

Student Representation Policy

Rationale

SAMU is the official student voice and provides many different avenues for representing the student perspective. One of the key ways that SAMU provides the student voice is by empowering students themselves to become involved in governance committees within the Post-Secondary Community.

Definitions

A **committee member** is a voting member of a particular committee.

An **external committee** is a non-SAMU Committee, for example, MacEwan committees or other external organization committees.

A **student(s)-at-large** is a SAMU member who is not an elected or appointed representative or official, or SAMU staff.

Expectations

1. Committee member responsibilities are outlined in the appropriate committee procedure and committee terms of reference.

Committee Appointments

2. Executive Committee appoints two students to the MacEwan Board of Governors.

2.1. One student position is filled by the SAMU President.

2.2. The other student position is filled by the SAMU Vice President Governance and Finance (VPGF).

2.2.1. If the VPGF position is vacant another current SAMU executive will be appointed.

3. Executive Committee appoints four students to the General Faculties Council.

3.1. Two Student positions are filled by the President and the Vice President Academic.

3.2. The other two student positions are filled by students.

4. Executive Committee appoints students to MacEwan Committees.

5. Executive Committee appoints students-at-large and resource members to SAMU Committees.

- 5.1.** Councillors may be appointed to non-SAMU Committees by the Executive Committee as student members.
- 6.** Appropriate training will be provided to members appointed to external committees.

Committee Member Terms

- 7.** Committee member terms are defined in their corresponding procedures.

Recognition of Committee Members

- 8.** Recognition is provided to committee members within 30 days of the end of their term.
- 9.** Recognition is awarded at the rates laid out in the relating procedures.

Fact Sheet

Approvals:

First Approval – February 15, 2023
Last Approval – February 21, 2024

Date of Last Review – February 21, 2024

Related Documents and Forms:**Source and Updates:**

February 15, 2023: *Student Representation Policy* approved by Students' Council motion 2023-02-15-7.3 on the recommendation of the Bylaws and Policy Committee. This is a new policy that identifies the Board of Governors student representatives, General Faculties Council student representatives, and Indigenous Student Representative exist and who is responsible for their appointments.

February 21, 2024: *Student Representation policy* approved by Students' Council motion 2024-02-21-7.2 on the recommendation of the Governance Committee. Changes include identifying the VPGF sits as the second BOG rep, including a backup plan in case the position is vacant, and removing that EC appoints the Indigenous Student Representative position.