MINUTES OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING OF ERINDALE COLLEGE COUNCIL, held on Wednesday, January 18, 2012 at 3:10 p.m. in room 3214, William G. Davis Building

Present: G. Anderson (in the Chair), D. Saini, L. Bailey, N. Woolridge, D. DiCenso, G. Cassar
Regrets: P. Donoghue, M. Zandawala

The Executive Committee met to set the agenda for the January 31, 2012 meeting of Erindale College Council.

The report of the November 23, 2011 meeting of the Executive Committee was approved as circulated.

The Chief Returning Officer provided a report of the ECC January by-elections. The report is attached hereto as appendix A.

The Chair noted that since the January meetings of both standing committees were cancelled, the only agenda items for the upcoming ECC meeting were the outstanding ancillary budget items from the December 1, 2011 meeting of Council.

The President of UTMSU, Mr. Cassar, moved that the parking ancillary budget be placed back on the ECC agenda. To facilitate discussion, Professor Saini seconded the motion.

Mr. Cassar made the following statements of opinion in support of his motion:

• That a motion was passed during the meeting to extend the meeting until 12:45 p.m., which passed, and the meeting was allowed to carry on after this time.
• That several student members were on the speakers’ list: that is they had their hand up and were waiting to be acknowledged, but the Chair called on another speaker instead
• That not keeping a speakers’ list is “unbecoming” to ECC
• That a member called Orders of the Day stating that the meeting had come to an end per the motion passed to extend the meeting to a certain time.
• That many students were not present at the meeting due to the inconvenient time, and that many student members of ECC and general members expressed disappointment in the way the meeting was conducted.
• That it would not be any harm reintroducing the motion at the meeting for a short discussion when all stakeholders will be present at the Jan 31st meeting, and this would remove any doubt among stakeholders about the will of ECC and would retain faith among stakeholders in the democratic proceedings of the ECC.

The Chair explained that a parliamentary expert external to the university had been consulted and the resulting opinion confirmed that until the meeting is declared
adjourned by the Chair business can continue to be transacted; the meeting does not end automatically after two hours. In addition, under Robert’s Rules, keeping a Speakers’ list was not recommended. Professor Woolridge remarked that the speaker who moved the Previous Question had had his hand up for quite some time before being recognized by the Chair. He added that many members had their hands up and in his opinion the Chair was trying to recognize members fairly. The Vice-President and Principal noted that besides the parliamentary considerations, the parking ancillary received more than 70 minutes of vigorous discussion, a more than generous amount of time for discussing a parking budget. Mr. DiCenso noted that as a member of ECC, he was satisfied that an exhaustive amount of opinion had been expressed on the matter at the last meeting and hearing more would not lend anything more substantive to the discussion.

The motion failed.

The agenda would contain the remaining three ancillaries of conference, food and residences. The Vice-President and Principal noted that he would provide his report to ECC towards the end of the meeting.

The Executive Committee meeting adjourned at 4:10 p.m.

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Chair                        Secretary