

MINUTES

2010-2011 #31

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

October 26th, 2012 2:10 pm

ATTENDANCE: Colten Yamagishi President

Andy Cheema Vice President (Operations & Finance)

Petros Kusmu Vice President (External)
Saadiq Sumar Vice President (Student Life)
Nicole Buchholz Administrative Assistant-Council

Dustin Chelen Vice President (Academic)

Marc Dumouchel General Manager

REGRETS:

ABSENT: Zdena Fiala Administrative Assistant-Executive

1. CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order by Yamagishi at 2:10 pm.

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA: YAMAGISHI/SUMAR MOVED THAT the Executive Committee approve

the Agenda.

5/0/0 CARRIED

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: YAMAGISHI/SUMAR MOVED THAT the Executive Committee approve

the October 22nd, 2012 minutes as tabled.

5/0/0 CARRIED

4. ANNOUNCEMENTS: Dumouchel: Just wanted to give Colten kudos for helping edit the Annual

Report

5. ACTION ITEMS: Reviewed and updated.

6. STUDENTS' COUNCIL: Chelen: We should make an effort to get our reports in on time.

Kusmu: Also I got a couple of complaints that reports are not long enough for councillors to draw questions from. We should maybe make them a bit

longer.

7. OLD BUSINESS: n/a

8. New Business:

8.1) SUB Survey Dumouchel: As part of the renovation Zach has set them up to do a survey so

find out what food and stores students want in SUB.

Cheema: This will be run entirely by the volunteers. We just wanted to bring

this to exec because we have a policy about soliciting but this one is relevant and can be controlled.

Chelen: We should give the volunteers name tags with the SU logo so everyone will know they are with the SU.

Cheema: We have asked related questions in the SU survey but that takes longer to process.

Dumouchel: We are also going to be doing the survey beyond SUB as well.

Kusmu: We should also give the table vendors a heads up so they know that these people are with the SU.

Sumar: Agreed, we don't what them to see this as a green light to solicit.

CHEEMA/CHELEN MOVED to suspend policy 2.1c to allow for a SUB reno survey to take place in SUB.

5/0/0 CARRIED

9. DISCUSSION PERIOD:

9.1) UPass-SS

Sumar: Looking for direction from the exec on how we want to move forward on the pricing. A presentation was given to the City of Edmonton and it turned out well and a lot of people showed up. We still have yet to receive their survey they were going to send so we FOIPed them. Slashing the increase by half so this is an increase of 7.50 per year. There is a meeting on Tuesday so I am looking for feedback.

Dumouchel: That's not bad you are saving the students money.

Yamagishi: I say you go with the MPI as your first choice, and your second choice would be this line on the page but stay at 170, but only if they say no to what's on the page. Try and be strict with what you bring.

Chelen: It would be nice to see the facts because these numbers aren't based on usage data.

Kusmu: We should get a formal agreement.

Dumouchel: No matter what happens we can't just go with any number, it is our job to get the best deal for the students.

Cheema: What I have seen is them using dodgy data and logic. We have brought forward reasonable counteroffers yet not once have I seen them successfully rationalize their offers; they are just trying to get more money. Their end game does not seem aligned with the city's policies. We are in a strong position and we should stand our ground.

Yamagishi: I think you have their backs against the wall.

Sumar: Their data is based off of intercept surveys taken from students at transit stations where people get on and off the train, not just random students in SUB. On the advice of external parties we should do this when the smart cards are implemented.

Dumouchel: If ETS says this is going to create a hole then City councillors will rally behind the ETS.

Marc Dumouchel exits

Kusmu: I'm content with the top line.

Cheema: There is little to no chance of transit authorities walking out of the room.

Kusmu: We might be able to be the ones to have the most to lose, how would students react to a deadlock?

Sumar: I am unwilling to just walk away from the table. We have significant push back from Council.

Kusmu: Have you started the negotiating for the spring/summer UPass?

Sumar: Yes.

Kusmu: So if we are hard now will that screw us for the spring/summer UPass.

Sumar: No it won't. So from what I hear from you guys we are all comfortable staying with MPI.

9.2) Feminism Photo shoot

Yamagishi: This is happening right now and they want us to stand and hold signs about why we need feminism.

Kusmu: I don't see anything wrong with doing it.

Cheema: I don't know enough about the topic to be comfortable taking a position.

Chelen: So am I, if we are not able to talk knowledgably about the topic we should do it.

Yamagishi: I was going to do it but just write I believe in gender equality instead.

9.3) Bookstore Update

Chelen: Not sure what Marc wanted to say about it but the bookstore advisory group gave an update on the bookstore sales. Departments are looking to sell their own course packages, which would cut sales from SUBtitles and the bookstore. The bookstore is building a 5-year plan, and I

am working on a submission that will have 12-15 recommendations.

Kusmu: It's disheartening to see used book sales going down.

10. REPORTS:

10.1) President

- SERC, fall reading week, met with Robert from Uganda, went to the Legislature with Petros, All-Canadian athletes breakfast, Halloween video, had a quiz this morning, Council retreat tonight.
- 10.2) VP Academic
- USRIs, Bookstore, NUA, ESA, LSA FMF, MSA fees, appeals, FATF, lobby training, survey, SRTF.
- 10.3) VP External
- time with AGC CAUS, chatted with DPO, talked to Ministry today, going to PC AGM, booking tickets for CASA but want to get into Wild Rose AGM first, lobby training, going to more meetings, update to Council next meeting.
- 10.4) VP Operations & Finance
- Conference report, Powerplant Charrette, SUB Renos, Facilities and Operations, GSJS Board meeting, FDC, midterm.
- 10.5) VP Student Life
- UPass, campus musical.
- 10.6) General Manager
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11. CLOSED SESSION:

12. ADJOURNMENT: YAMAGISHI/CHELEN adjourned at 4:10 pm.