

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

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**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

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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 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 16, 2019**

**STEWART/BOWER**

**MOTION TO STRIKE 3.1 FROM THE AGENDA**

**PRES/VPO**

**CARRIED**

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**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.