

MINUTES

EXEC 08/08

Executive Committee

June 16,2008

Attendance

Janelle Morin	President
John Braga	Vice-President Academic
Beverly Eastham	Vice-President External
Kristen Flath	Vice- Student Life
Melissa Loais	Administrative Assistant- Executive

Absent

Bill Smith	General Manager
Steven Dollansky	Vice-President Operations and Finance

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by MORIN at 11:05 am.

2. Approval of Agenda

MORIN/BRAGA MOVED THAT the agenda is approved with the following changes:

Move to the next meeting;

Journal

Policy Renumbering

Merchandise and SPR

Carbon Neutral

Staff Orientation

Add the following:

Travel Request

Update to general survey

VOTE ON MOTION

4/0/0 CARRIED

3. Approval of Minutes

MORIN/BRAGA MOVED THAT the June 9,2008 minutes be suspended until next meeting.

VOTE ON MOTION

4/0/0 CARRIED

4. Action Summaries

Reviewed and updated

5. Old Business

a. APIRG

EASTHAM/FLATH MOVED THAT the Executive Committee move in camera.

b. AVP Recognition

FLATH: AVPSL has raised the idea of AVP recognition: what their goals are and how they involved in the University. It may be a good idea to add this to the SU website.

Concerns were raised regarding the following areas:

where do we draw the line?

Don't want there to be confusion for students since they should be contacting the Exec not the AVP's. MORIN: Maybe we should look at the history of the AVP's since these positions have been here with the SU for about three years. Many of our hired staff are students as well and maybe discussing this more would be the best for now.

FLATH: I don't see a problem with this and I don't see the difference between placing a service position vs. an AVP position on the website.

EASTHAM: It could help out with recruiting applicants for upcoming year.

MORIN: How about one banner with all three AVP's stating what they do. Will discuss at a later executive meeting.

6. New Business

a. AVP External

EASTHAM: As you all may know we have hired a new AVP External, her name is Karen Lawrence. I am excited to work with her this upcoming year.

b. Goals

MORIN: We are meeting with Henderson this afternoon to discuss the Executive goals. I would like us to develop more specific goals for can be used at certain meeting.

c. Travel Request

EASTHAM: Partners Conference is an annual event, which takes place in Halifax. It is taking place Aug 19th-Aug 21st and as chair of CAUS it is recommended that Henderson and I attend. This would be a great opportunity to talk to other Provincial lobby groups. I think that bringing Henderson would bring a different viewpoint.

MORIN: Is Chris going as a representation of the Students' Union and yourself as a representation of CAUS?

EASTHAM: I think I would be going as both since represent the Students' Union and CAUS. I think there is a lot of value of attending this Conference.

MORIN: I would like us to take a critical decision on this so I feel as though it would be best if we wait for Bill and Steven before we make a decision. I would like their input.

7. Discussion Period

a. Exec Blogs

MORIN: The University of Lethbridge use blogs as a way of interacting with the University and the students. I think this would be a great idea for us to try we could engage with students and faculty staff. I have talked to Marc Dumouchel and he said this would be easy to add to the website.

EASTHAM: Would we just add comments? I think it would be difficult to keep up with this.

BRAGA: I agree since I wouldn't want this to take up much time.

KRISTEN: As well as looking at this from a liability issue, we

would have to be careful with what is said. I think the Exec and Councillors would engage in this.

BRAGA: We would have to be aware of how we phrase things, I agree with Kristen. Lethbridge is also a smaller University and maybe this is why blogging works for them.

MORIN: We should look at what we would like to get out there, looking at other methods to become more engaged with students.

b. Hiring Policy

MORIN: This has been brought to my attention; any job positing must be posted for seven days. I have talked to Val and this is required since we don't want to put our union contract in jeopardy.

c. Update to general survey

BRAGA: I have met with Geoff and we have decided to go ahead with the general survey. This will have to be done by July 1st.

FLATH: How many hours would be put into this?

BRAGA: Looking at the Exec going out to campus to see what can be included. Geoff will focus on this primarily and each of us would put in a couple of hours a week.

8. Reports

a. VP Academic

Attending STHLE and CRAM

Will be have access to e-mail

b. VP External

Pam helping out with transition for Karen

Partnership Conference

Hired EPIO

c. VP Student Life

Reading up on Health Plans

d. President

Meeting with Henderson to discuss Goals

Senior Managers Meeting

9. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 12:25 pm