EXECUTIVE BOARD

MEETING MINUTES

JULY 14, 2009

Present:
Adrienne Canning, James Freeman, Agata Stypka, Stacy Chappel

Regrets:
Takuto Shiota, Yifan Wang.

The meeting was called to order at 1:37 pm with Canning in the Chair

STANDING ITEMS

1. Approval of Agenda

MOTION 01 M/S
Agenda is approved
CARRIED

2. Approval of Minutes
Minutes were TABLED

3. Business arising from the minutes

Adrienne noted some slight changes to the Strategic Plan draft—clarifying the end date for the campaign to change the University Act; making the resolution sought for the campaign for the Pacific Leaders to be reinstatement or replacement of the program with better grad funding; add Grad Students Society’s running a candidate for BoG at each BC university as a campaign strategy for seats on BoG and Senate

4. Executive Reports

Executive Director: Chappel submitted a written report.

Director of Communications: Freeman reported he attended the BC wide meeting of Graduate Societies “BCAGS”, formed a BCAGS facebook group and worked on the Source.
**Director of Services:** Stypka reported she met with Adrienne regarding the ED job indicators, attended a meeting regarding orientation and how UVIC’s orientation will run, and booked a table for presidents day on September 8. 

(Chappel noted gift cards are ready and department orientation dates are being collected).

**Chair:** Canning reported she attended BCAGS, worked on the job description and performance measure for the ED, chaired a meeting on the ED review, met with Julia Eastman (the University Secretary) as well as Veronica from the UVSS re BoG and Athletics.

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**INTERNAL BUSINESS**

5.  **Capital Spending**

Chappel reported the roof was found to be rotting in one area when FMGT came to start the project to recover the beer lines. As such she had asked for a quote on having the roof inspected, and advice provided on roof replacement requirement so the GSS could plan for the future cost.

Options of insurance for roof inspection were discussed.

**MOTION 02 M/S**

*Once it has been established there is no insurance or warranty covering the roof inspection,*

*$500 is allocated from the Capital Fund for a roof inspection cost.*

**CARRIED**

**TASK:** Chappel to ask FMGT about options for insurance, and proceed as needed with the roof inspection.

6.  **SFU/UNBC/UBC meeting review**

Canning reported that all the UVIC GSS items submitted were prioritized. Other issues raised were international students’ rights. As this issue isn’t handled provincially, there was little progress. She reported all the GSS groups supported audit requirements for provincial and national student organizations being mandated in the University Act just as student society audits are mandated. On BoG and Senate reps, Jamie from UBC is gathering info on other western universities. Regarding the cancellation of the Pacific Leaders Scholarship, the consensus was a BC scholarship modelled on USASK and the Ontario grad funding is better. Other issues raised were Childcare (and the option of starting our own childcare) and affordable housing.

UBC is hosting a conference in October—a National Conference on Childcare. Mrijank, UBC’s VP External Academic is the contact.

For increasing seats on the BOG, Adrienne is writing a position paper.

Next steps are to establish a constant, stable, but informal platform for cooperation between the GSS groups. UBC will come to meet with the Minister of Advanced Education along with the UVIC GSS once we are ready to meet.

Stipends for Executive members were also compared. At UNBC the tuition for the President is covered by the GSS and VP has theirs partly covered. At SFU they have a 3 person executive each receiving $2000 per month. Executive Committee members get $250/ month and the grad reps get $50 per meeting.

Chappel noted the GSS GRC reps had not been keen on the stipend for grad reps idea when raised last year, as pizza or food is already provided.
At UBC the President gets $12,000 annually, the VP gets $10,000 annually, and the AVP gets $6000 annually. There are 20 others who receive $400 per month.

Regarding the Funding Letter campaign, UBC students receive multi-year funding packages at the outset. UNBC as an office they give to grad students without offices.

The idea of an interdepartmental conference was raised, as was the idea of a “second annual BCAGS” to be held at UVIC in July 2010 in tandem with the interdepartmental academic conference.

**TASK:** Chappel and Stypka to meet regarding the history of UVIC childcare.

7. **Closed Session**

[Chappel left the meeting]

Meeting adjourned at 3:00 pm.

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Minutes approved by:

[Signatures]

Adrienne Canning, Chair

Stacy Chappel, Executive Director