

AUSU Meeting: Wednesday, October 25, 2006

Present: Mark Pitcher, Chris McCullough, Kakura Ninsiima, Michael Pearce, Jessica Ferlaine, Kirstan Noel, Carson Sargent, Angela Dukes, Ashley Berndt

Absent: Kim Cotgreave, Rob Skeggs, Karen Pine-Cheechoo

Regrets: Rob Mallette, Josh Pringle

Call to order (Mark/Jess): 10:08 pm

Agenda:

Hockey Team  
Soccer Team  
EID Dinner  
Liberal Club

Mark: motion to approve the EID dinner \$700  
Seconded Kirstan  
All in favour.

Hockey Team:

Explanation of what they did in response to our requests.

Discussion about the hockey proposal and will they be able to make enough through fundraising.

Carson:  
Spoke to Josh. How much money we have is: \$100 000 cheque and we can count on another \$40 000.

Mark:  
We have liabilities over \$100 000 right now.

Carson:  
Josh said so far this year we spent \$93 000.

Mark:  
These numbers are from April 2006 and we need to be cautious.  
-approx. \$200 000. spent \$100 000.  
-are we going to base our decision on an assumption?

Carson:

This is discouraging and it wouldn't be a huge deal if we didn't have the hockey team saying they would have to fold.

Soccer:

Initially talked to Cindi and the person who was talking on behalf of the soccer team did not have the authority and the uniforms and fees were already covered by the GLC. And the coach verified this and Cindi called and apologized for bringing this up.

Mark:

April Anderson approached Mark today. But if Tony Celli said they don't need the money then it is not a problem.

Carson:

Tony Celli talked to Mark K and it is taken care of.

Mark:

Seems to me that the soccer team needs to get organized before we even consider it. If they aren't sure if they need it then we shouldn't worry about giving them money.

Angela:

How many clubs are there?

Mark:

Assume that there will be \$25 000 requested then we should consider that.

Carson:

If we can only afford \$25000 then we should prioritize.

Mark:

Make sure to consider the \$3 000 cap we discussed last year.

Let's not budget any more than what we have discussed.

Chris:

Let's consider if they can up their fees to \$100 per player.

Carson:

If they get \$2500 it will be feasible for them to raise money.

Jessica:

If they want to play then they should pay.

Carson and Chris:

They should be fundraising.

Kirstan:

Their booster club is also going to bring in some fundraising.

Angela and Kirstan:

They could look off campus as well and be successful like other clubs.

Kirstan:

If we could put together a little counter proposal or a list of things you could do to fundraise then it might be a bit easier for them.

Chris:

They were talking about other corporate sponsors.

Ashley:

We should look at the minimum we could give them for registration.

Mark:

Although this is a good idea it should not be a precedent.

Jessica and Kirstan:

They definitely did respond to our criticism.

Mark:

\$2000 for now with the option to come back for funds.

As well, we should start to figure out a cap.

Mike:

What if they come back and need more money?

Mark:

If they should initiative to raise the money then we can look at giving them more money.

Carson:

What if they don't get the money

Mark:

It is not our fault if they don't get their money together.  
\$2000 seems enough.

Jessica:

\$2000 will be enough to get them on their feet for the initial payment especially with the player fees.

Mark:

If we say specifically that it is conditional and they need to demonstrate that they made the effort then we will consider giving them assistance.  
We cannot keep doing this with all clubs.

Angela:

This is where annual caps come in according to the budget.  
If the worst case scenario happens then we can help them up to our ceiling and then it will be fair and they won't expect more.

Mark:

Do we want to set a precedent? But what if more clubs join?

Carson:

Concerned about this especially due to the Law Society and how if we are looking at first come first serve but they are being penalized because he is unaware of the costs.

Mark:

He should come in and say I am starting a club and then say later that they may need money.

Chris:

Clubs should lay out their goals and what they plan to do throughout the year and then we can go through them and prioritize by importance of what they are doing.

Mark:

If a group comes to us to go on a trip or stay here and do a school related event then it may cause problems.

Angela:

If it is an event it's for the school.

Jessica:

How do you define what a club is?

Mark:

Application says it all.

Mike:

Distinguished varsity and club teams

Mark:

Is \$2000 enough?

Carson:

This is fair with a consideration that we will reevaluate them if they come back

Moved (Chris/Carson) – conditional based on efforts and fundraising.

Mark:

Carson send an email and talk to them.

Soccer is a non issue.

Carson is concerned but everyone concurs that the coach should approach us.

Mark:

If soccer comes to us they are already getting money from the leach. And we would be funding a team and not a club and they were already told they were getting money so they should get it instead of admin. Downloading on AUSU.

Now there is another team that money was not allocated for.

Carson:

Paul should come down to talk to us monthly to talk to us about what is happening.

Mark:

We have no authority to compel him to come to these meetings

Carson:

Threaten not to give him money

Mark:

He can run things on his own out of the bar money without us and it is a position we don't want to be there.

Carson:

We should be accountable to the students and we need to be able to tell them what is going on.

Mark:

We need to set up a bar budget and limitations.

Carson:

Spending money and no one is going.

Mark:

Students need to be there. Even if the bar is packed full then if there are no students then the bar is a failure.

Doing a good job of marketing to the city but not to the students.

Carson:

I would rather see Bedouin Soundclash or Swollen Members instead of small events.

Mark:

We have had a lot of bands. Speakers and other events are welcome and should be coming out.

Speakers are really expensive and give you a shorter time period.

Chris:

Comedy nites.

Hit and miss.

Mark:

We have to get Paul in more.

Carson moves to invite paul to keep communication (monthly) with us and come to our meetings.

Mark:

No motion and we will just go ahead with it.

Kirstan seconds and all in favour.

Mark:

Vote on it? Discussion?

General consensus that we are reluctant due to the fact that it may be exclusive but at the same time there is the general benefit of the political involvement.

Mark:

Ultimately is this good for students at AUC?

Chris:

Not creating conflict that will be detrimental.

Ashley:

I would be concerned if posters went up around election time.

Mark:

At the same time there are CFS posters that may be the same way.

CFS is more socialist and therefore it may be more NDP based.

Mark: \$2000 or \$2500.

Carson: we can say \$2000 and give them the option to come back.

Chris: we don't need to give liberal club incentive like the hockey team.

Mark:

Decision making process. Do we know how much money we have? Is the extra \$500 going to make a big difference.

Angela:

Can we give them a date?

Mark:

Ask Kirstan- are you going to be able to function without the additional \$500. Yes, we probably could but it might be tight for the fundraiser.

Move 2000 for young liberals

Carson

2<sup>nd</sup> Jess

Jess

With option to come back

Abstention Kirstan

Passed

Motion to adjourn

Carson

2<sup>nd</sup>

Kirstan

Motion passed

Agenda  
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- Call to Order
- Approval of Agenda
- Approval of minutes

**Guests**

**Motions**

- \$700 funding for EID Dinner
- Paul Raycroft to keep in Communication
- \$2000 funding for Young Liberals

**Information**

Other Business  
Adjournment