



STUDENTS' ASSOCIATION OF MACEWAN UNIVERSITY

Minutes for the Students' Council Meeting of the Students' Association of MacEwan University June 18, 2025 at 6:00pm in the Council Chamber

Voting Members:

Olad Ayodeji, Councillor
Tolu Dare, Councillor
Jencel Diaz, Councillor
Aryan Dutta, Councillor
Aidan Fisher, Councillor
Chistian Galera, Councillor (absent)
Cierra Jacobs, Councillor
Alem Tesfay, Vice President Student Life (absent)
Moselle Namoc, Councillor
Maade Okai, Councillor
Nathan Poon, President
Israel Reyes, Councillor (absent)
vacant, Councillor

Andrei Santiago, Vice President Governance
and Finance
Joehn Torres, Councillor
Vincent Trinh, Councillor
Chioma Uzor, Vice President Academic
Wilfrid Youbi Fansi, Vice President External
Layal Zidan, Councillor

SAMU Officials and Council Support:

Timothy Jobs, Chair
Darryl Kostash, General Manager
Alan Honey, Governance Advisor
Caitlin Yambao, Admin Support

Meeting called to order at 6:00pm.

1. Treaty 6 Land Recognition

We would like to acknowledge that this meeting of the Students' Association of MacEwan University is taking place on the traditional territories of the people of the Treaty 6 region in Central Alberta.

The Students' Association of MacEwan University is situated in the centre of what we call the city of Edmonton, which is called Amiskwaciy Waskahikan or Beaver Hill House in Nehiyawewin (Cree). This is the traditional home of the Nehiyaw (Cree) and Michif (Métis), and meeting place for many Indigenous peoples including the Nakawe (Saulteaux), Siksika (Blackfoot), Nakota Sioux (Stoney) and other nations.

2. Approvals

2.1 MOTION

TO APPROVE THE AGENDA FOR JUNE 18, 2025

JACOBS/TRINH

CARRIED

2.2 MOTION

TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF APRIL 26 AND MAY 21, 2025

FISHER/NAMOC

CARRIED

3. Presentations

4. For Information

4.1. Reports

4.1.1. President

P/VP meeting.

4.1.2. Vice President Academic

4.1.3. Vice President External

City hall multi unit housing update.

4.1.4. Vice President Governance & Finance

4.1.5. Vice President Student Life

4.2. Executive Committee Minutes

Minutes of May 7, 21, 28, and June 4, 2025 provided.

5. Question Period

5.1. Written Questions

Okai – For VPA: My question is in reference to the Dean of Arts and Science, since the current dean will not be in during the school year, what was the benefit of meeting with the outgoing Dean? And will there be a push to meet and collaborate on behalf of the students?

VPA – Great question, councillor Okai!

Despite Dr. Schalomon's leave, it is still in good taste for SAMU to maintain a stable relationship with all the Dean's at MacEwan. The purpose of the meeting was to get familiar with her goals, accomplishments, and what she has planned when she returns. While this was a great opportunity for us to get familiar with each other, the meeting was purposeful to apply to projects we currently have planned for the student body and includes information that could also be resourceful for our future executives especially those within the VP Academic portfolio.

Efforts to collaborate on a regular basis on behalf of MacEwan's student body will be discussed and updated in more detail once I meet with Dr. Kevin Friesen.

Fisher - For whoever can answer, and maybe as a refresher: What metrics or indicators will SAMU use to evaluate the effectiveness of our advocacy efforts? (Affordability, housing, food insecurity?)

VPE - Thank you, Fisher, for the inquiry. Some quantifiable metrics include investments by the government or the university, new programs, or existing beneficial student programs being broadened. However, within our advocacy, not everything can be measured in terms of quantities or indicators. Especially within the VP External portfolio, we often deal with forces that move at paces that far outlast our terms, so wins come slowly with the need for measured advocacy that places us in the best position once things come to fruition. When we go out and advocate, we often sow the seeds for our predecessors to inherit the fertile relationships we may build or gain a win on an ongoing project. In all, it would be difficult to put an exact parameter on what we will use as performance indicators, but every advance, every connection we make will be used to ensure the betterment of students across campus.

Fisher - For VPE: Saw your interview! Go Wilfrid! Seems like the city (slowly but surely) is getting around to rezoning and removing a lot of red tape for building new homes. What is SAMU's approach to housing advocacy in light of these (possible) rezoning changes? Especially when MacEwan is projecting a pretty significant growth in enrollment by 2030.

VPE - Thanks for the question, Councillor, just to clarify, the rezoning changes proposed would not significantly impact the interests of our external advocacy since the changes are just minor adjustments to improve quality of life based on data seen after the Rezoning review and not all suggestions are guaranteed. Going to the review at City Hall, my role was primarily to speak in support of the changes already implemented from the adoption of the Bylaw last year. The Zoning Bylaw Renewal was a five-year project by the city to overhaul how the city thinks about zoning and land development, which came into effect on January 1st, 2024. With a focus on infill, the bylaw changes prepare for an influx of future population

growth within Edmonton by allowing for more housing units in areas that already have access to amenities in the city (Transit, Local businesses, etc.).

As for the approach to housing advocacy, we remain committed to pushing for accessible, affordable housing (Affordable being indicated by students within our surveys and data gathering). To achieve this end, we will be taking every avenue needed (Speaking to City Councillors, Provincial cabinet members, and Federal counterparts) to ensure that the influx of students has ample options for viable living spaces.

5.2. Oral Questions

Topics include: Community Nest Program; textbook affordability/OER; municipal advocacy strategies; leveraging relationships with external orgs for student benefit; GFC and exam period; H&D plan;

6. In Camera Period

7. Motions & Business Orders of the Day

7.1. Strategy and Engagement Committee

Nominees: Ayodeji

**MOTION TO APPOINT COUNCILLOR AYODEJI TO THE STRATEGY AND
 ENGAGEMENT COMMITTEE FOR A TERM ENDING OCTOBER 31, 2025**

VPGF/JACOBS

Favour: Vpgf, Vpe, Trinh, Ayodeji, Diaz, Vpa, Dare, Torres, Jacobs, Okai, Dutta, Namoc, Fisher, Reyes, Pres

CARRIED

8. Consultation

9. Evaluation

10. Recognition

11. Adjournment

MOTION TO ADJOURN

JACOBS

CARRIED

Next Meeting Date: July 16, 2025

Meeting adjourned at 6:27pm