

2019-06-19 Students' Council meeting - Audio recording

Speaker Key:

CH	Chair
CDR	Councillor Drummond
CST	Councillor Strayer
CRU	Councillor Ruiz
PR	President
VPA	Vice President Academic
VPE	Vice President External
VPO	Vice President Operations and Finance
VPS	Vice President Student Life
CSTE	Councillor Stewart
CMI	Councillor Mirza
CVA	Councillor Vasquez
CDY	Councillor Dykes
DF	Director of Finance
UM	Unidentified Male Speaker
UF	Unidentified Female Speaker

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CH Order. Thank you. Item one, Treaty Six land recognition. 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. Before we move on to item two, do we have anyone phoning in?

CST Councillor Drummond.

CH Councillor Drummond, can you hear me okay?

CDR Yes, you're good.

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CH Thank you, Councillor Strayer. Is there anyone else? No? Okay. Item two, Approvals 2.1. We have a motion?

- UF I actually have an amendment to the agenda.
- CH Thank you, Vice President. We'll just make the motion, and then we'll make the amendment.
- UF Okay.
- CH Anyone care to make the motion? Councillor Strayer?
- CST I move to approve the agenda for June 19th, 2019.
- CH Thank you, Councillor. And a second? Thank you, Vice President. It has been moved and seconded to approve the agenda for June 19th, 2019. Vice President, you had an amendment?
- UF Yes, I move to amend the agenda to add 6.1 Councillor Vacancies, 7.3 Councillor Vacancy, and 7.4 Councillor Vacancy.
- CH Thank you, Vice President. I think what we'll do for now is we will just combine your 7.3 and 7.4. So we'll just have one in 7.3, if that works, because I think it will. If you're okay with that, that would be a friendly amendment? Yes? Do we have a second on the amendment? Thank you, Councillor Dykes. It has been moved and seconded to amend the main motion to add item 6.1 Councillor Vacancies and 7.3... Do we have that here, Alan? It will be a motion around councillor vacancies, either way. Is there any debate? So the question is on the adoption on the motion to amend. All those in favour? Thank you. And opposed? Motion carries. Note that that would have required a three quarter in the affirmative to approve, so we've met that threshold.
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- Back to the main motion as amended. Is there any debate? Councillor Ruiz?
- CRU Thank you, Chair. I would also like to make an amendment, and I want to move the motion 7.1 to the bottom of the motion list.
- CH Thank you. And do we have a second? Thank you, Councillor Strayer. It has been moved and seconded to amend the main motion to move item 7.1 to 7.4 and .2, .3 will move up in priority and .3, rather, will move up in priority. Is there any debate? Councillor Ruiz?
- CRU I want to say as to why I chose to move this amendment. It's because as you might remember, I said that I wanted to give the new councillors a chance to join other committees, so I feel that by moving this I will be delivering on what was said in May. So that is basically what my amendment is all about.
- CH Thank you, Councillor Ruiz. Is there any further debate? So the question is on the adoption of the motion to amend to move item 7.1 to 7.3 and all of the others up in priority. All those in favour? Thank you. And opposed? Motion carries. Back to the main motion as amended. Is there any debate? The question is on the adoption of the motion to approve the agenda for June 19th, 2019 as amended. All those in favour? Thank you. And opposed? Motion carries. Item 2.2. We have a motion? Councillor Ruiz?

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CRU I move to approve the minutes of May 18th, 2019. I also want to make a friendly amendment to switch the year to 2019 and not 2015.

CH Thank you. We'll just read the motion as 2019. And is it May 18th? Alan, was that the day of the meeting? Just one second, councillors. It was May 15th, Councillor Ruiz, so are you okay with May 15th, 2019?

CRU Yes.

CH Thank you. And the second? Thank you Councillor Newton. It has been moved and seconded to approve the minutes of May 15th, 2019. 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. Item three, Presentations, nothing there today. Item four, For Information, 4.1 Reports, 4.1.1, President, any oral supplements?

PR As presented, thank you.

CH Thank you. Item 4.1.2, Vice President Academic, any oral supplements?

VPA Yes, two small ones. I somehow forgot and left out that I went to the OER conference in northeastern United States in May. It should have been the first thing in my report, but it was about a month ago and I forgot to include it. The OER Northeast Summit in America, Open Education Resource Summit in the United States. I want to add that at the beginning, and that's all.

CH Thank you. Item 4.1.3, Vice President External, any oral supplements?

VPE Thank you Chair, as presented.

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CH Thank you. 4.1.4, Vice President Operations and Finance, any oral supplements?

VPO Thank you, Chair. As presented.

CH Thank you. 4.1.5, Vice President Student Life, any oral supplements?

VPS As presented. Thank you, Chair.

CH Thank you. 4.2, Executive Committee minutes of May 8th, 13th, 22nd, 2019 are in your package for your information. Item five, Question Period. Written questions were included in your package. Item 5.2 Oral Questions. We'll take questions now. No questions, councillors? Councillor Stewart. Go ahead, Councillor Stewart.

CSTE Thank you, Chair. I just a clarifying question. This is for Vice President Academic in regards to the opposition in your report. They were talking about the academic calendar for the year 2020-2021. You mentioned that there was some opposition to the full reading week break in the fall. I was wondering if some of that opposition was in regards to that they didn't want to have the reading break or if that they wanted to have more hours at the end of term. So moving those dates or was it opposition to actually having that week? Thank you.

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CH Thank you, Councillor Stewart. Vice President Academic?

VPA Thank you, Chair. The disagreement around the fall reading week is largely because it reduces the fall semester's lecture hours by three hours. So the person in particular who was worried about that proposed that potentially you could make up those hours at the end of the semester by crunching exam time. So they were considering having exams on Saturdays and Sundays, crunching that in. There was a lot of debate on that because it might make exams unfairly difficult.

The other option would be then to start earlier, but when you start earlier there's a lot of other concerns when it comes to contracts and when it comes to rent and the way that leases work. So they'll probably, very likely, they'll end up keeping it the same way as presented in GFC at that meeting, but they are worried about... A very small minority [unclear] is worried about those three hours that we're missing in the fall semester with the reading break being introduced. So you could see an earlier start. You could see a more crammed exam period. I doubt it. I think they'll settle with those 36 hours, but that was the feedback.

CH Thank you, Vice President. Councillor Stewart, anything further?

CSTE No, thank you Chair.

CH Councillor Strayer?

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CST Just a follow up question for the VP Academic. Was there any particular faculty that was most concerned about it? Thank you, Chair.

CH Thank you, Councillor. Vice President Academic?

VPA Thank you, Chair. There was one in particular, one faculty member who raises a lot of concerns about... Virtually every meeting I go to has concerns raised by this particular faculty member. Unfortunately I know him only as Bob because this is how the Chair refers to him. This is how everyone in the room refers to him. It's not Bob Graves, it's the other Bob. Both are very vocal. So the Bob who isn't Bob Graves. Unfortunately I've only heard his first name. He was the one who was concerned about the 36-hour fall semester.

CH Thank you, Vice President. Councillor Strayer, anything further?

CST No, thank you Chair.

CH Thank you. Councillors, any other questions? No? Okay, item six, In Camera. We need a motion? Vice President?

UF I move to move in camera.

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CH Thank you. And a second? Thank you Councillor Dykes. It has been moved and seconded to move in camera. Is there any debate? Questions on the adoption of the motion to move in camera? All those in favour? Thank you. And opposed? Motion carries. We'll just ask our guests to leave, please, and we will let you back in once...

Order. Thank you. Item 7.1 Audit Committee. We have a motion, Councillor Ruiz?

CRU I move to appoint councillor to the Audit Committee for a term ending October 31st, 2019.

CH Thank you. So councillors, normally we would do the voting process here, so on and so forth. But I think we made an error in moving these motions around. Talking to Councillor Ruiz, his intention was to move the Audit Committee item down to the bottom of the list, and we inadvertently moved the Finances and Investment Policy to the bottom of the list.

What I've proposed we do, and why I've asked him to read the motion now, is we'll take a second and then we'll pick a motion to postpone because I think it's fair. We didn't meet the intention of what he was trying to do, and we still will deal with the item as is planned. So we'll take a second on that motion. Councillor Dykes, thank you. It has been moved and seconded to appoint Councillor blank to the Audit Committee for a term ending October 31st, 2019. So Councillor Ruiz, you'd like to make a motion to postpone till after we deal with the next two items?

CRU Yes, please. Thank you, Chair.

CH Thank you. And the second? Thank you Councillor Hassan. It has been moved and seconded to postpone this item until after we deal with the next two items. Is there any debate? The question is on the adoption of the motion to postpone. All those in favour? Thank you. And opposed? Motion carries. Thank you, Councillors. That was my mistake. Well, it was really all of our mistake, but I'll take the blame on that one. We'll move on to item 7.2, and Vice President? Do you care to make the motion?

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UF Yes. I move to appoint Stephen Vasquez and Kira Mirza to Students' Council effective June 20th, 2019 for a term ending October 31st, 2019.

CH Thank you, Vice President. And a second? President, thank you. It has been moved and seconded to appoint Stephen Vasquez and Kira Mirza to Students' Council effective June 20th, 2019 for a term ending October 31st, 2019. Is there any debate? Vice President?

UF I move to amend the motion to be effective June 19th, 2019.

CH Thank you, Vice President. So the amendment would read to strike 20 and add 19.

UF Correct.

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CH Okay. And a second? Thank you, Councillor Simpson. So we're dealing with the amendment to the motion. Is there any debate? Councillor Strayer?

CST Does the effective date change whether we can appoint these new councillors to the committee?

CH Yes, it would.

CST So they would not be able to be appointed to the vacancy on the committee?

CH They would.

CST They would?

- CH Yes.
- CST Okay, thank you.
- CH Is there any further debate?
- UM Point of order.
- CH Go ahead.
- UM I believe the motion has a typo. Okay, excellent.
- CH Okay? All good?
- UM I'll rescind that, yes.
- CH That's good. We need to keep each other in check, obviously, judging by how this has gone before. Any more debate on the amendment? The question is on the adoption of the motion to amend the main motion to strike 20 and add 19. All those in favour? Thank you. And opposed? Motion carries. The motion is amended. So we're back to the motion as amended. Is there any debate? The question is on the adoption of the motion to appoint Stephen Vasquez and Kira Mirza, effective June 19th, 2019 for a term ending October 31st, 2019. All those in favour? Thank you. And opposed? Motion carries.

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Item 7.3, Finances and Investments Policy. Vice President Operations and Finance?

- VPO Thank you, Chair. I move to approve the Finance Policy on recommendation of the Budget and Finance Committee.
- CH Thank you, Vice President. And a second? Councillor Newton, thank you. It has been moved and seconded to approve the Finance Policy on the recommendation of the Budget and Finance Committee. Vice President, do you care to speak to the motion?
- VPO As presented Chair, unless other members of council need a minute to read the motion that was submitted in the report.

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- CH Thank you, Vice President. I'm going to assume that everyone read the motion in the package, so we'll just move on to debate. Is there any debate?
- UF Maybe to the point of order. The two newly appointed councillors, should they have a chance to look over this? Do they get a vote for this part of policy since they are now appointed?
- CH We can recess to provide them an opportunity if you'd like. Is there any opposition to recessing for five minutes for them to read over the policy? Okay, we'll do that. So we'll reconvene at 6:35.
- Order.

CSTE On that finance policy you [unclear] restructuring, and who it would be reporting to. I just was wondering why this was taken out or what... It seems big on those areas without that information.

CH Thank you, Councillor Stewart. Vice President?

VPO Thank you Chair. One part of the adjustment amendment is it will no longer be finance and investment. It would be just finance, as there was a changeover in banks in the recent past, before I stepped into the position. We are now with the new bank, and there is no longer any investments. It's just finance. We were getting a better return at another bank by changing over. So the reason our policy has gone from such... Couple dozen pages, reduced to a much shorter amount with all the appendices is because there is no longer any investments involved at present.

CH Thank you, Vice President. Councillor Stewart, anything further?

CSTE I don't think so. Thank you.

CH Thank you. Councillors? Is there any other debate? Councillor Strayer?

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CST I've got some curiosity towards where the current monetary surpluses are going, and how this is going to change with this current policy? I wasn't able to quite nail down the specifics to it with the proposed policy. Thank you, Chair.

CH Thank you, Councillor Strayer. Vice President?

VPO Thank you, Chair. I would like to pass this on to our lovely expert at the back, Director of Finance [unclear].

CH Perfect. Director of Finance?

DF So do you mind just pulling up those slides? I'll go at the front, so then no one has to go back and forth with the slides. So this is currently how our restricted funds happen. We have a, on the side here, all the operating funds, so this is the funds that we use to keep operations going. Then there's these certain other funds that are used for certain purposes.

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So this building fund that we have here currently was used for, essentially, gathering up enough funds to pay for the bill. That one was before... The excess revenue, 80% of it, would go to this building fund. The health and dental is just on its stand alone. The health and dental fees pay for part of the health and dental funds going in there.

Then the operating contingency is essentially like a rainy-day fund. It's basically whereby if there was any extraneous expenses that are happening in that year that weren't being able to be covered by the yearly operating budget. So for example, let's say SAMU got sued for a large amount of money. There's a lot of legal fees, unless they lost and, let's say, there's half a million dollars we had to pay for. We don't have half a million dollars in our operating budget to be able to afford that, so that's where these rainy day funds would be used to pay for, for example, those legal fees.

For the safeguards within there, it's already staying in the policy as it stands and as it is going forward as for that part of it. To be able to use funds out of there, you have to have unanimous UC approval and it has to still go through Student Council to actually approve that spending. So there's still those safeguards that it's not some frivolous spending of some sort to actually take money out of that [unclear]. So that's what is currently happening.

There's a certain max to be filled up in that rainy day fund. It's what I'm mentioning in there. Currently it's full to what it's supposed to be, but say again that half a million dollars had to get torn out of there because of these legal fees and lawsuit settlements or whatever have you, then all these funds start getting pooled back in here to refill it. So that's how it currently and going forward would happen. That's what's happening now, and if we go to the next slide...

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What's happening and what we're proposing here is that the building fund is removed because obviously we'll have a new building within the coming year. What's going to happen is that there's going to be two new funds that are being built here. One is this maintenance fund, which you can think of as any large issues or maintenance that we have to do. Let's say there's some furniture and equipment that we have to purchase, or let's say a boiler or some random things like that need to get replaced, that's where this is happening.

Within this one, it's specifically named this way, where it's saying SAMU and MacEwan fund in there is because it's a joint fund that's required by our lease agreement to be funded. That's why we're going to be creating this new fund in there, for that. Another side note is that there will probably be some excess funds coming in from this building fund even after the building's built and all the furniture and equipment and everything is all furnished in there. So any of that excess, essentially, what the policy is proposing is that building surplus goes into this maintenance fund. So essentially it's just keeping it for the exact type of purposes that the original fund was made for.

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Then if we go to the next slide, this is that future state of what we're suggesting. Over in here we're saying we stay the same. And over in here we're talking about these three new areas that we're trying to have a focus on within the excess. So if you go to the next slide, that's where the distribution of that operating surplus is distributed out into these three sections. If you go back one more, again the whole thing of if we had to use money from that contingency fund, the mechanism is that essentially some of that excess pool of funds that we're seeing from that previous slide there will go back to fill that up. So that's still in place. I think that's it. Any other questions on that?

CH Thank you. We'll just continue to deal with debate, and if there are any other questions we'll call you back up. Councillor Strayer, anything further?

CST May I be returned to, please?

CH Sure, absolutely. Any other debate, Councillors? Councillor Stewart?

CSTE Thank you. I don't know if this is necessarily exactly what we are approving and discussing today, but because of the investment portion that was a part of that policy and is now being taken out, I just have a quick question. Again excuse me if this is out of place, but how come we're longer... I hear from the VPO that with the new banking situation and our new bank that that's going to be helping us save money by just having finances and stuff like that, but isn't investments another way to diversify our income, especially as SAMU, and then why is that being taken off the table or is it in a different form or am I mistaken? Thank you.

CH Thank you, Councillor. Vice President?

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VPO Thank you, Chair. Again, I stepped into the position with the realisation that there would no longer be investments as part of the... As there is none. That part is no longer involved in the policy. However [unclear] is to the first [unclear] revenues and of course return to having an investment in the future, it would no doubt be added to the policy. But as present, if there is none...But if we could go further in deeper for prior to my stepping into this term, we can return back to Director of Finance and our General Manager to speak more in depth on that.

CH Sure. Does the General Manager or the Director of Finance care to supplement that?

DF Sure. I'll supplement first and then Gwen probably wants to make some comments afterwards. So just to clarify, so previously the investments that we had were GICs. That was making around roughly 1% a year, ball park, something like that, and we were able to negotiate for the... When we transferred new banks, that the bank accounts themselves, so the savings accounts, essentially, [unclear], were making more than what we could get for those GICs. So we're making more than double that amount of percentage, so that's why technically there's no investments because that's not considered an investment vehicle.

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And with in regards to just expanding on that future side of things, diversification, yes, that is an item there. But previously what was the main goal for those investments was the preservation of that capital, so making sure that it wasn't losing money because all that money would be used for building a building and from the investment side of things you need a longer time [unclear] to be able to be putting it into things, for example like stocks and bonds and things like that that have that risk of losing money over the short term.

CH Thank you, Director. General Manager, do you care to say anything more? No? Thank you. Councillor Stewart, anything further?

CSTE I just wanted to say thank you for that explanation. It definitely helps clear things up for myself. And just a quick follow up. Is there opportunity to look at different kinds of forms of investments or still opportunity to discuss other ways to diversify that income with this bank and other opportunities that could arise?

CH Thank you. Vice President?

VPO Absolutely. I look forward to taking on that challenge.

CH The answer is yes. Thank you. Councillor Stewart, anything further?

CSTE No, thank you very much, Chair.

CH Thank you. Any other debate? Councillor Dykes?

CD Just to very much rudimentally summarise it, essentially we aren't investing anymore because our accounts, they have a higher interest than if we were investing, correct? For the Vice President Operations.

CH Thank you, Councillor. Vice President?

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VPO Thank you, Chair. Yes, when changing over to the banks, one of the reasons was getting better... One aspect was getting better quality customer care, and we were getting a better return just on the accounts alone versus the investments, as Director of Finance had shared. But of course, again, yes, I would love to diversify [unclear] future to long-term sustainability for this organisation long after I am gone.

CH Thank you, Vice President. Councillor Dykes, anything further?

CD Nothing further, Chair.

CH Thank you. Any other debate? Councillor Drummond?

UM You're up Drummond. Hello? Councillor Drummond?

CDR I'm here. Sorry about that. I don't know how to work my phone. I just had a question on clarification for the VP Ops. From reading the report, what I understand is 100% of our operational surplus will be broken down to say 100% of different funding for the building. My question with that is if we're giving 100% in allocated funding spots, like stated the report, what about if we have any emergency [unclear] for other programs and services. I see it noted in the report, it says for the health and dental funding that in the case of an emergency, there will be sufficient funds for [unclear] students. I'm just wondering about any of our other programs and services that might need emergency funds, what we're going to do about those, if it's all allocated to the building surplus. Thank you, Chair.

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CH Thank you. Vice President?

VPO Thank you, Chair. I believe, and I can redirect that to our Director of Finance, that one part of the contingency is if we ever require to dip into that contingency, which would have to be approved by both the UC and Student Council, that that would help towards any of those emergencies or where required. But I would like to pass that on, back to Director of Finance in case I am missing anything with that. Thank you, Chair.

CH Director of Finance?

DF No, that's completely correct. If there was a need and there wasn't sufficient funds in the operating funding, then it would go to whether or not that was needed, and if it was needed for that particular program or service, that it would be proposed to dip into the contingency fund.

CH Thank you, Director. Councillor Drummond, anything further?

CDR I was just wondering if that was to be the case, do we know which part of the budget allocation that we would be dipping into or would it be [unclear] to create smaller area for just emergency funds rather than trying to figure that out on the spot if it does happen? Thank you, Chair.

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CH Vice President?

VPO Thank you, Chair. I will redirect that to Director of Finance to speak on that.

CH Director of Finance? Did you hear the question?

DF Yes, maybe just a lack of understanding, but I'll think of what I'm interpreting it as. There is a separate fund that I was showing right now on a slide there that we already have, it's almost like a separate bank account of funds for rainy days such as something that you were mentioning, if there as a severe need for program and service funding that wasn't available through the regular bank account.

CH Fair enough. Thank you. Councillor Drummond, anything further?

CDR No, that's all. Thank you, Chair.

CH Thank you. Councillors, is there any further debate? Councillor Strayer?

CST The way it was before or the way it currently is before this policy, building fund surplus, any surplus went towards the building. Am I correct?

CH Vice President?

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VPO Thank you, Chair. I will pass this back to Director of Finance to help clarify for Councillor.

CH Director of Finance?

DF Yes, as long as, for example, again that big contingency fund is fully funded. So when there's increases in the budget, the following year after that, the contingency fund has to be built up slightly more, so then that's where the funding would happen within there to get that there. Other than that, yes, it was that 100% of that would go to the building fund.

CH Thank you, Director. Councillor Strayer, anything further?

CST So for the sake of clarity, I'm sorry if I'm beating a dead horse, 80% of surplus went into the building, and then there was 20% that went to what have you, so far as the contingency fund was full. I'm correct?

CH Thank you, Councillor Strayer. I guess we're directing that to the director?

VPO Thank you Chair. Yes.

CH Director of Finance?

DF Yes, so it would go to the contingency, and then how it was worded previously is that any excess that was not needed to refill or fill up the contingency fund would then go back into the building fund again. So anything of excess at all, once all these funds are filled, would go back into the building fund.

CH Thank you, Director. Councillor Strayer, anything further?

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CST So as Councillor Drummond broke down, maintenance, [unclear] major expenditures, that adds up to 100%. The contingency fund and the top-up policy continues to exist in this new policy. Am I correct? Thank you, Chair.

CH Thank you, Councillor Strayer. That's what I'm understanding. Am I...? Yes. So I'm seeing nodding heads, yes.

CST Okay, I'm content. Thank you.

CH Councillors, any other debate? Good debate, thank you. The question is on the adoption of the motion to approve the finance policy on the recommendation of the Budget and Finance Committee. All those in favour? Thank you. And opposed? Motion carries.

Item 7.3... Back to 7.1 Audit Committee. So councillors, we have one vacancy on the Audit Committee, and for the benefit of those who are new to council, the procedure that we go through here is we take nominations for the one position. Anyone can be nominated, and the process to nominate an individual is you will raise your placard and you may nominate someone else or yourself. Once the nomination is made, I will direct a question to that individual that has been nominated to confirm whether or not they would accept that nomination.

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Once all of the nominations and acceptances are documented, each individual who has accepted a nomination will be given 30 seconds to make their case for why they should be appointed to that committee. We will follow in the order in which individuals were nominated and accepted. Once the speeches are made, then we will pass around ballots, and you will write in the name of the candidate that you wish to fill the position on the Audit Committee. Is that clear to everyone or are there any questions? Clear? Councillors Vasquez and Mirza? Good? So we will open nominations now. Vice President?

VPO Thank you, Chair. I move to appoint Councillor Mirza to the Audit Committee for the term ending October 31st, 2019.

CH Vice President, we'll just deal with nominations right now, so perhaps you care to nominate Councillor Mirza?

VPO I apologise, yes I would like to amend that.

CH So you can just make the nomination.

VPO I would like to nominate Councillor Mirza.

CH Thank you Vice President. Councillor Mirza, do you accept?

CMI Yes.

CH Thank you. Any other nominations? Councillor Stewart?

CSTE Thank you, Chair. I would like to nominate Councillor Vasquez to the Audit Committee.

CH Thank you Councillor. Councillor Vasquez, do you accept?

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CVA At this time I'd like to decline.

CH Thank you. Councillors, any other nominations? No? So Councillor Mirza, you get 30 seconds, right now.

CMI I guess having a background in business as a marketing student, I feel like I can add to the committee. This is really hard on the spot. I guess I have an interest. That's why I chose business. I feel like this is a really good committee for me to start on as a new councillor.

CH Good speech. Thank you, Councillor. We will pass around the ballots, and instead of marking Councillor Mirza's name, you will just mark a yes or a no. Is that clear? Mark a yes or a no. So yes to Councillor Mirza being on the Audit Committee or no to Councillor Mirza being on the Audit Committee.

Order. Thank you. Councillor Ruiz?

CRU I move to appoint Councillor Mirza to the Audit Committee for the term ending October 31st, 2019.

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CH Thank you, Councillor. And a second? Councillor Hassan, thank you. It has been moved and seconded to appoint Councillor Mirza to the Audit Committee for a term ending October 31st, 2019. 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. Before we move on to the next item, shout out to the person who wrote yaass on the ballot. Not that I encourage that, but it made me laugh.

Just have order, please. Item eight, Consultation, no items there. Item nine, Evaluation. We'll pass out the forms.

Anyone still filling in forms? No? Order. Item ten, Recognition. Councillor Dykes?

CDY I would like to recognise the Executive Committee. I notice they are promoting SAMU a lot more on social media, and I'd like to recognise that. It's great. I know the VP External, the VP Student Life, VP Ops, everyone essentially, has been posting regularly. The VP External, for instance, made an event for this and invited a large amount of people so they could come and be part of Students' Council or observe it and see what's behind the governance. I think that's amazing and that definitely falls within the VP External's goals.

CH Any other recognition? Councillor Ruiz?

CRU Thank you, Chair. I would like to recognise everyone for being here, and I also want to congratulate our newly appointed councillors. I look forward to working with you as well, and I also want to welcome Councillor Mirza as the chair of Audit Committee and on behalf of the other members to welcome her to the Audit Committee.

Lastly, I also want to recognise our VPA for his convocation today, and lastly, the president for going to all of the ceremonies and for getting up to congratulate me and hug me yesterday during my convocation. It really meant a lot, so thank you.

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CH Any other recognition? Vice President?

VPO I'd like to recognise Councillor Ruiz and just congratulate him on his graduation. I apologise. [Unclear]. He was already recognised.

CH Any other recognition? Councillor Strayer?

CST I would like to recognise the Vice President Academic and the president for their commitment to the Academic Freedom of Speech policy that they are currently writing with GFS.

VPE That's me.

CST Is it you? I'm sorry, our Vice President External for their commitment to that. It's near and dear to my heart, and I think it's important for both academics and students alike.

CH Any other recognition? Councillor Stewart?

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CSTE Thank you, Chair. I would like to recognise the executives or anyone else here who participated in painting the crosswalks in honour of Pride Month with the pride and the trans flags. They look beautiful, and it's a lot of fun. And it definitely is a great availability to support our community in that way and show our support.

As well I would also like to thank all of the execs for their detailed reports. I definitely wanted to thank Sean. I thought his was particularly detailed, and I really appreciated that. I'm sorry, our Vice President Academic for their report.

CH Any other recognition? Vice President?

VPA Thank you Chair. I would just like to recognise the level of preparation from the councillors today, especially, not to single anyone out too much in the finance policy because I noticed a lot of contributions are on there, but Councillor Strayer and Councillor Stewart had a lot of input on that. I think with a policy that is that important and has that much consequence behind it, we should be very scrupulous when we're looking at it. I appreciate that scrupulousness.

CH Any other recognition? President?

PR I just want to recognise that the VP Academic's hair looked incredible during his convocation this morning. I just wanted to say that, congratulations.

CH Any other recognition? No? Is Councillor Drummond wanting to recognise?

CDR Thank you, Chair. I'd just like to recognise that Councillor Strayer [unclear] to accommodate me at work and made being a wildfire firefighter as a council member possible. So thank you, Councillor Strayer.

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CH Any other recognition? No? I always get the last word in recognition, and I just want to recognise council for a good debate today. I think we dealt with a little bit Robert's Rules Jiu Jitsu, and we did it fairly well. Good debate on the motions. And I want to recognise my one-year-old daughter who now thinks that her farts are funny. It's really, really cute. So we'll just leave it at that. Item 11 Adjournment. We need a motion? Vice President? Do you care to make the motion?

UF Thank you Chair. I motion to adjourn.

CH You move to adjourn? Thank you. This motion only requires one mover. It's not debatable. All those in favour? Thank you. And opposed? Motion carries. This meeting is adjourned.

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