

AUSU Meeting on January 12, 2006.

Members Present: M.Pitcher, J.Tetreault, C.Flammand, P.Quesnele, A. Dukes, J.Prinlgle, J.Ferlaino, S.Berry, J.Mills, A.Pitts & E.Ahenkorah

Members Absent: J.Trinier, R.Mallet, A.Mowla

Guest(s): Paul Raycroft

Paul Raycroft Presentation

Requested Amount: \$7100

- Suggest ordering equipment from EcoTech to enhance the atmosphere in the SpeakEasy; often performers/deejays complain about the sound quality or quality of performance atmosphere.
- Equipment suggested to enhance atmosphere in the SpeakEasy are:
 - Eight P56 Black Combo Kits =\$520
 - Four Elation P64 Black Combo Kits =\$356
 - Three Elation DMX20L 4 Channel Dinner Pack =\$777
 - One Elation DMX Operator Pro Controller and Programmer= \$560
 - One Active Wave 250 Moving Mirror Light w/Fixture =\$1129
 - Three LTS Lighting Bars= \$120
 - Six Heavy Duty Cast C-Clamps = \$150
 - Lighting installation with DMX cabling =\$500
 - Two Yorkville Pulse TM12 Floor Wedge w/ 12" speaker + 65x60= \$838
 - Apex 125 Kick Drum Mic w/ Stand = \$156
 - Two Apex 180 Overhead/Acoustic Pencil Microphones= \$158
- Would be in the best interest of the bar to invest in the renovation to enhance the sound and quality of the shows
- Students would be able to enjoy the shows and performance much more with the upgrades being requested.
- Will provide more "club experience" for students
- Also, would be financial advantageous to pay for the equipment in one order to prevent being charged twice for the labour costs.
- TOTAL: \$7100;believes he maybe able to cut costs by \$1000

Josh:

- Suggests the upgrades should be done over two years; expensive to complete the renovations for pub in one year
- Believes the bar has potential to attract popularity with the new equipment being requested by Paul Raycroft.

Mark:

- Asks if we purchase the production costs of setting the equipment,

will be more

- Questions the timeline of installation; (Answer from Paul Raycroft :Two weeks for shipping, another two weeks for installation)

Jess. F:

- Asks if the bar will still be open during the installation of these renovations

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Jess.M

- Concerned the installations will disrupt students studying
- Asks if the bar would be able to support this idea themselves (Answer : Over a longer period of time; reasoning behind Paul's request. He wants to have the equipment installed sooner than later.)
- Hesitant to support Paul Raycroft; past experiences with Paul have been questionable.

Justin

- More specifics needed, the estimated savings or request amount is not enough to make an informed decision
- Bar is going to be a working progress; no need to pay all the equipment being requested in one attempt.

Angela

- The savings and estimates are specific in the budget provided by Paul Raycroft
- Questions whether it is financial advantageous for AUSU to provide the amount of money (Answer; AUSU has the financial ability to support this proposal)

Mark

- Suggests going three quarters into the deal; to prevent spending a large amount of money
- Suggest requesting a more detailed outline from Paul. Will ask him to cut some of the least important parts of equipment, and send back a different amount.

Arlene

- Should focus on the fundamentals of the proposal; all the things requested are not needed.

Elise

- The amount being requested is not an exact amount. The proposal needs more accuracy in the amount being requested.

Motion: (J.Pringle & P.Quesnele) AUSU decides to request a more detailed and changes to the proposal in order to make an informed decision on the proposal. The changes being requested specifically deal with removing the least important equipment from the proposal in order to cut costs.

Semi Formal Tickets

Paul:

- Semi- formal tickets need to sold by all members in order to promote the event
- More people need to promote the event, in order to attract a larger crowd
- Tickets will be left in the AUSU office, and each member should attempt to sell some on their own, or around the school at Semi-formal ticket tables.

Updates to Members of AUSU Website

Mark:

- Profiles and pictures are needed to update the members on the AUSU website
- Members who have not sent Mark their profile or picture, send it to him as soon as possible.

Email Issue

Mark:

- Spoke to Dr. Ross and Deborah Loosemore about mass emails sent to students that have no association with school-related issues
- In a month, the access for students to email all students will not be permitted. Only AUSU Members will have the ability to send mass emails to all students.
- In regards to the abundance of nonsense email, feels it is best that emails should not be addressed. Causes more people to send mass emails in response.
- Students are going to be upset about this, but it is not the students' right to have access to mass email access. The majority of universities do not provide that option in their email system for students.

Angela

- To solve the problem with non-related school mass email, suggests having a link to the forum on AUSU website

Jess.M

- Concerned if students will still have access to students within the class

Paul Q.

- Suggests that an AUSU member should be there when the changes are being made, in order to voice the students' needs/concerns
- To ensure that students will still find their email account convenient for academic needs.

Easter Seals Society Event

Josh:

- Board wants to include to University in the Easter Seals Society event; because of the university's affiliation with United Way
- Good representation for the school

Harassment Posters

Elise:

- Karen Doyle gave the new harassment posters to AUSU. The posters are more concise and simplistic.

Angela:

- Asks it would possible to hold monthly events of cultures and unity to promote unity and diversity
- Would be an push for promoting a harassment-free environment in the university

Deferral Fees update

Arlene:

- Respond from Celia Ross; second letter about deferral fees
- First contacted from Celia in November
- Has been looking into the issue since November, but has had difficulty receiving a response from Dr. Ross
- The letter is vague; does not suggest any attempt to respond the questions addressed in the letter given to Celia Ross

Skye:

- Asks for suggestions to respond for a quicker response from Dr. Ross
- The policy discriminates against students on OSAP and receiving other funds from receiving deferral fees
- Another problem was that some students were informed of the choice of payment plan, as opposed to paying the deferral fees and others weren't.

Josh:

- Suggests a follow-up letter, addressing the concerns of the delay

Mark:

- Write a letter, that is not demanding but that shows the seriousness of this issue.
- Write the concerns or asks for explanation of vagueness of letter receiving recently

Provincial AGM (CFS)

Arlene:

- Other board members have expressed their support for this event-taking place in Toronto on January 26th- 29th 2006.

- Concerned that members should be represented other than herself, to promote unity and support from AUSU

Justin:

- Concerned that AUSU be responsible for the subsidies; the subsidies are \$300, in order to be represented at the meeting
- Suggests having other organization, instead of CFS
- Concerned that CFS is expensive and unreliable because of the delay in Health Plan cheques

Mark:

- Need an official explanation for students' delay for on of Health Plan
- Student body is owed an explanation for the delay for their Health Plan cheques

OPIRG

Arlene:

- Conducting a project for 3rd year CESD project; based out of universities
- Sustainable group that conduct research in community issues (Ex: Environmental issues)
- This will be available for AUSU for research

Aboriginal Rep.

Arlene:

- Would like to see the updates for the Aboriginal representative
- Questions the process of how the Aboriginal rep is going to be chosen

Justin:

- Error in the poster; deadlines for this representative is December 17th, the posters should have been put up December

Jess. M

- The posters were not put up until January because of her busy schedules

Jess. F

- Needs to be communication between the members to help out with duties, to ensure that things are being completed

Mark

- Hiring committee to be established to select the Aboriginal representative candidates.

SASA's Budget

Crystal:

- Contacted Liz King to ask about SASA's separate account
- SASA has not been given an account for their organization

Josh:

- Suggest SASA gives their budget to himself
- He will give it to Maria Murth to deliver a cheque to SASA

Possible Drug Store

Angela:

- Suggests having a drug store for students, in order to make the university more convenient for student's needs.
- Maybe in the bookstore

Elise:

- In order to sell medication, the bookstore has to have a license to do so

Paul:

- If students need medication can go to Cindi Elgie's office for it.

AUC's New Strategic Objective Proposal

Mark:

- Has new proposal of "Strategic Objectives" outline for AUC
- Asks if other members like the appearance and asked for feedback for any suggestions

City Bus Meeting with Bruno Barbin

Justin:

- Meeting: February 2 in the afternoon
- Asks if there are any interested members in attending the meeting
- AUSU is needed at the meeting for student feedback and representation

Institution of Stamp policy of posters

Justin:

- Should be will new stamp to regulate the posters being put around the school

Mark:

- New stamp will regulate the nature of posters. To ensure that the posters are representative of students' needs and wants.

"Save John Flood" Campaign

- Gave a petition of the revision of the PR policy to the Board
- Main objection against revision; these issues should not be brought to Board
- Actions taken by Board,

Jess:

- Gave the idea of for the future to explain the process of submissions to Celia Ross to student unions

Harassment Incident

Elise:

- There has been another report of racial harassment between students
- Student who filed the report has contacted Cindi Elgie, to assist them in identifying the students who committed the incident.
- There has been no information given about the results of the student meeting with Cindi Elgie

Meeting Adjourned (J.Tetrealut & E.Ahenkorah)