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CUS Exec Council Minutes

July 14th, 2011

Start Time: 7:20p,

Present: Sara, Chris, Jackie, Julie, Johannes, Dylan (skype)

Late: David, Julie (skype), Andrea (skype)

Regrets: Chrisanne

Personal Updates

Portfolio Updates

- Dylan: recently spoke with Linda re: revised budget for the BCC; going under a lot of changes right now; Philippe leaving this year; looking for replacement; hiring Michelle Watson in place of Sara Lovell
 - Not too concerned with the budget the BCC has; discussing the gap in jobs put up on COOL vs. the UBC Careers website; looking to add another student internship position within their business development group to increase the number of jobs on the COOL website; I have included Cindy in these discussions
- Case Competition Club going well; working on making a form so if people want to go to external case competitions, they can
- Working with the CLC and Helpdesk issue; talking with various individuals

- Julie: I've been talking to the club presidents to update them about the clubs policy suspension; getting feedback from them
- I've been working with Tim on the building committee; the CUS Lounge will be opened on August 22nd; in terms of card access, they have to still install the system and register everyone, so it'll probably come around in September if we choose to have this

- Sara: catching up with my portfolio members, everyone seems to be doing well in terms of planning; the survival guide is going well, hired two graphic designers; working with writers and Niki; starting a health and wellness committee, may be getting funding from the dean's office; working with talking to the UBC Yoga club and starting up weekly yoga- going to be a new CUS item; met with Sheldon re: the potential CSSEC referendum

- Chris: got a hold of Eva about the website; working on getting the marketing service council up and running; setting up meetings with them; having difficulty getting the website up and running due to difficulties in correspondence- trying to add photo galleries to every page of the website, hoping to have updates on this within the next couple of weeks
- CUStore- budget is in; a few changes being made but will be fine, receiving quotes from various people; in process of setting up contest online for this
- Yearbook- going very well; want to set up a booth at Business Week; still need to do hiring for Yearbook but this will happen in September, going to try and get sales up this year
- Events and Calendar- working on compiling information for this; discussing already with Sara and Julie- any big events that are happening, please send them to me for uploading onto the website
- Andrea: I've working with Amrinder and the CR team; we're in the midst of building a CR package which is going very well, just needs to be printed; conferences have their dates set and still working on their hotel venues
- David: Budget has passed; working with contracts and hotels for conferences
- Johannes: had AMS meeting- motion to give notice to CASA that we're leaving
- Meeting with Tom Ross, Katrina MacDonald re: building access; looking to get a list of all commerce students
 - Julie: may have to get this from the UGO; don't know if they have the first year information yet
 - Julie: I will get the list for Johannes
- Working with the CUStore- going to follow up with Tom Ross
- Met with Katrina re: the CUS and Sauder relationship; discussing duplication services (i.e. career services)
- Alumni relations- struggling with this, a lot of ambiguity
 - Sara: currently there is a interim alumni relations director, and they're looking for a new one
- Met with Philippe re: MBTI and rescheduling; would like to do some goal setting with the team
- Discussing with individuals about the board structure
- Liaising with the BCC; have a drafted budget from them
- Interviewed by the Ubysey re: our new building

Frosh and Alcohol Discussion- Sara

- Sara: normally alcohol is served, but it's not being allowed at the motel; I just wondered if it was really necessary and what everyone's thoughts were
- Result: no alcohol will be served, a lot of underage people are there, my major concern is people will be hardcore pre-drinking beforehand; need proper training for Frosh leaders with regards to this matter, thinking it wont be too big of a problem

- Thinking of giving Frosh Leaders drink tickets but on the fence about that

Discussion/ Questions

- Johannes: I don't think it really matters; most aren't allowed to drink anyways; during the previous year we didn't have alcohol and nothing too crazy happened; I don't think there's much of a correlation, this is more of a cost issue
- Sara: I agree, it reduces security costs
- David: I think leaders should be experienced enough in drinking responsibly
- Johannes: it's not so much whether a bar is there or not, it's how much time people have to pre-drink beforehand; this is all about communicating to the Frosh leaders and responsibility; I like the idea of one or two free drink tickets
- Dylan: there needs to be a balance between how short/ how long students are at the hotel vs. if there's drinking or not before the event; one year we spent a long time at the hotel and we gave almost too much time and the hotel was trashed
- Johannes: some kind of system with the drink tickets I think is a good idea

BCom Lounge Code Honor Code

- Sara: thinking of getting the honor code printed and put up in the lounge

Discussion

- Johannes: I'd like to see the CUS mission statement
- Sara: but we should also have the honor code
- David: could maybe get it on the glass

Technology Equipment and CLC-Helpdesk Issue- Dylan

- Dylan: I know DavidH's committee has been working on this for a while, right now we're pretty sure that the board isn't going to approve any funding for any sort of equipment that we're going to be having in the CLC and the CLC has a limited budget in which they're going to purchase a limited amount of equipment for the library and they're going to advertise it out to the masses to Sauder (three laptops, two projectors); the chances of the CUS to be able to book large quantities for events is a no-go; all other equipment is going through the helpdesk and we don't have access to it anymore
- The reason for this is because \$2000 in lost equipment was gone, at a past conference the co-chairs said that they saw the equipment being stolen after an event; the helpdesk was very angry about that
- In 2010 Beyond Pink was having a conference and didn't have a suitable way to rent equipment; controversy and issues with that matter
- With people losing equipment, the helpdesk doesn't have much trust in the students any more, now we're in a position where the CLC is part of Sauder and have a Sauder budget, they thought they'd use the opportunity to keep us from using their equipment

Discussion/ Questions

- Chris: why cant there be a deposit system?
 - We just want a system in place where people can securely rent equipment and that there are consequences for people who don't return the equipment
- Chris: it makes sense for whomever is renting out the equipment to take down student numbers and if they lose it to be personally liable, why are we paying the consequences for this? I think it's Sauder's responsibility to provide us with ample equipment to succeed
- Chris: the CUS is the student body, they elect us, and we are in charge of making sure the students have what they need, to me this doesn't make sense
- Johannes: The LTS agreement says that we receive provisions from them; we are paying them a lot of money and if they can't get us a proper inventory then this is an issue
- Dylan: we don't have a contract with the LTS
- Johannes: lets talk to the dean's office about this (Katrina)
- Dylan: if we don't get the answer we'd like from the dean, we should contribute some money to buying CUS-only equipment
- Johannes: I agree
- David: what's the difference in equipment compared to last year?
 - It's a quarter of what LTS had last year and equipment is going to faculty and staff for rentals

Clubs Policy suspension updates- Julie

- Julie: I talked to the clubs about the suspension of the clubs policy; right now the status is that some clubs were for this action, most clubs were kind of confused or surprised since some have already worked their budget around this policy
- DLam and I are setting up meetings with ourselves and Cindy and the clubs to explained the CUS funding procedure and give budget feedback
- Now that we have the clubs policy suspended, technically everything is back to what it used to be- if clubs want to present for extra funding they come to the board or execs, but some clubs were fine with how we were revising the funding procedure, but the clubs policy stated that club presidents were able to get CUS swag and come on retreats, they were worried that the relationship would be suspended, how should we deal with the clubs? Should they be involved or treated as a separate entity?

Discussion/ Questions

- Dylan: I think we gave them an opportunity saying if they present a reasonable budget they could potentially get extra funding; a lot of them aren't really cooperating with us in terms of agreements re: bank accounts, etc; I think for now it should be as it was before; next year if we can implement the clubs policy in the way that we want, it would work a lot better
- Julie: in terms of the funding structure, everyone agreed we should make the structure the same as it was in the past; they were concerned about involvement with the CUS

relationship

- Johannes: my input is that the clubs policy did need some more revision and there wasn't as much consultation as there could have been; I think it was wise to go back to the previous system; as far as involvement, I'm unsure what was communicated to them, but I think it's better if we err towards simplicity; once we review the board structure we can discuss where clubs fit in better
- Chris: it's the board's job on a strategic level to discuss policy such as this; previously this policy was written by one person, lets work with the system we have now and implement some good policy
- Johannes: communicate to the clubs that they're more than welcome to present to us if they need more money
- David: last year we invited all clubs to the retreat but only one president showed up; never gave them hoodies
- Julie: a lot of clubs are new; I think bigger clubs may not attend because they're very independent in terms of retreats;
- Dylan: we need to have a community feel; we need to bring in clubs slowly, I think more and more people will come as it progresses
- Johannes: I think everyone is a CUS member, but we give swag to the board, exec, and student council; in terms of categorizing it like that, they are more autonomous and have their own swag, etc (one of the great things of being part of a club)
- David: we really just want to talk about the CUS and we don't want to spend the time at the retreat discussing the clubs; I think the retreat is for the CUS is internally for itself; we could invite them
- Dylan: this is a good issue the board can discuss
- Julie: I agree with David, we could at least invite them and we should talk more about this at the board meeting

Board Structure- Johannes; In-Camera

- Johannes: I've been talking to a lot of the key stakeholders with the potential idea of restructuring; I think we need to get back on track with the board

Motion to move in-camera: 8:56pm

Vote: Unanimous

Motion to move out of camera: 9:15

Rocky Mountain Business Seminar- Andrea

- Invited by these individuals to come this year; going to pass this off to Dylan, will be letting ExCo discuss this

Sauder Financial Need- Andrea

- Emailed by student requesting bursary for school; sending to the UGO- Ruth Kwok

Prep 101 Sponsorship- Andrea

- Want to discuss this further
- Johannes: I will send a note about this

Other Updates

- Andrea: Taking PNEC out of CR Packages and adding Awards Night
- Looking at coffee sponsorship for us; problem is may have to make the coffee

End Time: 9:19pm