Executive Committee
July 5, 2005

Attendance
Graham Lettner President
Mat Johnson Vice-President Academic
Samantha Power Vice-President External
Jason Tobias Vice-President Operations & Finance
Justin Kehoe Vice-President Student Life
Bill Smith General Manager
Catherine van de Braak E/A, Recording Secretary

1. Call to Order
The meeting was called to order by LETTNER at 10:40 am

2. Approval of Agenda
JOHNSON/TOBIAS MOVED THAT the agenda is approved as follows:
6a moved to the end of discussion period and the agenda re-numbered accordingly.

VOTE ON MOTION 5/0/0 CARRIED

3. Approval of Minutes
JOHNSON/KEHOE MOVED THAT the June 30, 2005 minutes be approved as tabled.

VOTE ON MOTION 5/0/0 CARRIED

4. Old Business
a. Academic Plan submission
JOHNSON: have reviewed the plan, changes that were identified have been made, statistics added, the use of “University sphere”, summary and conclusion have been added. Hoping for executive approval.

Smith approves after being assured that the report will be grammatically correct.

KEHOE/TOBIAS MOVED THAT the Executive Committee approve the Academic Plan submission.

VOTE ON MOTION 5/0/0 CARRIED

5. New Business
There is no new business

6. Discussion Period
a. VP Management
LETTNER: three of the executives have student staff, it is important to create a positive environment with open communication. Concerns should be brought to the VP and then they should deal with any issues that impact that staff member.

Smith provided historical background.
b. Jim Dinning
LETTNER: started Monday as all Mondays should start, hobnobbing with rich white guys. Jim is very sincere and has a positive outlook; he presented a strong vision for the province.

POWER: who was there and what was discussed?

LETTNER: it was 14 business leaders, (one of whom was a senior) and myself. The main topics were education, infrastructure, and business climate.

c. Partnership with the University
Lettner tabled a draft letter and background that he would like to send to Jim Edwards (BoG Chair).

SMITH: concerned with some of the wording, but feel that this is a great idea. The focus should be on re-building with the University.

LETTNER: see this as an opportunity to build a new relationship with President Samerasakera. There is the potential to build new partnerships and to add resources.

POWER: try to refocus the University on why Rutherford built the University in the first place, to educate Albertans. Energy should be re-focused on students.

TOBIAS: want to be a partner, but not assimilated. Don’t want to lose distinct identity.

Discussion ensued regarding specific changes.

d. SPR Allocation
LETTNER: we need to find out what is going to be used from SPR this year.

SMITH: it may be worthwhile to go through the goals and attach dollar amounts to them so we can see where things fit. As well presentation needs to be taking in to consideration. Sometimes we do an excellent job but then fall short on the presentation and the work is dismissed.

e. Face Book
KEHOE: this is an online community that Colin Robertson would like exec input about. It seems to be an online yearbook. Exec. will review and pass comments on to Justin.

f. Web board
Concerns were raised about what is happening with the web board. It was supposed to be up by July 1.

TOBIAS: somewhere out there is a hack that is dying!
KEHOE: will meet with Marc Dumouchel and have it up by July 15.

SMITH: have received a legal option that needs to be taken into consideration. Kehoe will meet with Smith to discuss this.

7. Reports
8. Announcements
9. Adjournment
Meeting adjourned at 12:05 pm