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Recording Secretary:

1. Call to Order: 2:41 pm
2. Approval of Agenda:
**VPO/VPA
CARRIED**
3. Approval of Minutes for: December 14, 2022
**VPA/VPE
CARRIED**

TOPIC		DISCUSSION	ACTION/MOTION
1.	Winter Huddles	Vpo - Wanted to make sure we still want to have them this semester, please keep calendars updated and VPO and VPSL will work on scheduling them. Pres – Huddles help us prioritize so I’m in favour of continuing with them. VPO – Thoughts on format and frequency? VPE – It seems fine to me, consistent with how I see accountability. VPO – I'll set up the final schedule once we have everyone's classes updated in their calendar.	
2.	Weekly Priorities	Vpo - We're going to continue doing these, and the format is working for everyone.	
3.	Student Affordability Response	Pres - With the tuition negotiation piece wrapped up, we need to think about next steps. I've talked with the Advocacy Coordinator on possible next steps, and EC will need to make a decision on it. I think we need to find out what students want us to do in response and what they're willing to show up to, and we can leverage our comms resources to get there. It would be a good idea to create a team to work on the affordability response made up of EC and staff, and there are opportunities to lean on the VPE and staff for some of that work. What do you see as next steps? VPA – A response is necessary, students need to know we're advocating on their behalf. The response should be shaped by the outcomes we want to achieve, so I would want to gauge outcomes first.	ACTION Pres to schedule first meeting with Student Affordability Response Group

	<p>VPE – I agree that we should establish what we want to accomplish before we act, we don't want to do something for the sake of doing it. Students are being impacted by affordability, that's certain, but students might not show up for direct action if they don't know how that impacts the cost of their education. I would support SAMU doing something but we need to make sure it's relevant to students.</p> <p>VPO – Some students are operating under the assumption that MacEwan was hit extra hard by provincial budget cuts, which might impact their willingness to show up for action with regards to tuition increases and cost of education. They essentially believe MacEwan has no choice but to increase tuition.</p> <p>VPA – what was the rationale for increasing tuition?</p> <p>Pres – there were a few different things like hiring more faculty and tech updates.</p> <p>VPO – the university is looking for more money to get their strat plan enacted, as well as carrying out their hiring plan.</p> <p>Pres – what I'm hearing is that we do need a response, and we need to counter some of the narratives students are hearing. We need to determine the group of people who are going to work on this, as well as possible responses and how to determine which one to choose. Who on EC and staff would be a necessary part of this conversation?</p> <p>VPE – I think this is very relevant to my portfolio, I'm interested.</p> <p>VPA – I'm interested in learning more and helping out on this portfolio as well.</p> <p>VPSL – I can support via communications, but that's going to be further down the line.</p> <p>GM – Carl and Parvin can provide staff support on the project, and we can pull Cam in to provide financial information and support. Alan can also provide historical support and knowledge as well, and we have a few staff who have been around long enough to know the history. We have to be careful to not implicate <i>the griff</i> as they're arms-length and we want to respect journalistic independence.</p> <p>VPA – we can take the lead on communicating to students on why tuition was increased and with the source of that decision, and that can help organically increase student buy-in for a response. We can lean on active students to share that messaging with their networks on campus, to get the issue out and known by other students.</p> <p>GM – we can use the resources SAMU already has to boost this, like our newsletter, booths in the building, and the TVs in our building. We need to ensure that we're communicating clear and correct information to students.</p> <p>Pres – so to bring it together, we have the group for determining the response. What do we view as the timeline for response? Late March is when BoG votes on the budget, so we would need to have our materials together by early March if we're interested in advocating at that table, but we aren't limited to just that.</p> <p>VPA – I think student action needs to happen at least two weeks before the BoG meeting, to give students time to get the information they need in order to take action.</p>	
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		VPSL – we should aim for either before or after reading week, which would be mid-February for us. Pres – we can aim for mid-February, but we can leave the specifics to be determined by the response team. I can schedule a meeting with that group, in order to determine next steps.	
4.	Student Groups	<p>Vpsl - We can separate the motions into individual ones, so folks have a chance to comment on them individually. Let's start with the social club application.</p> <p>VPO – the social club's mandate seems too vague, and it seems difficult to ensure it's MacEwan students who are benefitting from the funding for the group.</p> <p>GM – does the group's mandate fit with our mission and values?</p> <p>VPA – I agree, and it seems the goal of the group is networking, so maybe that's something they can focus on instead of being a social club.</p> <p>VPO – the student groups policy provides a definition for student groups that we can use to navigate this conversation.</p> <p>Pres – we can send the feedback to the group that they can make it more specific, like a specific function or location.</p> <p>VPE – if we can say no and encourage them to make it more focused, I would be in support.</p> <p>VPO – I was concerned about replication with the video games cub, but it doesn't look like any of the other gaming groups do similar things.</p> <p>VPSL – the design portfolio show is a grad committee, and the VPO has flagged that their name is inconsistent with the student group policy. The group isn't attached to the design student groups, they intend to fundraise for their graduation.</p> <p>Pres – the motorsports club seems very unique and we're not replicating anything, I'm in support.</p>	<p>MOTION</p> <p>TO APPROVE THE SOUTH INDIAN MACEWAN ASSOCIATION CLUB</p> <p>VPSL/VPA CARRIED</p> <p>MOTION</p> <p>TO APPROVE THE VIDEO GAMES CLUB</p> <p>VPSL/VPE CARRIED</p> <p>MOTION</p> <p>TO APPROVE THE DESIGN PORTFOLIO SHOW</p> <p>VPSL/VPE CARRIED</p> <p>MOTION</p> <p>TO APPROVE THE MOTORSPORTS CLUB</p> <p>VPSL/VPO CARRIED</p>
5.	Project Updates	Google Drive: Workplan & Priorities Planning folder	
6.	Outstanding Action Items		
7.	VP Student Life's Report	Tabling for Meet SAMU	
8.	President's Report	Meeting with Myrna Photo for Time Capsule Winter NSO	
9.	VP Academic's Report	Academic Integrity Violation meetings	
10.	VP External's report	Meeting with Myrna OPEC Meeting at CAUS	
11.	VP Operations and Finance's Report	GPIT meeting Meet SAMU Prep and Tabling Winter NSO Tabling	

12.	General Manager's Report	Director Departure and Hiring	
13.	Recognition	Pres – Recognize everyone for being here today, only four months left until the end of our term as a team.	

4. Adjournment

Time: 4:20pm(?)