

Minutes of the Executive Committee  
March 13<sup>th</sup>, 2009

Present: Ross Horton (General Manager), Kelli Seepaul (Communications Manager), Sheldon Goldfarb (Archivist-Researcher), Adrienne Smith (Policy Adviser), Blake Frederick (President), Tim Chu (VP External), Johannes Rebane (VP University Affairs), Tom Dvorak (VP Finance), Crystal Hon (VP Administration), Mike Carlson (Assistant to the President)

Absent: None

Called to order at 2:16

Meeting ended at 3:45

Note: The new ECSS has been hired

1. Approval of Agenda
2. Approval of Minutes  
In the future, to save paper and to be more efficient, minutes will be EMAILED out to seek approval
3. Points of Action  
A council motion is still needed to put Tim on C&P committee  
Tom will talk to Jamil this week  
Mike Carlson will put the agenda on the white board from now on
4. Personal updates  
Exec conflicts all worked out
5. Exec team meetings  
Will be scheduled by Joanne for Tuesdays. Support staff not required
6. Exec Blog Schedule  
Kelli created an Exec blog schedule (Exec be advised to consult this weekly)
7. Carolina's Presentation  
Please be conscious of 'Sustainability' as an issue... (reusable, bottle water free, maintenance issues...  
Possible food bank initiatives

Discussion about the Council meeting the night before.

Conclusions: The addendum Agenda on the day of Council will not be allowed to happen again.

8. Exec Blackberries  
Discussion on the charging scheme in case Executives go over their minutes...  
Conclusion: If you go over, you pay.  
Discussion about keeping your old cell phone.  
Someone will approach Alex and get Johannes' phone back

9. President's Fund Banner

The banner was lost. A replacement will have to be ordered. It will cost around \$200. Tom will figure out how to pay for it from the existing budget.

10. Privacy Policy

Tim and Blake will meet with the faculty association.

In response to the policy change, the AMS will:

- Send a delegation to BOG committee meetings
- Create a media release
- Lobby the Ubysey to press the issue further

Discussion about what the course of action will be when the policy is approved. Possible outcomes include a joint lawsuit.

Conclusion: We will continue to discuss this and we will pursue a meeting with the University Council.

11. Vancouver Pride Parade

Should the AMS participate in August?

Conclusion: Yes, as the precedent has been set for large organizations to be involved, the AMS would like to show its support for equality.

12. Five days for the homeless (Johannes)

Johannes is participating in an awareness campaign where he will stay outside for five days with all proceeds going to the Broadway Youth Resource Center. He is requesting money from the Exec to give to the cause.

Discussion about how charitable donations should be made and the role of both the AMS foundation and the procedure of giving donations.

Conclusion: Tom will create some procedure of application which Johannes can appeal to.

13. UN international covenant

The AMS will pursue a legal battle with the Province on the basis that the recent Education funding cuts are against the UN charter.

14. Impeachment???

Sheldon: The AMS was said to be in violation of the Societies Act for its policies regarding councilors being kicked off Council. This has been deemed to be true.

Conclusion: Sheldon will draft the Code and Policy changes necessary, which will then be brought to the next Council meeting. A legal opinion suggests this may be unclear in the context of removing Councilors for missing meetings, but the vast majority of BC Societies act in a similar manner to us, and we should be OK to continue with our current procedures regarding the removal of directors as a result of missing meetings. It is also the opinion of our lawyers that directors can only be removed ("impeached") by special resolution, and our current procedures (A member of the Executive Council may be removed upon a 2/3 Resolution of the Council) are not compliant with the Act.

15. Retreat follow up

Time will be scheduled for each Exec to write the "letters" as required from the retreat.

16. Just Desserts Nominations

Discussion about potential candidates.

Conclusion: Two individuals have been selected. Tom will write the 200 word summary for the one recipient.

Meeting Adjourned

**ACTION ITEMS:**

- a) Exec member on Code and Policy
- b) Tom will talk to Jamil about Block party funding
- c) Privacy policy discussion
- d) Mike Carlson will put the agenda on the white board
- e) Exec team meetings
- f) Five days for the homeless (Johannes)
- g) Retreat follow up letters
- h) Just desserts nominations