

# MINUTES

EXEC 05/16

## Executive Committee

July 21, 2005

<b>Attendance</b>	Graham Lettner	President
	Mat Johnson	Vice-President Academic
	Samantha Power	Vice-President External
	Jason Tobias	Vice-President Operations & Finance
	Justin Kehoe	Vice-President Student Life (arrived at 10:45 am)
	Bill Smith	General Manager
	Catherine van de Braak	E/A, Recording Secretary

- 1. Call to Order** The meeting was called to order by LETTNER at 10:34 am
- 2. Approval of Agenda** TOBIAS/JOHNSON MOVED THAT the agenda is approved as follows:  
Add 4b. Grantsmanship (Tobias)  
  
VOTE ON MOTION 4/0/0 CARRIED
- 3. Approval of Minutes** JOHNSON/TOBIAS MOVED THAT the July 19, 2005 minutes be approved as tabled.  
VOTE ON MOTION 4/0/0 CARRIED
- 4. Old Business**
  - a. Policy Development Timeline** Report will be tabled at next Thursday's executive meeting.
  - b. Grantsmanship** TOBIAS: have found a website through federal government that has all the federal and provincial grants. We are currently receiving a S.T.E.P grant and that appears to be all we are able to receive.  
  
JOHNSON: what about Wildrose Foundation?  
  
Tobias will continue to investigate
- 5. New Business** There is no new business
- 6. Discussion Period**
  - a. Dewey's Space** POWER: would like to promote the use of Dewey's by students and student groups. Dave Young has some ideas about this. It should be an extension of the coffee bar idea.  
  
SMITH: it was hoped that this would be a space for professors and students to meet and chat.

LETTNER: how can we promote this idea?

Power will meet with Dave Young to discuss this idea.

**b. Items for Council**

LETTNER: should show leadership by bringing bigger picture items to council.

Some examples of bigger picture items are:

- Volunteer strategy
- Financial discussion
- Travel Cuts-where are we now?
- USRI evaluation process
- SU mandate to satellite campuses.

It is important that a time line be planned around anything that is brought to council.

**c. Email Newsletter**

Power provided background on a proposal put together by Colin (ECO). The electronic newsletter would be put together by the ECO once a month and emailed to students. Students would need to signup to receive it.

Discussion ensued regarding the possibility of an opt out system rather than an opt in system.

LETTNER/TOBIAS MOVED THAT the VP Academic investigate the possibility of an opt-out campus wide undergrad e-newsletter.  
VOTE ON MOTION 5/0/0/ CARRIED

**d. Tory Leadership Candidates**

LETTNER: Jim Dinning has offered to meet with us, what are the guidelines around this?

Concerns were raised that this is an excellent time to get PSE issues on the table with possible candidates but it may be best to stay out of the picture until all candidates are known. This is a challenging situation to know how to handle.

Power and Lettner will discuss further.

**e. SU Surveys**

TOBIAS: Mini surveys were on the additional request list for a cost of \$5,000. Unsure how this would fit within the current structure so this was not approved. Feel that less talk, more walk is the way to go.

JOHNSON: there are issues with surveys on this campus. There may be value in being able to do them well; we could be in a break-even position if we did them for other departments.

SMITH: the goal with a quick survey was to be able to get information in a very short period of time.

POWER: not a fan of survey's, material can be made to support whatever conclusion we want.

TOBIAS: two methods for collecting data that we have are:

1. To use Ombuds and the Academic Guidance Centre
2. Use an email list to solicit feedback from students.

JOHNSON: we need an explicit system for collecting data.

This will be discussed in further detail at the next executive meeting.

**7. Reports**

**8. Announcements**

Tabled to the next meeting

**9. Adjournment**

Meeting adjourned at 12:05 pm