

## **Student Leaders Meeting #2 – 2006/07**

**06 July 2006**

**Held at the Offices of the Council on Post-Secondary Education  
Winnipeg**

**1:30 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.  
(Agenda Attached)**

### **Student Leaders in Attendance:**

CUSB: Jen Winters  
BU: Regrets  
UM: Garry Sran, Rachel Gotthilf, Rob Marriott  
UMGSA: Megan Gallant  
UW: Mathew Gagne  
RRC: Rex Masesar  
ACC: Shauna Leckie  
UCN: Regrets

### **COPSE Staff in Attendance:**

Curtis Nordman, A/Secretary  
Susan Deane, Manager, University Relations  
Dan Smith, Senior Policy Analyst

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### **Introduction**

The meeting came to order at 1:30 pm. Participants were welcomed and introductions were made.

### **Review of Notes from Last Meeting**

The notes from the previous meeting were reviewed. Concerns regarding the EPI project with Manitoba Student Aid were addressed by Curtis Nordman who indicated that Manitoba Student Aid was aware of the general assumptions that EPI makes regarding tuition fees. The project under development is sufficiently focused so as to mitigate potential ideological biases.

A follow-up discussion was held regarding the role of students in the governance arrangements of institutions. Colleges reported that they have experienced no difficulties with working with governing boards, and university students noted that it is only as a result of differing perspectives on other fees and international student tuition fees where they have been running into difficulty. Otherwise, the relationship between student governments and university administration is positive.

Curtis Nordman noted that Dan Smith would discuss the matter with governance officers at the universities in question.

### **Secretary to Council**

Curtis Nordman announced that Sidney Rogers had been selected to take the position of Secretary to Council effective on 31 July 2006.

### **Pre-scheduling Meeting Dates for 2006/07**

It was agreed that two more meetings would take place during the calendar year, to be scheduled in late August and in early December. These meetings are in addition to the Council's meetings with individual student associations during the annual Estimates process, as well as in addition to any meetings that students request with the Council.

### **Other Fees**

Students reiterated their frustration regarding actions of the universities and colleges in increasing other fees. Students acknowledged the government's policy of ensuring that the fees were reasonable and justifiable but raised concerns about the policy. They asked how that policy was to be enforced.

Curtis Nordman indicated that COPSE and the government would continue to work with the institutions to ensure that there is clarity in what the funding is being used for.

### **Other Issues**

**Student Association Legislation:** Students outlined concerns they had regarding the legal relationship between institutions and student associations. They provided examples of where institutions are challenging the student associations, including the collection of student association fees and the requirement to pay student association fees prior to registration. Students indicated that they would like to see legislation that would standardize the treatment of student associations in Manitoba.

Curtis Nordman responded that the Minister of Advanced Education and Training had already committed to considering such legislation. He noted that an assessment had been completed of student association legislation across Canada and that other work was progressing.

**Student Residences:** Students noted that there are no appeal mechanisms available to students living in residence at the University of Winnipeg who run into difficulties with the contracted manager of the University's student residences.

Curtis Nordman noted that Susan Deane would follow-up the matter with the University of Winnipeg.

### **Next Meeting**

Dan Smith will arrange a meeting for late August. Should participants want to attend this meeting by teleconference, please advise Dan Smith (945-4720, [dsmith@copse.mb.ca](mailto:dsmith@copse.mb.ca)) well in advance so that the appropriate arrangements can be made.

### **Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 3:30 pm.

## **COPSE/Student Leaders Meeting # 2 – 2006/07**

### **AGENDA**

#### **Time**

Thursday 06 July 2006  
1:30 pm to 3:30 pm

#### **Location**

Council on Post-Secondary Education  
Boardroom 1  
410-330 Portage Avenue  
Winnipeg

#### **Participants**

College and University Students' Association Leaders  
COPSE Staff

#### **Agenda**

1. Introduction
2. Review of Notes from Last Meeting
3. Update on Search for Secretary to Council on Post-Secondary Education
4. Pre-scheduling Meeting Dates for 2006/07
5. Update Discussion on Other Fees
6. Other
7. Adjournment

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