SIMULATION #5 -- EXECUTIVE BUDGET PROCESS

You are divided into two categories of participant: members of the Executive Budget Committee (similar to the role of the President's Office of Management and Budget) and representatives of a number of executive agencies each badly in need of more appropriations than are likely to be available. **For the purposes of Simulation #5, you have no provincial affiliation.** Committee members owe their allegiance to the president; agency spokespersons owe their allegiance to their respective agencies and programs.

Exceptionally careful study of your roles (see below) is vital. Each agency representative must be expert in the mission, needs, budget, and importance of her or his agency so as to present and defend its budgetary request. If you have an agency colleague, you should contact that person prior to class to divide responsibilities, plan strategy, and prepare remarks. During the hearing portion of the simulation, contrary to the instructions in the book (pp. 120-21), the consideration of each agency's budget request will consist of (1) an opening statement from the agency, (2) questions from the committee, which are answered by the agency, and (3) final remarks from the agency. Since you will be testifying from your seats, agency colleagues should sit together. Members of the Executive Budget Committee must familiarize themselves with all the budget documents prior to the meeting and come prepared with questions for the representatives of each agency. The hearing must be concluded by 1:45 p.m. Ultimately, the committee members will have to formulate a budget with aggregate expenditures within the president's guidelines. The meeting of the Budget Committee must be concluded by 2:15 p.m. [All participants should bring calculators if convenient.]

SIMULATION #6 -- LEGISLATIVE BUDGET PROCESS

Modern budgets begin with the executive, but the ultimate "power of the purse" remains with the legislative assembly. In Simulation #6 you are members of the Legislative Assembly of Atlantis [not a constitutional convention] representing your respective provinces and challenged to pass a national budget. You must now determine how best to balance your role as member of a representative assembly with your role as a national legislator. Your agenda for this exercise is the Executive Budget proposed by the President, and you will have to master the details of nine programs. See pp. 138-60. A point of history: the Assembly's present Speaker is Jacki White, who has moved to Omega since the Constitutional Convention.

ALPHAS

Erin Anderson – Executive Budget Committee
Andrew Buck – Senior Citizens Centers Program
Justin Everage – Day Care Centers Program
Seth Franke – Senior Citizens Centers Program
Addy Free – Marine Safety & Rescue Service

BETAS

Matt Gibson – Wildlife Protection Service
Leah Holloway – National Parks Service
Ricardo Infante – Executive Budget Committee
Kelly Izzo – Wildlife Protection Service
Nate Johnson – Abortion Clinics Program
Nicole Knight – Crisis Centers Program
Michelle Knowland – Marine Safety & Rescue Service

GAMMAS

Jacki White – Executive Budget Committee
Anna Krewer – Abortion Clinics Program
Lyndsay Leggott – Wildlife Protection Service
David Lienemann – College Scholarship Program
Cody McBroom – Day Care Centers Program
Tony Neil – Crisis Centers Program

DELTAS

Jai Pattur – Executive Budget Committee
Rae-Anne Peckman – College Scholarship Program
Celeste Rangel – Crisis Centers Program
Dave Smucker – Chair of Executive Budget Committee

OMEGAS

Ryan Taugher – Executive Budget Committee
Bradley Ward – Senior Citizens Centers Program
Jacki White – National Parks Service