

Minutes for the Students' Council Meeting of the
Students' Association of MacEwan University
January 17, 2018 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 6:01pm.

1. Treaty 6 Land Recognition

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

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

2. Approvals

2.1 MOTION

TO APPROVE THE AGENDA FOR JANUARY 17, 2018

STRAYER/RUIZ

CARRIED

2.2 MOTION

TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF DECEMBER 20, 2017

PRES/ZIEGLER

CARRIED

3. Presentations

3.1. CAUS Presentation

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

Shadow Days are happening next week. Sign up available.

4.1.4. Vice President Operations & Finance

As presented.

4.1.5. Vice President Student Life

Shadow Days a good way to learn more about the exec portfolios.

Healthy Campus Alberta update.

4.2. Executive Committee Minutes

Minutes of December 12, 2017 provided.

5. Question Period

5.1. Written Questions

Snow - For VPE/VPSL: What were some of the ideas proposed at the Winter Retreat in regards to SAMU's strategies for diversity and inclusion?

Vpe - EC has decided to focus on the operational, governance, and external aspects of SAMU for the diversity and inclusion initiative. Specifics are not yet available, as this is pending the review that was proposed, but where necessary, council will be consulted and informed about steps forward.

Ziegler - For President: has there been any students inquiring to become a Secondary Student Delegate?

Pres - There has only been one student inquiring about the Secondary Student Delegate. Unfortunately, they were not actually eligible for the position. Historically, it has been difficult to garner interest for this position, but our staff have been trying their best.

Ziegler - For President: what was discussed in terms of our retail strategy for the SAMU building at the executive retreat?

Pres - This is a great question. The discussion surrounded whether we would like to acquire and manage vendors completely on our own, or whether we want to pursue a MacEwan-assisted strategy. Before anyone is too concerned, MacEwan-assisted does not mean Aramark, and we are keeping our promise of not bringing a provider of that kind into the SAMU building. What this means is that we would use MacEwan as a broker to help us acquire vendors. Ultimately, every decision still remains with SAMU. We will choose who we want, when we want them, and how long we want them to stay. As it stands, we don't necessarily have the expertise of leasing spaces. We are considering proceeding into a vetted legal agreement, where MacEwan acts as our broker, we can fire them at anytime, and we would only be covering their overhead costs of acting as a broker. We wouldn't actually be paying for additional services. This would not affect our retail options, choices for students, or any catering opportunities. At the moment, this is the most cost-feasible option for us and would give us time to train someone at SAMU that could handle this, and could gain this expertise. We also discussed the kind of vendor options we would like to see in the building, and we know that donairs specifically will be a big hit and we are hoping to have a café style vendor on the first floor. We are still assessing all options and looking for feedback. The VPO and I are happy to answer any questions about this strategy and we will keep council up to date.

Ziegler - For VPE: what will the methodological approach to analyze SAMU's practices in regards to equity and diversity?

Vpe - The approach has not yet been determined, as we have decided to seek an external body to review SAMU's practices. As student governance is a niche practice, it will be some time before we locate a group or person who has the capacity and understanding to conduct such a review. Council will of course remain informed about any relevant developments that may come up.

5.2. Oral Questions

Topics include: SAMU Building retail; LEC initiatives;

6. In Camera Period

7. Motions & Business Orders of the Day

7.1. MOTION TO APPROVE THE GOVERNANCE TRANSITION POLICY ON THE RECOMMENDATION OF THE BYLAWS AND POLICY COMMITTEE

VPO/BIEMAN

CARRIED

7.2. MOTION TO APPROVE THE HONOURARY MEMBERSHIP POLICY ON THE RECOMMENDATION OF THE BYLAWS AND POLICY COMMITTEE

VPO/SHEPPARD

CARRIED

7.3. MOTION TO APPROVE THE STUDENTS' COUNCIL MEETINGS POLICY ON THE RECOMMENDATION OF THE BYLAWS AND POLICY COMMITTEE

VPO/SNOW

CARRIED

8. Consultation

9. Evaluation

10. Recognition

- Vpa – I would like to thank all the councillors who came out and supported my campaign for Affordable Instructional Materials.

11. Adjournment

MOTION TO ADJOURN

ZIEGLER

CARRIED

Next Meeting Date: February 21, 2018

Meeting adjourned at 6:40pm