



**Minutes for the Executive Committee Meeting of the
Students' Association of MacEwan University
February 7, 2024 @ 2:00pm**

Voting Members:

Gabriel Ambutong, President
Stephan Vasquez, VP Academic
Jakob Cardinal, VP External
Joseph A. La Torre, VP Governance & Finance
Cierra Jacobs, VP Student Life

Resource Officials:

Darryl Kostash, General Manager
Alan Honey, Governance Advisor

Recording Secretary:

Alan Honey, Governance Advisor

1. Call to Order: 2:00pm
2. Approval of Agenda:
**VP SL/VP GF
CARRIED**
3. Approval of Minutes: January 7, 2024
**VP SL/VP GF
CARRIED**

TOPIC		DISCUSSION	ACTION/MOTION
1.	Unbudgeted Expenditure	GA -	MOTION TO APPROVE AN UNBUDGETED EXPENDITURE OF UP TO \$700.00 TO G/L 522600 FOR THE INCREASED COST OF SIMPLY VOTING VP SL/VPA CARRIED
2.	EC Transition – Check in	<p>Pres – where are we at with our transition work? Will focus on the in-person items that need to be shared with incomings. Ensure proper briefing sessions are planned. Ensure we pass on info about our culture.</p> <p>Vpsl – socializing with committees/counterparts that there will be someone new in my position next year.</p> <p>Vpa – same as already said. Ensure we continue facilitating.</p> <p>Vpgf – organizing docs on laptop. Workplan for transition.</p> <p>Vpe – calendar planning. Hot topics document being updated.</p>	

3.	Breakfast Club	Vpsl – previously discussed this topic. Cost associated provided.	MOTION TO APPROVE AN UNBUDGETED EXPENDITURE OF UP TO \$10,000.00 TO G/L 534100 TO PROVIDE A HOT BREAKFAST ITEM DURING THE WINTER 2024 BREAKFAST CLUB EVENTS VPSL/VPE CARRIED
4.	Student H&D	Vpgf – H&D benefit app – discussed during team huddle. Gallivan rolling out new app to replace Canada Life app. See this as a benefit to students but note that we would be one of the early adopters which brings minor concern. Overall see this as an upgrade to what is currently available. *All in favour of moving forward with app.	Action: Vpgf to communicate to Gallivan that we are in favour of moving forward with this.
5.	Student Appointments	Vpa – 2 apps provided for review. Pres – concern with providing training/support to students. Agree with Vpsl on that topic. Can you reach out to the students if/when appointed. We should standardize some form of training for all students we appoint. Gm – is there a way to operationalize this.	MOTION TO APPOINT PATRICIA DE VERA TO THE FAS COUNCIL AND ANGEL DAHIYA TO FFAC COUNCIL FOR A TERM ENDING AUGUST 31, 2024 VPA/VPGF CARRIED
6.	Global Conflicts Survey Recommendations	Pres – want to hear what recommendations we agree with & how to proceed with them. Vpsl – a lot of appetite within WPS for something like this right now. (re. recommendation #1) Vpe – not sure removing cap on therapy/counseling sessions – would like data on how student use the service. Vpsl – we should advocate for permanent removal of deferred exam fee. Gm – could some of this come out of GM discretionary fund since it might take a long time to get in place. Worst case scenario it would cost \$14000.00. Vpe – agree, remove deferred exam fee. Vpsl - #3 good idea, but how are we specifically target students in need? Operational things need to be worked out. Vpa – In favour – if we need additional support we could reach out to community partners. Vpgf – in support -addresses affordability to the broader student community.	#1 – pursue. #2 – pursue. #3 – needs work. Wait to hear back from Darryl on topic. #4 – pursue. #5 – pursue as long-term initiative. (Vpsl) #6 – pursue (as one action with #4.) #7 – pursue as long-term advo. More communication of where to go for help for students (operationally).

		<p>Vpe – think this is the biggest band aid item on the list. Don't see it as community building. Not as beneficial as some of the other items recommended.</p> <p>Vpsl - #4/5 – a list of community supports exists. They'll share with us to use if we want. #4 more feasible than #5 based on immediacy need.</p> <p>Gm – 4 is ok, 5 is going to be really hard for SAMU. May be support to be found in MyStudentHealth with Gallivan.</p> <p>Pres – more long-term approach as a project?</p> <p>Vpsl – agree with long-term advo project for #5.</p> <p>Vpa – re #7 – can take to Committee on Teaching & Learning. Try to build lateral support.</p> <p>Vpgf – seems like a long-term advo priority.</p> <p>Pres – when meeting with admin or faculty we should not politicize this – ensure we are pursuing these for all students equally.</p> <p>Vpe – like the idea of bringing to COTL.</p> <p>Pres – get MacEwan on board – deans/faculty communicating the info with each other would create better uptake.</p> <p>Vpe – teach students how to self-advocate? Is there a way we can do that?</p> <p>Gm – we have something like that online and have adjusted it based on feedback received.</p> <p>Vpsl – agree re. capacity & impact – handbills could work but I think we can do more impactful things.</p> <p>Pres – understand the feelings that we want to get these things done, but have to remember it's our job to advocate to make students' lives better.</p> <p>Vpa – worried there won't be impact at the committee level. Would like to reach out to instructors directly.</p> <p>Pres – 'advocate for yourself' campaign? Think it would be much more useful in combination with committee advo.</p>	
7.			<p>MOTION</p> <p>TO TAKE A 5 MINUTE RECESS</p> <p>VPSL/VPA CARRIED</p>
8.	Project Updates (Standing Item)		
9.	Outstanding Action Items		
10.	President's Report	<p>The Griff interview re consultation process.</p> <p>Met with MacEwan Pres & Vpe – feel like they're more willing to work with us.</p>	<p>Vpsl/Gm to bring back a MacEwan mental health assessment by first EC meeting in March.</p>
11.	VP External's report	<p>ESA mixer update.</p> <p>CAUS Counterparts update.</p> <p>Met with Minister B.</p> <p>CASA E-plenary update.</p> <p>CASA - Student housing update.</p> <p>International working hours caps update.</p>	

12.	VP Academic's Report	GFC EC meeting update. COSA update. CFSGD update. Meeting with Provost next month.	
13.	VP Governance and Finance's Report	Gallivan benefit app demo. Q2 Gov budget review. Food for Thought update. Finance Committee training update. Met with MSA. Met with ITS. Gov Committee meeting on Friday. Looking at remuneration for GFC rep. Reviewing ISR position.	Action: GA to send presentation to all Council.
14.	VP Student Life's Report	Met with Student Success Navigators – update provided. Mental Health Week update. Student Mental Health Working Group update. Student Affairs update. Nursing meeting update. Brain Freeze debrief. Met with Chandelle – no update on Mental Health MNIF.	
15.	General Manager's Report	Budget update. Bi-annual report coming. SAMU employee survey. HR - IAA position update. SAMU space update. SG update. PVP TOR update. Fees meeting update.	
16.	Recognition		

4. Adjournment

Time: 4:21pm.