**STUDENTS' ASSOCIATION OF MACEWAN UNIVERSITY**

**Minutes for the Executive Committee Meeting of the
Students' Association of MacEwan University
January 11, 2023 @ 2:30pm**

**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, General Manager
Alan Honey, Governance Advisor

**Recording Secretary:**
Alan Honey, Governance Advisor

1. Call to Order: 2:33 pm

2. Approval of Agenda:
   **VPO/VPA**
   **CARRIED**

3. Approval of Minutes for: January 4, 2023
   **VPE/VPSL**
   **CARRIED**

| | TOPIC | DISCUSSION | ACTION/MOTION |
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| 1. | Bylaws | Vpo - the most updated copy has been provided for your review and comments, we're doing well on timelines.<br>Pres – I like the affiliates as an option, it allows us to have something to offer in our discussions with SCE.<br>VPO – BPC has had a chance to review the draft and there were no concerns that we weren't able to discuss and resolve. | |
| 2. | Student Affairs Meeting Items | Pres - in your view, what are the priorities for students, that we can discuss in our meeting with Tim? We have Safer Walk captured.<br>VPSL – I'd like to add the Campus Safety Plan Discussion.<br>Pres – what about food insecurity?<br>VPSL – not sure what the outcome we're aiming for is, MacEwan has been promoting donations to the Pantry.<br>GM – Staff have been in contact with the university to determine most relevant supports that MacEwan can provide. Money would be the best thing to ask for, we can make the most impact for students with that.<br>VPSL – we still haven't met with the Student Support Coordinator, an update on her work and her role would be useful. We should also ask for a pulse check on student wellbeing based on what they're seeing. | |

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| 3. | Student Space | Vpo - we had discussed adding more tables and chairs to the building, and it's intended to replace the spiral bench on the second floor. The total cost is just over $12,000, and it would be covered by the Maintenance Fund.<br>GM – these tables will be bolted down, so it'll prevent furniture being moved and dragged into traffic. | **MOTION**<br><br>**TO APPROVE UP TO $13000.00 FROM THE MAINTENANCE FUND FOR 2 FLOOR EXTRA SEATING**<br><br>**VPO/VPSL**<br>**CARRIED** |
| 4. | Student-at-Large Appointments | Vpsl – we had already reviewed the SVPEC application, I need a vote to make the appointment official.<br><br>GA – received SAL application for Awards Sub-Committee(ASC). ASC deliberations are scheduled for March 1-3, 2023 & the applicant, who is a Secondary Student Member, is available to attend half the meeting on March 1 but is unavailable for March 2-3.<br><br>VPSL – I don't know if the ASC appointment makes sense, if they're not able to attend most of the deliberations.<br><br>VPO – I don't know if it's wise to appoint a secondary member if we are in the process of changing our bylaws in a way that affects them. I would recommend directing the student to the SCE Faculty Council so that they're able to still get the governance experience.<br><br>VPE – when did the student apply for this?<br><br>VPO – Given that the GA is absent, I'm guessing this was a new application, as it was not provided to us last meeting.<br><br>VPE – this is a student I've interacted with and I was able to provide them with a few different ways of being involved, they should have that as a resource as well.<br><br>VPA – we have four students who have applied for the Dean search, their applications have been provided for your review and comment.<br><br>VPSL – I would be in favour of Cierra Jacobs, especially given her interest in continuing her work with SAMU. This could be a good development opportunity.<br><br>VPO – I agree, I think that was the best put together application package as well. | **MOTION**<br><br>**TO APPOINT TATIANA SCHOPF TO THE SEXUAL VIOLENCE PREVENTION AND EDUCATION COMMITTEE**<br><br>**VPSL/VPA**<br>**CARRIED**<br><br>**MOTION**<br><br>**TO APPOINT CIERRA JACOBS TO THE FACULTY OF ARTS AND SCIENCE ASSOCIATE DEAN, DEVELOPMENT APPOINTMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE**<br><br>**VPA/VPSL**<br>**CARRIED** |
| 5. | EC/SC Branding | Vpo - this item comes out of conversations we have had outside of EC. Who would like to be involved in this project with me?<br>VPSL – I'm interested, I see this as especially relevant to the work of LRC. | |

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| | | VPA – I'm interested in learning more about these processes, so I'm interested.<br>VPE – I'm also interested in supporting this project, I've had ideas and discussions about it with EC in the past.<br>GM – I would ask folks to remember our honourary members and the plaque for Misha when determining the branding for EC/SC, as those need display space as well.<br>VPO – do we want all of us involved in every meeting?<br>VPA – I don't see the need for that, what I'm primarily interested in is the project planning process. I think there may be too many of us involved, so I'm happy to bow out.<br>VPO – all of EC will be consulted on the decisions we make, so everyone will have a chance to provide feedback. | |
| 6. | Exec Projects | Vpo - after crunching numbers with the VPA, we think we may go over the projected budget for the Indigenous Learners Circle, so the VPSL has volunteered to provide an additional $250 from her project line in support. | **MOTION**<br><br>**TO APPROVE AN ADDITIONAL $250 FROM G/L 524500 FOR THE INDIGENOUS LEARNERS CIRCLE PROJECT**<br><br>**VPO/VPSL**<br>**CARRIED** |
| 7. | MacEwan Events | Vpsl - I've sent out calendar invites for Mental Health Week, and most folks have responded to them. Some of these events require registration, so I'll send registration links. I've also added Black History Month events that MacEwan is hosting, and since we did not support planning, we should make it a priority to attend. | |
| 8. | NIAC | Pres - the report has been presented for your review, with the hope that it will help us decide how to move forward with regards to sending Indigenous student representatives to CASA.<br>VPA – I've been asked by NIAC to attend the Halifax conference, and I have formally been invited to take on a co-chair role for the coming year.<br>VPO – I would like to know if there are gaps the VPA found in support, and how we can improve our approach for future students.<br>VPA – apart from what's in the report, the conference can be stressful and demanding, and a new student could struggle with that, similar to how newly elected executives do. I think if students received training and support, like I did, it would fill those gaps. The NIAC group was very supportive, and fostered the group dynamic well. I do believe there are gaps, but I think there are nets to catch people if they fall through those gaps. I believe there are supports available, and a big indicator of success is going to be the next person's willingness to use those supports to succeed.<br>VPO – the next steps for me are building an appointment process. Does it make the most sense to align that with the EC term? | |

| | | VPA – NIAC has a different schedule, I would have to look into it.<br>Pres – I think I'm struggling with two versions of what this role could be, and how embedded the NIAC role is in the SAMU Executive. We want to make this an opportunity for students who may not get that through EC.<br>VPA – we can liaise with kihew waciston to help with recruiting future students, and we can market that to students and hope that a viable candidate comes from that process. If that doesn't happen, the worst case scenario is that SAMU won't send a NIAC representative that year.<br>VPE – would the NIAC representative be elected or appointed?<br>Pres – I think our model was to have the appointment happen with EC.<br>VPO – I think aligning the appointment with BoG and GFC appointments makes the most sense, that way this student and the other reps appointed around that time can form a kind of collective. I wouldn't recommend having the NIAC representative being an EC member, because it muddies the waters of what is EC work and what is NIAC work.<br>VPSL – I think the NIAC representative should attend Foundations and Advocacy Week for CASA, in addition to the NIAC conference itself, as those are where I see the value in their contribution. I think tying it to EC would rob students who wouldn't otherwise have this opportunity, so it should be a student at large for the role.<br>VPE – I don't think NIAC should be tied to any of the EC roles. NIAC is intended to promote participation for students who would not otherwise have access, so even if we end up with an Indigenous person on EC, there is no reason why we can't also recruit a student to be our NIAC representative, in addition to the representation at the EC level. I agree that Foundations and Advocacy Week are the main conferences for our NIAC representative to attend. I'm also wondering if this position can also be expanded from NIAC representative, to a wider Indigenous Student Representative model, that's something to think about for us.<br>VPO – I like the idea of expanding the role, we can change the title and expand the scope as well, but the primary travel would be with CASA.<br>VPSL – I like the idea of remuneration for students if they're expected to attend meetings or training apart from conferences.<br>VPO – the remuneration would be similar to the model used for GFC student representatives, where students are remunerated on a per meeting basis.<br>Pres – it seems like we have clarity on the process. What we need to clarify is what this means for this year's AGM and SAMU's attendance.<br>VPE – the way I see it, I think there was a lot of value in having a NIAC rep at Advocacy Week, but there is some complexity with the current rep being our returning NIAC representative, given the VPA's intention to re-run for an executive position. In my view, there is not a lot of value in the | |

| | | VPA attending AGM, if the VPA may be ineligible to be the NIAC representative upon their re-election. | |
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| | | VPA – I would like to run for VPA and I would like to be the NIAC representative next year, I have the capacity to do both. | |
| | | Pres - is it worth considering running for the VP External role then? | |
| | | VPSL – I think that may be worth considering, given that the VP External would have priority for the NIAC role, in case there is no interest from the general student population. | |
| | | Pres – is there a possibility for us to find a solution that doesn't necessitate the VPA attending AGM? | |
| | | VPA – I can discuss the possibilities with the current NIAC co-chair, to see what options we have. | |
| | | VPO – my goal is to get documentation done for February for the appointment process. What I'm hearing is we don't want the NIAC rep to be an EC member, how do we reconcile that with where we currently are? | |
| | | VPA – I would have to look into it further, to see the possibilities. | |
| | | GM – we could write the policy so that the VPA this year can be grandfathered in under the current structure, and the proposed structure can be for those following the next year. | |
| | | Pres – based on the rationale shared here, I don't see the value in having the VPA attend CASA AGM this year, and we can discuss how we manage that in relation to next year. | |
| | | VPO – we need to take a step back and consider if it's best for our organization and our students to send the VPA to the conference, despite the external prompts. | |
| 9. | Project Updates | Google Drive: Workplan & Priorities Planning folder | |
| 10. | President's Report | A written report will be provided to EC. | |
| 11. | VP Academic's Report | A written report will be provided to EC. | |
| 12. | VP External's report | A written report will be provided to EC. | |
| 13. | VP Operations and Finance's Report | A written report will be provided to EC. | |
| 14. | VP Student Life's Report | A written report will be provided to EC. | |
| 15. | General Manager's Report | Pantry Budget Update<br>HR Update<br>Building Branding<br>Budget Planning<br>Meeting Booths<br>Director of Programs and Services Hiring<br>EC Coordinator Hiring<br>Ponoka Campus<br>The Lookout Permitting<br>Finance Records Keeping Update<br>Student PD Grant Marketing<br>Composting in the Building | |
| 16. | Recognition | Pres – myself for keeping the meeting on track | |

4. Adjournment

        Time: 4:30 pm