Executive Board Meeting 12-24
Tuesday, February 26, 2013 @ 2:30pm
MSU Boardroom, MUSC rm 201

Call to order @ 2:37 p.m.
Present  Bergen, Campbell, Morrow, Saeed, Stewart
Late
Absent  Daniel, Granat, Jamieson, Wyngaarden
Others Present  V. Scott (Recording Secretary), M. Wooder (SLDC), Scott MacDonald (MACgreen Director), Max Bonnell (McMaster Landlord Rating Presenter)

1. Adopt Agenda

Moved by Morrow, seconded by Brown Eyes that the Executive Board adopt the agenda as amended.

Amendments
- Stewart – Add Peer Support Line Job Descriptions

Vote on Agenda

Passes Unanimously

2. Adopt Minutes

Moved by Saeed, seconded by Brown Eyes that the Executive Board adopt the minutes of Executive Board meeting 12-23 – February 12, 2013, as presented.

Passes Unanimously

3. MAC Breadbin Report – report attached

- Campbell explained that Scott from MACgreen will be coming to the meeting but will be late, and that Gillian couldn’t make the meeting.

Questions
- Stewart noticed that the report stated that demand is going up for the service. She asked if that was impacting the vouchers that they are receiving, and if it would be a long-term challenge. Campbell responded that it was not becoming at problem at that point, but that he can follow up to make sure nothing about capacity would be coming up.

4. Peer Support Line Job Descriptions

Moved by Bergen, seconded by Morrow that the Executive Board approve the job descriptions for the Peer Support Line, as circulated and attached.

- Stewart responded that these job descriptions were passed through Services Committee and approved by them. She explained that part of the challenge is that they need to hire a new coordinator before they can grab volunteers. She explained that the next steps are getting the wages approved by the Finance Committee, and bringing forward the Operating Policies forward to the March 10 SRA meeting. She clarified that the Peer Support Line Coordinator is a paid PTM position, and that the Promotions and Volunteer Coordinators are volunteer positions.
Vote on Motion

Passes Unanimously

5. MACgreen report – Scott MacDonald presented

- MacDonald summarized his report.

Questions

- Saeed asked if he saw any overlap with the Office of Sustainability. MacDonald responded that they could work with them more, but currently they aren’t doing that. He explained that Sustainability deal with university-wide problems.
- Campbell asked MacDonald to speak to the strengths that MACgreen offers that the Office of Sustainability doesn’t. MacDonald responded that they have the force of students behind them. MACgreen needs to work on creating a volunteer base and having solid events where they can volunteer.
- Stewart asked if MACgreen had the opportunity to work with Clubs that link to MACgreen. MacDonald responded that they have worked with some, Cootes Paradise and Veggie Club, and they have also collaborated with MACycle to do Cycle around the Bay.
- Stewart asked what are some things he would like that MACgreen is working on, dealt with. MacDonald responded that a survey was done last year about recycling and compost. A lot of people want composting but they pay a set rate per bin. It costs the university a lot of money to compost, and the charge is per bin, not by weight. Recycling is a problem on campus as a lot of places don’t have beside each other and items get contaminated.
- Saeed asked if this is something MACgreen should do independently, or work with the president to lobby on this. MacDonald responded that whenever they have to deal with these types of problems they talk to Sustainability, and then take the idea for themselves. He added that maybe Sustainability can do a better job of handling the waste while MACgreen can stick with educating students.

6. McMaster Landlord Rating Presentation

- Mr. Bonnell went over the proposal with the Board (attached). He gave his history of living in student housing and having to deal with landlords. He explained that he contacted the Off Campus Resource Centre already, but they have a system in place for landlords to put themselves on the list and pay the university to be put as a ‘top listing’. He explained that the most convenient place would to put this on the MSU website and send students to fill out the questionnaire. He stated that he has spoken to Pauline Taggart about getting a quote for this project.

Questions

- Stewart asked if he has received the numbers for the quote yet. Mr. Bonnell responded that he doesn’t have a formal quote but as told that this could cost anywhere from $3,500 to $7,000. He explained that he also applied for the Student Life Enhancement Fund.
- Saeed explained that he had spoken to Mr. Bonnell before about this, and recommended that this come to the Board for the next steps. Saeed suggested having a discussion with the new SCSN Director and then go from there.
- Wooder stated that it would make it more credible if answers weren’t anonymous but students might not feel comfortable answering the questions if they weren’t. Mr. Bonnell responded that there would be a certain degree of anonymity with this, as it won’t be visible to the general public. Also, the student id associated with the rating won’t allow them to rate the same property twice. This eliminates the possibility of any wrong-doings.
- Wooder suggested having some exit out strategies for reviews, as there need to be methods in place to remove old reviews in the case of new management. It would be a good system to have these things. He
added that the MSU won’t be sending people to do house checks and reviewing houses. He added that there is something to be said of keeping abreast of upcoming policies and bylaws.

- Campbell explained that now they have the proposal, they will have to wait until they get the costing in before they can consider the proposal. This would most likely have to be approved at SRA, but would be discussed at this level.
- Stewart thanked Mr. Bonnell for coming in to present his idea.

7. Information and Question Period

- Wooder reported that they are currently going through a hiring bonanza.
- Saeed reported that there was an article in the Spectator about MAPS, a response will be coming from the MSU soon.
- Stewart reported that the Green Roof Survey will be coming out today, if not, tomorrow. She went over the options of the survey.
- Wooder asked if there would be an agreement on how access to the space would be governed. Stewart responded that there isn’t a formal agreement between the MSU and MUSC on the space yet, and that it would be premature to make one.
- Campbell reported that the hiring for Community Garden, SCSN, and MACgreen should be done within a week. The Diversity Services Assistant Director position hasn’t closed yet, and MAC Breadbin applications have been re-opened. The SRA General Election is coming up; polling is March 12-14. The latest updates on Wentworth House aren’t positive, and the MSU isn’t happy with the move options. Student Recognition Night is March 20, please RSVP by Friday.

8. Adjournment and Time of Next Meeting

Time of Next Meeting:

Tuesday, March 5, 2013
2:30 p.m.
MSU Boardroom, MUSC room 201

Moved by Morrow, seconded by Campbell that the meeting be adjourned.

Passes Unanimously

Meeting adjourned @ 3:41 p.m.

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