Executive Committee
January 19, 2006

Attendance
Graham Lettner President
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

Absent
Mat Johnson Vice-President Academic

1. Call to Order
The meeting was called to order by LETTNER at 9:40 am

2. Approval of Agenda
POWER/TOBIAS MOVE D THAT the agenda is approved as tabled.
VOTE ON MOTION 4/0/0 CARRIED

3. Approval of Minutes
LETTNER/KEHOE MOVED THAT the January 17, 2006 minutes be approved as tabled.
VOTE ON MOTION 4/0/0 CARRIED

4. Action Summaries
Reviewed and updated

5. Old Business
There is no old businesses

7a. Presentation by Dr. McInroy
Agenda re-ordered to allow for presentation by Dr. McInroy relating to a request to increase student health services fee.

Dr. McInroy provided background regarding the fee and what students currently receive for the fee. Last fee increase was in 1997. Health Centre on the edge financially, cannot increase revenue, costs are going up, and it is a challenge to hire doctors, need to be competitive. When students turned down the health plan it became more of a challenge.

Points were presented regarding the changes that would be made if the increase passes as well as what could happen if the increase does not go through.

It is imperative that students are involved in the process. Dr.
McInroy is pushing the University to change Health Services form an auxiliary service to a student service. If this happens some of the costs will be diminished.

Dr. McInroy expressed concern that this needs to go to Students’ Council soon. The executive will discuss this at the next executive meeting.

6. New Business
   a. SPR Request

   Power tabled request for sponsorship of students to attend PIA (Public Interest Alberta) post secondary conference. PIA has requested funding to allow more students to attend.
   TOBIAS: why should we support this?
   POWER: it will result in informed executive and councilors in the future years.
   LETTNER: understand the link but not sure about subsidizing cost for students to attend a conference.
   TOBIAS: the SU provides funding to student groups and we also spend money to train our student staff so I don’t see that this should be a problem.
   KEHOE: this is a direct benefit to the SU, there is money in SPR so I think we should approve.
   POWER/TOBIAS MOVED THAT the Executive Committee approve an amount no to exceed $2250.00 from the Special Project Reserve for sponsorship of 30 U of A students to attend the Public Interest Alberta Post Secondary Education Conference in Edmonton February 24-26/2006.
   VOTE ON MOTION 4/0/0 CARRIED

7. Discussion Period
   b. Concern

   TOBIAS: concerned about the rumblings that I have heard relating to a group of councilors who are not pleased with Graham’s stance on tuition. This has not been raised directly with Graham and I feel it is important to clear the air and figure out how to deal with this.

   LETTNER: have met with Tim Schneider about this issue, difficult to make alterations when no feedback has been given.

   Discussion ensued regarding this matter.
   LETTNER: will give a presentation at council on what has been done with tuition and why.

8. Reports
9. Announcements
10. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 11:30 am