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AUSU Meeting
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1) Call to Order (6:22pm)

AUSU Members- Matt Shoemaker, Melissa Thibeault, Andy Noel, Stephanie Dumas, Ashleigh Sauve, Vanessa Gastaldo, Cristina Guzzo, Matt Scott, Jakob Bauer, Jennifer Perron

Guests: Tammi Warrick

2) Adoption of Agenda

Mover- Vanessa

Seconder- Melissa

All in favour

3) AMSA

Diwali Dinner

- made \$30
- Matt- cut the dinner
- Ash- feels like she doesn't want to cut this
- Melissa- feels should fund-raise- they are coming to us asking to table to whole bill
- Vanessa- there were no posters for the pub- chose not to charge cover for the pub
- Jakob- has a problem giving student money to steelworker unions
- Andy- planned the event to be a fundraiser, why are we not giving any money to them
- Matt- bit of both, they didn't meet the fundraising goals and we don't have a lot of finances
- Vanessa- a drop in enrollment = drop in student fees, don't think that they have demonstrated to ask, no outside sponsors
- There was no revenue from the last event so they made no money on this
- Cristina- should ask them to do fund raising to not totally shut them down but to come back after have come up with some ideas
- Andy- Diwali dinner is actually past but would like to celebrate this occasion
- Andy- with the AMSA there are many clubs that can fall under this club-
- Ash- one of our most important clubs so need to talk to university to cost share for this even
- Matt- they should talk to the university to see if they can get funds
- Ash- tell them to go and come back to us, table this motion for the next meeting
- Vanessa- more initiative need to be shown, everything has seem to be done in the last minute
- Melissa- wants to see that they are fundraising, considering future events as well

- Andy- maybe the club needs to look at a way to restructure the way they are getting funds , this Diwali committee is now falling short on this event b/c the first one benefited
- Matt- we can suggest this idea but we cant tell them to do anything, it's a good suggestion
- Vanessa- no reason to gouge, didn't take our suggestions from the pub
- Ash- this is the first year where we have to say no to certain events, we now have higher membership awareness
- Operating off of a past precedence, we cant hold them responsible for our budget
- Matt- agrees AUSU would send out money for ridiculous amounts
- Ash- need to figure out ways to get this dinner to happen
- Also need to go to Celia for the hockey club and SASA
- Andy- clubs will come to us to access funds, need to be accessible, need guidelines for accessing funds
- Matt- met with Tom Mauro – stated need to have a funding date cutoff
- Ashley – abstains from this vote
- Motion to provide Diwali \$960.00 for the dinner
- Mover- Jakob
- Secunder- Jennifer
- All opposed
- Motion Fails

4) Promotions

Cristina- \$9 per ad or \$2000 for each semester- for 200 promotions in one semester
Look into 100.5

Matt- advertising budget for the speak easy \$10,000.00 but we are cutting it to \$5,000.00, includes printing

Jennifer- is that everyday?

Melissa- free tickets- save costs- for tickets

Steph-

Ash- isn't it highly dangerous to cut this down

Matt- talked to Tom if we spend money to advertise- when they have to wait

Matt Scott- agree charging non students more

Vanessa- there are several underlying issues why it is not successful, when Sara come back with the speak easy financials

5) Academic Standards Committee (Cristina/ Melissa)

Cristina - so we are going to have a Student Forum where students can ask teachers, professors questions, of what they want from their professors

Cristina- great way to get the students point of view

- we were talking about doing a coffee night so that it is more relaxed
- every AUSU member is expected to attend
- questions or concerns
- Melissa- get administration

- Vanessa- great idea, have been approached by students do not want names on anything, retribution be careful
- Cristina- make our own questions that we have heard from other students- screen the box
- Melissa- put the question box out earlier
- Matt Scott- will ask the GM of a coffee shop

6) Hockey Association

- e-mailed about the cost of the door
- Cristina- split it
- Vanessa- do a coat check, on the right check in terms of fairness
- All the money come to AUSU then reimburse it
- Melissa- did offer to work the door maybe not get half but get so much per hour
- Andy- not fair to just give it to one club, if they help in one way they should be compensated
- Matt- if they offer us all security
- Cristina- cant do that b/c they all need to be trained
- Vanessa- already giving them \$3000.00
- Melissa- could send an e-mail to all the clubs and open it to them to work the door.
- Matt- we have given the hockey club more money than any other clubs this year so maybe should not give them the money

Mover- Vanessa-

Be it resolved that the they receive 50% of the door funds on the 30th of October

Seconder- Stephanie

All opposed-

Motion fails

7) Food Bank (Vanessa)

- got financials from Sara
 - short fall of \$319.00
 - asked for \$250.00 a month
 - would like more awareness for this as well
 - the senate has brought forward that this needs to be addressed
 - Move that \$2000.00 for the food bank be given for the year.
 - Ash- we voted in the beginning with the JCP application, but it never went through for that position
 - Melissa- is the food bank doing the trick or eat thing
 - Vanessa- if someone could donate a can food you can get a ticket to win a door prize
 - Melissa/ Ash- why are they not organizing it
 - Ash- send out a mass e-mail to all students
 - As AUSU as a board we are going to organize trick or eat
 - Create a letter for this as well

- Matt- if we approve the \$2000.00 for the food bank than our services budget will be gone
- Vanessa- the past president was put in the budget in previous years
- Melissa- if they have not organized the biggest event of the year how can they do this
- Matt- cant let the students suffer b/c of this
- Vanessa- trying to get a successful JCP for this funding
- Melissa- should consider summer students as well – see if we have any money left over
- PROPOSAL WILL BE ATTACHED
- Motion to give the Food Bank \$2000.00 for the year
- Mover- Vanessa
- Secunder- Melissa
- All in favour
- Motion Carries

8) WUSC

- Melissa- if we need to cut our personal conferences
- Matt- if we are not going to send anyone from our board then we should not send any
- Vanessa- Rebecca stated that this is a way to do community based fundraising, if we can fund this we should
- Ash- at least someone will go but it is important
- Matt- are they all students going?
- Ash- yes
- Matt- can they ask the university for funds
- Be it resolved that we grant \$700.00 to WUSC in order to fund 4 student registration fees and the remainder of transportation.
- Mover- Vanessa
- Secunder- Melissa
- All in favour
- Motion Carries
- Ash- conflict of interest

9)Adjournment (8:07 pm)