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Speaker Key:

CH	Chair
PRE	President
VPA	Vice President Academic
VPE	Vice President External
VPO	Vice President Operations & Finance
VPS	Vice President Student Life
CBU	Councillor Burton
CBO	Councillor Bouwer
CDR	Councillor Drummond
CME	Councillor Melech
CSTE	Councillor Stewart
CSTR	Councillor Strayer
CRA	Councillor Ratz
CRU	Councillor Ruiz
CYA	Councillor Yanish
CNE	Councillor Newton

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CH Item 1: 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. This is the traditional home of the Nehiyaw and Michif, and meeting place for many Indigenous peoples including the Nakawe, Siksika, Nakota Sioux and other nations.

Before we get the meeting started today councillors, welcome to those of you who are new and welcome to those of you who are returning. We've got a packed agenda today but I have faith that we can move through this fairly well and get you out of here at a reasonable time today.

Item 2: Approvals. Item 2.1, we have a motion. Would anyone care to read the motion? Councillor Strayer.

Transcript of November 21, 2018 Students' Council meeting.

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CSTR I move to approve the minutes for November 21st, 2018.

CH I think councillor you moved to approve the agenda? Would you care to read that?

CSTR That's the one. I move to approve the agenda for November 21st, 2018.

CH Thank you, Councillor Strayer. Do we have a second? Thank you, president. It has been moved and seconded to approve the agenda for November 21st, 2018. Is there any debate? Question is on the adoption of the motion to approve the agenda for November 21st, 2018. All those in favour I'd ask you to raise your placards. Thank you. And opposed? The motion carries unanimously.

Item 2.2. We have a motion. Councillor Ruiz?

CRU Thank you, chair. I move to approve the minutes of October 17th, 2018.

CH Councillor Ruiz and a second? Thank you, Councillor Burton. It has been moved and seconded to approve the minutes of October 17th, 2018. Is there any debate? Question is on the adoption of the motion to approve the minutes of October 17th, 2018. All those in favour? Thank you. And opposed? Motion carries unanimously.

Item 3: Presentations. No presentations today so we'll move on to Item 4: For Information.

4.1. Reports. 4.1.1. President, any oral supplements?

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PRE Yes, thank you, chair. Since my report was circulated to you both, I did attend fall convocation yesterday. We saw somewhere close to 700 students cross the stage, which is very exciting. I believe the average age of graduates was 22 and the oldest graduate who walked the stage was 60 so that was fun to be a part of.

The exec team also participated in a feedback session in the search for the Associated Vice President of Research. We were able to provide some feedback on what the ideal candidate would look like as well as our vision for research at MacEwan.

I also partook in a strategy session for the Equity, Diversity, Inclusion Committee for CASA which is the Canadian Alliance of Student Associations, federal advocacy group. We are looking at adopting our strategic plan with a focus on equity for the year. We will be looking at participating in some training and equity audits of the organisations. We're excited to see that go through. That's all for my report.

CH Thank you, president.

Item 4.1.2. Vice President Academic, any oral supplements?

VPA No, not today. Thank you, chair.

CH Thank you.

Item 4.1.3. Vice President External, any oral supplements?

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VPE Yes, thank you, chair. I have started to train volunteers for upcoming [unclear] campaign. I've been doing that over the last couple of days. Which everyone can sign up if they want to do that.

I also met with Vice President of Student Life and talked about mental health funding application grant that MacEwan will be putting in by December 31st. That's it, thank you, chair.

CH Thank you, vice president. This is unusual but vice president, I'd like to recognise in your report, I think some significant progress with the province of Alberta and I think that deserves recognition, ahead of the recognition section of the agenda. I think congratulations to you and to those of you who sat in your chair in previous years. Well done.

Item 4.1.4, Vice President of Operations and Finance. Any oral supplements?

VPO No, thank you, chair.

CH Thank you, vice president.

Item 4.1.5, Vice President of Student Life. Any oral supplements?

VPS Thank you, chair. I just wanted to let you all know that something very exciting will be announced at the Sexual and Gender Minority Working Group. Just the other day that the university will be looking at having an actual physical space for visible and otherwise minority groups on campus. Very exciting for that to happen. It will be a long road before it's actually created but I just wanted to let you know it's in the works. Thank you, chair.

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CH Thank you, vice president.

Item 4.1.6 and 4.1.7, the reports from the Chief Returning Officer and the General Manager are included in the package for your information.

Item 4.2, executive committee minutes. The minutes of October 4th, 11th, 16th, 24th, 31st and November 7, 2018 are provided in your package for your information.

Item 5: Question Period. Item 5.1, written questions are included in your package. Thank you to the councillor who did submit the questions. I think Councillor Stewart, is that correct? Those were the only ones that I received anyway so thank you, Councillor Stewart.

Item 5.2, oral questions. We'll take questions now. Councillor Strayer.

CSTR Thank you, chair. I actually forget who is the chair of this committee, the Health and Dental Committee. This goes to them. The health and dental fees have

increased 20% due to a reserve fund being depleted. Whoever the chair is of this committee, will you be able to explain, please?

CH Thank you, Councillor Strayer. Vice President of Operations and Finance?

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VPO Thank you, chair. As of this moment the current cost of the health and dental plan is at 232 dollars a year. It is short by about 27 dollars. So the actual cost of the plan is not accurately reflected in the cost that we charge students. Because of that, over the last two years, the health and dental plan is running a deficit to the association.

We have a restricted fund within the association that deals specifically with health and dental. And so that fund has been funding that deficit. But it is not a self-sustaining fund. Once that money runs out, it is gone and so the association can not continue to pay out that money because of that deficit.

And so the committee was charged with deciding how we want to approach that problem. The decision that was made by that committee is to increase the fee so that it better reflects the cost of the actual plan that students have access to instead of cutting those services. And then the fee will reflect that cost but it also will allow a small buffer to allow that reserve to begin to build as it has been drawn on for a few years. Thank you, chair.

CH Thank you, president. Councillor Strayer, any further questions?

CSTR Yes, thank you, chair. I fully respect that you guys tried to review this. I'm going to sound like a jerk but how did this happen? Thank you, chair.

CH Thank you, Councillor Strayer. Vice president?

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VPO Thank you, chair. The health and dental fee has never been increased since it was created, to my knowledge. Or if not, it has not for several years, almost a decade. Insurance premiums increase by a certain percentage every year in the regular day to day world and in the past, the Health and Dental Subcommittee, those who were in charge of it, felt that that wasn't sufficient or that the increases were not marginal. You also can't predict all of these percentages. You can't predict how much things will cost from year to year, you estimate.

And as well we moved to an administrative services only ASL model in 2015 which is when we took on the liability of paying that deficit. So it's a new function for us. In the past it has not been held by us so it's a new thing that we're tracking data on and unfortunately cost grows more than anticipated and the ASL model suffered as a result. Thank you, chair.

CH Thank you, vice president. Councillor Strayer, any further questions?

CSTR Yes, one last question. Forgive me for misunderstanding procedure. The 20% seems like a decent amount. Is that going to be brought to council at any time to discuss? Thank you, chair.

- CH Thank you, Councillor Strayer. Vice president?
- VPO Thank you, chair. The Health and Dental Subcommittee recommends to the executive committee and so the executive committee takes that recommendation and passes that as an official motion. So it's provided to council at information and there is a councillor who participates on that committee as well as two students at large on that plan. So the committee reports to the executive committee, given our current structure. So it's the executive committee who has authority over that. Thank you, chair.
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- CH Thank you, vice president. Councillor Strayer, any further questions?
- CSTR No, thank you, chair.
- CH Thank you, councillor. Any other questions?
- PRE Point of information. Are folks around the table about to ask the CRO or general manager questions on their reports?
- CH Certainly, I think because those reports have been tabled today. I think that we should be able to ask questions. I think within the bounds of those reports, respecting them not sitting around the table but offering some information so if there are points of clarification, I think those questions might be appropriate. Councillor Stewart?
- CSTE Thank you, chair. I just have a quick question for Vice President of Student Life. Just a quick one in regards to the report on MacEwan United Way Campaign Committee. Just a clarification on what was the previous ask from students because it was just mentioned that there's not going to be an ask this year, there's just going to be celebrating they stuff they've done in the past. Little bit clarification on that. Thank you, Chair.
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- CH Thank you, councillor. Vice president?
- VPS Thank you, chair. Previously we had Round Up Your Dollars at Tim Horton's, Starbucks, Griffin's Landing and then also just jars around campus. This year one of their ideas was rounding up tuition text books costs. And I was like, no. Seeing as how that is relatively new to the executive that is running it, so it's one of the VP external for the university, we just really wanted to highlight what has been done and where it can potentially go before trying to ask anything from students. Thank you, chair.
- CH Thank you, vice president. Councillor Stewart, any further questions?
- CSTE No, thank you, chair.
- CH Councillors, any other questions? Councillor Burton?
- CBU Thank you, chair. A question regarding the general manager's report on strategic plan. Under events, other than revenue and the other metrics listed, I was wondering if you could comment on how you measure the success of these events from a student's perspective. Are there any other metrics used?

CH Thank you, Councillor Burton. General manager?

GM This is the first year that we have identified clear metrics for measuring success on a number of different activities that we do. We do get feedback from students. We do focus groups so our marketing and communications team do that. Also the success really is identified through the numbers that attend those events so that is the main one. And ensuring that we stay within budget so those are the two critical ones but we do get a sense and some thoughts from [unclear] as well.

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CH Thank you, general manager. Councillor Burton, any further questions?

CBU No, further questions.

CH Thank you. Councillors any other questions? Councillor Ruiz?

CRU Thank you, chair. My question is to the CRO. I was just wondering because upon reading your report, I know that in the past we have noted on the reports as to why there had been some disqualifications and I was just wondering if you could elaborate a little bit more on the two people that got disqualified, if it's possible.

CH Thank you, Councillor Ruiz. We'll allow the Chief Returning officer to use your discretion in answering that.

CRO Thank you, chair. I'll speak to one of them. As was stated in the all campus forum, there were specific timelines and deadlines that need to be met and they were not met. There was an automatic disqualification and that did occur. Thank you, chair.

CH Thank you. Councillor Ruiz, any further questions?

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CRU Actually yes. Once again my question is to the CRO. I know that you have said that this is your first election as a CRO and that perhaps, do you have any type of feedback or anything having been part of co-council in the past that you could perhaps help elaborate [unclear] report if that's possible?

CH Thank you, Councillor Ruiz. Chief Returning Officer?

CRO I believe that my report is relatively comprehensive to my thoughts. Most of the items that I decided to not disclose have to do with potential trends, things that I'm seeing from what elections are like. Being in the cycle for a couple of years, I didn't want to ignorantly start making assumptions as to what voting culture and council and elections look like at the time. Thank you, chair.

CH Thank you, CRO. I think we'll take the chief returning officer's report as tabled and those as her complete thoughts. Councillor Ruiz, any further questions?

CRU No, that is it but I do want to thank our CRO for having answered those questions. Thank you.

CH Thank you, councillor. Councillors, any other questions?

Ok, we'll move on to Item 6: In Camera Period.

Councillors, just for your information and for those of you who are new, sometimes we have in camera discussions that generally deal with human resources or things like the SAMU building. The way that we deal with this item is that we entertain a motion to move in camera.

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The mover has the opportunity to comment on who apart from council can stay in the room. So often times what will happen is myself and the governance assistants that sit here with me will remain in the room and our guests will leave. Although there's an opportunity to remain if the mover so chooses. We will go through a discussion in camera with the door closed and once that discussion is concluded, we'll entertain a motion to move out of camera.

And so the important thing to know with in camera is that the discussions that are discussed in camera remain in the room and are not to be shared. If there are any actions items that come out of the in camera period, we deal with them outside of the camera period and those generally come in the form of a motion.

So we'll come across those periodically but I thought I would share that with you because it does show up on the agenda.

Item 7: Motion and Business Orders of the Day. Item 7.1, Governance Remuneration Advisory Committee. The way that this will work is you have been given the opportunity to preselect or identify yourselves as interested in particular committees. Different committees have differing numbers of candidates or different numbers of individuals that serve those committees.

And so if you have pre-chosen yourself or others who sit on that committee, we have tracked your name and so for each of these motions going down the list, I will read out the individual who has been pre-identified as putting themselves forward for that committee. But after that, we'll open the floor and you may nominate yourself or another individual. If you nominate another individual for that committee, I will ask that individual if they accept the nomination. They can choose to accept or not.

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And once we have a full list or no more nominations rather, each individual that has been nominated will given 30 seconds to plead their case and then we will go through voting with ballots. Once those ballots are tallied, we will fill in the line where you see it's been left blank on the screen and the Vice President of Operations and Finance will make the motion and then we will proceed as we regularly deal with the motion. Is that clear or are there any questions?

Okay so the Governance Remuneration Advisory Committee. I am making the assumption that you are familiar with each of these committees and so I won't be entertaining any sort of conversation as to what this committee is all about. We will assume that you have read the policies and understand each of the committees.

Governance Remuneration Advisory Committee. We have one candidate nominated for one position and that is Councillor Melech. Are there any other nominations from the floor? Okay so we will distribute the ballots and you will either

indicate yes or no on the ballot and then we'll collect those and make a determination. Thank you.

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CH Item 7.1, Governance Remuneration Advisory Committee. Vice President of Operations and Finance?

VPO Thank you, chair. I move to appoint Councillor Melech to the Governance Remuneration Advisory Committee for the 2018-2019 term.

CH Thank you, vice president. Do we have a second? Thank you, Councillor Ruiz. It has been moved and seconded to appoint Councillor Melech to the Governance Remuneration Advisory Committee for the 2018-2019 term. Is there any debate? The question is on the adoption of the motion as read. All those in favour? Thank you. And opposed? The motion carries.

Just so you know, Councillor Melech you don't need to abstain from a motion. We assume that because we've undergone a voting procedure, you're not in conflict of interest.

Item 7.2, Health and Dental Subcommittee. We have one individual put name forward. Councillor Ruiz for one position. Are there any other nominations? Okay, we will distribute the ballots. Please mark yes or no.

Vice President Operations and Finance?

VPO Thank you, chair. I move to appoint Councillor Ruiz to the Health and Dental Subcommittee for the 2018-2019 term.

CH Thank you, vice president. Do we have a second? Thank you, Councillor Stewart. It has been moved and seconded to appoint Councillor Ruiz to the Health and Dental Subcommittee, 2018-2019 term. Is there any debate? The question is on the adoption of the motion as read. All those in favour? Thank you. And opposed? Motion carries.

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Item 7.3, Audit Committee. From what I see we have five individuals with their names forward for four positions so I will read them now. Councillors Newton, Stewart, Ruiz, Yanish and Ratz. You'll note that Councillor Newton is not present today however he has offered his thoughts that I will read. However, are there any other nominations?

Okay so the way we will work this is each individual will be given 30 seconds. We will move in the order that they are listed on the ballot. Again, Councillor Newton, Councillor Stewart, Councillor Ruiz, Councillor Yanish and Councillor Ratz. Again, I will read Councillor Newton's speech.

Having had the opportunity to serve last year on the audit committee, I'd like to continue to serve as there have been many positive changes implemented that I hope to see come to fruition in this year's upcoming work plan. I believe that I would be a beneficial member of the committee as I have had one-year's

experience with half of that being the chair of the committee. Please consider me as one of the members of the audit committee.

Councillor Stewart, your 30 seconds begins now.

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CSTE Thank you, chair. I would like to sit on the audit committee because I was also on the audit committee for the last few months of the last term. On which we were pushing towards really getting a better idea of the numbers that were given to us. We pushed for adding things that we weren't previously given info on but that are part of our mandate such as actually getting the out of budget variances and budget variances.

I would like to see that continued and see if we can actually digest the information and learn more on the audit committee and what to do when we get those kinds of audit numbers. And what we should be looking for when we're looking for them. So I'd like to use that knowledge and move forward and look to increasing our work done in our audit committee and our school. Thank you.

CH Thank you, Councillor Stewart. Councillor Ruiz, your 30 seconds begins now.

CRU Thank you, chair. I would like to sit on the audit committee since I have previously been part of it for two years. It was something that I enjoyed, seeing the executives and the expense statement and just evaluating them. I would like to return once again to this committee. I want to see how it has changed since I have been part of it. And I hope that I can count on your support with my nomination. Thank you, chair.

CH Thank you, Councillor Ruiz. Councillor Yanish, your 30 seconds begins now.

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CYA Thank you, chair. I too have also have been on the audit committee until this point for the last term. I enjoyed it despite it being about numbers and not overly stimulating at surface value but I enjoyed that part of it. Hopefully, if not, there are very qualified candidates also wishing for these four positions so I'm happy with whoever is voted in.

CH Thank you, Councillor Yanish. Councillor Ratz your 30 seconds begins now.

CRA I would say the biggest part of my mandate when I came on as councillor was to hold individuals to account. I think this is the committee that best applies what I'm looking to do. In addition, I'm an accounting student so I've done audit, I'm familiar with the procedures as well. Very familiar with variances and digesting tables so it wouldn't be a stretch to go through the duties that I need to. And in addition I've had management positions so I understand the prospectus both from a student councillor as well as staff perspective.

CH Thank you, Councillor Ratz. We will distribute the ballots. You'll note that there are five individuals. You are to mark an X beside up to four individual's names. If you mark five then the ballot is disqualified but if you mark three, that's okay as well. Is that clear? Okay.

Vice President.

VPO Thank you, chair. I move to appoint Councillor Stewart, Councillor Ruiz, Councillor Yanish and Councillor Ratz to the Audit Committee for the 2018-2019 term.

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CH And a second? Councillor Strayer, thank you. It has been moved and seconded to appoint Councillor Stewart, Councillor Ruiz, Councillor Yanish and Councillor Ratz to the Audit Committee for the 2018-2019 term. Is there any debate? Question is on the adoption of the motion as read. All those in favour? Thank you. Opposed? Motion carries.

7.4 Budget and Finance Committee. We have two individuals who have put their names forward, Councillor Melech and Councillor Ratz for two positions. Are there any other nominations? We will distribute the ballots, please mark a yes or a no. Some councillors continue to mark X's or check marks. Please mark a yes or a no beside the names please. Thank you.

Vice president?

VPO Thank you, chair. I move to appoint Councillor Melech and Councillor Ratz to the Budget and Finance Committee for the 2018-2019 term.

CH Thank you, vice president. Can we have a second? Thank you, Vice President External. It has been moved and seconded to appoint Councillor Melech and Councillor Ratz to the Budget and Finance Committee for the 2018-2019 term. Is there any debate? Question is on the adoption of the motion as read. All those in favour? Thank you. And opposed? Motion carries.

Item 7.5, Bylaws and Policies Committee. We have two individuals who have put their names forward for three positions. We have Councillors Stewart and Yanish. Are there any other nominations? Councillor Strayer.

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CSTR I'd like to nominate myself, please.

CH Thank you, Councillor Strayer. Any other nominations? Vice president?

VP Thank you, chair. I'd like to nominate Councillor Burton.

CH Councillor Burton, do you accept?

CBU I accept.

CH Thank you. President?

PRE Thank you, chair. I'd like to nominate Councillor Bouwer.

CH Councillor Bouwer, do you accept?

CBO Yes.

CH Thank you. Any other nominations? So maybe what we can do is we can list the individuals on the screen somewhere. So we have five candidates for three positions. I'll read them again and we'll proceed with 30-second speeches in this order. Starting with Councillor Stewart, then Councillor Yanish, Councillor Strayer,

Councillor Burton and Councillor Bouwer. Councillor Stewart, your 30 seconds begins now.

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CSTE Thank you, chair. I was definitely interested in this committee and I look forward to working on policy and bylaws and really [unclear] in working with my fellow councillors on this. It is something that I don't have particular experience on and I'd love to definitely encourage the other councillors to be part of this and be definitely gracious too if I was not picked for this committee but I would still definitely take pride if I was chosen. I would definitely encourage other councillors to get involved on committees. Thank you.

CH Thank you, Councillor Stewart. Councillor Yanish, your 30 seconds begins now.

CYA Thank you, chair. I think Bylaw and Policy Committee is just really important in terms of the students because I think they see a lot through the bylaws and policies that we implement. This is a lot of what they see as opposed to some of the other committees.

And as that is something that is very important to my participation on student council, being student engagement, I would very much like to be a part of this council. That being said, there are some new members who have not sat on committees eligible for voting here and I think they would be mighty fine candidates as well.

CH Thank you, Councillor Yanish. Councillor Strayer.

CSTR Thank you, Chair. This is a committee that is important to mid-summer. I attended a meeting previous to that and I loved it. It's not abundantly clear, I love policy, it's my jam. There's nothing more I like than reading policy and analysing them. I'm a nerd like that but it's fun to me. I would really appreciate your vote to sit on this committee. I think I would do a great job. Thank you, chair.

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CH Thank you, Councillor Strayer. Councillor Burton, your 30 seconds begins now.

CBU Thank you, Chair. I've got a couple years of experience doing this with various non-profits and for profits. I think when it comes to student feedback and engagement, which is something that I'm actively pursuing different avenues for on this council, this would be a great place to start with that. Thank you very much.

CH Thank you, Councillor Burton. Finally, Councillor Bouwer.

CBO I'll start by admitting that I don't have a ton of experience in this realm. That being said, it's something that I would be very happy to work on. One of the things that drew me into political science in the first place was the interest in aligning broader visions and missions and goals with a specific policy. So I think in that sense I would take pleasure and pride in aligning this with SAMU's overarching goal.

CH Thank you, Councillor Bouwer. We will distribute the ballots. You'll note that councillors Stewart and Yanish are on the ballot because they put their names forward in advance. I'd ask you to please fill in the remaining candidates as you see on the screen, Councillor Strayer, Councillor Burton and Councillor Bouwer

and place an X beside up to three candidates. We're doing X's because we have more candidates than the number candidates than there are of positions.

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Vice president?

VPO Thank you, chair. I move to appoint Councillor Strayer, Councillor Burton and Councillor Bouwer to the Bylaws and Policies Committee for the 2018-2019 term.

CH Thank you, vice president. Second? President, thank you. It has been moved and seconded to appoint Councillor Strayer, Councillor Burton and Councillor Bouwer to the Bylaws and Policy Committee for the 2018-19 term. Is there any debate? Question is on the adoption of the motion as read. All those in favour? Thank you. Opposed? Motion carries.

Item 7.6 Leadership and Engagement Committee. We have three candidates for three positions. Councillors Drummond, Newton and Stewart. Are there any other nominations? Vice President?

VP Thank you, chair. I'd like to nominate Councillor Burton please.

CH Councillor Burton, do you accept?

CBU I accept.

CH Thank you. Are there any other nominations? Councillor Melech.

CME I'd like to nominate Councillor Bouwer.

CH Councillor Bouwer, do you accept?

CBO No.

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CH Thank you. Are there any other nominations? Okay. We have four candidates for three positions and we will proceed with speeches in the following order: Councillor Drummond, Councillor Newton, Councillor Stewart and Councillor Burton. Councillor Drummond, your 30 seconds begins now.

CDR Thank you, chair. One of my biggest passions is leadership and I've been writing that for my campaign forever. The most important thing to me being on student council is making sure we're engaging with students and that they're able to engage with us back.

So following through with my campaign goals throughout the year, I'd like to continue that. I also currently sit on this committee and think there does need a lot more work. The student engagement and the things that we've set on our work plan on our last meeting, I'd like to make sure we're following through on. Given our mandate I think it's really important that we have a councillor sitting on there who knows what's happened throughout the year and who has worked on improvements.

CH Thank you, Councillor Drummond. I will read Councillor Newton's speech.

Halfway through last year I was elected onto the Leadership and Engagement Committee and I believe that there is a lot that can be done. If elected to this committee, I hope to bring my ideas regarding how to better engage the student body with SAMU as well as plan fun events in order for councillors to build stronger team unity. Please consider me for the Leadership and Engagement Committee.

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Councillor Stewart, your 30 seconds begins now.

CSTE Thank you, chair. I also have a huge passion for leadership and engagement. It was a large part of my campaign this year, student engagement. I really feel we can do a lot more or at least evaluate the ways that we currently engage students, and find more effective ways to increase that engagement whether that be [unclear] or different events.

I have experience running events and activities. I would love to see us come together as student council to have more of them, whether it be for team building for ourselves but then I think also having options where students can be a part of that as well and learn more about student council and what we have to offer. Just want to be able to communicate with students.

CH Thank you, Councillor Stewart. Councillor Burton, your 30 seconds begins now.

CBU Thank you, chair. Much like councillors Stewart and Drummond, leadership is an incredibly big part of what I do here. Speak on management, you can thank Professor Hancock for instilling all that into me.

One of the things I recently started is a Coaching for Coffee campaign where I actually coach engineers and students going into leadership roles on how to enter those kinds of roles, where they have to put things together and things like that. When it comes to student engagement, I would love to put this under a microscope, see what worked and what hasn't worked. We had a lot of ideas in my fifth year at this school.

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CH Thank you, Councillor Burton. We will distribute the ballots. You see the names on the screen. I'd ask you to please include Councillor Burton along with councillors Drummond, Newton and Stewart on the ballot and mark an X by up to three candidates, please.

Vice President?

VPO Thank you, chair. I move to appoint Councillor Drummond, Councillor Stewart and Councillor Burton to the Leadership and Engagement Committee for the 2018-2019 term.

CH Thank you, vice president. Do we have a second? Thank you, vice president. It has been moved and seconded to appoint Councillor Drummond, Councillor Stewart and Councillor Burton to the Leadership and Engagement Committee for the 2018-19 term. Is there any debate? Question is on the adoption of the motion as read. All those in favour? Thank you. Opposed? Motion carries.

7.7 Appointment Advisory Committee. We have four candidates for one position. I'll read the candidates. Councillors Drummond, Newton, Melech and Bouwer. Do we have any other nominations? Okay, we'll proceed with speeches in this order: Drummond, Newton, Melech and Bouwer. Councillor Drummond, your 30 seconds begins now.

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CDR Thank you, chair. Given the nature of our council this year with having new councillors, I think it would be a really interesting opportunity if you were to sit on this council and not only be looking at two candidates but rather four. But we'll see what comes out of that.

I think being on council for three years has served some advantages of sitting on this committee and knowing some of the skills that I might find in other people that may be really beneficial to this council. I'd also like to find a more diversified council so that would be one of my goals in sitting on this committee.

CH Thank you, Councillor Drummond. Councillor Newton's speech, I will read now.

I am running for this committee because I believe it is very important who students appoint to council. I want to be able to have a direct impact by helping to select the best candidates to serve for the rest of the year alongside all of us councillors. I would help to ensure that all the candidates have the skills and qualities necessary to be successful as councillors while also ensuring that those who are appointed represent the diversity of our student body. Please consider me for the Appointment Advisory Committee.

Councillor Melech your 30 seconds begins now.

00:56:40

CME Thank you, chair. I've only served on one committee so far so I would like to serve on many more this term. Having been part of the appointment process, I thought it was a really interesting process and obviously like everyone else, I was disappointed by the turnout at the election and with the lack of people who were aware of the vacant councillor positions. So I would hope to help bring more awareness to that.

CH Thank you, Councillor Melech. Councillor Bouwer, your 30 seconds begins now.

CBO Thank you, chair. So I put my name forward for this committee for a couple reasons. One of them was for particularly during the Facebook AMA that we held, I noticed that a couple groups, particularly nursing students felt very separated from the affairs of SAMU. It's to my understanding that fine arts is a similar issue.

I'd like to take this opportunity, this vacancy that we have and use it to try and reach out to these other areas of our school that might be alienated just by the intensity of the election process and try to bring some of them into the fold, so to speak. That's the main goal that I would like to accomplish on this committee.

CH Thank you, Councillor Bower. We will distribute ballots and please mark an X by one candidate.

Vice President?

VPO Thank you, Chair. I move to appoint Councillor Drummond to the Appointment Advisory Committee for the 2018-2019 term.

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CH Thank you, vice president. Second? President, thank you. It has been moved and seconded to appoint Councillor Drummond to the Appointment Advisory Committee for the 2018-2019 term. Is there any debate? Question is on the adoption of the motion as read. All those in favour? Thank you. Opposed? Motion carries.

PRE Request for information. Are there any councillors who are not yet appointed to a committee?

CH We can have a look. Maybe we can do a show of hands, presumably you know if you've been appointed to a committee. Have any of you not been appointed to a committee? Apart from Councillor Newton who does not have any hands at this table right now and who is not here to accept any nominations, I might add. So everyone has been appointed to a committee? Does that answer your question?

Item 7.8, Programmes and Services Subcommittee. We have two candidates put forward for one position. Councillor Drummond and Councillor Stewart. Are there any other nominations? Councillor Ruiz.

CRU I would like to nominate Councillor Melech.

CH Councillor Melech, do you accept?

CME Yes.

01:01:48

CH Okay. Are there any other nominations? Okay. We will proceed with speeches in the following order: Councillor Drummond, Councillor Stewart, and Councillor Melech. Councillor Drummond, your 30 seconds begins now.

CDR Thank you, chair. So currently I've sat on this committee for two years in a row now which I realise is a lot but I think that this committee is really crucial to see the trends of the year. We pull up Excel sheet upon Excel sheet of numbers and types of students that are using our programmes and services.

And it's through sitting on this committee for a few years now that I've been able to see trends on what needs better allocation. What students are using and what needs to change. So I think being on this committee once again would be really beneficial to the committee as a whole. Thank you, chair.

CH Thank you, councillor. Councillor Stewart, your 30 seconds begins now.

CSTE Thank you, chair. I would love to be on this committee because I'd love to evaluate and see how our programme and services are utilised by students. And to make sure that they not only know about these services but they do really reflect their needs and wants. And we make adjustments to make sure that they do reflect those and see if we can offer different ways to gauge that engagement on those programmes and make sure they serve their purpose.

I recognise there's only one spot available and the other councillors would make great additions to the team as well. Thank you.

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CH Thank you, Councillor Stewart. Councillor Melech, your 30 seconds begins now.

CME Thank you, chair. I would like to sit on this committee because I just basically want to get as much experience as possible and do whatever I can. But seeing as there's just one spot I think the other councillors would make really great additions. Thank you.

CH Thank you, Councillor Melech. We will distribute the ballots. I would ask that you please include Councillor Melech alongside councillors Drummond and Stewart on the ballot. Please mark an X beside one candidate. Thank you.

Vice president?

VPO Thank you, chair. I move to appoint Councillor Drummond to the Programmes and Services Subcommittee for the 2018-2019 term.

CH Thank you, vice president. Do we have a second? Councillor Bouwer, thank you. It has been moved and seconded to appoint Councillor Drummond to the Programmes and Services Subcommittee for the 2018-19 term. Is there any debate? Question is on the adoption of the motion as read. All those in favour? Thank you. Opposed? Motion carries.

Councillors, we've had a request from member of council to recess for five minutes. Normally we would deal with that through a motion but I would ask, is there any opposition to a five-minute recess? If so, please raise your placard. Okay, we'll recess this council for five minutes, please return at 7:12.

01:10:15

Item 7.9, External Advocacy Ad Hoc Committee. We have one candidate for two positions. That candidate is Councillor Bouwer. Are there any other nominations? President?

PRE Thank you, chair. I'd like to nominate Councillor Strayer.

CH Thank you, president. Councillor Strayer do you accept?

CSTR Yes.

CH Thank you. Are there any other nominations? Councillor Ruiz?

CRU I'd like to nominate Councillor Yanish and Councillor Melech.

CH Councillor Yanish do you accept?

CYA I do not accept, sorry.

CH Thank you. Councillor Melech do you accept?

CME No, thank you, chair.

CH Thank you. Are there any other nominations? Councillor Stewart.

CSTE I'd like nominate myself, if that's okay to.

01:11:16

CH It's certainly okay. Are there any other nominations? Okay, we have three candidates for two positions. We will proceed with speeches in the following order: Councillor Bouwer, Councillor Strayer and Councillor Stewart. Councillor Bouwer your 30 seconds begins now.

CBO When I first saw this committee it was one of the ones that really stuck out to me. The combination of looking inward at our student body at MacEwan and trying to see what issues really matter to them, trying to gauge the causes that speak most deeply to the students that we serve. And then at the same time turning our attention outward and see which other organisations SAMU is affiliated with to achieve those goals that the students expect us to achieve. That's what drove me to this committee. Thank you.

CH Thank you, Councillor Bouwer. Councillor Strayer, your 30 seconds begins now.

CSTR Thank you, chair. Last month I attended the Minister of Advanced Education's announcement on the structure tuition increase and I found that really interesting. I've gone to multiple student councillor days and I really enjoyed that, talking to students and just engaging the student body. I feel like I would be a good person for this position. Thank you.

CH Thank you, Councillor. Councillor Stewart, your 30 seconds begins now.

01:13:01

CSTE Thank you, chair. I'm interested in this position on the External Advocacy Ad Hoc Committee because as I stated before, I believe in student engagement and I think it's really as Councillor Bouwer and Strayer mentioned. To be able to look inside MacEwan and really talk to students. Really gauge what they care about and how we can best support them on SAMU as student councillors.

I think that's really important and obviously required of our job to see what we can do to support them on important matters like tuition and other things that might come up and maybe we just haven't looked at before. Thank you.

CH Thank you, councillor. We will distribute the ballots. Please write in Councillors Strayer and Stewart alongside Councillor Bouwer. Place an X beside up to two individuals.

Vice president?

VPO Thank you, chair. I move to appoint Councillor Bouwer and Councillor Strayer to the External Advocacy Ad Hoc Subcommittee for 2018-2019 term.

CH Thank you, Vice President. Do we have a second? Thank you, Councillor Ratz. It has been moved and seconded to appoint Councillor Bouwer and Councillor Strayer to the External Advocacy Ad Hoc Subcommittee for the 2018-19 term. Is there any debate? The question is on the adoption of the motion as read. All those in favour? Thank you. And opposed? Motion carries.

01:16:38

Item 7.10, Student Council Review Committee. We have one candidate for three positions and that candidate is Councillor Ruiz. Are there any other nominations? Councillor Strayer?

CSTR I'd like to nominate myself for this position.

CH Thank you, councillor. Any other nominations? Councillor Ratz.

CRA I'd like to nominate myself as well.

CH Thank you, councillor. Are there any other nominations? Councillor Yanish.

CYA I'd like to nominate myself.

CH Thank you. Other nominations? Councillors, we will proceed with speeches in the following order: Ruiz, Strayer, Ratz and Yanish. Councillor Ruiz your 30 seconds begins now.

CRU Thank you, chair. I would like to once again say I've served a lot on this committee on my last term. I'd like the opportunity to sit on it as it was something that I found that I enjoyed serving Councillor Strayer. I really like reviewing all of the meetings and finding ways to make it more efficient as well as reviewing [unclear]. I hope that council will support me on this nomination. Thank you, chair.

CH Thank you, Councillor Ruiz. Councillor Strayer, your 30 seconds begins now.

01:18:00

CSTR Thank you, chair. As Ruiz said, this is a really fun committee. As I've sat on this, it was neat just seeing the evaluation of student council meetings and the direction of the heads and folds of how council operates. That being said, I've already sat on this committee so voting for people who don't sit on two committees, what have you, so vote who you think will best sit on this also. Thank you.

CH Thank you, Councillor Strayer. Councillor Ratz, your 30 seconds begins now.

CRA Thank you. I'm just looking to be part of this committee because it falls in line with like the watchdog type of thing of what I'm looking to do. And I think it would be an excellent opportunity to pan out and see this operation from a different lens. I would say that's about it.

CH Thank you, councillor. Councillor Yanish, your 30 seconds begins now.

CYA Thank you, chair. I love being part of the student's council but here are things that I would like to maintained, changed or otherwise be able to have a say in how things are done with respect to how our meetings are conducted. So given that, I think I would not only enjoy but also be a valuable part of this committee.

CH Thank you, councillor. We will distribute the ballots. Please write in councillors Strayer, Ratz and Yanish alongside Councillor Ruiz. Please place an X beside up to three candidates, thank you.

Councillors, we have two successful candidates in a tie for the third. Councillors Ratz and Yanish have been nominated to the committee. Councillors Ruiz and Strayer are in a tie and so we will have an additional 30 seconds each for them to plead their case and then we will distribute ballots with each of their names for you to vote on one. We will proceed in the following order with speeches: Councillor Ruiz and then Councillor Strayer. Councillor Ruiz, your 30 seconds begins now.

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CRU Thank you, chair. As I said earlier, it was a committee that I went into knowing what it was and really had a fun year. I liked working with [unclear] and VP External and Madam President. That was really great. It really helped me grow and I hope that I can come back because just to bring some more of that experience and also grow as whole. Thank you, chair.

CH Thank you, councillor. Councillor Strayer, your 30 seconds begins now.

CSTR Chair, do I have to speak to something or can I remove my candidacy?

CH You can do whatever you like, I suppose. Do you prefer to remove your name from the ballot?

CSTR That would be fantastic.

CH Okay so councillors, this may be a bit unusual but perhaps what we'll do is we'll put forward Councillors Yanish and Ratz because they received the sufficient number of votes and we'll write in Councillor Ruiz unless anyone is opposed to that? Or wishes to vote yes or no. Raise your placard. Okay so we'll write those names in. Vice president?

01:25:23

VPO Thank you, chair. I move to appoint Councillor Ratz, Councillor Yanish and Councillors Ruiz to the Students Councillor Review Committee for the 2018-2019 term.

CH Thank you, vice president. And a second? Councillor Strayer. It has been moved and seconded to appoint Councillor Ratz, Councillor Yanish and Councillor Ruiz to the Students Councillor Review Committee 2018-19 term. Is there any debate? Question is on the adoption of the motion as read. All those in favour? Thank you. And opposed? Motion carries.

Item 7.11, Award Subcommittee. We have no candidates for one position. Are there any nominations? Councillors, I believe we need one nomination.

C Point of information. Whereabouts does this committee meet, specifically?

CH Does anyone know? Perhaps president?

PRE Thank you, chair. The Awards Subcommittee is closer to I believe March and April. They are the committee that selects the award recipients for SAMU's awards night which happens near the end of the term. So that would be the schedule.

CH Thank you, president. Councillor Ruiz?

CRU I would like to add just something to what Madam President answered. [unclear] minus the councillors of the year because that is something that council explore with themselves but it is a really impartial committee.

01:27:11

CH I appreciate that Councillor Ruiz. I think we've answered the question about when the subcommittee meets so we'll proceed to nominations. Are there any nominations? Councillor Bouwer.

CBO I'd like to nominate Councillors Stewart.

CH Councillor Stewart, do you accept?

CSTE Yes, on the condition that it doesn't go to a yes no vote, so it can be contested?

CH How about this, put your name on the ballot and then if you have second thoughts afterwards you can remove your name, if I understand you correctly?

CSTE I just understand we can have open positions available on committees, and that can be important to appointing for new people.

CH Maybe I'm not understanding. We're just going to deal with it this way. We're going to accept nominations. You can choose to accept or not accept and I'm not going to accept any conditions. So do you accept the nomination?

CSTE I guess I'm just confused. You said someone had to be nominated?

PRE Request for information. In the case there's no one appointed to this committee, we'll move on to the next steps.

CH We will bring this back I guess to the next council meeting and perhaps we'll put someone forward to this committee at that time.

PRE Thank you, chair.

CH You're welcome.

01:28:45

CSTE Yes, sorry, just wanted to. So no.

CH So you do not accept. Okay, thank you. Any other nominations? Councillor Yanish?

CYA I'd like to nominate Councillor Bouwer.

CH Councillor Bouwer, do you accept?

CBO No, thank you.

CH Okay. Any other nominations? Councillor Strayer?

CSTR I'll nominate myself.

CH Thank you, Councillor Strayer. Any other nominations? Vice president?

VP Thank you. I'd like to nominate Councillor Yanish.

CH Councillor Yanish, do you accept?

CYA Yes, sure.

01:29:20

CH Okay. Any other nominations? Okay councillors. We have two candidates for one position. We'll proceed with speeches starting with Councillor Strayer followed by Councillor Yanish. Councillor Strayer, your 30 seconds begins now.

CSTR This is a similar situation to [unclear] to some sort of effect. I was concerned about the time constraints because it's just around exam season but I think this is a pretty cool committee. I get to choose who gets awards. I'm not sure if that [unclear] anybody else to choose who gets the award or not but it might be kind of fun so I'm into fun things. Thank you, chair.

CH Thank you, councillor. Councillor Yanish, your 30 seconds begins now.

CYA Thank you, chair. Well, considering the fact that it does not seem like a committee that meets overly frequently I would certainly be able to fit that into my busy schedule. I'd like to be a part of it but vote for Strayer.

CH Thank you, councillor. We will distribute the ballots. I ask you to please write in Councillor Strayer and Yanish and place an X beside one candidate, please, thank you.

Vice president?

VPO Thank you, chair. I move to appoint Councillor Yanish to the Awards Subcommittee 2018-2019 term.

01:33:14

CH Thank you, vice president. And a second? Councillor Ruiz, thank you. It has been moved and seconded to appoint Councillor Yanish to the Awards Subcommittee for the 2018-19 term. Is there any debate? Question is on the adoption of the motion as read. All those in favour? Thank you. Opposed? Motion carries.

Item 7.12, Student Refugee Programme Ad Hoc Subcommittee. We have two candidates for two positions, Councillors Drummond and Bower. Are there any other nominations? Councillor Stewart?

CSTE I'd like to nominate.

CH You would like to nominate yourself?

CSTE Yes.

CH Okay. Are there any other nominations? Councillor Ruiz.

CRU I'd like to nominate Councillor Bower and Councillor Melech.

CH Councillor Bower is already on the ballot so we will assume that he accepts the nomination and Councillor Melech, do you accept the nomination?

CME Yes.

CH Thank you. Are there any other nominations? Okay. We will proceed with 30 second speeches in the following order: Councillor Drummond, Bouwer, Stewart and Melech. Councillor Drummond, your 30 seconds begins now.

01:34:37

CDR Thank you, chair. The main reason I want to sit on this committee is personally I don't know much about it. I don't know much about the programme within SAMU and this is a great opportunity to dive deep and understand more about our refugee programme. I think it's really important as a councillor to be well-rounded in the services that we offer so I'd like to take this opportunity to meet up with students. Thank you.

CH Thank you, councillor. Councillor Bouwer, your 30 seconds begins now.

CBO Thank you, chair. This is another one that really stuck out to me. I didn't know we had this programme before we had our orientation. It seems like a fantastic idea. I'd really like to be a part of helping, making sure it operates smoothly and that we take care of and show compassion on behalf of MacEwan to the students who are accepted into this programme.

CH Thank you, councillor. Councillor Stewart, your 30 seconds begins now.

CSTE Thank you, chair. I was interested in this committee for similar reasons. But because it's really interesting, I'd love to learn more on how we can support students, especially students who may be refugees. We can work towards getting the school together and really support those kinds of initiatives and spread the word about the programmes that impact students' lives. It can be a really great opportunity to do more and help do that. Thank you.

CH Thank you, councillor. Councillor Melech your 30 seconds begins now.

01:36:06

CME Thank you, chair. As said, I also don't know much about this but just looking at it, it looks like a really great opportunity and as a student of sociology, I really find things like this interesting. I really enjoy helping others and I'd love to sit on this committee. Thank you.

CH Thank you. Councillors, we will distribute the ballots and I ask that you write in councillors Stewart and Melech alongside Drummond and Bouwer. Please select two candidates by marking an X beside up to two individuals.

Vice president?

VPO Thank you, chair. I move to appoint Councillor Bouwer and Councillor Stewart to the Student Refugee Programme Ad Hoc Subcommittee for the 2018-2019 term.

CH Thank you, vice president. Second? Councillor Drummond. Thank you. It has been moved and seconded to appoint Councillor Bouwer and Councillor Stewart to the Student Refugee Programme Ad Hoc Subcommittee for the 2018-19 term. Is there any debate? Question is on the adoption of the motion as read. All those in favour? Thank you. Opposed? Motion carries.

Item 8: Consultation. 8.1, tutoring on campus.

Before I turn this over to Vice President Academic, councillors, just so you know, the vice president will introduce the topic and you will each have one speaking turn. At any time, the vice president can indicate that that they have been adequately consulted and that brings the consultation to a conclusion. Vice President Academic?

01:39:56

VPA Thank you, chair. I hope you all read my thing that I added to the agenda package. Essentially something that we've heard recently at centres is a lot of students have been asking about how they can find a tutor on campus, if that's something that's available, et cetera. There's four academic helpdesks for certain subjects but it's not something that is all encompassing such as a tutor registry.

So as I mentioned, in implications, if you were a student, I would like to be consulted around things. If you are a student who is looking for a tutor in any subject, what would you look for or value in a tutor? So like availability, price, skills. But most importantly would you expect them to have certain credentials of the subjects that they're offering to tutor? For example, have they taken that course? Did they succeed in that course? Things like that. Thank you.

CH Thank you, vice president. We'll open the floor. Councillor Yanish?

CYA Maybe this is totally not a good comment but I'm going to say it anyway. Just a thought, maybe less so a tutor as in this person I will pay money to teach me this subject.

Just a thought, maybe it would fulfil a similar need if we had some sort of means or, I'm in Bio 107 and this is really hard. And another takes Bio 107 and this is really hard. I personally have found a lot of benefit from studying alongside other students that are in the same class because I don't think anyone else wants to pass the class as much as another student in that class. Yes, they may not be coming from a place of I know all the answers, let me show them to you, but I don't know.

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Maybe instead of a more accessible tutor on campus which totally could help thousands of students, what if maybe we had some sort of way to say, at this time this week, all the Bio 107 students are meeting in this room, even if it's two of them to talk. I don't know. It also costs no money which is a thing students like.

CH Thank you, councillor. Others? Councillor Ratz.

CRA To speak to vice president of academic's points. I think in terms of price and provoking a price sensitive market, students don't have a lot of money to spend. It would have to be something that's reasonable. As Councillor Yanish said, there's always the ability to go and form a study group so I think to avoid that, if this would be offered like a formal offering, it would have to be fairly cheap.

And secondly in terms of skills I think the person ideally would have to be graduated. I think that provides a point of credibility. However, I know it might not be possible but at the bare minimum I would say they would have to have taken the course.

In terms of availability, whatever you can take. That's it. Thank you.

01:43:26

CH Thank you, councillor. Councillor Bouwer.

CBO I'd like to propose as a minimum qualification on the topic, maybe six credits in that subject. At least of the level of the student is being tutored. With a score or finish grade of B+. I think that would be a reasonable standard.

CH Thank you, councillor. Others? Councillor Ruiz.

CRU Thank you, chair. I want to thank the VPA for bringing this. It's something that's really interesting. However, for what I would put value in a tutor, to me the price, the skills and location and all are equally important. I don't think I could feel like here's my most important one.

For the credentials, I agree that the person should have also taken at the very least that same class. And also for the availability, I think it would be great if perhaps maybe book into some block or something that the student is already accessing.

However, I also agree with Councillor Yanish [unclear] study in groups. Or people in various sessions come together to help each other understand their material. That is something that I have done in the past when I had a study group with peers from my same classes. It has been really successful so perhaps that is something else that we can consider as a cheaper alternative.

Although it will have to be pretty cheap because students are pretty much broke, they're not going to pay an arm and a leg just to get tutored. They would rather be better off retaking the class or drop it if it will cost too much of their expenses. Thank you.

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CH Thank you. Others? Councillor Stewart.

CSTE Thank you, chair and thank you vice president academic for bringing this forward. I do think it's an important topic and I think one that can definitely impact students learning and education which as students works as well is really important.

In regards to some of the credentials that have been mentioned, I definitely agree that students are looking for tutors. They want somebody who does have the qualification so I think it would be nice to have someone who has graduated. That would be great. Or is on the path to [unclear] or something. But the bare minimum I think would be something that Councillor Bouwer suggested with having two classes, kind of in the same area where they've taken that class before.

And when it comes to price, I definitely ask you to be price sensitive although students would be willing to pay I think more for personal tutors. I think you see this from being in math and stats class before and going to a math and stats helpdesk that is currently on campus.

You see those kinds of environments offer peer support because you can talk to peers that are around you, you can get that support. So if you are able to do that

for different subjects as well, that would be really awesome. I don't know if that's within our capabilities but it's something to consider. I think to offer as a solution to what Councillor Yanish suggested and brought up in regards to the peer support option with their own classmates.

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In terms of helping one another at a free or cheaper price. But you also see students there looking for personal tutors as well. So some of them will look towards their profs actually who will offer tutoring services that they'll pay for. I don't know how successful those are but that might be something to look at, profs that offer individual sessions and what they do and what is currently available or if we can consolidate all of their contact or who is willing to do that as well.

So along with a helpdesk, having a registry that has the tutors and different options that are available I think would be awesome. Because otherwise you're just kind of soliciting for yourself on Facebook and you don't know any of those credentials or it might be hard. Especially nowadays, can you trust everyone on social media? I don't know. So that could be an important aspect. Thank you.

CH Thank you, councillor. President?

PRE Thank you, chair. I think with regards to tutoring I would be more in favour of something where tutors themselves set the price. I'm sure that could vary based on, if they're meeting you on a Saturday at eight a.m. versus if they want to charge you more in that context.

01:48:44

I would say that if we're looking at the functionality of listing those services, I would be in favour of focusing on their skill level and their credentials in that way. And I think I would actually bump that opportunity up to something like an A- or an A or higher, just because you want to know that you're dealing with someone who understood the material.

And I think that from there it should be a discretion from the student whether or not they want to use that service or pay for that service. We can develop that baseline so students have confidence at least in the quality of the service that they're receiving. But beyond that, I think the rest is not necessarily something. I think that would be helpful for students themselves to determine when they're taking advantage of that. Thank you.

CH Thank you. Others? Councillor Drummond.

CDR Thank you, chair. Most of my points that I was going to make have already been spoken on. In terms of the president's point, I do agree that students themselves should agree on the price, whatever works for them. Obviously some students are going to be able to afford other things that students cannot.

But with that being said, I think it's really important that students are making sure their credentials are met. In terms of A+, I personally would feel more comfortable with a student in the A range.

I think something beneficial also would be to have some sort of database on the website that shows the student's qualification, the price range, which obviously will vary but they might be able to put a price range that students can look at, as well as their degree.

01:50:26

I don't think it's necessary for someone to be graduated in order to be a tutor. I personally am going to be a TA in psychology next semester and I'm third year student so I don't think being graduated makes you more than qualified than other people.

I think those things can be listed on the website. And all students should be able to apply to tutor others. As long as the student is able to look at it online, see what classes they've taken, their qualifications, their year, graduated or not. I think it's our job to make that information available to the students and they can decide from there what they want to do.

CH Thank you. Vice president?

VPA Thanks, chair. I've been consulted.

CH Thank you. Item 9: Evaluation. We will distribute the evaluation forms.

Moving on to Item 10: Recognition. We'll open the floor for recognition.

C Point of information. Can a councillor give recognition to multiple people at the same time or do you prefer one at a time?

CH As many as you like at the same time. Vice president?

01:56:04

VP Thank you, chair. I'd like to echo what you said earlier and I'd like to recognise our Vice President External as well as the president and those prior to them for the work at that they've done and the success of the Bill 19 for post-secondary education in the province. Thank you, chair.

CH Other recognition. Councillor Burton?

CBU Thank you, chair. I would like to recognise Councillor Strayer. I believe when we were doing nominations earlier, when you stepped back, that was a very polite thing to do. Thank you, very much. I'd also like to recognise Councillor Bouwer. During your nomination speech, you brought up building nine and 11, the two new buildings. I encourage you to keep chasing those down. Those students definitely need representation, as you've seen. Thank you.

CH Other recognition? Councillor Ruiz?

CRU Thank you, chair. I would like to first of all recognise our CRO for having stayed for the full meeting and also for answering my questions. It was really great to have you back in our council meeting as a previous councillor. I also want to recognise the president and VP external, as well as everybody that has been part of the Bill 19. So their predecessors as well as the previous councillor team who we all work hard to help them for this campaign to be successful. I would like to congratulate them as well.

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And lastly, I would like to congratulate everyone that got into their committees. It is something that is great and it will be a fun year. Once again I would like to welcome the new councillors. Thank you, chair.

CH Other recognition? Vice president?

VP Thank you, chair. I would like to recognise our construction team on site for the SAMU building. They were able to open the pedway two days early ahead of schedule which is great news for students and for the project. As well as for their accommodation in allowing the executive team and the project team to participate in signing a steel beam today that will be put in the SAMU building so that's a very exciting thing for us and we're excited to see that progress move. Thank you, chair.

CH Vice president?

VP Thank you, chair. I'd like to recognise all the councillors in positions previous before me in a position of council who lay the groundwork for Bill 19. Also goes to show when we get involved in campaigns like this, it's all the overwhelming support that make things happen. Thank you, chair.

CH Other recognition? Councillor Strayer?

CSTR I'm here to recognise two people. One is Councillor Newton. Even though he wasn't here he put in the effort to submit his nominations and write out speeches to you. I think that's a good thing. The other one is Patterson, VP of Operations. I know she did really a ton of work for the new building, all those industrial furniture and stuff so also a good thing. Thank you, chair.

CH Any other recognition? Councillors, I just want to recognise you for an efficient meeting. We dealt a lot of business today. I think we handled ourselves professionally. The questions were good and the motions were dealt with in an appropriate manner. You all can give yourselves a pat on the back because we're going to be doing a lot more of this in the months to come so well done and congratulations on a successful meeting.

So let's move on to item 11: Adjournment. We need a motion. President?

PRE Thank you, chair. I move to adjourn.

CH Thank you. This motion only requires one mover and is not debatable. The question is on the adoption to adjourn. All those in favour? Thank you. Opposed? The motion carries. This meeting is adjourned.

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