

MINUTES

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

2009-2010 || #40

November 16, 2009

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

1. CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order by MATHEWSON at 12:35

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA: FENTIMAN/DEHOD moved to approve the November 16, 2009 agenda as tabled with the following additions:

Discussion Period

- a) Registrar's Office Discussion Group (MATHEWSON)
- b) Awards on Transcripts (TRUEBLOOD)
- c) Medicine 2012 Tuition Survey (MATHEWSON)
- d) The PAW (DEHOD)
- e) Campus Cup (DEHOD)
- f) Sustainability Strategic Plan (DEHOD)
- g) Health Plan Coverage (DEHOD)
- h) Student Counseling Services (DEHOD)

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3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: DEHOD/MATHEWSON moved to approve the November 9, 2009 minutes as tabled.

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4. ANNOUNCEMENTS: DUMOUCHEL: The Assistant General Manager has served notice. She will scale back her hours starting January. Anita will be deeply missed.

MATHEWSON: We have a new receptionist, very exciting for the organization.

5. ACTION SUMMARIES: Reviewed and updated.

6. STUDENTS' COUNCIL: MATHEWSON: The Provost is coming tomorrow to council to talk about market modifiers. There is a Facebook event with about 80 people confirmed as attending. There seemed to be some interest at Lister Joint Council on Sunday night. I will contact Jerry regarding more food.

DEHOD: There will also be the PAW presentation tomorrow at council.

MATHEWSON: *The Gateway* is curious about the status of the Bylaw 2000 review survey, will contact Thomas L'Abbe to see the results. Will ask a question in Question Period.

7. OLD BUSINESS: No old business.

8. NEW BUSINESS:

a) Die Board Tribune Selection Committee (MATHEWSON) Tabled to Old Business on November 18th, 2009. MATHEWSON will follow up with Catherine.

9. DISCUSSION PERIOD:

a) Registrar's Office Discussion Group (MATHEWSON) MATHEWSON: Not intended to be a decision making body, but will develop the relationship between our executive and their entire planning group. Topics would include opportunities for collaboration, our priorities and feedback.

There was consensus that this is a good idea.

Action: MATHEWSON will confirm with the Registrar's office.

b) Awards on Transcripts (TRUEBLOOD) TRUEBLOOD: This is coming up on the ASC agenda if this is something we want to support?

MATHEWSON: This is very important.

FENTIMAN: Concerns about the verification system in place, questions about the mechanics. There are some scholarships that should be applied that aren't.

c) Medicine 2012 Tuition Survey (MATHEWSON) MATHEWSON: The survey asks for three things: students' opinions, what an appropriate increase would be and what could be done. Good work by the Medical Students' Association.

DEHOD: As a side note, the Education Students' Association is protesting at the legislature tomorrow.

TRUEBLOOD and DEHOD will try to attend the ESA rally.

d) The PAW (DEHOD) DEHOD: Everything was going well, recently experienced complications. Students feel the magic number is \$25/term.

DEHOD: We have negotiated it so that if students are paying a fee, they are going to run the building. Student majority on the board as it stands. This board will create budget principles, with a mechanism to honor the principles, else we will withhold the undergraduate student portion.

DUMOUCHEL: First, the Academic and Non-Academic Staff are not going to participate which leaves undergraduates and graduates. Second, they had

been budgeting on a 5% loan interest rate. The BOG will not currently entertain it unless there is a 7% interest rate. If we go at 7% with just the students, the fee works out to about a \$67/year. We have many questions about how the dispute mechanism will work. On the governance side, it will likely not go forward with this proposed model. Our only dispute mechanism could be binding arbitration. We're going to talk to the bank, and the University who deals with the financing of projects.

Discussion ensued regarding the timing with the university and the crafting and timeline of the referendum question.

e) Campus Cup (DEHOD) DEHOD: If you could put money from Campus Cup into a charity which would it be? My preference would be for something that benefits everyone on campus.

FENTIMAN: Perhaps we should stay with Kidsport to be sensitive to what our partners in Dodgefest conventionally support.

MATHEWSON: Good idea, but we should be conscious that this then sets the precedent.

DEHOD: This will be nailed down on Friday, follow-up with me if you have thoughts.

f) Sustainability Strategic Plan (DEHOD) DEHOD: Even though the Students' Union Social Justice Committee is making the principles, ECOS operates on a shorter timeline because of their relationship with the Office of Sustainability. As such, they will present to the Office of Sustainability a more general five-year plan.

DEHOD: One of our peer schools recently completed a sustainability audit of their organization I think this is a good and important idea.

FENTIMAN: I think it would cost more for us to pursue. I would like to do one to help with the strategic sustainability document.

DEHOD: It could save on costs, too.

DUMOUCHEL: Did a green plan in 1991 at a cost of \$15,000. It was useful, and was kept in mind for the renovation of the building. The Manager of Facilities, however, is the expert on this and should be contacted.

Action: DEHOD will investigate the logistics of the organization undergoing an environment audit.

g) Health Plan Coverage (DEHOD) DEHOD: You can get Tamiflu if you have H1N1. Our Health Plan covers anything under the Alberta Formulary; this is a list of what can be prescribed in the province. Unfortunately, Tamiflu is not on the Formulary. The government of Alberta will give it for free to people who have H1N1. However, if you want to take Tamiflu preventatively, it is approximately \$50. Tamiflu is not and cannot be covered by the Alberta Government for preventative use, because they do not want it to be misallocated.

DUMOUCHEL: We have a situation where people are complaining that the drugs are not covered. One can still fill out an exception form outlining from their doctor that the medication is necessary; however, some physicians charge to fill out the form. Bottom line: some students are very unhappy.

MATHEWSON: Will we be dealing with issues like this every year? Studentcare should be addressing these concerns.

DUMOUCHEL/DEHOD: This needs to be addressed systematically. Some students seem unsatisfied when speaking to Studentcare.

DUMOUCHEL: Some of this is growing-pains.

DEHOD: When the Health Plan Committee is established some of these concerns will be sent there. There are different models at different schools for how these questions are managed, at some schools one person does this (e.g. the Vice President (Operations and Finance) or the Vice President (Student Life)). The committee was thought to be the best option. The committee, with two executive members, three students, and a Studentcare representative, will be empowered to make these decisions.

h) Student Counseling Services (DEHOD)

DEHOD: Student Counseling Services has been talking to the university about a number of years to increase the number of counselors. We have one of the highest ratios of students to counselors in Canada. The proposal is to charge \$20/visit after an initial consultation. Essentially, they want health plan to pay for student counselors if students have coverage. Are we willing to accept a proposal of \$20 after an initial consult given that the health plan has coverage for this? We have a two-year premium freeze, so Studentcare would need to contact the provider.

DEHOD: I'm raising this because this was previously something that was provided to students for free. Whose responsibility is it to provide counseling?

FENTIMAN: I would suggest we come back with an altered proposal.

10. REPORTS:

Due to time constraints, reports were not conducted.

11. CLOSED SESSION:

Entered closed session at 14:30

10. ADJOURNMENT:

Meeting adjourned at 14:31.