

**Minutes for the Students' Council Meeting of the  
Students' Association of MacEwan University  
September 20, 2017 at 6:00pm in room #7-218**

### **In Attendance:**

Stephanie Nedoshytko, President  
Robbie Lepp, Vice President Academic  
Parvin Sedighi, Vice President External  
Emma Patterson, Vice President Operations  
Jason Garcia, Vice President Student Life  
Andrew Bieman, Councilor  
Aubrianna Snow, Councilor  
Andrew Desaulniers, Councilor  
Rachelle Drummond, Councilor  
Jacob Marler, Councilor  
Duncan McManus, Councilor  
Jared Millions, Councilor

Arva Nadeem, Councilor  
Mark Romero, Councilor  
Luis Ruiz, Councilor  
Megan Sell, Councilor  
Tansy Spyker, Councilor  
Quyen Tang, Councilor  
Micheal Ziegler, Councilor

*SAMU Officials and Council Support:*  
Alan Honey, Governance Advisor  
Samantha Hay, Governance Assistant

Meeting called to order at 6:00pm.

### \*Desaulniers Chairs meeting.

## 1. Treaty 6 Land Recognition

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

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

## 2. Approvals

## 2.1 MOTION

## **TO APPROVE THE AGENDA FOR SEPTEMBER 20, 2017**

### NADEEM/MILLIONS

## CARRIED

## 2.2 MOTION

**TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF AUGUST 16, 2017**

RUIZ/SELL

## **CARRIED**

### 3. Presentations

### 3.1. MNP

#### 4. For Information

#### 4.1. Reports

#### 4.1.1. President

As presented

#### 4.1.2 Vice President Academic

As presented

#### 4.1.3 Vice President External

City Council mixer event attendance with Pres today

#### 4.1.4 Vice President Operations & Finance

As presented

#### **4.1.5. Vice President Student Life**

As presented.

#### **4.1.6. MNP**

As presented.

### **4.2. Executive Committee Minutes**

Minutes of August 9, 16, 23, 29, and September 6, 2017 provided.

## **5. Question Period**

### **5.1. Written Questions**

Ziegler - For VPOF, what consequences can we expect from the Integrated Reality Management contract revocation?

Vpo - The contract was terminated, and both parties are on good terms. We parted ways in good faith and with fair compensation. In terms of legal consequences and/or ramifications, we followed legal council and procedure correctly. For us at SAMU, it means that we will have to rely more on our current building team and internal staff. We are confident in our options and our supports, and are excited to keep working.

Ziegler - For President, how is the President of the university handling the phishing scandal?

Pres - The President has been receiving a large amount of support from MacEwan's in house legal counsel, and more specifically a full task force which is handling the fraud. This task force is comprised of:

- Berry Horan, Director, Internal Audit
- Michelle Plouffe, Vice-President and General Counsel (Chair)
- John McGrath, Vice-President, Information and Communications Services
- Other staff or external parties may have been asked to assist

A criminal investigation involving the authorities and police was launched in Edmonton, Montreal, and Hong Kong. MacEwan is also working with legal counsel in Montreal, London, and Hong Kong which are pursuing civil action to recover the money.

The President has also been working closely with the Ministry of Advanced education. She is quite confident that most of the money will be recovered, but has stated that the process that the task force is involved in may take several months.

Ziegler - For VPOF, please refer to MNP Audit; what are the consequences if any that we can expect from the negative \$300 095 in total adjusted differences in income (pg. 5)

Vpo - The posted adjustments were necessary for the correct presentation of the financial statements. The adjustments are all related to the change in accounting policy and health and dental correction. Therefore, not indicative of a pervasive issue. The "negative \$300 095 in total adjusted differences in income" simply means that the excess of revenue over expenses per the financial statements is lower than the preliminary trial balance.

Ziegler - For VPA, refer to your motion, you state that 'we' have corrected the issue of distance students not being assessed students fees, as such for clarification, distance students were assessed fees this year? As immediate followup, if the answer is yes, how are we able to assess distance students fees when our policy currently states they cannot be assessed fees?

Vpa - In the submission form, you will see that it says, "we have corrected this and distance learners are being assessed fees this year." I expect that answers your first question. For your follow-up, I also spoke to this in the submission. Though our policy states one thing, our Bylaws are over encompassing and what is written there takes precedence over all policies. The reason it was published in the Academic Calendar by the OUR is because that is the direction they received from the VPOF in the past, after the bylaws were changed to reflect what they currently state. Those

Bylaws were approved in September 2014 and the policies should have been altered to reflect the change in bylaws.

Snow - For VPE, what did Minister Feehan have to say about the matter of campus indigenization?

Vpe - Based on our meeting, it doesn't seem like the ministry has a firm plan in place for supporting campus indigenization. The minister indicated that he would be interested in hosting some kind of round-table with students at MacEwan as he has done so in the past, with the topic being indigenization. The topic was also brought up during our meeting with Minister Schmidt, and he indicated that this is not a pressing priority for the ministry at this time/this is something the indigenous relations ministry should be looking at. Unfortunately, it seems like there's a lot of passing the buck happening at the moment, so there is no conclusive strategy as of yet.

## **5.2. Oral Questions**

Topics include: engaging community re. Students' Council; CASA & CAUS re. campus indigenization; SAMU fees; SAMU building;

### **6. In Camera Period**

### **7. Motions & Business Orders of the Day**

#### **7.1. Health & Dental Funds**

**MOTION TO INTERNALLY RESTRICT THE CURRENT HEALTH AND DENTAL RESERVE IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1,112,087 TO BE USED ONLY FOR HEALTH AND DENTAL EXPENSES UNTIL SUCH TIME AS A PROPER POLICY IS CREATED TO OUTLINE RESERVE USAGE**

**VPO/SELL**

**CARRIED**

#### **7.2. Official Reporting Mechanisms to SAMU Membership policy**

**MOTION TO APPROVE THE OFFICIAL REPORTING MECHANISMS TO SAMU MEMBERSHIP POLICY**

**PRES/RUIZ**

**CARRIED**

#### **7.3. Strategic Plan policy**

**MOTION TO RESCIND THE STRATEGIC PLAN POLICY**

**PRES/DRUMMOND**

**CARRIED**

#### **7.4. SAMU Fees policy**

**MOTION TO APPROVE SAMU FEES**

**VPA/SNOW**

**CARRIED**

#### **7.5. Vote Recording**

**MOTION TO RECOMMEND THAT BPC WRITE POLICY FOR RECORDING THE INDIVIDUAL VOTES CAST DURING MEETINGS WHEN VOTES ARE TAKEN**

**MCMANUS/VPE**

**MOTION TO CALL THE QUESTION**

**DESAULNIERS/SNOW**

**DEFEATED**

***CARRIED***

**8. Consultation**

**8.1 Full Budget Access Online**

Ziegler – looking for feedback from SC on this topic.

**9. Evaluation**

**10. Recognition**

**11. Adjournment**

***MOTION TO ADJOURN***

***NADEEM***

***CARRIED***

Next Meeting Date: October 18, 2017

Meeting adjourned at 8:04pm.