



**Minutes for the Executive Committee Meeting of the
Students' Association of MacEwan University
June 1, 2022 @ 1:00pm**

Voting Members:

Myles Dykes, President
Stephan Vasquez, VP Academic
Matt Yanish, VP External
Larissa Williams, VP Operations & Finance
Elaine Tran, VP Student Life

Resource Officials:

Darryl Kostash, Acting General Manager
Alan Honey, Governance Advisor

Recording Secretary:

Parvin Sedighi, Advocacy Coordinator

1. Call to Order: 1:05 pm
2. Approval of Agenda:
**VPSL/Pres
Carried**
3. Approval of Minutes for: May 18, 2022
**VPO/VPA
Carried**

| TOPIC | DISCUSSION | ACTION/MOTION |
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| 1. Janet Brown and MacEwan Collaboration | <p>Vpe - Janet Brown is the leading political pollster in Alberta and has done a historically exceptional job with accuracy of her polls. MacEwan is discussing the potential of splitting a subscription to Janet Brown's polls with SAMU. The full fee for the subscription is \$10,000, and the split would not need to be 50/50. In return for \$3000-5000 per year, we would receive a presentation once a year, four updates throughout the year on the political and polling landscape, and access to all of Janet Brown's polls for the duration of the subscription.</p> <p>Pres – We have access to Janet Brown through CAUS at the moment, so we would need to ensure we aren't paying twice for the same access. Do we have room for this in the present budget?</p> <p>VPO – We would end up going over on the consulting budget line if we pursued this within this fiscal year, but we've underspent in several other areas, so the departmental budget would be on track.</p> <p>VPA – This would be a useful and high value tool to have for the provincial election cycle, especially given that we're interested in making PSE an election issue.</p> <p>Pres- I can see this being beneficial, and the ideal financial split would be a 60-40 or 30-70 split, with the university taking on the bulk of the cost.</p> | <p>ACTION: VPE to touch base with Theresa at MacEwan to determine the cost split and report back to EC at the June 16th EC meeting.</p> |

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| 2. | MacEwan's relations to the downtown community | <p>Vpe - The university has been pushing the rhetoric of MacEwan's role in the downtown core, and this is a chance for us to think through the opportunities that might exist for students and for SAMU in the broader downtown community.</p> <p>Pres- I would be interested to see where the university's relationship is at with the Downtown Business Association, this would be a helpful guide for where we can enter the conversation.</p> | |
| 3. | Committee Appointments – SAMU Staff | <p>Vpo – The sub-committees of EC have staff seats on them, and the Governance Advisor put out a call for nominations. We saw some interest from staff which is reflected in the names put forward today. None of the positions are contested, so instead of doing a staff election, EC can make the appointments here today.</p> <p>Pres – How does this interact with changes that are coming out of the Governance Review Implementation? Given that the General Manager and Governance Advisor are both away at the moment, I would be in favour of tabling these motions until we can clarify the process with them.</p> | <p>Motion</p> <p>To appoint Alan Honey to the Awards Sub-Committee effective July 1, 2022</p> <p>Motion</p> <p>To appoint Maria Shin And Marcel Severy to the Procedure Sub-Committee effective July 1, 2022</p> <p>Motion</p> <p>To appoint Darryl Kostash, Parvin Sedighi, and Alan Honey to the Grant Allocation Sub-Committee effective July 1, 2022</p> <p>Tabled</p> |
| 4. | EC Mid-year retreat | <p>Pres - We have a few quotes for the mid-year retreat, with a couple of options for hotels and catering. There are two questions to answer: first, do we want to change venues? And if we are in favour of a change to the venue, would we be interested in catering some of the meals associated?</p> <p>VPE- the space we have at the Banff Park Lodge has started becoming a barrier to working effectively, given technological limitations, and the Coast Canmore hotel costs \$600 more, but this includes two meals a day for the conference. Banff Park Lodge effectively comes out to the same price but it does NOT include catering, so we would get a better deal with Coast Canmore.</p> <p>VPO – We would save money and time, I'm in favour.</p> | <p>ACTION:</p> <p>Pres to reach out to Coast Canmore by June 3rd to confirm booking for the mid-year retreat.</p> |
| 5. | Student Groups | Ukrainian Student's Organization | MOTION |

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| | | Vpsl - I hope everyone had a chance to read the briefing that came with the application. This group has existed in various ways in the past, and given that they have a faculty advisor this time around, the group will have a higher likelihood of staying alive. | TO APPROVE THE UKRAINIAN STUDENT'S ORGANIZATION VPSL/VPA CARRIED |
| 6. | MCCRF Approval | Vpe - I filled up the tank on the rental car when returning from the May CAUS changeover conference and lost the receipt. Please see the MCCRF submission for further details. | MOTION TO APPROVE THE MISSING CREDIT CARD RECEIPT FORM FOR MATT YANISH DATED MAY 9, 2022 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$75.07, PRES/VPO CARRIED |
| 7. | Committee on Academic Standards, Curriculum and the Calander Debrief | Vpa - I had shared a brief on this with everyone, and it seems like we have all read it and are familiar. The main issue remains the university's definition of "excessive withdrawal", and we should discuss how we want to move forward and who we need to speak with, as we would be using some of our political capital here. My suggestion is to approach it through Deans and looking at program specific requirements in relation to withdrawals. We've already received pushback on our position with the university leadership, so there is a strategic consideration there. Pres – This makes sense to approach on a faculty based level, as each program will have different needs and different scales of impact on students. We can work with Deans and approach it through amending process, which would require minimal political capital. VPO – The primary concern is that students may be caught off guard by the requirements surrounding excessive withdrawals, so we need to ensure that's something that's illustrated clearly and communicated to them by their program leaders. VPA – It looks like the reasonable path forward would be to mention this at our MacEwan/SAMU Executive meetings and let the university leadership know we are pursuing this, while simultaneously working with Deans and Associate Deans to develop program specific baselines. I can also mention some of our concerns for the next GFC meeting, to ensure the momentum continues. | |
| 8. | Outstanding Action Items | | |
| 9. | Brainstorm Session | EC Work Plan | |
| 10. | VP Academic's Report | Moodle implementation planning Academic Integrity Violations volunteering SAMU Rolodex development | ACTION: VPA to present SAMU rolodex at the June 16 EC meeting. |
| 11. | VP External's report | CAUS Vice Chair handoff CASA Chair election prep | |

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| | | EC/SC socials and professional development planning | |
| 12. | VP Operations and Finance's Report | BFC meeting Governance Review Implementation Project Student Handbook Update Meeting with MacEwan VPFA | |
| 13. | VP Student Life's Report | Restorative Justice Committee meeting Sexual Violence Awareness Week planning Last SVPEC meeting of the year with the current membership | |
| 14. | President's Report | Board of Governors Update- IMAs and update on the PBF metrics Meeting with Dr. Aimee Skye BoG training for the second student rep on the BoG Alumni and Development work wrapping up CAUS board meeting | |
| 15. | General Manager's Report | Tabled. | |
| 16. | Recognition | GA – Thanks to Parvin for taking minutes during my vacation. | |

4. Adjournment

Time: pm