

Transcript of July 18, 2018 Students' Council meeting.

Speaker Key:

CH	Chair
VPE	Vice President External
CD	Councillor Drummond
VPA	Vice President Academic
CMar	Councillor Marler
CMas	Councillor Masson
CN	Councillor Newton
VPO	Vice President Operations
CQ	Councillor Qaderi
PR	President
CSh	Councillor Sheppard
CSn	Councillor Snow
VPS	Vice President Student Life
CSte	Councillor Stewart
CStr	Councillor Strayer
CY	Councillor Yanish

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CH Meeting called to order at 6 p.m.

Item 1, Treaty 6 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.

Item 2, Approvals. 2.1 motion to approve the agenda for July 18, 2018. It is moved by Councillor Strayer. I need a seconder. Thank you, Councillor Snow. Is there any debate? Seeing none, motion to approve the agenda for July 18, 2018, all those in favour? Any oppose? Decision passes.

Item 2.2, motion to approve the minutes of June 20, 2018. I need a mover. Thank you, Councillor Stewart. I need a seconder. Thank you, Councillor Masson. Is there any debate? Madam Vice President Academic?

VPA I would just like to mention that for Section 7, motion to dismiss orders of the day, it is not reflected that the other vice presidents are in favour of both motions.

CH We will make a note of that thing. Thank you, Madam Vice President. Any other debate? Seeing none, motion to approve the minutes of June 20, 2018, all those in favour? Any oppose? Decision carries.

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Item 3, Presentations. There is no presentation.

Item 4, For Your Information. Item 4.1, The Reports. 4.1.1, The Presidential Report. Madam President do you have any oral supplement?

PR No, as presented. Thank you, Chair.

CH Thank you, Madam President.

Item 4.1.2, Vice President Academic. Does Madam Vice President have an oral report?

VPA No, as presented. Thank you, Chair.

CH Thank you, Madam Vice President.

Item 4.1.3, Vice President External. Does Mr. Vice President have an oral supplement?

VPE Yes. Yesterday the president and I attended a couple advocacy meetings with [unclear] aids, Dr. Bob Turner and David Shepherd. That's all. Thank you, Chair.

CH Thank you, Mr. Vice President.

Item 4.1.4, Vice President Operations and Finance. Does Madam Vice President have an oral supplement to report?

VPO As presented. Thank you, Chair.

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CH Thank you, Madam Vice President.

4.1.5, Vice President of Student Life. Does Madam Vice President have an oral supplement?

VPS No, thank you, as presented, Chair.

CH Thank you, Madam Vice President.

For your information, the executive committee minutes of June 13 and 27 have been provided.

Item 5, Question Period. 5.1, raising questions that were submitted and have been supplied to you. Item 5.2, Oral Questions. Do we have any oral questions? Councillor Masson?

CMas My question is for the VP of Operations and Finance. Why do you believe that so few people are accessing our benefit programme?

VPO May I speak, Chair?

CH Of course, go ahead.

VPO We have currently over 10,000 students in the health and dental plan. So I don't know if I've ever said that we have students who are not utilising the plan. Our utilisation is pretty strong, I would say given the 12,000 full-time students approximately, about 10,000 of them are enrolled. Our utilisation is almost at capacity so I believe that it is utilised. And with the addition of department students I hope to see that continue. Thank you, Chair.

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CH Thank you, Madam Vice President. Does Councillor Masson have any follow up questions?

CMas Just a point of clarification. The number submitted, were those the breakdowns of how many people are using the different resources? Because there's approximately about 11,000 health claims made, or 11.5.

VPO I believe it's in reference to the annual report so these are statistics given. The amount of claims is not necessarily equal to the amount of students. A student can submit more than one health claim, depending on capacity and things like that. So 11,000 claims come from that select number of students. Based on the statistics and information that we received from health providers, they see us as utilising it very effectively. And so 11,000 claims is not seen out of bounds to me in any capacity.

So I guess to answer the question, if I'm understanding it correctly is, our utilisation is well and the health claims are in line with what we would hope to see. Thank you, Chair.

CH Thank you, Madam Vice President. Councillor Masson, do you have any more follow-up questions?

CMas No, thank you, Chair.

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CH Thank you, Councillor Masson. Are there any more oral questions? Councillor Strayer?

CStr Thank you, Chair. I suppose it's a bit pertaining to Vice Presidents of Student Life or Operations. The question is there are 1697 volunteer hours for Safe Walk. 75 walks throughout the year, that works out to roughly 22 hours in between walks. My question isn't an indictment on Safe Walk, but rather just curious what your thoughts are on that time period per walk, if it's effective the time spent. Just curious what your thoughts are.

CH Which vice president wants to answer that question?

VPS I can take that one. So it is a volunteer service that we provide. These are students that want to make sure that we are having a safe environment on our campus. It's no additional cost to students to have this service provided and I think it is something that's extremely valuable to have. We have seen a really strong uptake in people

utilising the service so I think that as people become more familiar and utilise it more, that number will decrease but I don't think that it is a negative number that reflects poorly on the programme. Thank you, Chair.

CH Thank you, Madam Vice President. Does Councillor Strayer have any more questions?

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CStr Yes, just one quick follow-up question. Has that seen a significant uptake in your view?

VPE Two years, so not this year but last year, we saw a huge uptake, I'd say about 109, even 120, I can't remember but it is in the hundreds. It was a significant uptake from the year before, they had I think it was in the 50s. So Safe Walk has seen a significant uptake in the recent years as a volunteer. Speaking as a volunteer.

CH Thank you Mr. Vice President. Does Councillor Strayer have any more questions?

CStr No, thank you, Chair.

CH Thank you. Any more questions?

CMa Mine is just a comment. I think if even one person is kept safe, then it's worthwhile.

CH Thank you, Councillor Masson.

Are there any more questions council? Seeing none, we will move to Item 6, In camera period. There is no in camera period.

Item 7, Motions and Business Orders of the Day. 7.1 2017 and 2018 Annual Report. Motion to approve the 2017-2018 Annual Report. I believe Madam [unclear] submitted the motion.

VPS May I make the motion?

CH Yes.

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VPS I would like to motion to approve 2017 to 2018 Annual Report.

CH Do we have a seconder? Thank you, Madam President. Is there any debate? Seeing none, motion to approve the 2017-2018 Annual Report, all of those in favour? Any oppose? Decision carries.

Item 8, Consultation. There is no consultation.

Item 9, Evaluation.

So we are going to Item 10, Recognition. Do we have any recognition for today? Madam Vice President?

VPA Thank you, Chair. I'd like to thank everyone and recognise everyone for coming out to this meeting in person. It's really wonderful that you've all made the time for working towards betterment. Thank you.

CH Do we have any more recognition? Councillor Masson?

CMas Thank you for joining us.

CH Madam President?

PR Thank you, Chair. I would like to recognise Councillor Ruiz for fulfilling that role of chair in the absence of our chair, so thank you.

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CH Is there any more recognition? I believe I saw Mr Vice President External put his button up?

VPE Someone spoke to me so thank you, chair.

CH Well I would like to make a recognition. I want to thank all of you for being here as well as our guest. As well as for having made it pretty easy for me to chair this meeting. You guys were really great so congrats guys.

Is there any more recognition? Seeing none we will move to Item 11, Motion to Adjourn. Councillor Masson?

CMas Motion to adjourn this meeting at 6:20.

CH Thank you, Councillor Masson. This item does not require a seconder, as well as it's not debatable, all of those in favour? Any oppose? Carries. This meeting is adjourned at 6:20 p.m.

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