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CUS Exec Council Minutes

June 23rd, 2011

Start Time: 7:08pm

Present: Chris, Chrisanne, Jackie, Sara, Dylan, DavidH

Late: Andrea, Julie (skype)

Absent: DavidL, Johannes

Personal Updates

Portfolio Updates

- Andrea: met with Alex Monegro; working out mentorship program for the CUS- all volunteers of CUS will get an alumni mentor; can opt in and out of this if so choose; working out the logistics right now- ideally the alum mentor would be 2-5 year post-graduated; ideal if they have held a CUS position in the past; they would be guiding you through personal and professional goals; by Sept might be able to launch a pilot thing with the board and execs; hoping to fully launch by next year
- May actually have to hire someone to continue this mentorship program; meant to fill the niche between EMP and have TASTE and keep alumni engaged with students
- Sara: launched survival guide program to get peoples' feedback on Facebook; also encouraging writers, etc to apply to be a part of this; talking with printing companies, looking for \$2600 in costs if had 80 front and back pages; need perfect bind and would be a 6 inch by 9 inch book; James already laid out what he wants it to look like
- Chrisanne: working with evaluations of board and execs
- DavidH: social space expansion committee- working on; done a lot of brainstorming with Michael Kingsmill; throwing out ideas; going really well; have to talk about a referendum
- Chris: working on Sauder towels

Peter Yang & Justin Chan PRICC Presentation- see powerpoint

- *Looking at hosting case competition at Sauder*
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- Want to give Sauder the opportunity to see the caliber of prestige case competitions bring
- Target schools: a lot of high-performing schools; all participate heavily in case competitions
- Biggest challenge right now- reaching out to schools for involvement (delegates, etc)
- First stage right now- building marketing materials
- MBA office expressed support in a competition similar to this; dean had support but wanted to make sure it put Sauder on the map
- Looking for \$10,000 from the school by Sept 1

Questions/ Discussion

- Chris: do you guys have a commitment from Sauder yet?
 - Not yet; thought it better to go through CUS first; MBA already set the stage for us, just didn't think was feasible for MBAs to make it happen; Dean Dan was very supportive of this- want to prepare ourselves as much as we can before going forward
- Dylan: cost per student for international delegates?
 - Budget for \$500- covers hotel and food
 - Sara: what is your value proposition to other schools to come to Sauder?
 - First Pacific Rim competitions; location and companies we can leverage, will by far be the best pacific trade competition they have attended
- Chrisanne: on your breakdown of where you'll be getting your money, is the \$20,000 you've mentioned- is this for case writing?
 - Not for case writing
- Andrea: how did you come to \$15k and \$10 k from Sauder as part of your monetary requirements? Why not more from Sauder since they're the host school?
 - Will try and get as much as we can; wanted to give a realistic number though
 - Still in talks with anchor schools; will probably be asking for more from Dean's office
- Dylan: How many schools are you planning on talking to? How many backup schools do you have?
 - About 25 potential schools- all fit criteria of "Pacific" in some way or another (on the coast); Kin thought of expanding the range of schools we invite, even if the theme is "Pacific"- always room for expansion
- Chris: So this could potentially move to Sept- are you looking for the CUS money to be up-front and would you spend it now?
 - It comes down to the schools coming; they're all making their budget now pretty much, and we need to get on this and find the interest level from them- if we don't have 5 schools committed by the end of summer, we have to reconsider this endeavor
 - As for direct funding- no money would be spent until the schools are committed
- Chris: when would you require the money in your account?
 - Only website money needs to be up-front and basic marketing materials (perhaps \$5k)- the rest can wait until schools commit

- Looking for support to sustain this during the summer and then go from there
- DavidH: have you started talking to schools yet?
 - Gone on exchange; have met many students from other schools and ran through them- many expressed interest; in the process of talking to them right now- we know who we want to talk to, but it's premature without some sort of platform in place
- Dylan: are all of you committed for September and would the people you hire be committed for September as well?
 - We want to commit to this 100%; however we really want to focus on getting this done in March
 - We would be up for training to the point where others could run it should we be unable
- Andrea: where did you get hotel food and costs like those? Have you had discussions with potential companies yet?
 - Looking at having this at the Gage Hotel at UBC- UBC has a really nice campus; would probably have to house professionals downtown; as for the rest of the budget items (food)- already looked at catering budgets; our estimate is an average cost based on talking to various caterers
- Dylan: how does the consulting club play a role in this competition? Is this a separate entity and do you have people in 2nd/ 3rd year who will stay in Consulting Club and help run it in the future?
 - Competition will run as separate entity with its own team; CC individuals are execs who are there to help out and volunteer; the club has budgeted a small amount of money to help with costs in launching this competition; hopefully the competition will one day be big enough to sustain itself in the future; half of CC are second years

In-Camera Discussion- Jackie

Motion to move in-camera:8:22

Motion to move out of camera: 8:28

CUS Sustainability Presentation (Ivy and Allison)- see powerpoint

- New undergrad lounge being created- looking to make sustainable and show Sauder students are all for sustainability
- Suggesting we purchase dishware for the new CUS lounge and smaller CUS events; also looking at dishwasher possibility
- Could loan out dishware for events for free
- Want to promote responsible consumption
- Having dishwasher will promote use of CUS Lounge and encourage cleanliness in CUS Lounge
- Sauder has great potential to look like a sustainable faculty

Questions

- Chrisanne: my concern- I don't know if architecturally we can put a dishwasher into the CUS Lounge, not sure if we have the correct water pipes, etc; if we did, my other concern- what happens if it breaks? In terms of dishware, I'm concerned people would take them or break plates/ cups; high turnover rate
- Andrea: Whose responsibility does this fall under- if we have to replace dishware every year; and if people don't properly wash their dishes, how do we address this?
 - Architecture- Tim hasn't heard back from architects about this; if not possible then we can't have a dishwasher but we can look at alternatives
- Julie: Tim said there was a sink but we need a lot of water- doesn't know if the previous sink's water pipe is strong enough for a dishwasher, but he will ask the architects
 - We could start small- just have cutlery perhaps; some kind of sink would at least increase our chances of success
 - We wouldn't be using it every day; not going to have events every single day
 - Leaking- possible, but again, not frequent use; we will have to figure that out if this is an option the CUS wants to pursue
 - Would have deposit system in place when things being loaned; if anything breaks the replacement/ maintenance fees are taken out of deposit
- Dylan: so if this happened, we'd give you some amount of money from the contributed surplus- you'd have control of dishware and you'd loan them out to events as necessary; I'm just worried that even if we do this, there will still be people who go with convenience over cost and who will still buy paper plates for events; some people would pay to still buy paper
 - If clubs interested in implementing a sustainability movement, can emphasize that this cuts costs and loaning dishware is free
- Dylan: the AMS dealt with water bottles- banned plastic water bottles in the SUB and installed water systems; right now we have a water cooler in Sauder- any way can bring that initiative to Sauder? If you want to start that, we can support you in this initiative as well- there's no cost
 - We wanted to start small; definitely something we've thought about
 - Also thought about compost- maybe could put in the lounge?
- Dylan: how do we want our CUS Lounge to be used? Do we want small events where there's a chance of mess happening, or do we want it to be a hangout space?
 - Julie: CUS Lounge is pretty small
 - Sara: about making the rules for the Lounge
- Dylan: keeping it clean and setting precedents and rules is important
- Dylan: compost, etc would be useful in the lounge
- Chrisanne: can't you get biodegradable paper plates?
- Sara: could we set up a schedule for usage of the dishwasher? I'd love to see a dishwasher happen; we have to consider colors of dishware to buy, costs of replacement, buying dish detergent; who's going to be responsible for dishes; have to set up some kind of agreement/ rules
- Andrea: if can't do dishwasher, where would you store this stuff?

- Storage area perhaps?
- Andrea: you need something with a lock on it- people will take things
- Dylan: can you get pipes in the CUStore?
 - Unknown
- Andrea: in the CUStore could we buy organic cups/ dishware/ cutlery that is biodegradable?
- Dylan: it'd be nice to see people use the water cooler instead of plastic bottles and put it in a more prominent place so people can use it
- Sara: might have restrictions on where people can plug things in though; could we put it in the lounge?
- Dylan: I'd be willing to assist in encouraging water cooler usage; lots of things that can be done- can talk to AMS about how they went about removing water bottles from the SUB
- Allison: if the dishwasher and cutlery is still a possibility, it'd be great if you kept it in mind
- Dylan: could you loan out plates at lunch?
 - Thought about it; so many people could walk off with them; would need sign-out system; thought about replacement fee

CUS Lounge Discussion- Julie

- Right now want CUS Lounge open to commerce students only; don't have regular hours; need to regulate this
- Thinking about coding out student cards to swipe for access; Klazina mentioned might have to purchase cards; don't know where we can get swipeable student cards
- Dylan: can use your student card
- Sara: cards don't cost much; it is programming that's expensive
- Andrea: if Sauder is open 24 hours, that's also access for MBAs so they could technically come in; would be small issue though- FOB is good idea though
- Julie: are we supposed to put a sign on lounge window/ door?
- Sara: Forestry building has a sign saying after 6pm only Forestry students
- Sara: another student from another faculty would have to do some serious snooping to find our lounge anyway
- Chrisanne: these are our students fees paying for it, I don't see there being a problem with making it more exclusive
- Chrisanne: in residence they have a machine and a card that you swipe to get access; if you ask, they can do your student card too
- Sara: have to consider where they'd go if lost their swipe card
- Andrea: could also have a code people punch in
- Sara: could have keypad on the door only Sauder students know the code for access

Voting Phase

BIRT the executive council supports the usage of the lounge by only commerce students

For: Unanimous

Motion passes.

In-camera Discussion- Sara

Motion to move in-camera: 8:40 (Unanimous)

Motion to move out of camera: 8:43 (Unanimous)

End time: 9:00pm