

# Grad Night Charity Contribution



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## → What happened...

- April 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2011 → Sauder Grad Night
  - Pan Pacific Hotel
  - After Party: Smiley's Public House
  - Charity for the event: Canadian Cancer Society
- Preliminary budget
  - Contribution approved by CUS Board of Directors: \$19,400

## → Our philosophy on the charity

- The CUS should *not* have any out of pocket costs because of the charity contribution
  - Charge above and beyond the ticket price for the charity (\$95 vs. \$85)
  - \$10 from each ticket sold for charity, plus all after party sales (Min \$2000, max \$4000)
    - In the event of cost overruns, the charity portion would be cut down

## → In the end...

- Total approved contribution by CUS Board of Directors: **\$19,400**
- Total contribution with charity revenue removed **\$18,503**
- Total tickets sold: **316**
- Total after party ticket sales **48**
- Total charity revenue ( $316 * \$10 + 48 * \$20$ ): **\$4120\***

*\*This is over the cap set by the Grad Night Committee, so only \$4000 will be given.*



## → Trouble brewing...

- VP Finance refuses to give amount requested for charity (\$4000)
- Asked for the assistance of Executive Council
  - Told only \$2000 will be given
- Why?



## → Reason 1

- **1) You cannot balance your budget with a charity contribution**
  - Not balancing budget with charity contribution
  - Removal of the revenue for the charity balances the budget; all expenses were in line with the contribution given by the CUS Board of Directors
  - Other events have used the same model

## → Reason 2

- **2) We do not want to set a precedent for the future**
  - No precedent is set



## → Reason 3

- **3) You have not deposited the cash from Grad Night after party sales, so we are not going to give you the contribution**
  - Unethical and illegal
  - Not in CUS policy



## → Other disappointing news...

- No minutes of the Executive Council meeting were shown to us
- No presentation of our side of the story to the Executives (Ombuds?)
- Lack of trust from the CUS Executives to two long-standing volunteers of the CUS

## → In summary...

- This cash does not belong to the CUS. It belongs to the grads who have entrusted us to turn it over to the charity
- The ask: *Please overturn the decision of the Executive Council*



→ Questions?

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## → Motion

- *Whereas the CUS Board of Directors has heard the reasoning behind the decision of the Executive Council to only support \$2000;*
- *Whereas the CUS Board of Directors has heard from the CUS Grad Committee in regards to their request to overturn the decision of the Executive Council and their reasoning for a charity contribution of \$4000;*
- *Whereas per the CUS Constitution, the CUS Board of Directors has the constitutional right to overturn any decision of the Executive Council;*
- *Be it resolved that the CUS Board of Directors overturn the decision of the Executive Council on May 19th, 2011 regarding support of the Grad Night charity for \$2000;*
- *Be it further resolved that the CUS Board of Directors direct the VP Finance to issue a cheque to the Canadian Cancer Society as per the wishes of the Grad Night Committee in the amount of \$4000, where time is of the essence.*

