



**STUDENTS' ASSOCIATION
OF MACEWAN UNIVERSITY**

**Agenda for the Students' Council Meeting of the
Students' Association of MacEwan University
February 18, 2026 at 6:00pm in the Council Chamber**

Voting Members:

Dalya Abougoush, Councillor
Shina Adeshina, Councillor
Olad Ayodeji, Councillor
Anna Campmans, Councillor
Tolu Dare, Councillor
Chistian Galera, Councillor
Jean Pierre Moreno, Councillor
Moselle Namoc, Councillor
Maade Okai, Councillor
Nathan Poon, President (absent)
Elizabeth Russell, Councillor
Andrei Santiago, Vice President Governance
and Finance
Alem Tesfay, Vice President Student Life

Vincent Trinh, Councillor
Chioma Uzor, Vice President Academic
Shanna Villasenor, Councillor
Liam Wilson, Councillor
Wilfrid Youbi Fansi, Vice President External
vacant, Councillor

SAMU Officials and Council Support:

Tim Jobs, Chair
Darryl Kostash, General Manager
Alan Honey, Governance Advisor
Aidan Fisher, Admin Support

Meeting called to order at pm.

<Intros>

1. Treaty 6 Land Recognition

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2. Approvals

2.1 MOTION

TO APPROVE THE AGENDA FOR FEBRUARY 18, 2026

2.2 MOTION

TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF JANUARY 21, 2026

3. Presentations

3.1.

4. For Information

4.1. Reports

4.1.1. President

4.1.2. Vice President Academic

4.1.3. Vice President External

4.1.4. Vice President Governance & Finance

4.1.5. Vice President Student Life

4.1.6. Town Hall

4.1.7.

4.1.8.

4.2. Executive Committee Minutes

Minutes of January 14, 21, 28, and February 4, 2026 provided.

5. Question Period

5.1. Written Questions

5.2. Oral Questions

Topics include:

6. In Camera Period

6.1.

7. Motions & Business Orders of the Day

7.1. SAMU Bylaws

**MOTION TO GIVE FIRST READING TO THE SAMU BYLAWS
VPGF/**

FAVOUR:

OPPOSE:

7.2. Remuneration of Elected Representatives policy

**MOTION TO APPROVE THE REMUNERATION OF ELECTED REPRESENTATIVES
POLICY ON THE RECOMMENDATION OF THE GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE
VPGF/**

FAVOUR:

OPPOSE:

7.3. Roles and Responsibilities of Elected Representatives policy

MOTION TO APPROVE THE ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF ELECTED REPRESENTATIVES POLICY ON THE RECOMMENDATION OF THE GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE, EFFECTIVE MAY 1, 2026

VPGF/

7.4.

8. Consultation

8.1.

9. Evaluation

9.1. Link to Evaluation Form

10. Recognition

11. Adjournment

MOTION TO ADJOURN

Next Meeting Date: March 18, 2026

Meeting adjourned at pm.



**Minutes for the Students' Council Meeting of the
Students' Association of MacEwan University
January 21, 2026 at 6:00pm in the Council Chamber**

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Olad Ayodeji, Councillor
Anna Campmans, Councillor
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2. Approvals

2.1 MOTION TO APPROVE THE AGENDA FOR JANUARY 21, 2026

GALERA/RAVELO

CARRIED

2.2 MOTION TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF DECEMBER 17, 2025

TRINH/RUSSELL

CARRIED

3. Presentations

3.1.

4. For Information

4.1. Reports

4.1.1. President

BOG approval of tuition and fee increase.

4.1.2. Vice President Academic

4.1.3. Vice President External

Met with Minister LaGrange today.

4.1.4. Vice President Governance & Finance

Governance Committee & SCOC met this past week.

4.1.5. Vice President Student Life

Met with MacEwan AVP counterpart – volunteer fair, athletic engagement survey, reporting to COSA.

4.1.6. Strategy and Engagement Committee Q2 report (VPSL)

4.1.7. Executive Committee Q2 report (Pres)

4.1.8. Audit Committee Q2 report (Councillor Russell)

4.1.9. Governance Committee Q2 report (VPGF)

4.1.10. Students' Council Operations Committee Q2 report (VPGF)

4.1.11. Finance Committee Q2 report (VPGF)

4.1.12. Tuition and Fees Consultation 2025-2026 (VPGF)

4.1.13.

4.2. Executive Committee Minutes

Minutes of December 10 & 17, 2025, and January 7, 2026 provided.

5. Question Period

5.1. Written Questions

Villasenor – for EC: When decisions like discontinuing Safewalk are informed by survey data, how does SAMU consider accessibility and safety needs for students who may not be reflected in survey participation?

VPSL- Thank you for your question, Councillor Villasenor. I appreciate your attention to the agenda. Operations presented the recommendation to cease the safe walk, and I have connected with our operations to help answer your question.

Response from Operations to aid in answering the question above:

"For clarification, this is feedback we've received from multiple surveys over the course of a few years - 2023 - 75% were aware of the service and haven't used it. While only a little over 4% have used it. 2024 - 78% were aware of the service and haven't used it. Only a little over 4% have used it. 2025 - 80% were aware of the service and haven't used it. 5% have used it.

In addition to these Spring Student Surveys, we also put out a specific Safety Survey in March 2025 where 50% of respondents indicated they didn't feel a need to utilize Safe Walk. While we recognize this doesn't include feedback from every student, we do use these surveys to guide our operations. This coupled with the number of walks given over each year informs the trend - 22/23-45 walks, 23/24-21 walks, 24/25-22 walks.

Ultimately, MacEwan Security Services through their Safe @ MacEwan app provides multiple resources for students in regard to safety needs including a Friend Walk feature and have also provided walks for students. The safety needs of students (and others on campus) are the primary responsibility of MacEwan Security Services and not SAMU.

Financial resources and employee time are best utilized toward services and other operational activities that address student feedback, trends and utilization patterns of our current student body."

Abougoush - For the Vice President of Governance & Finance: During our meeting on November 19, 2025, you indicated that discussions had taken place regarding the return of physical student IDs. At that time, I asked how and when physical IDs might be reintegrated, and you stated that you would follow up with Council once more information became available. As no update has been provided since, could you clarify what progress, if any, has been made on this issue, and whether there is a current timeline or decision regarding the reintroduction of physical student IDs?

VPGF – Thank you for your question, Councillor Abougoush. During our SC Meeting on November 19, 2025, I provided an oral supplement regarding my meeting with Maureen Powers-Lomas, MacEwan’s Vice President Finance and Administration and CFO. In this oral report, Maureen followed up on my concerns surrounding the Digital ID from our October 1-on-1 meeting. During this November meeting, Maureen stated that physical IDs should now be provided to any students who will request one from the IT Help Desk. Maureen stated that there was an internal miscommunication within the IT Department that prevented this issue from getting addressed sooner, and she thanked me for flagging it to Administration. On January 14, 2026, I followed up with Maureen to see if the University currently has any plans to “advertise” the fact that Physical IDs are now readily available alongside Digital IDs, to which she replied that she would have to follow up with me on this matter. Maureen also clarified that the University is not looking to revert back to Physical IDs; but rather, it will be supplementary to the Digital ID. Additionally, for all Councillors: if you have any questions regarding Executives’ progress updates, outside of SC Meeting timelines please feel empowered to email us directly through our SAMU emails! This way, you don’t have to wait until the next Council report to hear updates about our Advocacy initiatives.

Trinh - For VPSL - In regards to the Strategy and Engagement Committee (SEC), do you think that there's more potential that can be used in the committee? Apologies for the odd and possibly operational question, but I do think that the committee is in a bit of a weird place compared to other committees. I feel like I've seen the SEC as the "team building committee" alongside with organizing the Town Hall event and Professional Development (PD) sessions. I've looked over the committee's policy and I feel there can be more opportunities to use SEC to have more PD sessions and events to engage with students.

VPSL - Thank you for your question, Councillor Trinh. You don't have to apologize for this question; it's definitely within the scope of governance, and I appreciate it because it is one of the conversations the Strategy and Engagement Committee (SEC) had when creating the work plan. It is within the work plan to also have SEC serve as a Consultation body and provide feedback on the Executive Committee's initiatives; however, the use of this is dependent on whether EC members want consultation from SEC on their initiatives.

Trinh - For VPSL - If you know, how was the turnout for Winter Fest? And how was it compared to other years?

VPSL - Although this question is operational, I was able to get an answer from our General Manager. It goes, "Winterfest is on it's second year and sold 19.2% more tickets than last year and to add to that we were at 90% capacity for the event. This is on top of the fact that ticket prices were a bit higher than last year."

Campmans – For VPE - In regards to your meeting with Minister LaGrange (I am looking forward to hearing about the results of that), what is the purpose of this meeting, and what benefit will it provide to the student body?

VPE - The meeting/tour was arranged as part of the ongoing strategy of establishing connections with our provincial political leaders to demonstrate the student needs present on our campus and need for increased support to areas under their jurisdiction that affect our students. This meeting specifically will cover these topics:

Work Integrated Learning

Job Placement

Campus Health Resources

Affordability

Campmans - For VPSL - In regards to the PD Session hosted last week, I think I speak for everyone in attendance when I say that it was both an informative and fun experience. Will more events like this be hosted in the future?

VPSL – Thank you for the kind words, Councillor Campmans, and your question. The answer is absolutely! The outgoing and incoming Strategy and Engagement (SEC) committee members both agree that it is doing more PD sessions for counsellors. As the chair of the committee, I consider these sessions paramount to the Students' Council's overall culture and success.

Russell - For VPSL: For the NSO, can you clarify which departments you reached out to and what specific contributions they made to the NSO?

VPSL - Thank you for your question, Councillor Russell. Before the start of the fall semester, I reviewed the list of New Student Orientation (NSO) sessions held in addition to the general New Student Orientation at the gymnasium. I noticed that SAMU wasn't part of NSO sessions for some departments on campus, including Kihêw Waciston, MacEwan Athletics, and MacEwan International. So I reached out and was added to their programming, so more students are aware of what we offer. It's also a way to build relationships with the different departments, which has proven fruit

5.2. Oral Questions

Topics include: students financial struggles; COSA meeting and policy updates; Belonging at MacEwan Survey; VPE report; voting against tuition at BOG; advocating & BOG; current advocacy priorities;

- 6. In Camera Period**
- 7. Motions & Business Orders of the Day**
- 8. Consultation**
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- 11. Adjournment**

MOTION TO ADJOURN

CAMPMANS

CARRIED

Next Meeting Date: February 18, 2026

Meeting adjourned at 6:23pm.



Students' Council Report

President

February 18th, 2026

Dear Council,

I hope you're all having a wonderful February so far. Here's my report on from the President portfolio from January 15th, 2026 to February 11th, 2026.

Executive Summary

- Healthcare Minister and Parliamentary Secretary Visit to SAMU
- Internal/External Advocacy Events
- Alumni Advisory Council
- Edmonton Student Alliance – January Meeting

Healthcare Minister and Parliamentary Secretary Visit to SAMU

The VP External and I had the opportunity to welcome Adrianna LaGrange, the Minister for Primary and Preventative Health, and Chelsae Petrovic, the Parliamentary Secretary for Health Workforce Engagement to the SAMU Building, to speak directly about how the student experience is closely intertwined with Alberta's health care.



We highlighted the importance of centralized, accessible campus health services for all students. For many students, particularly those navigating mental health challenges, accessing care can be significantly more difficult when supports are located off campus, especially for students who have relocated for school and may not have an established family doctor.



Additionally, we discussed how strong work-integrated learning opportunities for nursing students are foundational to student success, both academically and in clinical practice, and serve as a key contributor to strengthening Alberta's health workforce.

Internal/External Advocacy Events

The SAMU Executive Committee had the opportunity to attend the installation of the 39th Allard Chair in Business, Brent Hesje, where we got to connect with the new Allard Chair, MacEwan administration, and local community leaders. It was a wonderful networking opportunity for EC with various stakeholders that are closely tied with decision-making for the student experience, including at MacEwan University, in line with SAMU's Strategic Plan Indicator 3.3.



I also had the opportunity to attend an Edmonton Chamber of Commerce event welcoming the Ireland Ambassador to Canada, John Concannon, to Edmonton. I had the opportunity to connect with various government officials from the municipal and the provincial government as well as various community leaders on issues regarding affordability.



Lastly, I attended MacEwan's Backstage Pass reception event, where I was able to connect with provincial stakeholders including the Minister of Technology and Innovation, and various MLAs in the surrounding Edmonton region and try to introduce the student perspective into policy decisions at a provincial level.

Our External Team is committed to reinforcing and building relationships with all levels of government to amplify the student voice. Our goal is always to ensure that elected officials hear what students have to say, while sometimes offering the opportunity for elected officials to come to campus to speak to students.

Alumni Advisory Council

Pursuant to the mandate of my role in overseeing SAMU's alumni relations and as a member of the Alumni Advisory Council, I had the opportunity to work closely with the Alumni Awards Subcommittee to go through nominations for the Emerging Leaders Award and the Distinguished Alumni Award offered by the Alumni Office. Due to the confidential nature of the discussions, I am unable to disclose the nominations any

President Report to Students' Council

Submitted: February 11th, 2026

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further, however, the recipients will be posted online on MacEwan's website once it is available and they will provide a speech at convocation.

Additionally, I had the opportunity to attend an alumni event supporting the Griffin's Women's Hockey Team on January 31st, where I had the opportunity to reconnect with MacEwan's Provost and several alumni whom I had discussions with about their time at MacEwan.

Edmonton Student Alliance – January Meeting

At January's ESA meeting, we had the chance to connect with our municipal Students' Association partners around the city on updates to our institution, as well as discussing ongoing student priorities, especially regarding the City Council discussions regarding the rezoning bylaw amendments. Please see the VP External's report for more information on this specific matter.

Closing Remarks

Thank you for taking the time to read my report. I hope you are all pushing through midterm season okay! I strongly encourage you to remind any individuals who may be interested in running in the upcoming Executive Committee elections.

Warm regards,

Nathan Poon

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Nathan Poon' in a cursive style.

President, Students' Association of MacEwan University 2025/26



Students' Council Report

Vice-President External

Date of Meeting: February 18th, 2025

It's report time once more! Hopefully, this report serves to provide all the information on advocacy efforts. Insert current event here: (I think, therefore I am).

Meeting with Anne Stevenson

1.1

On January 29th the ESA Chair and I in my capacity as Vice Chair, met virtually with Councillor Anne Stevenson regarding the ESA priorities and introducing ourselves for the upcoming year in anticipation of a year of advocacy. The ESA advocacy priorities were presented at this meeting

City Partners Event

1.2

On the night of January 29th City Hall hosted a City Partners event that I attended as ESA Vice Chair. The event was a great opportunity to introduce myself to a few new councillors and propose the ESA priorities to various leaders around the city. MacEwan and other institutions Administration was also in attendance, along with city business leaders, such as HomeEd, Edmonton Sport, and Edmonton Heritage, among others.

Various ESA priorities such as the upcoming rezoning amendments were discussed with the



various partners throughout the city

ESA Meeting

1.3

Due to not reaching Quorum, the ESA meeting hosted at SAMU on January 30th was an informal update session regarding the upcoming student leadership elections at the various institutions comprising membership. The planning of an upcoming Councillor and Mayor roundtable was discussed, along with the future vote for Chair and Vice Chair of the organisation.

City Hall Rezoning Amendments

1.4

On February 9th, the EAA and I attended the City Council Committee meeting for a chance for me to speak against the rezoning amendments that were proposed.

[Link to speech](#)

The aim of the amendments presented by the administration were:



“reducing the maximum number of dwellings on an interior site in the RS Zone” and
“reducing the impact of height on adjacent properties in the RS Zone.”

These recommendations would have the impact of slowing down the progress the bylaw has made in expanding housing access to our students.

By opposing the amendments vocally through public forum it presents a view that is often underrepresented before council. I do encourage all students to speak at any relevant meeting council hosts.

EC for a day

1.5

On February 5th, four students met with the President and I as part of EC for a day. The meetings reflect the growing interest for participating in student leadership.

We all float here,

Wilfrid Youbi Fansi





Students' Council Report

Vice President Governance & Finance

February 18th, 2026

Hello everyone,

I hope you're all excited for Reading Break! Whether you'll be heading back to your hometown, traveling, or simply taking the time to catch up on coursework and prepare for midterms, I hope this break will give you a chance to recharge both physically and mentally.

Now, onto business. Below is my report covering the period from January 16th to February 6th. This reporting period is slightly shorter than usual, as I will be away on vacation the week when this report is distributed to Council.

Executive Summary

- Governance Committee Meeting
- Student Leadership Week & Town Hall
- Student Tech Fee Committee Meeting
- Alumo Meeting

Student Experience & Engagement

The overall student experience is enhanced by the opportunities provided by SAMU.



Student Voice

The Student Voice is amplified by SAMU.

Strat point 2.1

Governance Committee Meeting

On January 27th, the Governance Committee met to continue discussions on the Roles and Responsibilities of Elected Representatives Policy. The meeting involved extensive debate relating to Executive Committee classwork, student group involvement, and how SAMU Office Norms and Directives will apply in relation to EC. By the end of the meeting, the committee unanimously voted to recommend the updated policy to Students' Council. For further information regarding the proposed changes to this policy, as well as the SAMU Bylaws and the Remuneration of Elected Representatives Policy, please see the respective submission briefings included separately in this agenda package.

Strat point 2.2

Student Leadership Week & Town Hall

Student Leadership Week ran from February 1st to February 6th. More details about the activities held throughout the week can be found in my Town Hall report, attached separately in this agenda package.

Strat point 2.1, 2.4

Student Tech Fee Committee Meeting

On January 30th, the Executive Committee met with David Almond, AVP Information Technology Services, along with Maureen Powers-Lomas, Dr. Craig Monk,



Karen Keiller, and Tyler Kachman for the first meeting of the Student Tech Fee Committee during this academic year. The Committee reviewed options for how to spend the remaining amount in the current Tech Fee fund and determine the future of this committee. Both sides presented proposals outlining their perspectives on the fee's purpose and the committee itself which resulted in lengthy debate. The committee is scheduled to meet again in the following month to have further deliberation.

Student Supports

Student supports provided by SAMU are responsive to unique and evolving needs.

Strat point 3.2, 3.4

Alumo Meeting

On January 28th, the Executive Committee met with Sean Gallivan, Vice President Partnerships & Development for Alumo. Sean outlined upcoming changes to both mywellnessplan and mylegalplan as the organization transitions from the Gallivan brand to the new Alumo brand. Additional updates will be provided to Students' Council once final decisions have been confirmed.

Strengthening SAMU Operations

SAMU is an innovative and sustainable organization with an engaging work environment.

Closing Remarks

Thank you for taking the time to read my report. If you have any written questions pertaining to this report, please submit them to the Governance Advisor, or reach out to me directly through my email below.



**STUDENTS' ASSOCIATION
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Kind Regards,

A handwritten signature in purple ink, appearing to read 'Andrei Santiago', is written in a cursive style.

Andrei Santiago (he/him)

VP Governance and Finance, SAMU 2025/2026

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Students' Council Report

Vice-President Student Life

February 18th, 2026

Greetings everyone,

This has been one of the best months I've had as Vice President, Student Life. The campus feels more lively than ever, whether through the incredible events hosted by our student groups or the programs organized by SAMU and MacEwan over the past few weeks. Although I was away for a week attending a family wedding, it felt as though I was never truly gone. The unexpected challenging weather in Dallas provided me with unexpected time to stay engaged with some of my responsibilities while abroad. I invite you to read my report for the period of January 13 to February 11.

Executive Summary

- Black History Month Planning Committee
- Meeting with my Counterpart- Allison Drew-Hassling
- Sexual Violence Prevention, Education and Response (SVPEC)



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Black History Month Planning Committee

I had the opportunity to serve on the Black History Month (BHM) Planning Committee as well as the BHM Opening Ceremony Sub-Committee, where I contributed ideas for several events, including the opening ceremony. It was a rewarding experience working alongside fellow students and sharing input on the celebrations. The opening ceremony was amazing, it was filled with dancing, laughter, and inspirational speeches, followed by delicious African food. I'm very happy with how the event turned out.

There are still many exciting BHM activities happening, so be sure to keep an eye out for events such as Roots and Rhythm, the RECHIQUE Hair Workshop, Afro Burn with Deborah K, and Unpacking the N-Word. To wrap up the BHM, the Black Student Alliance will be hosting a Cultural Gala at the end of February.





Student Voice

The Student Voice is amplified by SAMU

Meeting with my Counterpart- Allison Drew-Hassling

I met with Allison, Assistant Vice President (AVP) of Support and Accountability, earlier this month. During our meeting, she provided updates on the policy amendment recommendations being brought forward to the Council of Student Affairs (COSA). These include revisions related to procedures for students with disabilities and consultations concerning academic misconduct. Aside from these discussions, there have been no significant new updates on these matters since the previous meeting.

Additionally, Allison and Dr. Joanne Minaker, Associate Dean Student Health and Wellness Professor, participated in a tour of SAMU this month accompanied by our General Manager Darryl and me. As Allison is new to MacEwan, this long-anticipated tour provided an opportunity for her to gain a better understanding of the SAMU building, as well as our programs and services. I'm glad she had the chance to visit and learn more about our work.

Student Supports

Student Supports provided by SAMU are responsive to unique and evolving needs.

Sexual Violence Prevention, Education and Response (SVPER) Committee

The Sexual Violence Prevention, Education and Response (SVPER) Committee operates under the Office of Human Rights. Although I was unable to attend the



meeting, I provided feedback on the revised draft of the Terms of Reference as well as the draft Operational Plan. I also shared my feedback with the Executive Committee to ensure alignment with SAMU's priorities and expectations. The Office of Human Rights also leads the organization of Healthy Relationship Week on campus which I supported by spreading awareness through my networks. I was impressed by the strong turnout and engagement for the Skills fair!

Closing Remarks

To everyone reading this, thank you for taking the time to review my report. If anything raises questions or requires clarification, please don't hesitate to reach out, whether through a written question, an office visit, or email. I am always happy to connect. I would also like to give special recognition to the Students-at-Large and members of Students' Council for speaking against the approval of a motion at the General Faculties Council (GFC) that had an amendment that was not favorable to the student body. Although the motion did not ultimately go our way, I remain proud of the advocacy and effort demonstrated. It reflects our shared commitment to representing and engaging on behalf of students.

I understand that this is a busy time for many across campus. If you are feeling overwhelmed by academic or life responsibilities, remember that Reading Break is just around the corner, please take time to rest and care for yourself. With that, I'll leave you with a quote wrote: "Your best is often enough, so don't let doubt slow you down"- moi
You got this!



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Cheers,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be the initials 'AD'.

Alem D. Tesfay

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Students' Council Report

2025/2026 Town Hall Report

February 18th, 2026

Town Hall Overview

As stated in clause 5 of the Town Halls policy, "*The Executive Committee will submit a report on the feedback gathered and outcomes of the Town Hall to the Students' Council at their regular meeting in the month following the Town Hall.*"

Every year, The Students' Association of MacEwan University (SAMU) hosts its annual Town Hall as the main event of Student Leadership Week during the Winter Semester. The purpose of this forum is to give students an opportunity to engage directly with their elected officials, ask questions, and share their perspectives on issues that impact their experience as SAMU members. In turn, elected representatives use this opportunity to listen, gather feedback, and respond to student concerns.

Two weeks prior to the event, email communications were sent to both Executives and Councillors regarding their table topics. Further communications were sent out 5 business days before the Town Hall, as required by policy. These emails highlighted all the relevant expectations and key messaging for the duration of the event. Leading up to the Town Hall, tabling sessions were also conducted by both Executives and Councillors as part of the Student Leadership Week events to promote both the event and Executive Committee nominations, which had an overall engagement of roughly **200 students** over the span of two days.

This year's Town Hall saw a record-breaking attendance of **656 students**, marking the highest engagement in the event's history. Students raised a wide range of thoughtful questions, voiced concerns on key topics affecting campus life, and offered valuable insights that will help shape SAMU's operational and strategic priorities moving



forward. The following briefings provide a detailed summary of the topics discussed, along with the key trends we had identified through the Councillors' written feedback.

Fees, U-Pass, Health & Dental

This table focused on explaining the SAMU fees that students pay, including a breakdown of what the SAMU Membership covers, as well as the other SAMU fees such as the U-Pass and Health & Dental. Many questions revolved around the Health & Dental plans, which created a very good opportunity to highlight the Benefits Plan Office and the support they offer to students navigating their claims and coverage.

Overall, students were primarily satisfied with their health and dental coverage and their use of the U-Pass. However, students raised concerns about challenges with opting out of the Health & Dental plan, registering for the plan, or submitting their claims through the app. Some students also asked about the possibility of upping the coverage of certain services up to 100%. Questions were also raised about U-Pass opt-out eligibility and the conditions required to be met to do so.

Academics, Online Education, Modality of Learning, Open Educational Resources

This table provided information about Open Educational Resources (OERs), academic integrity expectations, and the academic and non-academic support services offered by the SAMU Student Advocacy Center. Additional resources such as the Library Writing Centre and Access and Disability Resources were also promoted. Additionally, the table also heavily promoted the Academics Survey, which will be running until February 16.



Students expressed interest in having the Fall Reading Break occur earlier, as it currently falls in mid-November in every Academic year. Students also inquired whether Cengage materials are included in the Textbook Affordability Program (TAP) under the *Don't Go Textbook Broke* campaign. Many students noted ongoing financial pressures due to textbook costs for classes.

Programs, Services, Events, Student Groups

This table highlighted the wide range of programs, services, and events available to all SAMU members, as well as the benefits of joining student groups. Handbills were also readily available, highlighting all the individual programs, services, and upcoming events that SAMU has to offer.

Concerns at this table largely focused on the accessibility of the Breakfast Club. While the program has improved by shifting from a bi-weekly to a weekly model beginning this academic year, students noted several barriers, such as class conflicts during the program timeslot, the two-hour window being too short, long lineups, and the limitation of the program running only on Thursdays. Students also suggested diversifying the food options, as they felt that the current offerings feel repetitive.

Government Advocacy, Governance, Getting Involved with SAMU

This table aimed to increase student awareness of SAMU's governance structure, which consists of Students' Council, Executive Committee, and various SAMU Committees, apart from the other opportunities to participate in governance across the university (such as GFC Committees, hiring panels, and student advisory committees). The table also promoted volunteer roles, part-time employment opportunities, and

Executive Committee nominations, directing interested students to resources and QR codes at another table for further information.

Most conversations centered around the time commitments required for Students' Council, Committees, and the Executive Committee. Students asked about the responsibilities of Executive roles and the compensation associated with them.

Bylaws Consultation

Similar to the Governance table, this table aimed to deepen students' understanding of SAMU's governance structures through the lens of the SAMU Bylaws. This table provided an overview of SAMU's internal governance processes and invited students to share feedback on this year's proposed Bylaw amendments. These proposals included introducing limitations on running for office following a significant code of conduct violation, as well as a new approach to term limits for Executive Committee members. Student feedback generally fell into three categories.

Many students supported the proposed changes. Their reasons included improving transparency and accountability through the Code of Conduct, preventing individuals from running again in bad faith, creating more opportunities for new students to enter leadership roles, and promoting turnover that brings new perspectives into the organization. Students also noted that clearer limits could help reduce burnout among executives.

There were also students who opposed the changes, expressing concern that limiting executives to two consecutive years could weaken institutional memory. However, it is important to note that turnover already occurs annually as a natural part of SAMU's governing structure. Furthermore, staff supports play an important role in maintaining continuity by providing guidance and organizational memory to elected

officials, which helps in sustaining an effective advocacy process year over year.

Many students also felt hesitant to provide feedback because they were unfamiliar with SAMU's governing documents, and therefore felt they lacked sufficient context for the proposals. Others emphasized that decisions about restricting candidates based on past code of conduct violations should depend on the severity of the violation. The briefing for the first reading of this Bylaw (which is attached to the February agenda package) clarifies that the threshold for removing an elected official from office is extremely high and would require a significant violation that has undergone thorough review by the Governance Investigations and Reinstatement Committee (GIIRC).

Closing Remarks

Thank you for taking the time to review this report. If there is anything in this report that raises questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to contact myself or the Governance Advisor prior to our next Council meeting.

Kind Regards,



Andrei Santiago (he/him)

VP Governance and Finance, SAMU 2025/2026

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**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

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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: 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



**Minutes for the Executive Committee Meeting of the
Students' Association of MacEwan University
January 21, 2026 @ 3:00pm**

Voting Members:

Nathan Poon, President (Chair)
Chioma Uzor, VP Academic
Wilfrid Youbi Fansi, VP External
Andrei Santiago, VP Governance & Finance
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: 3:22pm
2. Treaty 6 Land Recognition

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3. Approval of Agenda:
**VPA/VPSL
CARRIED**
4. Approval of Minutes for: January 14, 2026
**VPSL/VPGF
CARRIED**

TOPIC		DISCUSSION	ACTION/MOTION
1.	Response Time	Pres -	MOTION TO GO IN CAMERA VPGF/VPA CARRIED MOTION TO GO OUT OF CAMERA VPGF/VPA CARRIED

2.	New Student Orientation Feedback	VPSL – provided for information - no decisions needed.	
3.	Outstanding Action Items		
4.	VP Academic's Report	Student Course Feedback focus group with Vpsl. Committee on Scholarly activity meeting. Meeting on Teaching & Learning. Met with Provost. Met with Rebecca Kerrigan re Student Research Day.	
5.	VP External's Report	ESA meeting next Friday. Met with Minster and MLA.	
6.	VP Governance & Finance's Report	SCOC meetings. Finance Committee training. Met with MacEwan Counterpart (Maureen). Governance Committee meeting. 2 media requests: medical clinic fee & VPGF portfolio review. Dept 12 Q2 review. SLW planning continues.	
7.	VP Student Life's Report	SC/SAL PD session. Chandelle one on one. Survey update. UWill eval committee update. WPS update.	
8.	President's Report	The Griff interviews: MacEwan finance & Pres portfolio. Alumni Advisory Council meeting. Minister Lagrange meeting today.	
9.	GM Report	Building roof update. Uber account update. Student Advo Centre update.	MOTION TO GO IN CAMERA VPGF/VPA CARRIED MOTION TO GO OUT OF CAMERA VPGF/VPSL CARRIED
10.	Recognition		

5. Adjournment
Time: 4:44pm



**Minutes for the Executive Committee Meeting of the
Students' Association of MacEwan University
January 28, 2026 @ 2:00pm**

Voting Members:

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

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: 2:10pm
2. Treaty 6 Land Recognition

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3. Approval of Agenda:
**VPA/VPGF
CARRIED**
4. Approval of Minutes for: January 21, 2026
**VPGF/VPE
CARRIED**

TOPIC	DISCUSSION	ACTION/MOTION
1. Student Groups	VPGF - Cam's Kids MacEwan	MOTION TO APPROVE THE CAM'S KIDS MACEWAN STUDENT GROUP VPGF/VPE CARRIED
2. Chamber of Commerce Leaders Dinner	EAA – CoC hosting this with Edmonton's city council. Looking approval for Pres/Vpe to attend.	MOTION TO APPROVE AN EXPENSE OF UP TO \$310.00 FROM G/L 525600 TO ATTEND THE

			CHAMBER OF COMMERCE LEADERS DINNER
			VPGF/VPE CARRIED
			MOTION
			TO APPROVE AN EXPENSE OF UP TO \$105.00 FROM G/L525600 TO ATTEND THE FBC EVENT
3.	FBC Event	Pres – EC was invited to this event. RM – need to establish some parameters around event attendance in the future.	VPA/VPE CARRIED
4.	Outstanding Action Items		
5.	VP External's Report	ESA meeting coming on Jan 30 here. Met with SAMRU VPE re advocacy.	
6.	VP Governance & Finance's Report	SLW prep. GovCom meeting update. H&D meeting update.	
7.	VP Student Life's Report	tabled	
8.	VP Academic's Report	Initial Charter Working Group meeting. COSA meeting update. (UWill; Mental Health Week;)	
9.	President's Report	MacEwan President meeting update. (ombudsperson) GM review update.	
10.	GM Report	Met with MacEwan IT Director. Security meeting. HR update.	
11.	Recognition		

5. Adjournment
Time: pm



**Minutes for the Executive Committee Meeting of the
Students' Association of MacEwan University
February 4, 2026 @ 2:00pm**

Voting Members:

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

Resource Officials:

Darryl Kostash, General Manager

Alan Honey, Governance Advisor (Recording Secretary)

In Attendance:

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Larissa Williams, Internal Advocacy Advisor
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1. Call to Order: 2:00pm
2. Treaty 6 Land Recognition

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3. Approval of Agenda:
**VPSL/VPE
CARRIED**
4. Approval of Minutes for: January 28, 2026
**VPGF/VPSL
CARRIED**

TOPIC		DISCUSSION	ACTION/MOTION
1.	Student Groups	Concern with tying Christian & conservative together – is that an issue? RM – name doesn't necessarily tie to their mandate. Suggest to update either title or mandate for consistency between the two.	Action: Vpsl to connect with the SG Manager – update so that name & mandate are consistent.
2.	Outstanding Action Items		
3.	VP External's Report	City Partners Event update. Met with Councillor Anne Stevenson. ESA meeting update.	
4.	VP Governance & Finance's	Finalizing Dept 12 budget presentation. SLW update.	

	Report	Student Tech Fee Committee meeting update.	
5.	VP Student Life's Report	Black History Month opening ceremony.	
6.	VP Academic's Report	Tabled.	
7.	President's Report	Backstage Pass – external advo event. Alumni skate event attendance. Informal ESA meeting. Alumni Awards Sub-Committee – awards deliberations.	
8.	GM Report	SG Event update. SAMU Building update. SAMU student awards update. MacEwan security update.	
9.	Recognition		

5. Adjournment
Time: 2:41pm



STUDENTS' COUNCIL MEETING SUBMISSION

AGENDA ITEM INFORMATION

Meeting Date	Submitted By	
February 18, 2026	Andrei Santiago, VP Governance and Finance	
Agenda Item Title	SAMU Bylaws	
Action Requested	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Motion	<input type="checkbox"/> Consultation Item

AGENDA ITEM DETAILS

Motion Title	Motion to give first reading to the SAMU Bylaws
Background Information	<p>The Governance Committee recommended the SAMU Bylaws for approval by Students' Council. Edits to our bylaws is a multi-step process: first, we solicit feedback on proposed amendments from students at the annual Town Hall event (which was accomplished at the February 4, 2026 event), followed by two readings at Students' Council (currently scheduled for February 18, 2026 and March 18, 2026). In order for the motions to pass at each meeting at least 75% of SC must vote in favour.</p> <p>The major changes to the bylaws are with respect to qualifications for office and to term limits.</p> <p>Re. qualifications for office, for both Councillors and Executive Committee members, the recommended amendment is to note that if someone has previously been removed from office for violating the Elected Representatives Code of Conduct, they would then be ineligible to run for elected office again. There is a very high threshold for SC to remove someone from office, meaning the violation would have to be significant and have gone through a thorough review process (please reference the Elected Representatives Code of Conduct Policy and the Elected Representatives Disciplinary Action Policy).</p> <p>Re. term limits, this idea was originally discussed/debated with the 2024-2025 Governance Committee, and then the current 2025-2026 Governance Committee debated these limits. The general consensus is that the current limit of 3, when it could be consecutive, is too much. Requiring that a student to have to take a year off before being able to complete a 3rd term was thought to be in both the best interest of the student as well as in the best interest of SAMU.</p> <p>It's been identified that, historically, the biggest burnout from the job begins about half way through their second year. This limit would mitigate putting a student in the position of</p>

	<p>compromising their wellness, while also ensuring that MacEwan students have quality representation at SAMU. It was also discussed that in one's second year as an exec it was very hard to have the same connection to the students you are representing just because you spend so much of your time doing the day-to-day work that is required of the job. Additionally, other SA/SUs were consulted on this topic and the consensus was that more than two years serving as an exec wasn't in the best interest of the students or the Association/Union itself.</p>
Alternative Considerations	<p>Leave the policy as it's currently written.</p>
Risk Management Considerations	
Strategic Alignment	<p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <i>Attached Strategic Alignment Checklist is complete</i></p>
Implications	<p>Reduction in burnout rates affecting SAMU operations Reconnect with regular student life and normalcy</p>
Related Documents	<p>Elected Representatives Code of Conduct Policy Elected Representatives Disciplinary Action Policy</p>
Follow Up Action	<p>n/a</p>
Review History	

Strategic Alignment Checklist

Vision: All students benefit from a vibrant student life and a culture of empowerment.

Mission: SAMU builds a positive student experience by creating a place to engage and connect, being a champion for all students and providing opportunities that allow them to get the most out of their educational journey.

Focus Areas	Not consistent	N/A	Consistent
Student Experience & Engagement			
The overall student experience is enhanced by the opportunities provided by SAMU.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
1.1 Put the finishing touches on the SAMU building, enhancing the safe and intentional spaces for students to gather, relax and study.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
1.2 Increase student awareness of SAMU and its opportunities through strong communications and engaging marketing and brand	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
1.3 Increase student engagement by offering relevant and meaningful events, programs, services, volunteer activities and employment opportunities for students	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
1.4 Support Student Groups by offering networking opportunities, meeting space, outreach support and online platforms	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Student Voice			
The Student Voice is amplified by SAMU.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
2.1 Develop an Advocacy Plan and implement processes to strengthen SAMU's advocacy program.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
2.2 Enhance awareness and interest in SAMU's democratic processes through education and encouraging student participation	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
2.3 Continue to build collaborative relationships with other Student Associations and organizations to enhance the collective student voice with all government levels	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
2.4 Foster positive relationships with MacEwan University to better serve students	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Student Supports			
Student supports provided by SAMU are responsive to unique and evolving needs.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
3.1 Develop and deliver initiatives that are inclusive and are responsive to all student needs.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
3.2 Evaluate and assess student supports to remain relevant and accountable to students	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
3.3 Strengthen collaborations and partnerships with MacEwan University to expand supports and resources for students.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
3.4 Enhance relationships with external organizations to leverage resources and supplement new and existing initiatives	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Strengthening SAMU Operations			
SAMU is an innovative and sustainable organization with an engaging work environment.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
4.1 Review SAMU governance structures and make improvements to reduce duplication of efforts and delays in decision-making processes.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
4.2 Document main policies and processes to support business continuity and transitions in leadership and staff.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
4.3 Diversify revenue streams to reduce reliance on student fees.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
4.4 Act as financial and environmental stewards and implement effective practices to enhance sustainability.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
4.5 Foster a professional and supportive work environment that lives the organizational values and delivers a culture of excellence.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>



Bylaws

Name

1 Established under the *Post-Secondary Learning Act* of Alberta, the legal name of this organization is “Students’ Association of Grant MacEwan University”. The operating name of this organization is “Students’ Association of MacEwan University” (“SAMU”).

Object

2 The object of SAMU is to exercise its powers and responsibilities in the interest of the students of MacEwan University.

Definitions

3 Oversight refers to the actions taken to monitor organizations and their policies, and projects, to ensure that they: are achieving expected results, and follow applicable policies, laws, regulations, and ethical standards.

4 A Councillor is a student who serves on Students’ Council who is not an Executive.

5 An Executive is a member of Students’ Council who sits on the Executive Committee.

6 The Executive Committee of SAMU is a committee made up of 5 full time student representatives that carry out the day-to-day responsibilities of Students’ Council.

7 Directives are public operational documents that outline expectations and regulations regarding the day-to-day operations of SAMU and SAMU staff.

Membership and Affiliations

Classes of Membership

8 Members of SAMU include General Members, and Honourary Members.

General Membership

9 A General Member of SAMU is a student enrolled in an undergraduate credit course at MacEwan University.

Honourary Membership

10 An Honourary Member of SAMU is an individual who is not a General Member or an Affiliate and has been granted Member status by a special resolution of Students’ Council. Honourary Membership may also be revoked by special resolution of Students’ Council.



Fees

11 SAMU fees are assessed to General Members only.

Rights

General Members

12 General Members have the right to access SAMU programming and services, sign referenda petitions, vote in SAMU elections and referenda, and serve as Councillors and Executives.

Honourary Members

13 Honourary Members may not access SAMU programming or services, sign referenda petitions, vote in SAMU elections or referenda, or serve as Councillors or Executives.

End of Membership

14 General Membership in SAMU ends when the Member ceases to be enrolled in a course at MacEwan University.

Affiliation

SAMU Affiliates

15 A SAMU Affiliate is a student enrolled in a non-undergraduate credit course at MacEwan University.

Fees

16 SAMU may assess SAMU fees to SAMU Affiliates.

Rights

17 SAMU Affiliates have the right to access SAMU programming and services, sign, and vote in referenda petitions pertaining to them that are administered by SAMU.

End of Affiliation

18 SAMU Affiliate status ends when the student ceases to be enrolled in a non-undergraduate credit course at MacEwan University.



Students' Council

Highest Authority

19 As established within the Post-Secondary Learning Act, all of the powers and responsibilities of SAMU not otherwise assigned in these Bylaws are sanctioned by the Students' Council of SAMU, hereinafter referred to as "Students' Council".

Composition

20 Students' Council consists of fourteen Councillors and five Executives.

Powers

Interpretation of Bylaws

21 Students' Council holds the exclusive authority to interpret the Bylaws in cases of ambiguity.

Policy

22 Students' Council exercises the powers and responsibilities of SAMU by enacting Policies that set expectations for SAMU consistent with these bylaws, and by monitoring adherence to those Policies.

Vision and Mission

23 Students' Council approves the vision and mission of SAMU.

Borrowing Powers

24 Students' Council holds the authority to authorize the borrowing of funds and the pledging of SAMU assets as security. Such authorization shall be by special resolution.

25 Students' Council must receive approval from the MacEwan Board of Governors before going forward with any authorization of borrowing funds or pledging SAMU assets as security.

Budget Approval

26 Students' Council gives final approval to the SAMU budget as given in SAMU policies.

Committees

27 Students' Council may create committees and may delegate to them powers and responsibilities in a way that is consistent with these Bylaws.



Punitive Measures

28 Students' Council has the exclusive power to impose punitive measures on Councillors and Executives for misconduct.

Responsibilities

Annual Report

29 Students' Council approves an Annual Report of SAMU, outlining the activities and status of SAMU for publication.

Consultation

30 Students' Council ensures that it consults with students in the performance of its duties.

Meetings

Regular Meetings

31 Regular meetings of Students' Council are held at least once a month.

Special Meetings

32 Special meetings may be called by any two members of Students' Council with advance written notice of at least one week.

Town Hall Meetings

33 Town Hall meetings are held at least once per year as provided in SAMU Policies.

Quorum

34 Quorum for any Students' Council meeting is a simple majority of all current voting members.

Regular Resolutions

35 A Regular Resolution of Students' Council may pass with a simple majority vote in favour.

Special Resolutions

36 A Special Resolution of Students' Council requires two week's notice of the motion, and at least 75% voting in favour.

Open Meetings

37 Meetings of Students' Council are open to the public.



Councillors

Qualifications for Office

38 Councillors must be General Members at the time of election or appointment, in good academic standing with Grant MacEwan University throughout their elected term, and must not have previously been removed from office as a SAMU elected representative due to a code of conduct violation.

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Commented [AH1]: Believe that if you've already been removed from office due to a COC violation you should not be allowed to return to elected office.

Elections

39 Elections for Councillors are held every year.

Terms

Term Beginning

40 The term of a Councillor starts on November 1 following their election, or on the date of appointment by Students' Council.

Term Ending

41 The term of a Councillor automatically ends on October 31, unless it is terminated earlier upon SAMU's receipt of a letter of resignation from the Councillor, upon Students' Council's removal of the Councillor, or upon the Councillor's ceasing to meet the qualifications for office.

Vacancies

42 In the case of a Councillor vacancy, Students' Council will solicit a qualified Member for appointment.

Remuneration

43 Councillors are remunerated for their service as provided in SAMU policies.

Executive Committee

Authority

44 The Executive Committee of SAMU, holds the authority to exercise powers and responsibilities of SAMU consistent with these Bylaws.

Composition

45 Executive Committee consists of five Executives, including a President and four Vice Presidents.

Powers



General Manager

46 Executive Committee has the exclusive authority to select, negotiate the employment contract of, provide direction to, review the performance of, and release the General Manager.

Legal

47 Executive Committee has the authority to conduct legal proceedings on behalf of SAMU.

Contracts and Signing Authority

48 Executive Committee has the authority to negotiate and sign contracts and documents relating to referenda decisions on behalf of SAMU.

49 Executive Committee has the authority to negotiate, terminate, and sign contracts and budgeted documents on behalf of SAMU.

50 Unbudgeted contracts over \$75,000.00, and contracts which exceed a five-year commitment must be approved by Students' Council. Employment contracts and Tenant Sub-Lease Agreements are exempt.

51 Executive Committee may delegate the authority of operational contracts of under \$75,000 and not exceeding a five-year term to the General Manager.

52 Executive Committee has the authority to sign tenant sub-lease agreements upon the recommendation of the General Manager.

Procedures

53 Executive Committee is accountable for Procedures that set expectations for SAMU consistent with these bylaws and with Students' Council Policies, and monitor adherence to those Procedures.

Directives

54 The Executive Committee has oversight over Directives.

Responsibilities

Reporting

55 Executive Committee reports to Students' Council.

Meetings

Calling Meetings



56 Meetings of Executive Committee are held on the call of any Executive.

Frequency

57 Meetings of Executive Committee will occur no less than once per month.

Quorum

58 Quorum for any Executive Committee meeting is a simple majority of all current voting members.

Executives

Qualification for Office

59 Executives must be General Members at the time of their election or appointment, in good academic standing with MacEwan University throughout their elected term, and must not have previously been removed from office as a SAMU elected representative due to a code of conduct violation.

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Elections

60 Elections for Executives are held every year.

Terms

Term Beginning

61 The term of an Executive starts on May 1st following their election, or on the date of appointment by Students' Council.

Term Ending

62 The term of an Executive automatically ends on April 30, unless it is terminated earlier upon receipt by SAMU of a letter of resignation, upon removal from office by the Students' Council, or upon the Executive's ceasing to meet the qualifications for office,

Term Limits

63 An individual may hold Executive positions for no more than two consecutive terms and no more than three cumulative terms. An Executive may hold no more than one Executive Committee position per term.

Commented [AH2]: Previously a student could hold an executive position for up to 3 elected terms consecutively. We've identified a high 'burnout' rate in the 2nd year of being an executive so recommended capping it a 2 elected terms. The previous Governance Committee voting members, Councillors Jacobs & Namoc, understood the concern but thought a compromise of requiring a break of one year somewhere along the way would be a better way to go at this time.

Responsibilities

Reporting

64 Executives submit written reports to Students' Council.

I completed an environmental scan of other universities in AB: no current similar limits to 2 years have been established, although most other SA/SU's recommend to their students that a maximum of 2 years is the best for both the student and the organization as a whole; some schools have been looking to establish policy of 2 years maximum as they too have identified high 'burnout' rates with students in their 2nd year as executives.



Executive Portfolios

President

65 The President is accountable for community and university relations, excluding academic affairs, as well as such other responsibilities as are given in SAMU Policies.

Vice President Academic

66 The Vice President Academic is responsible for academic affairs, as well as such other responsibilities as are given in SAMU Policies.

Vice President External

67 The Vice-President External is accountable for government relations, as well as such other responsibilities as are given in SAMU Policies.

Vice President Governance and Finance

68 The Vice President Governance and Finance is accountable for internal affairs, as well as such other responsibilities as are given in SAMU Policies.

Vice President Student Life

69 The Vice President Student Life is accountable for programming and services, as well as such other responsibilities as are given in SAMU Policies.

Vacancies

70 In the case of an Executive vacancy, prior to the term beginning Students' Council will solicit a qualified Member for appointment.

71 In the case of an Executive vacancy or extended leave of absence during the term, Students' Council may appoint a qualified Member to act in the interim, or divide responsibilities of the position.

Remuneration

72 The Executives are remunerated for their service as provided in SAMU Policies.

General Manager

Authority



73 The General Manager of SAMU holds the authority to exercise powers and responsibilities of SAMU consistent with these Bylaws, and as otherwise assigned in Policies, Procedures, and Directives.

Powers

Staffing

74 The General Manager holds authority to hire, negotiate terms of employment with, manage, review the performance of, and release the staff of SAMU.

Legal

75 The General Manager has the authority to seek legal advice on behalf of SAMU matters within their purview.

Directives

76 The General Manager is accountable for Directives that set expectations for SAMU consistent with these bylaws and with Students' Council Policies, and Procedures and monitor adherence to those Directives.

Responsibilities

Consultation

77 The General Manager is responsible for consulting with Executives in the performance of their duties.

Reporting

78 The General Manager reports to Executive Committee.

79 The General Manager and President are required to meet regularly on SAMU affairs.

Ensure Compliance

80 The General Manager acts in good faith to ensure compliance with SAMU Bylaws, Policies, and Procedures.

Referenda

81 SAMU will hold a referendum on a question given to it for that purpose by Students' Council, or by a petition stating the question and bearing the signatures, names, and student identification numbers of 10% of Members. Voting in a referendum is restricted to Members who would be affected by the outcome of the referendum.

Amendment



82 Amendments to these Bylaws may be made following a consultation at a Town Hall meeting and by two readings at Students' Council with a special resolution required for both readings.

Interpretation

83 Numbering, headings, and the capitalization of frequently used terms in this document, unless otherwise defined are provided for convenience only, and do not affect the meaning of these Bylaws. Where appropriate to the context, words implying the singular or plural shall be interpreted to imply the other. Where appropriate to the context, words in the present tense shall be interpreted to include the past and future tenses. In all circumstances, these Bylaws are subject to applicable law.

No Force or Effect

84 Any decision of Students' Council that is in conflict with federal or provincial statute or with the Common Law is of no force or effect.



STUDENTS' COUNCIL MEETING SUBMISSION

AGENDA ITEM INFORMATION

Meeting Date	Submitted By
February 18, 2026	Andrei Santiago, Vice President Governance and Finance

Agenda Item Title	Remuneration of Elected Representatives policy
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Action Requested	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Motion	<input type="checkbox"/> Consultation Item
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AGENDA ITEM DETAILS

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Background Information	The Students' Council Operations Committee reviewed the Remuneration of Elected Representatives policy and amended Appendix A (effective May 1, 2026) and Appendix B (effective November 1, 2026). During this meeting it was noted that part of the definition for "End of elected term" was redundant and a recommendation has been provided to strike the redundant section (as noted in the draft policy attached).
Alternative Considerations	Leave the policy as it's currently written.
Risk Management Considerations	
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Implications	
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Remuneration of Elected Representatives

Rationale

To recognize and encourage the contributions of elected representatives, SAMU provides remuneration. The review of remuneration by an advisory committee primarily comprised of persons who are not elected representatives assists in maintaining fair and impartial remuneration.

Definitions

CPI means the Consumer Price Index, as published by Statistics Canada on a monthly basis.

End of elected term refers to the termination of one elected, whether that term has been completed in full or an early termination due to resignation, disqualification, or impeachment.

Deleted: (including the executive transition period)

Flex a day means to begin or end one's workday earlier or later than their normal schedule in order to only work 7 hours in the day. Typically, this is used when meetings fall outside of an executive's normal office hours.

SCOC means the Students' Council Operations Committee.

TOIL means time off in lieu which are hours worked by an executive in excess of the 35h/week or 7h/day working schedule.

Expectations

General

- 1 SCOC reviews this policy on a biannual basis in place of the Governance Committee.
- 2 SCOC recommends changes to this policy to Students' Council and reports on alterations to the appendixes.
- 3 Alteration of the appendixes is delegated to SCOC.

Executive Remuneration

4 Executives receive a salaried annual wage, as set in Appendix A, based on a 35-hour workweek comprised of five 7-hour workdays.

4.1 The executive salary is reviewed annually by SCOC and may be increased by the annual average of Alberta's CPI from December 1 to November 30 of the previous year.

4.2 SCOC may determine a zero percent increase based on the financial or organizational situation of SAMU.



4.3 If the annual average of CPI results in a negative number, it will be regarded as a zero percent increase.

5 Executives receive benefits as set in Appendix A.

6 Executives are responsible for ensuring that time taken off in accordance with this policy does not negatively impact the operations of SAMU.

7 Executives receive benefits only while they retain the portfolio officially.

7.1 Executives are not eligible for any benefit that would be paid out after the date of their resignation or impeachment except what they are entitled to by law.

8 During the transition period, incoming and outgoing executives are remunerated on an hourly basis, at a rate that is the hourly equivalent of their respective annual salary.

Councilor Remuneration

9 Councilors receive an honorarium, as set in Appendix B.

10 Councilors who serve on SAMU committees receive an honorarium, as set in Appendix B.

11 Councilors receive remuneration in a lump sum. The lump sum is paid at the end of the elected term.

Appendix A: Executive Remuneration

Executive Salary

- 1 The annual salary for an executive is \$50,546.67.

Executive Benefits

Tuition

2 Executives are required to maintain three credits of coursework at MacEwan University in each of the fall and winter academic terms.

3 Executives are reimbursed for the tuition fees for three university credits in each of the fall and winter academic terms.

3.1 A minimum grade of C- as issued by the Office of the University Registrar is required to receive the tuition reimbursement benefit.

3.1.1 If a pass is achieved in a course assessed on a pass/fail basis, the course will be considered to have met the minimum grade requirement for reimbursement.

4 Class attendance in the Fall and Winter terms, up to three hours per week, is counted as work hours.

Allowances

5 Executives receive a transportation allowance equal to the cost of a U-Pass for each academic term.

6 Each member of Executive Committee will receive a phone reimbursement of \$60 per month.

Savings Plan

7 Executives receive a matching contribution to a Savings Plan (RSP or TFSA) up to a maximum of 5% of their salary.

7.1 Savings plan matching contributions will be provided to Executives upon submission of proof of a RSP or TSFA account.

7.1.1 An executive who chooses an RSP account they must provide proof of unused deduction limit.

7.2 Contributions will be prorated based on the percentage of the one-year term (May-April) completed.

Health and Dental

8 Executives will be enrolled in the SAMU Staff Health and Dental Plan, less Health Care Spending Account and Long-Term Disability, at SAMU's expense.

Vacation and Sick Leave

9 Executives receive six paid vacation days at the beginning of their elected term and accumulate 0.75 days of paid vacation time per month. At the end of an elected term, unused vacation time will be paid out according to employment law.

10 Executives begin their elected term with a balance of three (3) sick days upon taking office and accumulate 1 sick day per month, taken as required, in accordance with the directive. Unused sick days are not paid out at the end of an elected term.

11 Executives cannot carry over vacation time or sick days to a subsequent elected term.

Time off in Lieu (TOIL)

12 TOIL will only be accumulated when required for SAMU business purposes.

13 TOIL will only be accumulated when an executive is unable to flex their day due to SAMU business requirements.

14 Executives will not use accumulated TOIL hour(s) in the last month of their elected term.

14 Unused TOIL hours are not paid out at the end of an executive's elected term and cannot be carried over if an executive is re-elected.



Appendix B: Councilor Remuneration

Base Honorarium

1 Councilors are remunerated \$60 per meeting of Students' Council attended in accordance with *Roles and Responsibilities of Elected Representatives*.

1.1 Meeting attendance is remunerated to a maximum of \$480 per academic term.

Committee Honorarium

2 Councilors who serve on committees are remunerated \$15 per committee meeting attended.

2.1 Committee service is remunerated to a maximum of \$120 per academic term.

Fact Sheet

Approvals:

First Approval – February 19, 2014

Last Approval – January 23, 2025

Date of Last Review: January 23, 2025

Related Documents and Forms:

Source and Updates:

February 19, 2014: *Remuneration of Student Representatives* approved by Students' Council motion 2014-02-19-6.5 upon the recommendation of the Governance Remuneration Advisory Committee. Source material drawn from *Students' Council Policy 10 – Remuneration of Student Representatives*.

April 7, 2015: *Remuneration of Student Representatives Appendix A & Appendix B* approved by Governance Remuneration Advisory Committee motion 2015-04-07-2.

February 2, 2016: *Remuneration of Student Representatives Appendix A* approved by Governance Remuneration Advisory Committee motion 2016-02-02-1 to be effective May 1, 2016.

February 9, 2016: *Remuneration of Student Representatives Appendix B* approved by Governance Remuneration Advisory Committee motion 2016-02-09-1 to be effective November 1, 2016.

February 3, 2017: *Remuneration of Elected Representatives Appendix A* approved by Governance Remuneration Advisory Committee motion 2017-02-03-01 to be effective May 1, 2017.

December 7, 2017: *Remuneration of Elected Representatives Appendix A* approved by Governance Remuneration Advisory Committee motion 2017-12-07-2 to be effective January 1, 2018. "Time Off In Lieu" section removed from Appendix A.

March 21, 2018: *Remuneration of Elected Representatives* approved by Students Council motion 2018-03-21-7.5 on the recommendation of the Governance Remuneration Advisory Committee. Annual remuneration increased by \$1262 based on removal, from Appendix A, of the \$500 Personal Development line and the Time Off in Lieu payout of up to 35 hours (\$762) at the end of an elected term.

January 17, 2019: *Remuneration of Elected Representatives Appendix A – executive salary increase of 1.7%* approved by the Governance Remuneration Advisory Committee, motion 2019-01-17-1, to take effect May 1, 2019.

February 3, 2020: *Remuneration of Elected Representatives Appendix A* – executive salary increase of 2.1% and SAMU mobile phone provision for President and VP External approved by the Governance Remuneration Advisory Committee, motion 2020-02-03-2, to take effect May 1, 2020.

March 17, 2021: *Remuneration of Elected Representatives* approved by Students' Council motion 2021-03-17-7.6. Appendix C – Board of Governors Student Representative Remuneration added to this policy.

May 1, 2021: *Remuneration of Elected Representatives Appendix A* approved by the Governance Remuneration Advisory Committee motion 2021-02-24-1. Updates include: executive salary increase of 1.2%; clarification of how the Savings Plan amount is processed; clarification that all paid time off must use vacation and/or sick days to cover that time.

January 19, 2022: *Remuneration of Elected Representatives Appendix A* approved by the Governance Remuneration Advisory Committee motion 2022-01-19-1. Updates include: executive salary increase by 4.7%; removal of SAMU owned mobile phone for President and VP External – all execs will receive a monthly phone allowance.

February 7, 2022: *Remuneration of Elected Representatives Appendix C* approved by the Governance Remuneration Advisory Committee motion 2022-02-07-1. Updates include providing remuneration to the Board of Governors Student Representative when they are only serving as a resource official to Council.

January 18, 2023: *Remuneration of Elected Representatives policy, Appendix A* approved by Governance Remuneration Advisory Committee motion 2023-01-18-1 to take effect May 1, 2023. Updates include increasing the salary by 6.6% (CPI) and providing an opportunity for execs to enroll in the SAMU staff health and dental plan with reimbursement at 50%.

February 15, 2023: *Remuneration of Elected Representatives policy Appendix C* struck from the policy, on the recommendation of the Governance Remuneration Advisory Committee, by Students' Council motion 2023-02-15-7.5. Executive Committee has been empowered to set the remuneration rate for the Board of Governors student representative(s) in the *Student Representation Policy*.

April 17, 2023: *Remuneration of Elected Representatives policy, Appendix A* approved by Students' Council Operations Committee motion 2023-04-17-1 to take effect May 1, 2023. Update includes adding a requirement to provide proof of a savings plan account prior to receiving that benefit.

June 14, 2023: *Remuneration of Elected Representatives policy, Appendix A* approved by Students' Council Operations Committee motion 2023-06-14-1. Updated to remove the choice between the student health and dental plan and the SAMU staff health and dental plan, and only provide the option to enroll in the SAMU staff health and plan, excluding Health Spending Account and Long-Term Disability coverage at SAMU's expense.



Policy

January 5, 2024: *Remuneration of Elected Representatives Policy*, Appendix A and B approved by Students' Council Operations Committee motion 2024-01-05-1 effective May 1, 2024. Updates include increasing the executive annual salary by 2.5%, increasing the maintained credit requirement from 1 to 3, requiring a minimum grade of C-, instead of C, for tuition reimbursement, allowing class attendance of up to 3 hours to be included as work hours, changing the Savings Plan from a flat rate \$1000 to a matching program to a maximum of 5% of an executive's salary, and adding Time Off in Lieu (TOIL). Appendix B updated to change the committee honorarium from \$60/academic term to \$15/meeting attended to match what Student-at-Large reps receive.

January 17, 2024: *Remuneration of Elected Representatives Policy* approved by Students' Council motion 2024-01-17-7.2. Definition of Time Off in Lieu (TOIL) updated and Flexing a Day definition added.

January 23, 2025: *Remuneration of Elected Representatives Policy*, Appendix A approved by Students' Council Operations Committee motion 2025-02-23-1 effective May 1, 2025. Executive salary increased by 2.8%.

March 7, 2025: *Remuneration of Elected Representatives Policy*, Appendix A approved by Students' Council Operations Committee motion 2025-03-07-2 effective May 1, 2025. Sick days modified: begin with 3 and accumulate 1 per month after that – total days per year is in line with full-time staff.



STUDENTS' COUNCIL MEETING SUBMISSION

AGENDA ITEM INFORMATION

Meeting Date	Submitted By
February 18, 2026	Andrei Santiago, Vice President Governance and Finance

Agenda Item Title Roles and Responsibilities of Elected Representatives policy

Action Requested

Motion

Consultation Item

AGENDA ITEM DETAILS

Motion Title

Motion to approve the Roles and Responsibilities of Elected Representatives policy on the recommendation of the Governance Committee effective May 1, 2026

Background Information

The 2025-2026 Governance Committee (Consisting of the VPGF, Councillors Galera and Ravelo, and 2 Students-at-Large, Amanda Lou and Zainab Oseni) reviewed the Roles and Responsibilities of Elected Representatives policy and unanimously voted to recommend this updated policy to Students' Council for approval.

Significant updates were recommended to the committee from both SAMU staff and SAMU's HR consultant, and the committee had a chance to debate and ask questions about these updates prior to approval.

Major change #1 is with respect to Student Group involvement: it's always been identified as a conflict-of-interest (whether real or perceived) for members of Executive Committee to be involved with Student Groups as members or executives during their elected term. In policy, members of Executive Committee are excluded from being able to hold an executive position within a Student Group. This change would further exclude them from being members of Student Groups during their elected term. Note that this change would not exclude them from taking part in Student Group events as guests of the Group. This change is being brought forward to both protect SAMU and to protect individual elected representatives.

The conflict-of-interest concern primarily comes from financial matters: EC members are all signing authorities within SAMU and with various approval powers, but also for financial documents like cheques. It can be a direct conflict of interest for members of Executive Committee to be approving grants to student groups, signing Student Group cheques, or advocating internally on behalf of Student Groups when they are also members of those same Student Groups. Making this update to mandate that they cease their affiliations with their Student Group membership during their time in elected office mitigates this risk. (For example, if a claim was made that an executive was favouring a Student Group because

they were a member of the group we'd have the receipt showing that they were no longer directly integrated with the Group.)

Major change #2 is with respect to the office rules and norms for members of Executive Committee. Up until now, members of Executive Committee have developed their own "EC norms" at the very start of their elected term with advisement and consultation from the Governance and Advocacy Support Team. These norms are developed in order to lay the expectations down for EC when it comes to their office hours, submission deadlines, expectations for communication, etc... The nature of ad hoc rules and norms creates challenges in enforcing expectations evenly and consistently. SAMU's HR consultant, Salopek & Associates, identified this as a large gap in SAMU's structure. As such, their recommendation was to create a set of HR 'rules' which members of Executive Committee operate under in fulfilling their work. Since SAMU currently has a set of rules and office norms (SAMU call these "Directives") that the rest of the staff are required to follow, the recommendation is to require members of Executive Committee follow those same rules unless otherwise noted within SAMU policy. (ex. Accumulation of sick and vacation days for EC is dictated in the Remuneration of Elected Representatives policy, so the Policy would trump a similar Directive.) Examples of some Directives that would apply are Leaves, Office Etiquette, Travel and Accommodations. (Please reference the SAMU website where all the Governing Documents are posted for further information). Within the recommended policy updates is a requirement to notify members of Executive Committee about these 'rules' when they begin their elected term, to inform them of any changes during their term, and also what happens if they fail to comply with those expectations. This ensures EC members have a clear understanding of expectations from the start of their elected term.

Major change #3 is with respect to being enrolled in courses: first, clause 20 currently exists in the Remuneration of Elected Representatives (ROER) policy, although we believe it better fits in this policy. Therefore, it's been moved here with the intent to strike it from ROER policy once this is approved.

Second, Executive Committee begins their elected term in May. Training for their roles begins in late April and continues until early July. SAMU's normal office hours are 8:00am – 5:00pm daily (which aligns with MacEwan University, as well as the business world in general) so almost all training takes place during these times. It's required for all members of Executive Committee, including returning Executives, that they be available to take part in all training for both the knowledge transfer/refresh that happens and for the very important teambuilding aspect. Training and teambuilding happen fast once the elected term begins and needs to be prioritized so that EC (and SAMU) can continue to be a high functioning organization in representing their students. Furthermore, this timeframe is when a majority of business takes place, meaning members of EC need to be available as such. (As we know, spring/summer courses take up significant parts of the days each week, as they are compressed into a shorter time period for completion – enrolling in one class in the spring/summer would effectively force an executive to miss a full day of work during our regular office hours).

Minor change #1 is with respect to the Roles and Responsibilities of the VP Student Life: wording has been updated to better reflect the nature of the position.

	<p>Final notes for consideration: the major changes being brought forward for consideration are significant and will affect future executives in varying ways. It's understandable if there is some hesitation in approving this policy as presented, but the Governance Committee has had good questions, answers, and debate since these policy changes were first brought forward by the (previous) Committee in September of 2025, from Councillors and Students-at-Large in both committee cycles, about the pros and cons of these recommendations and ultimately voted unanimously in favour of bringing it forward to Students' Council for approval.</p> <p>Approving this policy is what is best for SAMU and its elected representatives as it ensures more direction and transparency on an executive's day-to-day work, and further reduces the chances of conflict of interest arising.</p> <p>It is additionally important that this policy be approved at the February SC meeting if possible, as it will ensure that all candidates in the March Executive Committee election are equally informed. We want all candidates to be fully aware of their roles and responsibilities prior to investing in or running a campaign, or being elected.</p>
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Roles and Responsibilities of Elected Representatives

Rationale

Clear responsibilities for all those in governance roles at SAMU ensure their adherence to SAMU principles of good governance, helping them to better serve the SAMU membership.

Clear responsibilities for the members of Students' Council ensure that Students' Council meetings are effective and that the decisions made by its members are well informed.

Clear responsibilities for the Executives ensure the effective fulfillment of duties relevant to their portfolios and hold the Executives accountable to the SAMU membership.

Definitions

Good Governance provides strategic direction for SAMU that aligns with its vision as a whole, anticipating and responding to the needs of present and future students through the effective stewardship of the bylaws, policies, and strategic plan.

Mandatory Training refers to the training identified in the Governance Transition policy.

Official Position is a formal stance on a particular issue that has been approved by Students' Council.

Expectations

Roles and Responsibilities of Members of Students' Council

- 1** Members of Students' Council adhere to the SAMU Bylaws and Policies.
- 2** Members of Students' Council take and adhere to the Students' Council Oath, referenced in Appendix A of this policy.
- 3** Members of Students' Council consult and represent the student body.
- 4** Members of Students' Council participate in Town Hall meetings, Students' Council meetings, committees, and related SAMU business.
- 5** Members of Students' Council review all material included in agenda packages and provide applicable feedback prior to meetings.
- 6** Members of Students' Council participate in mandatory training sessions.
 - 6.1** A member of Students' Council must attend at least 80% of a mandatory training session in order to be counted present.



6.2 In the case of online, module based training, a member of Students' Council must complete at least 80% of the module prior to the scheduled in person training to be counted as present/completed.

6.2.1 For members of Council appointed outside of the regular election times they must complete 80% of the online module based training within 2 weeks of appointment to be counted as present/completed.

6.3 In the event that a member of Students' Council fails to be present for a mandatory training session that member will be automatically removed from office.

6.3.1 A member of Students' Council who is absent from a mandatory training session because they are attending to official SAMU business is excluded from this requirement.

7 Members of Students' Council participate in Town Hall meetings.

7.1 A member of Students' Council must attend at least 80% of a regularly scheduled Town Hall meeting in order to be counted as present for that meeting.

7.1.1 A member of Students' Council who is absent from a Town Hall because they are attending to official SAMU business is excluded from this requirement.

7.2 In the event that a member of Students' Council fails to be present for a regularly scheduled Town Hall meeting that member will be automatically removed from office.

8 Members of Students' Council participate in Students' Council meetings.

8.1 A member of Students' Council must attend at least 80% of a regularly scheduled Students' Council meeting in order to be counted as present for the meeting.

8.1.1 A member of Students' Council who is absent from a Students' Council meeting because they are attending to official SAMU business is excluded from this requirement.

8.2 In the event that a member of Students' Council fails to be present for at least 80% of the regularly scheduled Students' Council meetings that member will be automatically removed from office.

9 Members of Students' Council participate in additional tasks as assigned by Students' Council.

10 In the event a member of Students' Council is automatically removed from office they may apply to Students' Council for reinstatement.

10.1 A written application for reinstatement must be submitted to the Governance Investigations and Reinstatement Committee (GIRC) through the Governance Office within 7 business days of their removal from Students' Council to be considered.



10.2 An application for reinstatement must include all pertinent information, including opportunities to make up for lost engagement, that will help the GIRC render a recommendation to Students' Council.

10.3 Students' Council will consider an application for reinstatement at their next regularly scheduled Students' Council meeting and will decide by formal motion based on the recommendation from GIRC. This motion requires at least 2/3 voting in favour to pass.

10.4 Applicants for reinstatement must attend the Students' Council meeting where their application is being considered.

10.5 Reinstated members of council will retain their previous committee appointments if the vacancies created by their removal have not yet been filled.

Roles and Responsibilities of Members of Executive Committee

11 Members of Executive Committee represent SAMU by acting in accordance with all official positions.

12 Members of Executive Committee maintain regular office hours.

13 Members of Executive Committee must provide up-to-date, written reports to Students' Council on their respective areas of responsibility, to be submitted with the Students' Council agenda package. These reports include updates on goals and projects, significant issues affecting SAMU or its members, as well as decisions made at meetings attended on behalf of SAMU.

14 Members of Executive Committee provide up-to-date reports to Executive Committee on their respective areas of responsibility, to be delivered orally during meetings of Executive Committee.

15 Members of Executive Committee participate in the orientation of their successors.

16 Members of Executive Committee serve on the university committee on tuition and fees.

17 Individual workloads of members of Executive Committee may be redistributed by Students' Council at the request of Executive Committee.

18 Members of Executive Committee cease Student Group membership(s) during their elected/appointed term.

18.1 Members of Executive Committee must cease/renounce SG membership(s) prior to taking office.

19 Unless specific exemptions or alternatives exist elsewhere in policy, members of Executive Committee are subject to SAMU Directives and other established SAMU office norms in the performance of their elected duties and during periods of time working as an incoming or outgoing executive.

19.1 SAMU Directives and SAMU office norms will be communicated to members of Executive Committee during their incoming training and orientation.

19.1.1 SAMU Directives and SAMU office norms implemented after the beginning of their elected term must be communicated to members of Executive committee within one (1) week of implementation.

19.2 Failure to comply with SAMU Directives or SAMU office norms must be reported to the Governance Investigations and Reinstatement Committee to assess for potential disciplinary action.(explicit that anyone, including SAMU staff, can inform)

20 Each member of Executive Committee must be enrolled in one (1) three credit undergraduate course at MacEwan University in both the Fall and Winter academic terms of their elected term.

20.1 Members of Executive Committee may not be enrolled in courses during the Spring/Summer of their elected term that take place anytime between the hours of 8am - 5pm.

Roles and Responsibilities of the President

21 The President supports the direction, initiatives, and advocacy efforts of all other members of the Executive Committee, and serves as the official spokesperson of SAMU and principal contact for SAMU legal affairs.

22 The President is the direct contact for the MacEwan University Board of Governors, faculty, and staff associations, serving as a member of the Board of Governors and related committees.

23 The President is knowledgeable on, and advises Students' Council of significant issues impacting the SAMU membership, non-academic university relations, and alumni relations.

Roles and Responsibilities of the Vice President Academic

24 The Vice President Academic (VPA) is the direct contact for academic relations of SAMU, including university committees and academic initiatives.

25 The VPA is a member of university committees, including General Faculties Council, and acts as the academic liaison to department chairs, deans, and the Provost.

26 The VPA is knowledgeable on, and advises Students' Council and SAMU membership of MacEwan's academic affairs. The VPA is the main contact for students who sit on university committees, and assists students who are pursuing academic grievances and appeals.

Roles and Responsibilities of the Vice President External

27 The Vice President External (VPE) is responsible for developing the external advocacy priorities for SAMU, and engages with relevant external stakeholders (including elected government officials) on matters concerning SAMU and its members.

Commented [AH1]: Over the years SAMU staff have identified that there would be a conflict of interest for members of Executive Committee to be executives or members of student groups. This has been communicated to incoming executives consistently over the years and incoming execs have ceased being involved with Student Groups in a membership capacity. Recently we've identified that this hasn't been consistently followed by execs. Going forward we would like to have this requirement explicitly set out in policy for a couple reasons: 1 it's more fair to students running for election to EC that they know they will have to cease affiliation with student groups once elected well ahead of time; 2 this expectation ensures that execs won't be in a situation where they are in a conflict of interest or a perceived conflict of interest, thereby limiting risk individually and to SAMU.

Commented [AH2]: SAMU's HR rep made a recommendation that, while members of EC are elected they function as 'employees' day to day in doing their job, they need to have clear expectations/requirements set out in policy of the standards they must work within. Because they functionally work as 'staff' day to day, and we don't want to create a whole new set of office rules/standards within policy, I believe the most effective and efficient way to accomplish this would be to require members of EC to have to follow already established Directives and office norms that are in place for SAMU employees, both f/t and p/t.

Commented [AH3]: This currently exists in the Remuneration of Elected reps policy, appendix A. I believe it better fits under the Roles & Responsibilities policy.

Commented [AH4]: This would be a new addition to policy. I believe it's important to include because during the spring/summer academic term is the time when new execs are learning and being trained for their role. Taking a class during the spring/summer means being away from the office during office hours for multiple days per week which poses problems where individual execs wouldn't be available during regular/normal office hours.

Commented [AH5]: Traditionally, incoming execs were provided with recommendations to not take spring/summer courses as they more heavily conflicted with the day to day work execs as the courses normally require half days away from the office multiple times per week. Additionally, during the spring/summer semester is when the majority of training and planning for the fall/winter terms take place. Training is provided by SAMU staff and external consultants who generally work between the hours of 8:30am-4:30pm (normal office hours). If an exec is away from the office during the day for extended periods of time they risk missing important training. The General Manager and GAST team (all who support the execs day to day, as well as provide training to them, believe that allowing execs to take classes during this important time of transition isn't good for individual execs or SAMU as an organization. To mitigate this we highly recommend limiting daytime classes for execs to ensure the success of SAMU's operations.

28 The VPE serves as the official SAMU representative for all external advocacy organizations of which SAMU is a member.

29 The VPE is knowledgeable on, and advises Students' Council and SAMU membership on the external affairs of SAMU, including external student advocacy and government lobbying.

Roles and Responsibilities of the Vice President Governance and Finance

30 The Vice President Governance and Finance (VPGF) is the direct contact for the internal affairs of SAMU, including SAMU Building operations, financial planning, governance, and administration.

31 The VPGF coordinates annual publications and reporting to SAMU membership, and acts as the operational liaison to MacEwan University. The VPGF also serves as the second student member of the MacEwan Board of Governors and related committees.

32 The VPGF is knowledgeable on, and advises Students' Council and SAMU membership of SAMU finances and internal operations.

Roles and Responsibilities of the Vice President Student Life

33 The Vice President Student Life (VPSL) is the primary student representative for the non-academic affairs of SAMU, including SAMU's programs, services, groups, and events.

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34 The VPSL is the primary student representative for MacEwan University's non-academic affairs, including student services, campus activities, and acts as the liaison regarding the student experience.

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35 The VPSL is knowledgeable on, and advises Students' Council and SAMU membership of SAMU programs, services, student groups, events, and MacEwan's non-academic affairs.



Appendix A

Students' Council Oath

I hereby affirm that I will faithfully serve the students of MacEwan University, act in accordance with the bylaws, and fulfill all duties and responsibilities required of a students' councilor. I will strive to achieve the high level of expectation that accompanies the Students' Association of MacEwan University. I am responsible for promoting excellence through accountability. My decisions will be informed and well researched, and I will represent my fellow students' interests, not my own. My opposition will be to ideas not people. I recognize that I am a part of a team with one voice. I am here to enrich the student experience.

Fact Sheet

Approvals:

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Last Approval – April 16, 2025

Date of Last Review – April 16, 2025

Related Documents and Forms:

Source and Updates:

February 19, 2014: *Roles and Responsibilities of Elected Representatives* approved by Students' Council motion 2014-02-19-6.2 upon the recommendation of the Bylaws and Policy Committee. Source material drawn from *Students' Council Policy 5 – President Responsibilities*, *Students' Council Policy 6 – Vice President Operations and Finance Responsibilities*, *Students' Council 7 – Vice President Academic Responsibilities*, *Students' Council Policy 8 – Vice President Student Life Responsibilities*, and *Students' Council Policy 9 – Responsibilities of Council Members*.

August 20, 2014: *Roles and Responsibilities of Elected Representatives* approved by Students' Council motion 2014-08-20-6.3 upon recommendation of the Bylaws and Policy Committee.

May 1, 2015: *Roles and Responsibilities of Elected Representatives* approved by Students' Council motion 2014-10-15-6.4 upon the recommendation of the Bylaws and Policy Committee. Policy update to add the VP External position and redistribute some of the executive roles and responsibilities evenly among the executive team.

May 18, 2016: *Roles and Responsibilities of Elected Representatives* approved by Students' Council motion 2016-05-18-6.5 on the recommendation of the Bylaws and Policy Committee. Responsibility of taking and adhering to the Students' Council Oath added for members of Students' Council as well as Appendix A: Students' Council Oath being added.

July 20, 2016: *Roles and Responsibilities of Elected Representatives* approved by Students' Council motion 2016-07-20-6.5 on the recommendation of the Bylaws and Policy Committee. Students' Council Oath wording standardized across policies.

February 20, 2019: *Roles and Responsibilities of Elected Representatives* approved by Students' Council motion 2019-02-20-7.5 on the recommendation of the Bylaws and Policy Committee. Individual executive role descriptions standardized.

April 15, 2020: *Roles and Responsibilities of Elected Representatives* approved by Students' Council motion 2020-04-15-7.6 on the recommendation of the Bylaws and Policy Committee. Updates include clarification of attendance requirements and addition of a reinstatement process.

April 21, 2021: *Roles and Responsibilities of Elected Representatives* approved by Students' Council motion 2021-04-21-7.3 on the recommendation of the Bylaws and Policy Committee.



Changes are updates to the councillor reinstatement process to use the newly created Students' Council Reinstatement Committee.

February 21, 2024: *Roles and Responsibilities of Elected Representatives* policy approved by Students' Council motion 2024-02-21-7.1 on the recommendation of the Governance Committee. Changed to mandate the VP Governance and Finance sit as the second student representative on the MacEwan Board of Governors.

April 16, 2025: *Role and Responsibilities of Elected Representatives* Policy approved by Students' Council motion 2025-04-16-7.3 on the recommendation of the Governance Committee. Updates include defining Mandatory Training and the addition of online module based training references.