

MINUTES OF THE

ALGOMA UNIVERSITY STUDENTS UNION

Feb 11, 2008

PRESENT:

D. Houston, D. Sutcliffe, I. Bari, J. Pringle, J. Gair, R. Lefebvre, J. Tetreault, D. Elliott,
D. Mann, J. Gagnon

ABSENT:

M. Ross, T. Sayers, M. F. Boulaine, Rumman

TIME CALLED TO ORDER:

1:11PM

MINUTES:

1. D. Houston called the meeting to order and discussion was started with regards to the position of recording secretary being filled and the status of J. Gair and her involvement and commitment to the organization (AUSU). Discussion was delayed to see if J. Gair would make attendance. A motion was made to defer this subject later in the meeting to see if J. Gair arrived.
2. D. Sutcliffe made a statement regarding future possibilities such as a joint venture with local bar Foggy Notions in which there would be an all age's show in which the profit would be split with 20% going to the band, 40% going to the bar and 40% going to AUSU. J. Pringle brought up the question of the use of the AUC Campus Bar and nothing making the same deal with the band while supporting our own bar and AUSU. Also D. Sutcliffe brought up the projection of a joint venture with Sault College of applied Arts and Technology. This was not confirmed yet was a great possibility. Finally D. Sutcliffe gave a status of the

new AUSU website done by Curtis O'Neil. A sheet was sent around in which each member signed up for a particular area to keep current for the new website.

Also the idea was presented to that of a new computer and digital camera. There was not need for a motion regarding the purchase of a new computer since this was passed at ~~a later date~~ ^{an earlier date}. A motion was passed regarding the purchase of a digital camera.

3. J. Gair arrived and discussion finished off with motion to purchase a digital camera. A motion table discuss the position of J. Gair. J. Gair confirmed that she was interested and committed to the position of recording secretary. A motion was tabled by R. Lefebvre and seconded by D. Elliott. The concerns brought forth by the members of the council were that of the absence from council and commitment to the council. J. Gair cited reasons of a family illness that prevented her from attending meetings of the council and is now capable of committing to the task of recording secretary. Motion was put to vote and was passed.
4. D. Houston then asked to open discussion regarding the vacancy of communications director which was tabled by J. Pringle and seconded by D. Sutcliffe. The position was presented to be filled by J. Gagnon who has been working to get the school paper back in to production (the sentient). He accepted the nomination and the council passed the motion.
5. J Pringle presented his financial and legal report. J. Pringle Stated the money that council has been waiting from since the submission of the 2003 financial statements preformed by Grant Thornton LLP since mid November. J. Pringle expressed his frustrations what administration had misplaced the documents since

he personally delivered them the office of AUC administrative accountant Maria Murtha. D. Houston interjected stating that he had been told that the monies have been deposited into the AUSU account as of the pervious day. J. Pringle went on to state that he was now on to the 2004 fiscal audit now to be performed by BDO Dunwoody Chartered Accountants. J. Pringle then went on to the legal matters he was appointed to look into. He found only a copy of the articles of incorporation from Tracy Cresswell. Upon the past meeting to have Pascuzzi and Berlingieri Law Firm LLP, who deal with not-for-profit organizations take over the matter due to a specialization in this area and cost factors. Upon discussion with Ben J. Pascuzzi he found numerous problems with the original articles of the organization which would make almost have the constitution and its positions null and void if ever challenged. Mr. Pascuzzi is diligently working on this matter as he sees the importance and the time constraints on the council. J. Pringle stated he would be in frequent contact with Mr. Pascuzzi and update the council as the process goes on. The motion was put forward by J. Pringle and seconded by R. Lefebvre and passed.

6. Next J. Tetreault brought up the issue of political funding. His issue seemed to be regarding the process where he believes that should be able to receive funding for political ventures such as liberal conventions. D. Houston and J. Pringle disagreed on the basis the money should be issued to help the clubs fundraise but no support political ventures because it was viewed that it would alienate many people who don't hold the same political beliefs. The issue was put to a vote with

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5 – 4 vote in favour of funding for political groups. However this funding will be looked at on a case by case basis with a vote by council.

TIME MEETING CLOSED: 2:30pm.

DATED:

February 11, 2005

EXECUTIVE:

**D. HOUSTON
PRESIDENT**

**D. SUTCLIFFE
VICE PRESIDENT EXTERNAL**

**I. BARI
VICE PRESIDENT INTERNAL**

**J. GAIR
SECRETARY**

**J. PRINGLE
FINANCE COMMISSIONER**