

Student Leaders Meeting #4 – 2006/07

20 October 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: Jasmine
BU: Stacy
UM: Garry Sran, Rachel Gotthilf
UMGSA: Megan Gallant
UW: Regrets
RRC: Rex Masesar
ACC: Shauna Leckie
UCN: Regrets
CFS: Rachel Gotthilf

COPSE Staff in Attendance:

Sid Rogers, Secretary to Council
Dan Smith, Senior Policy Analyst

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.

Follow-up on Items Raised in the Last Meeting

1. **Student Housing:** Sid Rogers committed to following up on the student housing issue at the University of Winnipeg.
2. **Summary Budgeting:** a document was provided in the agenda material that provided an overview of summary budgeting.

Students noted that they were not happy with how the post-secondary institutions have allocated institutional resources through their own budgets, and are looking for additional detail and were hoping that the summary budgeting process would provide that detail.

Sid Rogers suggested that it likely will not provide the level of detail that is sought, and summary budgeting will not provide information as to the priorities of the post-secondary institutions. The best source of information on these issues is from the board itself.

Other Issues

Budget 2007/08: It was noted that COPSE was in the midst of the annual Estimates meetings with institutions, faculty and students. Sid Rogers noted that the government has clearly made a commitment to a 5% increase in 2007/08, but that it was too early in the process to be able to know what else might happen.

It was noted that Manitoba's share of the C-48 funding was \$36.3 million, but that this amount of funding would not begin to address the outstanding capital issues that exist in the system. Further, it is not clear how that funding will be divided within the post-secondary system.

Student Association Legislation: Sid Rogers indicated that he was reluctant to recommend the legislation to government because the issue that first triggered the request at the University of Winnipeg has been addressed by the UW's Board of Regents. He noted that he was still open to be convinced.

Students indicated that they were still concerned that there was a shift in how student associations were being treated by institutions and students would feel more comfortable if there was legislation that protected the associations.

Students indicated a preference for omnibus legislation that would recognize that the associations were the "voice of students," and that they had the right to exist and to have student fees remitted to them. Students noted that they would be happy to limit the "union analogy" that has been made with respect to the right to organize.

Students indicated that a formal proposal would be forwarded to COPSE as soon as possible. Sid Rogers committed to reviewing the proposal once it has been received.

Working Groups: Students asked when a working group would be established, and reiterated their preference that such groups include students, faculty, and administration, as well as government personnel.

After much discussion, it was determined that an appropriate first step would be to establish a working group that focused on providing input for a vision for post-secondary education in Manitoba. Sid Rogers indicated that he would be willing to have a dialogue with students, faculty and institutional administration on this subject.

Next Meeting

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

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 3:15 pm.

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AGENDA

Time

Friday 20 October 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. Follow-up on items raised in last meeting
 - a. Summary Budgeting
4. Discussion re: Budget 2007/08
5. Right to Organize Legislation
6. Other
7. Next Meeting
8. Adjournment