Executive Committee
January 8, 2007

Attendance
Samantha Power  President
Amanda Henry  Vice-President Academic
David Cournoyer  Vice-President External
Chris Cunningham  Vice-President Operations & Finance
Omer Yusuf  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 POWER at 11:30 am

2. Approval of Agenda
HENRY/POWER MOVED THAT the agenda be approved with the following additions:
5a. Coke Plebiscite
7b. Bear Scat

VOTE ON MOTION 5/0/0 CARRIED

3. Approval of Minutes
CUNNINGHAM/YUSUF MOVED THAT the December 21, 2007 minutes be approved as tabled.

VOTE ON MOTION 5/0/0 CARRIED

POWER/CORUNOYER MOVED THAT the December 21, 2007 minutes be approved as tabled.

VOTE ON MOTION 5/0/0 CARRIED

4. Action Summaries
Reviewed and updated

5. Old Business
a. Coke Plebiscite
SMITH: this should come to council tomorrow so that it can go through due process.
Cunningham recommended that Students' Council draft a plebiscite question based on the following principles:
Do you support an extension of the Single Source Cold Beverage Agreement between the Students’ Union, the University and Coca-Cola, subject to the following conditions?
The Existing Agreement, due to run from June 1, 1998 to May 31, 2010, will be retroactively terminated as of May 31, 2005.
a) A New Agreement will be retroactively implemented to operate from June 1, 2005 to May 31, 2015.
b) The New Agreement will eliminate the two-year period (June 1, 2008 - May 31, 2010) provided for under the Existing Agreement, during which no student support payments will flow.

c) The New Agreement would provide an average of $524,377 annually for scholarships, bursaries and student services during the ten years between June 2005 and May 2015 (compared with an average of $333,261 annually during the last five years of the Existing Agreement - June 2005 to May 2010)

d) The funds received by the University under the New Agreement will continue to be applied to scholarships and bursaries, and the funds received by the Students’ Union will continue to be applied to student services.

e) Vending Prices will remain in line with those at other Edmonton post secondary institutions.

This will be sent for the late additions.

6. New Business
   a. RSS Structure

Power tabled background that was created last year relating to the structure of the Revolutionary Speakers Series.

POWER/HENRY MOVED THAT the executive committee approve the operating policy relating to the Revolutionary Speaker Series.

VOTE ON MOTION 5/0/0 CARRIED

b. ACUI Conference

Smith tabled background and a proposed budget for the conference. This is a yearly budgeted conference.

POWER/CUNNINGHAM MOVED THAT the Executive committee approve a budgeted expense not to exceed $2740.00 for the General Manager to attend the ACUI conference March 24/07-March 28/07 in Atlanta Georgia, USA.

VOTE ON MOTION 5/0/0 CARRIED

7. Discussion Period
   a. University Finances

YUSUF: as per the retreat discussion, Bill, Chris and I met to discuss mandatory fees as well as reviewing University finances, indirect cost of research and CAUBO.

SMITH: it is important that we have the ability to review this data within our organization. CAUBO is important to allow us to keep our finger on the pulse of University finances. It is then up to each exec. to decide how to use this information.

CUNNINGHAM: CAUBO is valuable tool; feel that there would be
good fit within advocacy.

POWER: can’t dispute the need for this, it would fit within advocacy. There needs to be a discussion about workload/fit.

Power will bring this back to exec after further discussions.

b. Bear Scat

Henry tabled an email from Stephen Kirkham regarding a small per student fee to support Bear Scat.

HENRY: received the email this morning, I have emailed him back about a meeting later this afternoon. This is the first time that I have heard of financial issues, this seems rather out of the blue.

SMITH: there are significant implications to this as well as it being very short notice.

POWER: would like to see actual costs of the program, not sure that a mandatory fee is needed. What is the SU’s commitment to this program in the future?

HENRY: Bear scat is working under a grant from the University. I will be meeting with Stephen later today.

8. Reports
a. President

Working on an update of exec. priories for the late additions Tuition and rent increase will be discussed at BFPC on Thursday With Dave will be holding a Organizing for Action session on Saturday

b. VP Academic

Working on: FA bylaws Visited Calgary and Lethbridge before the Christmas break Geer Week is coming

c. VP External

Sam and I met with James Rajotte this morning Working on the postcard campaign Rural tour (need to find another name) later this month PIA meeting on Thursday

d. VP Operations & Finance

Dealt with Medicine Hat/Grande Prairie issue Cereal bar now in Juicy

e. VP Student Life

Anti Freeze is this week

f. General Manager

Have finished the SU’s historical finances back to ‘85 Will be giving a presentation to council on the 23 of January.

9. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 12:20 pm