



**Minutes for the Executive Committee Meeting of the
Students' Association of MacEwan University
January 14, 2026 @ 2:00pm**

Voting Members:

Nathan Poon, President
Chioma Uzor, VP Academic
Wilfrid Youbi Fansi, VP External
Andrei Santiago, VP Governance & Finance (Chair)
Alem Tesfay, VP Student Life

Resource Officials:

Darryl Kostash, General Manager

Alan Honey, Governance Advisor (Recording Secretary)

In Attendance:

Shannon Marshall, Executive Coordinator
Larissa Williams, Internal Advocacy Advisor
Parvin Sedighi, External and Stakeholder Relations
Manager
Emily Lukacs, External Advocacy Advisor

1. Call to Order: 2:00pm
2. 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.

3. Approval of Agenda:
**VPA/VPSL
CARRIED**
4. Approval of Minutes for: January 7, 2026
**VPSL/VPGF
CARRIED**

TOPIC		DISCUSSION	ACTION/MOTION
1.	Student Groups	<p>From Erika: At the next EC meeting, can you please discuss approving the name change of our existing Hispanic Student Club to Spanish Student Club. This change has been requested by the executives of the group.</p> <p>Vpsl – SG feels this name change will be more inclusive language.</p>	<p>MOTION</p> <p>TO APPROVE THE STUDENT GROUP NAME CHANGE OF “HISPANIC STUDENT CLUB” TO “SPANISH STUDENT CLUB”</p> <p>VPA/VPSL CARRIED</p>

2.	Recirculation of the Don't Go Textbook Broke initiative	<p>VPA – during steering committee meeting we discussed no cost textbook initiative. Was asked to do some promo materials to let students know how this will affect them. Maybe circulate our previously made Don't go textbook broke campaign materials & social media posts. Would be circulated at end of February. May need to dip into Special Projects budget line for costs.</p> <p>IAA – would revamp our current materials to include new info. We have some time to ask M&C for updates.</p>	
3.	Affordability Campaign	<p>GM provides update on behalf of ESRM. - CASA conference takes place at same time as BOG meeting & campaign. Need EC to decide if Pres not attend CASA and prioritize this campaign. Also need to decide priority asks.</p> <p>Pres – see the value in me staying here in Edmonton during that time.</p> <p>Consensus – results #1 & 2.</p>	<p>MOTION</p> <p>TO TAKE A 5 MINUTE RECESS</p> <p>VPSL/VPA CARRIED</p> <p>Action: GA to cancel trip for Pres & ESRM.</p>
4.	Inviting Elev Homes to give a presentation for Council/ EC	<p>VPSL – looking for feedback from EC today.</p> <p>Concerns around potential conflict of interest, also with risk with partnering with the org.</p>	<p>Action:</p> <p>Vpsl to arrange presentation at future EC meeting.</p>
5.	Dept 12 Budget 2026/2027	<p>VPGF – looking for feedback from EC as we need to make some cuts to our asks for the 2026-2027 budget in an effort to balance overall.</p>	
6.	Outstanding Action Items	tabled	
7.	VP Academic's Report	tabled	
8.	VP External's Report	tabled	
9.	VP Governance & Finance's Report	tabled	
10.	VP Student Life's Report	tabled	
11.	President's Report	tabled	
12.	GM Report	tabled	
13.	Recognition		

5. Adjournment

**VPGF
CARRIED**

Time: 4:30pm