Executive Meeting

**Minutes**

Thursday May 31st 2018 4 pm

Present: H. Hassaan (Chair), I. Jama, J. Bowman, M. Taylor, V. Chen (via videoconference), G. Nowlan (Secretary), J. Seto (Executive Co-Ordinator)

1) Approval of the Agenda

MOVED(Hassaan/Jama): “To approve the agenda as presented.”

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2) Approval of the Previous Minutes

Deferred.

3) Report of the President

a) ASSU Speakers. H. Hassaan reported that he was currently looking into speakers. Some of the names so far were Reza Aslan, or Saroosh Alvi, or Peter Mandsbridge. The Exec talked about the pros or cons of these speakers and the costs. The Exec brought up a number of other names, as well as said that they would be interested in getting the names of other speakers.

b) ASSU retreat: H. Hassaan said that looking forward to the ASSU retreat, he hoped that Execs would come to the retreat with some ideas of events that they would want to hold, and some idea of the timeline or what would be required to make it happen. He said that he was available beforehand to meet with Execs to plan these events. No one needs to decide to take on this task at this meeting, but it is time sensitive.

4) Report of the Executive

a) J. Bowman reported about the UAB meeting that took place on May 24th. The main focus of

the meeting was the Mandated Leave of Absent Policy. J. Bowman said that he was sure that the policy would pass at Governing Council in June. There was a lot of vocal student opposition to this policy. ASSU was not granted speaking rights at these meetings even though ASSU has historically been granted speaking rights at these meetings. J. Bowman also brought up the idea of a blog post or some sort of posting to highlight the work that students have done with the money they are granted by ASSU. J. Bowman also circulated an example of a sample template for these posts.

b) V. Chen reported that the mandatory leave policy was unfortunately not as successful as she hoped because the admin did not listen to student concerns.

c) I. Jama reported about the student success day and how the day went. She said that the timeline was too long for some events. So for moving forward we need to be clearer about the time that we are asking for from schools. Also some of the feedback was from teachers who said that their students did not respond to talking so much as activity.

d) M. Taylor reported that she was upset to see that the UAB approved the Mandated Leave of Absence policy go through. The question now is how ASSU and other Unions can respond to this policy. She also said that the Student Success Day was great and wanted to continue it.

5) Report of the Executive Co-Ordinator

a) Jane Holidays. Jane will be gone from June 21st for two weeks. Therefore she will not be able to be there at the weekend away. But she knows that the weekend will be great.

b) Weekend Away. Everything has been booked. And we are good to go. The schedule will be sent around to the Exec the closer we get to the weekend.

c) President’s BBQ. The date has been set for July 9th 2018 at 4-6. The President will host the Exec and cater the event.

d) Travel Grants.

MOVED (Jama/Taylor) “That ASSU grants $310 to Samuel Kantor”

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e) Office Renos. There is a lot going on in the office. They are still trying to find a space for the ASSU office to be moved in for the summer. The office will look very fresh and clean when it is done. One of the biggest issues is accessibility for students trying to come to the office.

6) Other Business

H. Hassaan says that the execs need headshots and bios for the website. This could be done during the weekend away.

7) Adjournment

MOVED(Jama/Bowman): “To adjourn.”

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Secretary to the Executive

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