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CUS Exec Council Minutes

Sept 8th, 2011

Start Time: 6:07

Present: Jackie, Julie, Dylan (DavidH), Andrea, DavidL

Late: -

Regrets: Sara, Johannes, Chris, Chrisanne

Personal Updates

Portfolio Updates

- Julie: I went to some freshman receptions (The Big Four); 300 people showed up, all clubs are cutting back on food expenses; IB Club had a scavenger hunt the other day; UBCMA were selling cupcakes
- Elections: there's an info session on September 15th, we have a new logo and the website is going up this weekend; the first year candidates will have their own pages on the website
- BusinessWeek's layout for the clubs should be sent out this weekend, Monday is CGA day, Tuesday is SunLife day, Wednesday is the popcorn giveaway by Scotiabank, and Deloitte's BBQ is on Thursday
- We're having a KPMG pancake breakfast on the 19th, the 20th is the PWC ice cream day
- The locker system- we have them set up now, and we have 27 full lockers that are reserved for clubs; we sent out registration clubs; for personal lockers, they'll be set up on Monday
- Storage- everything is in HA051, the downstairs of the UGO, and they're installing a new lock system, so we need to call security to access anything in there
- Sustainability- they came in to present about a dishwasher, and they were wondering if they should purchase plates and dishes from the CUS

- DavidL: I'll be starting co-op next week; ask Cindy for financial issues
- The annual report is coming out soon

- Dylan: I've received the profiles of our new potential deans; I also worked with Seuree and talked with Dean Dan about where we can go with dual degree program- the only issues we're having are some budgetary conflicts (the difference in costs between paying commerce and arts fees for courses)

- We want to work with the Student Services Organization to survey students about classes and academic concerns (we want to improve and diversify what we offer at Sauder)
- Andrea: I'm currently setting up RezGo accounts for people right now

Retreat Presentations- Jackie

- Looking for execs to present to our service council at the service council retreat. About 15-20 minutes about previously brainstormed items; I will look into AV and TV equipment available for presenting; please have them to me about three days prior to event (21st)

Clubs Equipment Rental- Julie

- I sent you all an email about clubs having problems with booking equipment for large conferences, so they might go over budget, should they come to the CUS for financial support if they go over budget and present?

Questions/ Discussion

- DavidH: is it possible to rent equipment outside of Sauder?
 - Probably not, it's really expensive
- DavidL: can't clubs/ conferences take equipment out before the CLC closes and then give it back in the morning so no student is missing out on the benefits of equipment because a conference is using it?
- DavidH: Johannes is meeting with one of the associate deans about the equipment rental/ LTS issues we've been having
- Dylan: I think we should have further discussions about this, and inform all involved that we need a little bit of help this term with equipment

Booking in the CUS Lounge- Julie

- During the summer, a lot of clubs were encouraged to have meetings at the CLC, now the UGO has moved out of Birmingham and now those rooms are free for use; the CLC is for academic purposes (projects, etc) and this will be monitored if CUS clubs, etc will be there
- HA194 and HA195 will become bookable online for a maximum of 2 hours
- We'll use the lounge board room for CUS meetings and restrict use for CUS individuals only

CUS Fun Event at Business Week- Sauder TV Screens- Julie

- We had an ice cream event last year at Business Week where we interact with students, just wondering if we want to do this again

Questions/ Discussion

- Andrea: do we have a budget for this?
 - DavidL: yes
- Andrea: when is PWC doing ice cream?
 - It wont clash with us
- Julie: Lets do Tuesday, Sept 13th from 11am-1pm

In- Camera Discussion

Motion to move in-camera: 7:30pm

Motion to move out of camera: 7:37pm

Alumni-Mentoring Program- Alex Monegro

- I'm here to speak about an initiative we've been working on: one of our issues with the organization of the CUS has been continuity. The school has taken an interest in this issue to improve such, and I've proposed that we have a robust mentorship program for the executive council, the board, and the service council. They would get paired with alumni who were a part of the CUS up to five years ago
- Everyone is paired when they're hired, when they make their plans they run them through their mentor (can't get budget, etc approved until they've spoken to them)
- The full program can't start until next February. What we'd do this year is run a pilot with the exec and the board, and then come February when the new exec is hired we get the program rolling
- On our side, we get alumni and we create a pool, on your side you disperse the information and create policies on reporting; we'll have someone on both sides in charge of the program, and these people match the students with mentors based on interests, experience, etc, the CUS monitors student complaints, we monitor alumni complaints on our side, the alumni gets evaluated at the end of the year
- The costs work out to \$20 per person for the kickoff and wrap up socials plus the venue (Robson Square); we can't have it at the school due to the distance from downtown for alumni; when that's added up, the costs are food and beverage (\$15-\$20 per person).
- We'd have 80-100 people in the room since there's a 1:1 ratio between alumni and students
- We might contribute funding to the wrap up event but this is uncertain; I think this is a good program for the CUS
- At the end of the day this addresses continuity. I have sent you a document for further discussion and voting for the next meeting

Questions/Discussion

- DavidH: I think it's a good idea and can benefit us
- Dylan: what if the alumnus disagrees with the plan of the person, how do you deal with that?
 - At the end of the day, the person in charge of operations is responsible for making that decision. The responsibility of the student is to communicate that to their manager. If they went to the alumnus and the student disagreed, the reservations need to be noted, and then the person in charge makes the decision.
- DavidL: So your total cost would be approximately \$3200 for 2 events
 - Probably closer to \$4000; you can't really run an event for less than \$15-\$20 per person
- DavidL: do we have mentors lined up?
 - We will, this won't be an issue
- DavidL: if we're ever changing structure, then would a mentor really help? It's more of the direct predecessor in the role who'd make the best mentor
 - Things don't change that much, I'd say we still have similar issues and that's why we want people no more than 2-3 years out of school
 - I think you'd get better mentorship from someone who's recently graduated versus someone still in school
- DavidL: if we're making the decision now, are we doing it for ourselves?
 - Yes, the pilot would include this board and execs, and next week you'd vote on this being a permanent program
 - At this point this would be mostly operational mentorship
- Andrea: I think the mentorship is beyond mentoring your CUS position but also gaining contacts outside of Sauder and building relationships with alumni
- DavidH: do we have enough alumni to be of quality?
 - Yes, this is why we'd want someone on this committee with the CUS to ensure quality
- Dylan: a potential concern is that alumni are going to have probably similar opinions and that when you bring a new executive in you'll always have different opinions, and by having mentors, everything will go towards the mean in terms of strategy. How do we avoid that and the lack of creativity that could come with this program?
- Andrea: for the future, I think this could be an opt-in, opt-out program
 - I'd prefer this be mandatory, I feel there will be more benefit if the whole organization is engaged
- Julie: if the CUS changes a huge extent and we have alumni from three years ago, how do we deal with that?
 - Again, in my experience the problems don't change that much

No decision is being made today. This will be brought to board on the 19th

Lounge Opening Postponement- Johannes/ Julie

- Julie: I think we should postpone it until mid-September

- Dylan: we can't because if students have their UBC cards, they can enter
- Julie: I think we want a launch party
- Dylan: lets do it next Friday
- Julie: it depends on when we're getting the rest of the equipment however
- Julie: I will look at what equipment we're getting and we will decide on a launch party date

First Year Rep Recruiting- Julie/ Johannes

- There's a Facebook page for promoting it this weekend, please "Like" it.

End Time: 7:40