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CUS Board of Directors Minutes

Sept 19th, 2011

Start Time: 6:40pm

Present: Jackie, Enzo, DavidH, Jacky, Tim, Sara (proxy Mandy), Dylan (proxy Johannes)

Late: Anna, (Julie), DavidL- temporary ombuds

Regrets: Lilian, Mandy, (Andrea), (Chris), Klazina, Johannes

Call to order and adoption of the agenda

- Attendance
- Approval of Minutes

Voting Phase

BIRT the CUS Board of Directors approve the minutes from the previous meeting of the Board of Directors.

For: Unanimous

Minutes are approved.

- **Adoption of the Agenda**

Updates

- DavidH: met with Tom Ross and our architect for the CUS Lounge; I also met with Dylan and Katrina MacDonald regarding the LTS situation and the equipment; we had a good conversation with her and got advice on what to do beyond this
- The Second Year Committee is going well, our Steam party is going to be great
- We discussed how myself and Enzo will fit on this committee; initially there was a little bit of confusion over our roles on this committee

- Tim: had a meeting with Tom Ross and the architect regarding the CUS Lounge- we're looking for additional whiteboards for the rooms, trophy cases, locks for the cabinets, etc; we asked for a specific title for the CUS Lounge; they're going to do the same thing for us like they do for Birmingham. We're very happy with the support we've been getting, there are some things the building committee is interested in purchasing such as a sound system and pool table as well

- Also had a GRTF meeting, we came up with some good ideas, we're still getting some feedback at this time
 - The last AMS meeting was fine, the majority of the time was dedicated to committee elections; I'm on the budget committee and the business and facilities committee; we'll be working on getting the SUB opened 24/7 during exam periods
 - Gage South has been deemed by UBC as a potential area to build market housing, which we were hoping would be used for something else (academic related or student housing). We're planning on a petition to get UBC's attention, supporting that this area should be for teaching, academics, and research. Check out www.gagesouth.ca for more info
- Sara: The Sauder Survival Guides are being distributed in Comm101 classes, if people can help bring boxes to that class that'd be great.
 - CSSEC is going well, we're doing an "I Want" campaign
 - The Health and Wellness committee is going well, we're almost ready to roll with Yoga, etc
 - My portfolio is doing great, especially Sauder Sports. ISAS did lots during JumpStart and Gala and they really made a presence at these events, FROSH also went extremely well
 - We're also doing a Toms and Arc Initiative Speaker Series
 - The First Year Committee hiring went well, we did group interviews for the first time and they were quite successful
- Enzo: The Second Year Committee hiring went well, we had a large pool of applicants but have great candidates
 - I'm just starting up on other committees with Jacky (policy, etc)
 - With regards to the marketing committee- I'm waiting to talk to Johannes about it
 - Spoke at a first year committee event which was great, the first years seem very keen
- Dylan: the Academic Committee is starting up again which I'm excited about; I learned a lot this summer so I'm excited to apply these new skills
 - I went and spoke to some of the class liaisons today, told them the importance of being a class liaison and how useful the information that they provide is for promotions, tenure, and also for the CUS
 - JDC West applications were due Sunday at midnight, we have a lot of great applicants this year
 - Ideas at \$0- have to look at that more
 - Jacky: UBC wants to increase enrollment to comprise 15% of the student body; we're currently at 10%. Not planning on increasing tuition fees however, but we will have to keep any eye on that
 - You can now submit new course grades when you apply to UBC (Law 12 and Econ 12 marks)
 - We recently approved \$70,000 in scholarships for all of UBC
 - We have four new scholarships for Sauder- HSBC Women in Business Award, Stuart Olson Award, etc
 - We have two new professors for the senate- an accounting professor, and an economics

professor

- For admissions, most faculties are starting during the next academic year and accepting the broad-based admission, we'll see how we can heighten up our own admission standards
- The Policy and Academic committee meetings are being scheduled, one of the first things we'll be doing is looking at the clubs policy first
- DavidL: We bought a safe for the CUS; Frosh reimbursements are coming up; as for sponsorship- we've been receiving more, especially for Ignite. The CR Team has been doing well with obtaining sponsorship. So far we've been making some minor tweaks with the budgets Cindy's been dealing with
- Clubs funding- clubs will be getting their money in a few days

Ombuds Position Updates

- Enzo: I've been fielding questions from students about the ombudsperson position, there is a lot of great interest especially with first years; I've also talking with people in second year about it
- Tim: It will be really helpful to the board if the ombudsperson is very vocal and confident in the meetings, it's really important to maintain fairness and equity.

Presentation, Alumni Mentoring Program- Alex Monegro & Rebecca 6:30pm

For further details, please see the Executive Council meeting minutes dated September 8th, 2011

- The program is a mentorship initiative between the Sauder Business Club and the CUS
- The goal is to enhance continuity and enhance quality of the service council, exec team, and the board of directors
- Our goal is to have members paired with the alumni who have been out of school 2-4 years
- We're also looking at a kickoff event to pair people off and understand the expectations of the program
- We'd have representatives on our side running the program day-to-day and ensuring that all are complying with the guidelines of the program
- The mentors and mentees have guidelines in terms of meeting frequency and quality; there would be specific structures for these meeting as well and reporting back
- The matching exercise would be with Rebecca and the representative of the CUS that is hired

Questions

- Enzo: the alumni will be a part of the CUS, at what level?
 - Service council or above; with enough seniority, they can provide useful information
 - We haven't pursued inviting people yet in case the program does not go through

- We have many people around who were involved in the past 5-6 years; we can also send an invitation to all grads from 5-6 years and ask them to self-select if the email is applicable
 - This is a pilot year, we'd only have members for the board/ exec (about 20 alumni)
 - We also have personal contacts of previous CUS members
- Tim: in terms of the pairing process, the goal is to find alumni that has the same position as the current mentee?
 - We have a survey to see what preferences people have, and the dominant preference was someone from an exec position act as the mentor regardless of the mentee's position, so we're going to try and pursue that. The challenge there is that we don't know how good the feedback will be since positions can change
 - We'll try and match people as well as possible
- Tim: Currently under our CUS umbrella there's already a mentorship program that operates on a similar basis, do you see this as something different?
 - We did an informal survey of all the things that are available, they're looking at very high profile students in this program, and they're doing that at a general student level; there's a lot of focus on personal development
 - The goal is to enhance the cultural items of the organization and improve continuity
 - There may be some overlap, it's possible, however I don't see there being competition because people's goals are very different
 - EMP also has high demand and not a lot of spots (80 students out of a 3000 student population)
 - There is a lack of mentorship initiatives at the school for undergraduates
- Tim: you don't foresee overlap with alumni selection?
 - EMP isn't actually alumni-focused, the board of directors that works with them doesn't hold being an alumnus as a key criteria; a lot of mentors aren't alum
- Dylan: do you see the Sauder Business Club becoming similar to a Board of Trade? We have mentors and mentees but you also have events people can go to and get a discount (good for recruiting)
 - Yes, we haven't really crossed that bridge yet but we had expressed interest in getting students involved; we're not sure how it'll work to get students to our events, but we'll be looking to have a certain number of student seats. However, it'll depend on demand for alumni, it's a long term vision nonetheless
- Enzo: the EMP is a fourth year exclusive program is it not?
 - Not 100% sure about that, they're looking for elite students to connect them with industry people
- Enzo: do you see there being a clear divide between first to fourth students in terms of pairing?
 - We have a general approach in selection asking who we have; in terms of complexity of the role
- Enzo: I was reading our last minutes about the kickoff event, and we do run this at a smaller scale?
 - The costs will be lower than what I sent initially, we're looking at \$40 versus \$80

- DavidL: what was the reason for bringing this to the board?
 - This is a long-term, hopefully permanent program

Discussion

- Tim: for the purpose of discussion, lets first focus on the idea, which is to have this mentorship program for alumni for service council and board. I think it's a great idea, even when we were doing our GRTF meetings, we were discussing how continuity is an issue. Ten year's worth of great work can easily be destroyed by someone in one terrible year where they don't know what they're doing. This will not fix it completely, but it's a step in the right direction. I've always been in support of connections with alumni, and I think this is a very organic and natural thing to do.
- Enzo: as someone receiving the service, I'd support this endeavor. The costs associated don't seem inhibiting in this case because they're Sauder mentors and there's a willing base, and that's a big challenge. I'd welcome it
- Jacky: I'd repeat what Enzo and Tim say this. I'd like to make a motion to support this
- Tim: I think allocating \$2000 to this is fine

Whereas the executive council have previously discussed the Alumni Mentorship Program and approved the budget provided by Alex Monegro and that the total allocation for the entire program will not exceed \$2000, BIRT the CUS Board of Directors approve the launch of the Alumni Mentorship Program with a reference to the executive council's minutes as of September 8th, 2011.

Further that:

- *the program would only be applicable to the board of directors and executive council for the year of 2011/2012, until February of 2012*
- *the program will be revisited and reassessed as of February 2012*
- *The CUS Board of Directors allocates a monetary sum of \$2000 to this program*

Voting Phase

For: Unanimous

Motion passes.

CUS Building Committee- Lounge Budget Proposal- Tim (see attached)

- The building committee met up a few days ago, and the majority of the amenities are there, in our contract before with the dean's office some items were and were not going to be provided by the lounge
- This proposal will come out of contributed surplus as these are fixed assets
- We were interested in a sound system, a full surround system with a speaker in every corner (more than four corners in the room)
- Installation is important as well and is included in this cost

Questions/ Discussion thus far

- Jacky: what's the policy surrounding the usage of the sound systems? My only concern is during exam season someone will be inconsiderate and want to play music, what's the policy on that?
 - Tom Ross is fine with the idea; we haven't looked into this area too in-depth, the worse-case scenario is someone plays music, we can create a policy surrounding this; we can set this up to limit access to the execs and board; the actual execution of this isn't the scope of the building committee
- Jacky: I think a policy allowing only certain dates and times for using the system should be appropriate
- Enzo: is this system moveable?
 - No, it'll be up in the corners of the wall and built-in; we'll have connections to the TVs and potentially an ipod dock
- DavidL: what's the quality like?
 - Pretty good; Future Shop had the best offers for the higher-end stuff

Presentation Cont'd

- Pool table- the building committee in the past years was wanting to put a pool and foosball table into the lounge, we noticed however people might want to walk around and socialize, so we're looking at just a pool table, but if we need a foosball table in the future we can decide on that later; pool tables were quite expensive

Questions/ Discussion

- DavidL: the estimates is quite conservative for the pool tables
- Enzo: Pool tables require a lot of maintenance, the felt is hard to keep in good shape
- DavidL: we've agreed the sound system is fine, the pool table may need to be reassessed
- Sara: everyone can play pool, we need some kind of game in the lounge
 - right now we want to know if we need to raise the price or not
- Jacky: I'm in support of what you're proposing, I just want to make sure policies around these items are well used and taken care of
 - we can sit down together and discuss policies

Presentation Cont'd

- Tim: mini fridges will be for the exec office and president, and we'll need a printer and a suggestion box for us would be nice

Questions/ Discussion

- Dylan: I will bring a mini fridge for the exec office
- DavidL: we have a printer already; the execs can discuss this further
- DavidL: the pool table needs more research
- Jacky: lets set up a policy and protect the pool table
- Dylan: I'm just concerned about pool tables not being durable enough
- Tim: if everyone's in favor of raising the budget to \$2500, we can implement this
- Tim: we're hoping to have a launch party for the opening of the CUS lounge, free pizza, etc with a ribbon cutting ceremony
- Julie: Lets ask Chris to market this (Facebook)

BIRT the CUS BOD approves the financing of a sound system up to \$2000 to be installed in the CUS Lounge

Voting Phase

For: Unanimous

Motion passes

BIRT the CUS BOD approves the financing of a pool table for up to \$2500 to be installed in the CUS Lounge.

Voting Phase

For: Unanimous

Motion passes.

BIRT the CUS BOD approves budget of up to \$500 for a mini fridge, a suggestion box, and funding for a lounge opening party for the CUS Lounge

Voting Phase

For: Unanimous

Motion passes

BIRT the Building Committee and the Policy Committee will collaborate and formulate policies and guidelines to ensure the maintenance of the CUS Lounge equipment.

Voting Phase

For: Unanimous

Motion passes.

Presentation Etiquette- Jackie

Next Meeting: October 17, 5:30pm

Adjournment

BIRT the meeting is adjourned

End time: 7:24pm