

Minutes for the Students' Council Meeting of the
Students' Association of MacEwan University
December 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
Rachelle Drummond, Councilor
Jacob Marler, Councilor
Sylvie Masson, Councilor
Jared Millions, Councilor
Spencer Newton, Councilor
Sophia Qaderi, Councilor

Luis Ruiz, Councilor
Vanessa Sheppard, Councilor
Aubrianna Snow, Councilor
Tansy Spyker, Councilor
Kent Strayer, Councilor
Micheal Ziegler, Councilor
Ashley Zielsdorf, Councilor

SAMU Officials and Council Support:
Timothy Jobs, Chair
Alan Honey, Governance Advisor
Samantha Hay, Governance Assistant

Meeting called to order at 6:00pm.

1. Treaty 6 Land Recognition

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

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

2. Approvals

2.1 MOTION

TO APPROVE THE AGENDA FOR DECEMBER 20, 2017

VPE/DRUMMOND

CARRIED

2.2 MOTION

TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF NOVEMBER 15, 2017

ZIEGLER/RUIZ

CARRIED

3. Presentations

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

As presented.

4.1.4. Vice President Operations & Finance

As presented.

4.1.5. Vice President Student Life

MacEwan HR update provided.

4.1.6. Appointment Advisory Committee Work Plan

4.1.7. Audit Committee Work Plan

4.1.8. Bylaws & Policy Committee Work Plan

4.1.9. Budget & Finance Committee Work Plan

4.1.10. Executive Committee Work Plan

4.1.11. Governance Remuneration Advisory Committee Work Plan

4.1.12. Students' Council Review Committee Work Plan

4.1.13. Leadership & Engagement Committee Work Plan

4.2. Executive Committee Minutes

Minutes of November 1, 8, 15, 22, 29, and December 6, 2017 provided.

5. Question Period

5.1. Written Questions

Ziegler - For President, with Executive members no longer filing for toil on time sheets, do you think this will have any effect on your work? Further, since toil will no longer be tracked, how will Executives be compensated for overtime?

Pres - Unfortunately, due to changes in legislation, Executives will not be officially compensated for overtime. This may affect the work of Executives, as they will not be entitled to the hours in the same way. We have decided that internally, the EC team will be unofficially keeping track of each other's overtime hours worked, and allowing some time off with discretion and permission of the team.

Essentially this means that Executives might be able to take time off in a similar manner, but won't be officially entitled to it. This also means that an Executive likely would not be able to take off a week with "discretion of the team" without using their official vacation days. For example, EC in the past had to take vacation on TOIL hours before official vacation days. Now, if someone is to take a full week off, vacation days would be used. This is an internal attitude that will have to continually be passed down to teams in the future. We wouldn't want Executives to never be able to take a day off, if their mental health required it. GRAC has not fully worked out the compensation for EC, so I will make sure that Students' Council is updated. I can also make myself available for a longer conversation since this piece is a bit confusing to understand.

Ziegler - For VPA, what came out of the December 15th Academic Schedule Principles Task Force's meeting?

Vpa - Unfortunately, I was not able to attend that meeting. I sent my comments on each of the regulations to the AGC Secretariat's Office and with the other student that sits on the Task Force. I will be following up with the and the Provost in the new year to see what was discussed and what decisions were made.

Ziegler - For VPE, by your estimation what was the most important topic (by interest) during the Barriers Campaign?

Vpe - Based on student feedback throughout the campaign, no item stood out as particularly important to students over the others presented. Feedback was typically aimed at the entirety of the campaign's contents, as opposed to specific items.

Ziegler - For VPO, seeing as interest payments for the building have been reduced by almost \$300 000, will that money be strictly for building project purposes? Further, what would be your hopes for use of the savings?

Vpo - Yes, it will remain designated for building purposes. The loan is held by MacEwan University, so we are not able to use any part of the loan from the government for operational purposes at SAMU, because that is not the nature of the loan agreement. Most likely the surplus of funds will be put into the construction contingency fund, which is part of the overall construction budget, to be used if costs exceed anticipated amounts; our project manager will be able to advise on the best course of action moving forward.

Ziegler - For President, refer to EC minutes for December 15th, 2017, Topic 2: Ukrainian Partnership. How much of a contribution for this event is SAMU expected to pay?

Pres - This is a great question. So far SAMU is not expected to contribute much to this partnership, I would estimate around \$500. This piece of the partnership is meant to "close the circle" from the activities of last year. The Ukrainian Resource and Development Centre (URDC) at MacEwan has promised to provide SAMU with a relatively large grant. I wanted to make sure that if we did proceed with the second part of the partnership, we would not be contributing any significant funds. Currently, URDC has promised up to \$5000 in funds to complete the partnership and help us partake in a conference. I will again clarify with URDC that this does not mean we are committing to partnerships in the future, but just open to other opportunities. I will emphasize that the negotiations of SAMU's participation in the partnership took place for 6 months, as I wanted to make sure SAMU and our membership benefited from this as much as possible.

5.2. Oral Questions

Topics include: External partnerships; Barriers campaign; Human Rights Committee involved with hiring a director;

6. In Camera Period

7. Motions & Business Orders of the Day

8. Consultation

8.1 Formalizing Equity Seeking Initiatives & Pursuits at SAMU

Vpsl – looking for feedback from council on what structures or formal mechanisms we can have with regard to this topic.

9. Evaluation

10. Recognition

11. Adjournment

MOTION TO ADJOURN

ZIEGLER

CARRIED

Next Meeting Date: January 17, 2018

Meeting adjourned at 6:35pm.