EXECUTIVE BOARD

MEETING MINUTES

MAY 20, 2009

Present:
Adrienne Canning, James Freeman, Agata Stypka, Takuto Shiota, Yifan Wang, Stacy Chappel

Regrets:
none

The meeting was called to order at 10:30 am with Canning in the Chair

STANDING ITEMS

1. Approval of Agenda
M/S
Agenda is approved with addition of UBC GSS, Student Issues, Degree Quality Assessment Board, and Retreat Review.
CARRIED

2. Approval of Minutes
M/S
Executive Minutes for May 5, 2009 are approved
CARRIED

3. Business arising from the minutes
Shiota will be away June 21st to July 1st.

TASK: Chappel to prepare written notice to departments explaining the 3.0 units required for the EHC/D plan.

There was discussion of survey options.

4. Executive Reports
Director of Communications: Freeman has been away since retreat, but is happy to be back.

Director of Services: Stypka reported she had been in contact with UVic communications regarding grad student conferences. She reported that no cohesive list could be found on the UVic events calendar.
Director of Student Affairs: Wang reported attending a retreat on Pender Island for the CSSA.

Director of Finance: Shiota had nothing new to report.

Chair: Canning prepared for upcoming GEC meeting. A new program is being proposed, HINF – Nursing Interdisciplinary Program. There is no plan for grad student funding for this program; new faculty space will be created (no mention of student space). The proposed program, aimed at working nurses, has a co-op component which seems redundant: if the student can go back to the former employer, why would they pay coop fees?

Stypka asked what funding is like for current Nursing and HINF students.

Canning expects many students in the program will be distance.

**TASK: Chappel to send GRC email & name list to exec, esp. Nursing & HINF reps.**

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**INTERNAL BUSINESS**

5. **Departmental Grants**

M/S

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*Whereas the minimum catering charge for the David Clode Room is $500 plus room booking fee; and*

*Whereas the Halpern Centre and Particularly the David Clode Room are intended to be used by graduate students for graduate student functions; and*

*Whereas it is counter to the interests of the GSS to reduce the catering minimum; therefore*

*BIRT the maximum department grant for academic activities is $300*

*BIFRT the maximum department grant for social activities held outside the Halpern Centre is $100,*

*BIFRT the maximum department grant for social and academic activities held in the David Clode Room is $500 plus a room rental fee waiver.*

**Motion to Amend Freeman/Shiota**

Strike “BIFRT the maximum department grant for social activities held outside ... room rental fee waiver” and insert “BIFRT the maximum department grant for social activities is $200; and BIFRT for catered events in the David Clode Room which are funded by the department grant and meet the catering minimum will have the room booking fee waived.”

Amendment CARRIED

6. **Departmental Grants (amended)**

*Whereas the current maximum department grant is $400 if academic and social activities are combined; and*

*Whereas the minimum catering charge for the David Clode Room is $500 plus room booking fee; and*
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BIRT the maximum department grant for academic activities is $300

BIFRT the maximum department grant for social activities is $200; and

BIFRT for catered events in the David Clode Room which are funded by the department grant and meet the catering minimum will have the room booking fee waived.

CARRIED as amended

7. Re-application for Departmental Grants

M/S
BIRT reapplication for a second grant for $200 can be done at Jan. 1st.
CARRIED

8. Athletics Committee

The board discussed a committee request.

TASK Canning is to write BoG re: Referendum.

TASK Chappel to put Stypka back on UVSS Clubs Council.

9. Meeting Times

The executive adopts the proposed session 1st week in July Tues-Wed.

TASK Chappel to set up room 115 for executive space

TASK Canning to post meeting times on Windows Live

GRC meeting planned for mid August.

CLOSING ITEMS

10. Other Business

a) UBC GSS

Dimitry Contastenescu from the UBC GSS contacted GSS.

TASK Canning to respond to UBC suggesting summer meet up.

b) Student Issues

It was reported that AIS has been cut for some students, or not paid until August.
TASK Canning to raise AIS issue at GEC.

GOAL: Seek annual funding letter to each graduate student.

[Chappel left]

c) Closed Session

Meeting adjourned at 12:00 pm

Minutes approved by:

Adrienne Canning, Chair

Stacy Chappel, Executive Director

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