UNIVERSITY OF VICTORIA GRADUATE STUDENTS' SOCIETY

EXECUTIVE BOARD

MEETING MINUTES

JUNE 20, 2012

Present: Dallas Hermanson, Colleen Clement, Pál Skar, Jon Potter, Stacy Chappel

Regrets: Brian Pollick

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

TASKS ASSIGNED AT THE MEETING

TASK: Chappel was directed to review policy and prepare a detailed briefing for the Executive Board.
TASK: Chappel to write Faculty of Graduate Studies or VP Academic to request the letter and photo.
TASK: Hermanson to send the current version of the draft letter to the Executive Board by email for review.

STANDING ITEMS

Hermanson noted he would need to leave by 11:15 as the Presidents Appointment Committee has a meeting at 11:30.

AGENDA

The Agenda was approved with the following changes:
Discussion of June 6, 2012 Executive Board Minutes and Business arising were moved to the end of the meeting as time was limited.

INTERNAL BUSINESS

CAPITAL SPENDING

M/S Clement/Potter
RESOLVED that $2000 can be spent from the Capital fund for the purchase of a freezer/fridge alarm

Chappel referred to Sistili’s written submission.

She noted that freezer breakdown had cost quite a bit in food losses in past. In several cases, the freezer shut down on reading week or a long weekend, and an alarm would ensure staff were informed by security, and could have the problem fixed, saving the food.

CARRIED

COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS

M/S Skar/Hermanson
RESOLVED that Matthew Riddett is elected to the Senate Committee on Appeals
CARRIED
RESIDENCE TENANCY REGULATIONS

Chappel reviewed some issues that had been raised about the tenancy agreement for students living in residences. She noted students living in university residences are not covered by BC's Residential Tenancy Act. UVIC had a rule where students could stay until their last exam, or the last day of exams. Chappel said she was concerned this might not work for TA's if they need to invigilate exams. Additionally, since graduate students often stay at University in the summer, moving out mid way through April does not seem like the best arrangement.

Chappel proposed the GSS consider writing a letter to the University housing office regarding the agreement.

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OTHER BUSINESS

HANDBOOK

Clement reported she had contacted the Faculty of Graduate Studies and wasn't sure they would contribute the same as previous years for the handbook. However, she had requested a letter introducing the new Dean of Graduate Studies be provided. She was concerned this wasn't really the current Dean's job as he will be gone a month before the new Dean arrives, and has lots to do to wind up his office.

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CUPE LETTER

Hermanson reported the CUPE letter had not been re-drafted; CUPE was busy with bargaining at the moment.

TASK: Hermanson to send the current version of the draft letter to the Executive Board by email for review.

ADJOURNMENT

Approval of the June 6, 2012 Executive Board minutes was tabled.

[The meeting was adjourned at 11:10pm]

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Approved, Chair

Approved, Executive Director