be by unit, by segment, or as a whole.

Dumouchel noted which business units were performing better or worse than expected. Fentiman and Dehod noted the service and strategic aspect of our operation of the Dewey's.

A consensus was achieved on removing the additional Executive support position from the budget. Murphy and Fentiman will discuss the possibility of funding the position out of any surplus Project Allocation funds from this fiscal year.

Fentiman and Dumouchel expressed their thanks to the Executive for the concerns and questions raised, noted that it was a very helpful discussion.

Tighe: We also need to give reasons why.

Fentiman: We only need to concentrate on Dewey's and Subtitles right now. We can not trade Dewey's for another place.

Dehod: Dewey's is a service and we want to stay in the Powerplant. It is a fact though that bars on campuses don't make money.

Dumouchel: It is hard to predict what the next exec will want to do. We don't know their priority.

Fentiman: I am glad there are concerns about performance issues from you guys and council.

Dehod: Aden we discussed the new position you want to create.

Eastham: I think we already have enough costs going on.

The executive committee then briefly discussed the idea of creating a new position and election costs.

10. REPORTS:

a) President

- PAW
- Fall reading week, getting the data presentable
- ASC meeting today
- Strategic plan stuff is on hold until next week
- Sustainability assessment will be in the week after reading week
- Government budget comes out next week

b) VP Academic

- ASC today
- Reading applications

- c) VP External
 - CASA HR stuff
 - CASA conference stuff
 - Senate report
 - Write step grant
- d) VP Operations & Finance
 - Today I met with CUPE
 - GSBD tonight
 - I have a midterm tomorrow
 - Health plan meeting yesterday
- e) VP Student Life
 - Getting ready for leave
 - Residence meeting
- f) General Manager
 - Health plan
 - Budget stuff

11. CLOSED SESSION:

12. ADJOURNMENT: Meeting adjourned at 1:28 pm.