UNIVERSITY OF ALBERTA STUDENTS' UNION

MINUTES

2009-2010 II #46

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

December 9, 2009

ATTENDANCE:	Kory Mathewson	*President*
	Beverly Eastham	*Vice President (External)*
	Zach Fentiman	*Vice President (Operations & Finance)*
	Nick Dehod	*Vice President (Student Life)*
	Marc Dumouchel	*General Manager*
REGRETS:	Leah Trueblood	*Vice President (Academic)*

1. CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order by MATHEWSON at 12:23.

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA: DEHOD/FENTIMAN moved to approve the December 9, 2009 agenda as tabled with the following additions:

New Business
a) Operating Policy 9.08: Management Positions (FENTIMAN)

Discussion Period
a) Holiday Card (EASTHAM)
b) Olympic Torch Running (DEHOD)
c) CAUS Press Conference (EASTHAM)

4/0/0 CARRIED

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: EASTHAM/MATHEWSON moved to approve the December 2, 2009 minutes as tabled.

4/0/0 CARRIED

4. ANNOUNCEMENTS: No announcements.

5. ACTION SUMMARIES: Reviewed and updated.

6. STUDENTS' COUNCIL: No Students' Council discussion.

7. OLD BUSINESS: No old business.

8. NEW BUSINESS:

a) Operating Policy 9.08: Management Positions (FENTIMAN)

a) FENTIMAN/EASTHAM moved to adopt tabled amendments to Operating Policy 9.08.

4/0/0 CARRIED

9. DISCUSSION PERIOD:

a) Holiday Card (EASTHAM)

EASTHAM: We had a discussion about a holiday card last year—to send out a holiday card to our counterparts, people we work with, administration. We came up with an abridged list of people we would send a card. GSA etc. The list should still exist, wondering if we are going to do this again.

Last year we took a lot of silly pictures at the staff party, and we sent an internal e-card to all users to thank them for all the work they've done in first semester, wishing them a good break.

DUMOUCHEL: We should ask services to forward it to their volunteers and Students' Council.

EASTHAM: Design did a really great job at designing the e-card last year.

The executive was generally in favour of the idea.

Action: MATHEWSON to direct the Executive Assistant to find the list and assist with this and follow-up with the Marketing Department.

b) Olympic Torch Running (DEHOD)

DEHOD: I got an email regarding a committee being formed The Olympic torch will be coming. They will want to know how we can get students involved. I have a U-Pass meeting that conflicts with this meeting tomorrow.

MATHEWSON is available and will attend this meeting.

c) CAUS Press Conference (EASTHAM)

EASTHAM: This is for your information. Been working with Kehoe to secure SUBstage for a media conference on December 14, 2009 (1:30 to 2:30 PM) after my meeting with Doug Horner. It isn't totally ideal because it could be noisy and at the end of exam time.

FENTIMAN: I'm fine with it if Programming and Venues has no serious concerns.

d) Student Distress Center (DEHOD)

DEHOD: We are discussing what the service is going to look like because of TSN's termination of the training agreement. The goal is to shift from continuing support to first-line crisis intervention assistance.

Currently, there is a first assessment period and an education component. What we want to add to the service is an outreach component. We need to do a complete overhaul on how we do training. The proposed name is the Peer Support Centre.

EASTHAM: Is there a concern that it might confuse people with Peer Health Services?

FENTIMAN: Could be interesting to bring this up with the DoS and USS to see if there are any opportunities for collaboration with this service.

e) Student Counselling Services (DEHOD/FENTIMAN)

DEHOD/FENTIMAN updated the executive on the Student Counselling Services Fee issue. Reiterated that we are concerned with the information and reasoning that has been presented and will be writing a letter outlining our concerns as per Dean Robinson's request.

10. REPORTS:

a) President

- Survey prizing emails went out, winner of laptop was in Native Studies
- The results are public and online, the link is on the executive blog
- We will publish analysis and data in The Gateway
- Revolutionary Speaker Series for January 28, 2009 is looking really good.
- Tuition discussion in ongoing, had a conference call with CAUS today.

b) VP Academic

n/a

c) VP External

- Essay and exam are both done
- Horner on the 14th
- Met with Duncan Wojtaszek yesterday to discuss tuition issues
- Participated in a CASA conference call, the voting structure is now 2/3 of the member schools and 50%+1 of the represented students instead of one school, one vote.
- February 9, 2009 looking to be a "Day of Action" for tuition—U of C and ASEC are joining to do this. Working with Chris Henderson on this.
- Planning for next semester

d) VP Operations & Finance

- One exam on Friday left
- Working on the SCS letter
- Preparing the agenda for SRC tomorrow
- Had a F&A Manager interview today
- Shortlisting Student Services Manager candidates
- Augustana trip was good

e) VP Student Life

- Working on SDC stuff
- Working on Campus Cup: It will happen.
- U-Pass meeting Tuesday, discussed assessment of co-op students

f) General Manager

- PAW
- Management Hiring

11. CLOSED SESSION:

Entered closed session 13:36.

12. ADJOURNMENT:

MATHEWSON/DEHOD moved to adjourn.

4/0/0 CARRIED

Meeting adjourned at 13:45.