Present:
Adrienne Canning, Nick Graham, Kalin McCluskey, Matt Park, Stacy Chappel

Regrets:
Qi Ke

The meeting was called to order at 11:41 am with McCluskey in the Chair.

STANDING ITEMS

1. Approval of Agenda
M/S Canning/Park
Agenda was approved as presented
CARRIED

2. Approval of Minutes
M/S Canning/Graham
March 23, 2010 minutes were approved with minor corrections
CARRIED

3. Business Arising from the Minutes
Park asked whether the final issue of the Source was completed for the SGM.
Chappel stated it was and the budget should not have run over, as printing costs were kept low.

INTERNAL BUSINESS

4. Orientation for the new executive
Chappel referred to written materials.
TASK: Chappel will ensure Ke’s email is set up.

TASK: Chappel to investigate VIRCS and Ombudsperson training options to assist executive and grad reps with advocacy, especially for international students.

TASK: Executive members will consider options for working with the Anti Violence Project (AVP) and McCluskey will invite their staff person to a future GSS meeting.

TASK: Canning will forward feedback from 2009 orientation to Graham and Ke.

TASK: Canning to forward her proposed Executive Report template.

M/S Canning/Park
The Executive Board reports to the Graduate Representative Council will use the template as proposed by Canning.
CARRIED

5. Signing Authority

M/S McCluskey/Park
Kalin McCluskey and Matthew Park are signing officers on all GSS accounts effective April 1, 2010; and Adrienne Canning will remain a signing officer during the executive transition period until April 30, 2010.
CARRIED

6. Capital Expenses

Chappel reported GSS had a roofing inspection last term because of a persistent problem of leaks. Facilities reported there are no issues or concerns with the roofing, however, the inspector felt there is an issue with the wall sleeve. The wall inspection would cost around $2700 in capital fees.

TASK: Chappel and Park to meet with Facilities Project Manager, and bring a recommendation to the next executive meeting.

[Park left at 1:00 pm].

7. Campaigns: Counselling Program Fee

The letter by email from Melissa Quin of the Ministry of Advanced Education dated March 30, 2010 was received for information.

TASK: The Campaigns Committee will meet and bring a recommendation for next steps to the Executive Board.

8. Campaigns: Travel Grants

McCluskey reported she and Chappel had met with Dean Devor and the scholarship administrators last Thursday at the request of the Dean.

There was extensive discussion of the issue.

Canning was concerned the report from the Dean did not match the prior discussion with the GSS, especially in regards to the use of 2010-2011 funds, including the additional funds provided by the GSS and CUPE 4163, for grants approved for use in March 2009.

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TASK: McCluskey will circulate her briefing on the meeting with the Dean to the Executive.

TASK: McCluskey will meet with Shiota and Ashbourne to clarify the agreement made with FGS regarding additional travel grants funds from GSS and CUPE 4163, and once this is clarified will submit a motion to the Executive Board for vote by email.

McCluskey reported the Dean is proposing restrictions on the funds.

TASK: AGM And March 23 Executive Board minutes will be revisited after the meeting with Shiota and Ashbourne.

9.  

Motions passed at the AGM

Chappel referred to written reports.

Chappel noted the language regarding CEP bargaining with the GSS and Ethical Investment policy campaign, as well as the tabled discussion regarding the campaign to rename the Trutch Building, will need to be considered along with the strategic planning process.

Canning noted her concern that there was no specific group named in the motion regarding the Ethical Investment campaign, so it is not clear which campaign the GSS is meant to be supporting.

Chappel noted there are additional ethical funding questions that may be of interest to graduate students, such as sources of research funding, and the increasing involvement of corporate representatives in the granting council governance.

10.  

Welcome Centre Committee

M/S

*Fatma Dogus is elected the GSS representative to the Welcome Centre Advisory Committee.*

CARRIED

11.  

Welcome Centre Committee

M/S

*Matt Riddett and Leanne Wiltsie are elected the GSS representatives to UVic Working Group on Childcare Expansion.*

CARRIED

Chappel referred the executive to the background information for the Working Group on Childcare Expansion.

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Closing Items

12.  

Other Business

There was no other business.

The meeting adjourned at 2:04 pm.

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