

Minutes for the Students' Council Meeting of the
Students' Association of MacEwan University
January 16, 2019 at 6:00pm in room #7-218

In Attendance:

Andrew Bieman, Vice President External
Lee Burton, Councillor
Ruan Bouwer, Councillor
Rachelle Drummond, Councillor
Jackie Kent, Vice President Academic
Jaden Melech, Councillor
Spencer Newton, Councillor
Emma Patterson, Vice President Operations
Parvin Sedighi, President
Tansy Spyker, Vice President Student Life
Alycia Stewart, Councillor
Kent Strayer, Councillor

Lukus Ratz, Councillor
Luis Ruiz, Councillor
Matthew Yanish, Councillor
vacant, Councillor
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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 Amiskwaciwaskahikan or Beaver Hill House in Nehiyawewin (Cree). This is the traditional home of the Nehiyaw (Cree) and Michif (Métis), and meeting place for many Indigenous peoples including the Nakawe (Saulteaux), Siksika (Blackfoot), Nakota Sioux (Stoney) and other nations.

2. Approvals

2.1 MOTION

TO APPROVE THE AGENDA FOR JANUARY 16, 2019

STEWART/BOWER

MOTION TO STRIKE 3.1 FROM THE AGENDA

PRES/VPO

CARRIED

CARRIED

2.2 MOTION

TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF DECEMBER 19, 2018

STRAYER/RUIZ

CARRIED

3. Presentations

4. For Information

4.1. Reports

4.1.1. President

HR update. Advanced Ed budget Consultation.

4.1.2. Vice President Academic

Textbook cost campaign.

4.1.3. Vice President External

Scholarship change updates. GOTV campaign.

4.1.4. Vice President Operations & Finance

International student – committee update. BPC meeting. MacEwan Integrated Strat Plan update. U-Pass/Smartfare update.

4.1.5. Vice President Student Life

Initiatives in February. Student community engagement grant.

4.2. Executive Committee Minutes

Minutes of December 12, 2018 provided.

5. Question Period

5.1. Written Questions

Newton – Where is the Appointment Advisory Committee at for vetting of new councilors? Has there been enough potential candidates or any to fill the remaining empty spots on council? Overall, do you think the organization, and particularly the committee, has done a good enough job promoting the need for more councillors to serve on council?

Pres - The posting was made public for the return of students to campus for the winter semester, and will close later this month. We have used the SAMU website and social media accounts to promote the vacancies, and will continue to do so over the next few days. As per the Committees policy, it is not in fact the role of the AAC to promote the vacancies, but to interview and recommend potential candidates to council. I would encourage councillors who are concerned about the vacancies to use their personal networks to promote this opportunity (as some already have), and hopefully have the positions filled as soon as possible.

5.2. Oral Questions

Topics include: council vacancies; new advocacy hire; academic appeals process; reporting structure;

6. In Camera Period

7. Motions & Business Orders of the Day

8. Consultation

9. Evaluation

10. Recognition

11. Adjournment

MOTION TO ADJOURN

RUIZ

CARRIED

Next Meeting Date: January 23, 2019

Meeting adjourned at 6:34pm.