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Executive Council Meeting

Scheduled Time: 7:00 PM - Nov 25th, 2019 | Location: CUS Boardroom

Open to the General Membership of the Society Unless Otherwise Deemed In-Camera

Note: presentations and/or proposed motions should be requested to be included on the agenda at least three (3) days in advance of a meeting by contacting the Administrative Director, Cassandra Tran, at kassandra.tran@cus.ca – materials received past this point may be considered for the subsequent meeting's agenda at the Administrative Director's discretion.

Attendance:

Name	Position	Present ("X")	Late ("X")	Proxy
Priscilla Chan	President (Chairperson)	X		
Suprabhe Ballary	Vice-President, Academic Affairs (Vice-Chairperson)	X		
Harleen Sohi	Vice-President, External Affairs	X		
Jenna Leung	Vice-President, Finance	X		
Joshua Lee	Vice-President, Internal Affairs			Merissa Li
Annie Chen	Vice-President, Marketing and Communications	X		
Jonathan Kim	Vice-President, Student Engagement	X		
Chantal Despres	Ombudsperson	X		
Kassandra Tran	Administrative Director	X		

Guests: Sanjay Khemani, Dante Agosti-Moro

- **Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order at 7:11pm.

- **Amendments to and Adoption of the Agenda**

Moved: Jon | Seconded: Dante on behalf of Harleen

Be it resolved that the agenda be adopted as presented.

*In favour: All
Opposed: None
Abstentions: None*

...the motion carries.

- **Presentations to the Executive Council**

1. **Portfolio Review of the Code of Procedure - Dante Agosti-Moro**

- a. Dante: Rewriting code from scratch with Kristian O. Writing 2 new articles: Conference Affiliations & Event Risk Policy. Please go through parts of Code related to each exec's portfolio to determine what's correct, what's working, what needs to be corrected, etc. (ex: branding → Annie, hiring → HR; presidential portfolio, etc.). Send notes by end of exam period for Kristian and Dante to make the changes over the break
- b. Jon: how should we send our notes?
- c. Dante: email or whatever's easiest
- d. Jon: should we put our notes all on one doc so we can see each other's changes?
- e. Dante: code is currently in pdf so converting to word doc would mess up the formatting
- f. Annie: suggests retyping everything and making changes/revisions as we go
- g. Dante: going to policy and board for approval; giving more power to Ombuds to call out conflict of interest as this is currently not happening
- h. Sanjay: did you have a chance to look at Constitution?
- i. Dante: plan is to run Constitutional Referendum next year as there is not enough time to do it this year. Both Kristian and himself plan to still be part of the CUS next year and so they will know what's going on
- j. Dante: if anyone has any questions, please reach out

2. **Changes to funding for CUS-affiliated clubs and conferences**

- a. Dante: we have a large surplus (\$900K in AMS account - accumulated over the years and \$300K this year). We should be funding CUS-affiliated clubs a lot more as many clubs currently don't have the financial resources to put on events that they want to. However, we need to figure out a criteria to determine who to give more funding to
- b. Jon: we should make "financial need" a criteria for conference affiliation but "value-added" a criteria for clubs
- c. Dante: likes that idea. This will all have to go through policy committee anyways but just wants to generate discussion about ideas
- d. Jon: how do we monitor clubs?
- e. Harleen: check ins, one-on-ones, etc.
- f. Need to also figure out who has the final say for policy changes
- g. Dante: board are elected members so it would make sense that they have the final approval
- h. Sanjay: honestly the majority of these high-level major changes start in exec meetings and execs are very aware/informed of what's going on

3. **Greater say from execs regarding board topics**

- a. Dante: How the board can greater take exec recommendations to heart. Goal is to reform the Board this year so he needs to know exec's opinions
- b. Sanjay: how does that tie into elections side?

- c. Dante: asking Aadim to revise descriptions of the elected positions so that people are fully aware of what the position's responsibilities are
- d. Chantal: with the way board and exec are designed, is there a good reason to keep them separated?
- e. Dante: yes because elected reps may not be the most qualified and so having two separate bodies allows for more accountability and for a more structured process for decision-making, etc.

● **Personal Updates**

● **Professional Updates**

I. President

- Attending Conference Affiliation presentation
- Met with FYC chair to get to know one another better
- Met with Colleen - BCC
- Attended UBC Alumni Achievement Gala with Harleen
- Endowment Fund meeting today; doing survey during Winter Wonderland
- Decorated lounge last night
- Faculty Caucus is tomorrow
- Lunch with Dean and Dante on Wednesday
- AMS meeting on Wednesday
- BCom Review on Nov 29th

II. Vice-President, Academic Affairs

- Too short notice to plan out movie idea; starting next semester
- ExCo has new procedure for reimbursement policy; making it more strict
- CMP going well with review sessions

III. Vice-President, Finance

- Preparing for release of Q2 report; should be released by tonight hopefully
- Checking with Analysts about reimbursements; lockers are being cleared; meeting on Wednesday to go over delegation tasks
- Working with BCC to streamline co-op refunds

IV. Vice-President, Internal Affairs

- Storage room is still on hold; timeline may be adjusted
- CUS Calendar is under development with CUS IT; being spearheaded by Hubert - OC
- Clubs Review Committee to discuss BizChina
- Inviting CUS internal members to Christmas party tomorrow
- Unresponsive until Dec 5th due to exams, etc.

V. Vice-President, Marketing and Communications

- Contacted Artona about deliverables, what should be done, etc.
- Y & P released hiring super quick; had many applicants this year
- Still need to give prizes to winners from BizWeek contest
- Still finishing PR's this week

VI. Vice-President, External Affairs

- NSCC: went very well; conference was sold out. Meeting with them this week to debrief
- SVPSC: finished their podcast, will be launching it; planning January event
- LGBTQ: planning January event
- Imprint: Deep Dive went well but attendees were low due to weather
- CR: Kenny sent in package; should be good to go
- Christmas party is set up; happening tomorrow at 6pm
- Attended Alumni Award Gala with Priscilla

VII. Vice-President, Student Engagement

- Winter Wonderland is in full swing
- Finished PR's; doing debriefs with generalists
- SISA: photobooth got cancelled due to transit strike
- CCP: care packages with YWiB on Wednesday
- FYC: started promo for "Snowed In"
- Sauder Sports: cancelled skating event at Robson due to transit strike
- POITS: ski trip at 80% capacity approx.
- Grad Night boothing happened
- Filming details for CUSnack is ready; should be launching in the new year
- Coffee Chats have been handed off to Jenny & Daniel - Board

VIII. Administrative Director

- Helped with preparing the gifts for CUS Christmas Party
- Volunteering at photobooth for Winter Wonderland this week

IX. Ombudsperson

- No updates

● **Executive Business and Discussion**

i. **BizChina Incident - Joshua L.**

- I. Read through comments on Reddit
- II. Annie: BizChina VP Marketing had no idea the issue was because of what was said online
- III. Chantal: did the chairs not know who the keynote speakers were?
- IV. Annie: they trusted their VP External when they found these speakers
- V. Jon: but the club had marketed these speakers for their event so they should have been aware
- VI. Chantal: agrees with Jon that the chairs are responsible for knowing this
- VII. Jon: should they be re-affiliated?
- VIII. Chantal: won't there be more backlash if we reinstate them?
- IX. Jon: they took the appropriate steps → uninvited the speakers and so the rest of the event went fine.
- X. Merissa: do they want to be affiliated for the funding?
- XI. Jon: funding but also for the resources provided by CUS
- XII. Jenna: doesn't mind affiliating them but we need to be careful about the message we send considering what happened and the conversation online
- XIII. Annie: it's very important about the management team as well
- XIV. Merissa: affiliating them may allow us to have more control over them as well (from a room-booking perspective at least)

XV. Jon: forcing them to have a good relationship with us won't necessarily make them have a good relationship with us; we should try maintaining that relationship and hoping that they reciprocate

XVI. Chantal: we should bring the discussion back to BizChina specifically since Josh needs to get back to them tonight

XVII. Jon: talking points:

1. We didn't affiliate them due to the negligence and lack of oversight demonstrated
2. Lack of oversight was a consideration in the affiliation review
3. Still on a grace period: can still book rooms/booth
4. Chantal: keep in contact throughout the year if their circumstances change or if they want to provide examples of how being affiliated would benefit the community
5. Priscilla: remind them of Clubs Innovation Fund

- **Approval of Minutes**

Moved: Jon | Seconded: Suprabhe

That the minutes from the Nov 18th Executive Council meeting be approved for public distribution.

*In favour: All
Opposed: None
Abstentions: None*

...the motion carries.

- **Next Meeting**

Monday, December 2nd at 6:30pm

- **Adjournment**

Moved: Suprabhe | Seconded: Jon

There being no further business, be it resolved that the meeting be adjourned at 9:00pm.

*In favour: All
Opposed: None
Abstentions: None*

...the motion carries.