

**Agenda for the Students' Council Meeting of the
Students' Association of MacEwan University
July 17, 2019 at 6:00pm in room #7-297E**

In Attendance:

Cole Baker, Vice President External
Ruan Bouwer, Councillor
Rachelle Drummond, Councillor
Myles Dykes, Councillor
Ahsan Hassan, Councillor
Jaden Melech, Councillor
Kiran Mirza, Councillor
Spencer Newton, Councillor
Ryley Osadchuk, President
Luis Ruiz, Councillor
Michael Simpson, Councillor
Aubrianna Snow, Vice President Student Life

Alycia Stewart, Councillor
Kent Strayer, Councillor
Andrea Turner, Vice President Operations
Stephan Vasquez, Councillor
Sean Waddingham, Vice President Academic
Matthew Yanish, Councillor
vacant, Councillor

SAMU Officials and Council Support:
Timothy Jobs, Chair
Alan Honey, Governance Advisor

Meeting called to order at.

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2. Approvals

2.1 MOTION TO APPROVE THE AGENDA FOR JULY 17, 2019

2.2 MOTION TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF JUNE 19, 2019

3. Presentations

3.1. Ombuds Presentation – Cathryn Heslep

4. For Information

4.1. Reports

4.1.1. President

4.1.2. Vice President Academic

4.1.3. Vice President External

4.1.4. Vice President Operations & Finance

4.1.5. Vice President Student Life

4.1.6.

4.2. Executive Committee Minutes

Minutes of May 29, June 5, 12, 18, 19 & 26, 2019 provided.

5. Question Period

5.1. Written Questions

5.2. Oral Questions

6. In Camera Period

6.1 Chief Returning Officer

MOTION TO GO IN CAMERA

VPSL/

7. Motions & Business Orders of the Day

7.1. Chief Returning Officer

***MOTION TO APPOINT _____ AS CHIEF RETURNING OFFICER FOR A TERM ENDING
APRIL 30, 2020***

VPSL/

Favour:

Oppose:

7.2.

8. Consultation

8.1

9. Evaluation

9.1. <https://forms.gle/gCbMs5ozumL1b7rXA>

10. Recognition

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11. Adjournment

MOTION TO ADJOURN

Next Meeting Date: August 21, 2019

Meeting adjourned at:

**Minutes for the Students' Council Meeting of the
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June 19, 2019 at 6:00pm in room #7-279**

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2. Approvals

2.1 MOTION

TO APPROVE THE AGENDA FOR JUNE 19, 2019

STRAYER/VPO

MOTION

TO AMEND THE AGENDA TO ADD 6.1 COUNCILLOR VACANCIES AND 7.3 COUNCILLOR VACANCIES

VPSL/DYKES

CARRIED

MOTION

TO AMEND THE AGENDA TO MOVE 7.1 TO 7.4

RUIZ/STRAYER

CARRIED

CARRIED

2.2 MOTION

TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF MAY 18, 2019

RUIZ/NEWTON

CARRIED

3. Presentations

4. For Information

4.1. Reports

4.1.1. President

As presented.

4.1.2. Vice President Academic

OER conference update.

4.1.3. Vice President External

As presented.

4.1.4. Vice President Operations & Finance

As presented.

4.1.5. Vice President Student Life

As presented.

4.2. Executive Committee Minutes

Minutes of May 8, 13, and 22, 2019 provided.

5. Question Period

5.1. Written Questions

Newton – for the VP External, what input did you provide to the GFC in regard to the proposed actions for the Freedom of Speech/Expression policy? Furthermore, to what extent have you consulted students on campus regarding this policy?

Vpe – I asked GFC what method is being proposed to discuss the creation of policy and how students are being involved. For example, I asked if an ad hoc committee was being formed or if student groups would be consulted. The vote at GFC wasn't regarding the method/ who was involved with the policy making, more so regarding them deciding to do something – What that something is has not been decided as of yet. I have not consulted students at this point as the government has not released the specifics of the ask for the policy and it doesn't make sense to consult with students when the full picture is not clear for anybody at this point. What I have done is bring this up at the SAMU EC/MacEwan President and Vice-Presidents team meeting and I reiterated the importance of the student voice and its necessity when creating policy. John McGrath and Michelle Plouffe have personally guaranteed to me that there will be student representation or consultation (Depending on the format chosen) once the specifications of the ask are released.

Dykes - I want to ask all members of the EC what their election goals were, how they have changed, and how far they have come on them.

Vpe – I have my platform fully printed on my office wall and it is colour-coded with what has been completed, what is to be done, and what has not been started. In addition to that I also have issues brought up from the FB AMA on there as well as a daily reminder of the commitments I have made to students. I have quite a lengthy platform in which I would be more than happy to go over with anyone who wishes to see my progress as I have either

started or completed everything on my list with the exception of my point 4: Advocating for continued transportation and accessibility for students. This goal is contingent on if the Edmonton Students' Alliance (ESA) reforming because its proven quite difficult to advocate to the municipal government about these issues without the backing of Edmonton's institutions. I do have a meeting on the way with ETS in regard to bus routes changing and the effect on students so I am actively working on this goal, but it is proving difficult. Below is my platform:

Platform:

1. Increasing transparency and ensuring that MacEwan student's interests and concerns are heard
 - a. Facilitating an open-door policy
 - b. Encouraging other VPs and the President in engaging in an open-door policy
 - c. Creating a campaign where students can engage with the VPE in a more personable way
 - d. Promoting the position in order to create awareness and education surrounding the title so students know where to go
 - i. Promoting the VPE/SAMU Executive Committee office space
 - ii. Promoting the VPE reports and where to find them
 - iii. Promoting the Students' Council posted audio records
2. Working with local, provincial, and federal government, as well as other institutions, in order to share best practices and build upon existing frameworks
 - a. Attending conferences and meetups to build relationships and understand best practices
 - b. Collaborating with other institutions and strengthening the student voice to the government
 - c. Attending political meetups, regardless of political positioning, and advocating on your behalf
3. Building relationships with the newly elected members of government in power, post federal and provincial elections
 - a. Securing a good working relationship with government officials in order for our voice to be heard
 - b. Under the Post-Secondary Act section 93, it states that all post-secondary institutions (with 1 exception) shall establish a Students Association. With this potentially being brought into question, I will work on establishing a connection with the government in power and demonstrate our importance as an association and our impact on students
 - c. Attending events where representatives are present and advocating on behalf of students
4. Advocating for continued transportation and accessibility for students to get to the institution
 - a. Demonstrating the need for accessibility to the school given that students already incur large costs to attend MacEwan University

- b. Collaborating with the municipal government in efforts to demonstrate and advocate for said need
 - c. Promoting accessible transport options for students who require transport services, such as DATS
- 5. Advocating for continued mental health support
 - a. Demonstrating to the government the continued need for mental health support/services
 - b. Advocating for continued funding
- 6. Advocating for predictable tuition and work experience for international students
 - a. Building upon Bill 19, which has made tuition predictable for domestic students, creating a similar framework for international students
 - b. Advocating for the increased ability and accessibility for international students to work/ participate in coops, and internships

Vpsl - My election goals were to raise awareness of the essential programs and services that SAMU provides to students and to continue advocating for increased accessibility to a great university experience for students of all backgrounds and abilities. I also campaigned on improving mental health services and creating a more open culture in discussing some of the struggles that students are facing.

My goals have since largely remained the same, though I have also decided to add reviving Sex Week to the list of things I hope to accomplish this year. Planning of that initiative is going extremely well. My goal of raising awareness has also been going well. We're looking at rolling out an awareness piece in the agenda for the coming year, and I've also been discussing ways to expand the reach of this campaign into MacEwan's online territory. Obviously, a big piece of this goal will come once students are back on campus in the fall and the rest of EC and I can get out and interact with folks on a face-to-face level.

The accessibility point is a goal that's somewhat less tangible, but I feel that I have been making progress on it. I've had some meaningful discussions on accessibility, both with staff around the office and with folks from MacEwan. Nearly everyone I've spoken to on the subject has also identified this as a goal of theirs, which is promising. I'm hoping to be able to partake more in various accessibility initiatives throughout the year, and I will keep Council updated on my progress.

My goals related to mental health have also been an ongoing process - I had some very meaningful conversations with folks at Gallivan (our insurance provider) about the importance of providing reliable mental health services to students and their capacity for future growth of their services in this area, and I've also connected with Wellness & Psychological Services on how we might work together in the coming year. As well, I feel that I've been contributing to a more open culture around mental health and student accessibility issues in my sharing of some of the struggles that I've faced in adjusting to university life; and as always, my door is open for anyone who would like to discuss any piece of this or any of the struggles that they may be facing!

Vpo - Goals:

- The new building is still the largest part of the portfolio, and will continue to be even after it opens. We anticipated more meetings closer to opening with all committees

involved in the project. Now, already, there is greater frequency than foreseen, and it is good. More meetings with parties involved keeps all communications open and the ball rolling smoothly.

- Reviewing policies and procedures as our building comes to fruition. Investigating if there any adjustments or improvements to be made is ongoing.
- All gender washrooms for buildings 9 and 11, and we have had very good news on that front. That is a-go!
- Accessibility, and always improving that accessibility at MacEwan is important to all of us students. SAMU staff and my predecessor have assured VP Operations & Finance that our new building was created in mind with both sustainability and accessibility in mind. However, it does not hurt have some foresight for any potential gaps. I am also not only keeping it in mind for our SAMU building, but MacEwan's Master Plan as well. Improving ourselves all the time never hurts.
- Getting students involved and raising awareness of what the Student Association can do to help them is important. Especially when someone face trying times. Knowing SAMU resources and where to find them can aid greatly. As someone who is in an Internal Affairs position versus the other Execs I was excited to discover Councillor days, and being able to visit folks on campus. Adding to my goals, is going mobile once a month to connect with the students of my role and what SAMU can do.
- As per my above goal, getting students involved through running for EC and SC by running the Campaign Workshop 101 again, and seeing room for improvements on that front. More students in elections enhances involvement. Though that is some ways off, starting by networking with my peers I believe will boost this goal long run.
- Sustainability in both greener practices and diversifying revenues is a big part of my research and planning both with staff and other sources. I have presently been in touch with fellow VP Operations & Finance Executives in sharing information in successes in these areas of their portfolios. Discovering the most viable options.

5.2. Oral Questions

6. In Camera Period

6.1 Councillor vacancies

MOTION TO GO IN CAMERA

VPSL/DYKES

CARRIED

MOTION TO GO OUT OF CAMERA

DYKES/BOUWER

CARRIED

7. Motions & Business Orders of the Day

7.1. Audit Committee

MOTION TO APPOINT COUNCILLOR MIRZA TO THE AUDIT COMMITTEE FOR A TERM ENDING OCTOBER 31, 2019

RUIZ/DYKES

MOTION TO POSTPONE THIS ITEM UNTIL AFTER WE DEAL WITH THE NEXT TWO ITEMS

RUIZ/HASSAN

Favour: Vpe, Bouwer, Drummond, Dykes, Hassan, Melech, Newton, Pres, Ruiz, Simpson, Vpsl, Stewart, Strayer, Turner, Vpa, Yanish

CARRIED

Nominee: Mirza

Favour: Vpe, Bouwer, Drummond, Dykes, Hassan, Melech, Newton, Pres, Ruiz, Simpson, Vpsl, Stewart, Strayer, Turner, Vpa, Yanish, Mirza, Vasquez

RUIZ/HASSAN

CARRIED

7.2. Councillor Vacancies

MOTION TO APPOINT STEPHAN VASQUEZ & KIRAN MIRZA AS COUNCILLORS EFFECTIVE JUNE 20, 2019 FOR A TERM ENDING OCTOBER 31, 2019

VPSL/PRES

MOTION TO AMEND THE MOTION TO STRIKE '20' AND ADD '19'

VPSL/SIMPSON

Favour: Vpe, Bouwer, Drummond, Dykes, Hassan, Melech, Newton, Pres, Ruiz, Simpson, Vpsl, Stewart, Strayer, Turner, Vpa, Yanish

CARRIED

*Motion now reads:

MOTION TO APPOINT STEPHAN VASQUEZ & KIRAN MIRZA AS COUNCILLORS EFFECTIVE JUNE 19, 2019 FOR A TERM ENDING OCTOBER 31, 2019

Favour: Vpe, Bouwer, Drummond, Dykes, Hassan, Melech, Newton, Pres, Ruiz, Simpson, Vpsl, Stewart, Strayer, Turner, Vpa, Yanish

CARRIED

7.3. Finances and Investments policy

**MOTION TO APPROVE THE FINANCE POLICY ON THE RECOMMENDATION OF THE
BUDGET AND FINANCE COMMITTEE**

VPO/NEWTON

*Recess for 5 minutes

Favour: Vpe, Bouwer, Drummond, Dykes, Hassan, Melech, Newton, Pres, Ruiz, Simpson, Vpsl,
Stewart, Strayer, Turner, Vpa, Yanish, Mirza, Vasquez

CARRIED

8. Consultation

9. Evaluation

10. Recognition

11. Adjournment

MOTION TO ADJOURN

VPO

CARRIED

Next Meeting Date: July 17, 2019

Meeting adjourned at 7:15pm.

Students' Council Report

President
July 17, 2019

Councillors,

Please accept the following document as my official report for the period of June 13th, 2019 to July 11th, 2019.

Projects & Initiatives

Ponoka Campus Outreach

Early in my term, the Chair of the Psychiatric Nursing program at MacEwan University contacted me to discuss outreach opportunities to the Ponoka campus. Upon consultation with stakeholders at the Ponoka campus and the Executive Committee, it had been confirmed that members of the Executive Committee will be providing physical outreach to their campus community starting in September. To reiterate, the Executive Committee will be commuting to the Ponoka campus for one full day on a bi-monthly basis to meet with students.

Committees

Leadership and Engagement Committee (LEC)

In the past month, the Leadership and Engagement Committee has met twice and finalized a team building activity for Students' Council to participate in at the end of August.

Other Business

Convocation

I was provided with the opportunity to attend and speak at six convocation ceremonies in June.

Council of Alberta University Students (CAUS) Annual General Meeting

The Vice President External and I hosted CAUS at MacEwan University before Student Leaders Orientation.

Student Leaders Orientation

The Vice President External and I attended Alberta's Student Leaders Orientation, which was hosted at Government House in Edmonton on June 24th and June 25th, 2019. Minister of Advanced Education, Demetrios Nicolaides, provided us with a presentation on the first day, and proceeded to take questions after.

External Advocacy Meetings

The External Advocacy Coordinator, Vice President External, and I have been busy scheduling and attending meetings with Members of the Legislative Assembly (MLA), including MLA David Shepherd, MLA David Eggen, and MLA Lori Sigurdson.

Closing Remarks

In Solidarity,
Ryley Osadchuk (they/them)
President, Students' Association of MacEwan University

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Submitted July 11, 2019
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Students' Council Report

Vice President Academic July 17, 2019

Greetings Council,

Below is my report detailing what has happened between June 13th and July 11th.

Committees

School of Continuing Education Council

I visited Alberta College Campus for the first time to attend this meeting. A presentation was given about MacEwan's new travel policy, new courses were approved, and there was a lengthy discussion about the transition from the ACC building to Allard Hall.

Research Ethics Board

I received training info and the meeting schedule for the 2019/20 term.

Student Systems Joint Operations Committee (SSJOC)

I received the meeting schedule for the 2019/20 term.

Information Technology Management Committee

I received the meeting schedule for the 2019/20 term.

Policy Advisory Group

I received the meeting schedule for the 2019/20 term.

Dean of FAS Search Committee

I received the meeting schedule for the year.

Other Business

NSO and Fall Fest Planning

I met with EC team to go over details about both events.

CAUS Counterparts Planning

I assisted with planning the CAUS Counterparts conference that will occur in a few weeks.

Students on Committees Reform Project

I have addressed concerns I had with the committee application website. Edits have been made to allow students to upload a class schedule, and the correct list of committees available is now shown. Also, the links to the actual page were small and kind of hidden so they've been turned into buttons. Further, I have begun an excel sheet to find the best fitting committees for students based on their schedule and experience.

Student Code of Conduct Project

There is now a new first draft of the Student Code of Conduct. It resolves a lot of the issues that the previous code of conduct had, such as vagueness and conflicting with other conduct policies. We will continue to work on it and give feedback throughout the next few weeks.

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Submitted July 11th, 2019

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Campaigns

I have begun serious planning on all 3 of my campaigns; the OER information campaign, the Be Book Smart campaign, and the Committee Recruitment campaign. Working with marketing, I've started developing the key messages and materials required for each. Further, I have a meeting scheduled with Frankie Billingsley from the Student Financial Aid Office to discuss how we can support their Giving Campaign and to get information on the statistics/data that they've gathered about students financial needs. I hope to use this information in a needs assessment around textbook alternatives and open textbooks.

SAMU Executives on Committees – Terms of Reference Issue

In progress; see last report for more information. I will discuss this with the Provost on my Monday meeting with him.

Model UN Club Funding from MacEwan International

MacEwan International has expanded bursaries for study-abroad students to allow MacEwan UN Club members who are travelling internationally to apply. It is my hope that this is expanded to other clubs that travel internationally (for example, the Rotaract Club), but I am very happy about this initial change, since international travel can have unwieldy costs for many students.

Closing Remarks

The summertime is rather slow since committee work has dried up for the summer months, and so I've found myself mainly focused on planning campaigns. I'm going to continue some campaigns that Robbie and Jackie began, and add some campaign ideas of my own. I'm hoping to take the last few year's campaigns to another level and try to get them to be more visible, so that they have a greater impact on students. I think advocating for these campaigns in person will be fruitful; handbills are good, but showing face when it comes to these campaigns whether through tabling or presentations can only make them better.

Sean Waddingham
Vice President Academic – 2019/2020
Students' Association of MacEwan University

Students' Council Report

Vice President External
July 17, 2019

Councillors, I've outlined in this report my actions since our previous meeting. I hope it finds you well.

Events/Conferences

Student Leaders Orientation

I attended the Student Leaders Orientation which was put on by the government – more specifically the Ministry of Advanced Education. We had a Q&A with the Minister of Advanced Education where we discussed Post-Secondary concerns. Furthermore, there was a strong emphasis on red-tape reduction and freedom of expression policy (based upon the Chicago Principles).

Council of Alberta University Students MLA Mixer

CAUS put on a MLA mixer in order for the student leaders to meet MLAs. I had very fruitful conversations with many MLAs as well as some ministers. The Minister of Advanced Education as well as the Associate Minister of Red Tape Reduction was present. No NDP MLAs were present at the event but they were invited.

Meetings/Committees

National Advocacy Committee with CASA

I was previously elected onto this committee. We had our first meeting discussing Federal Get Out The Vote (GOTV) strategy.

MacEwan E-Learning Committee

This was the first ever meeting for this committee so we primarily discussed its structure and the previous methods of fund distribution for e-learning maintenance and creation.

Students' Council Review Committee (SCRC)

I chaired my first SCRC meeting where we had conversations in regard to the feedback from councillors from previous SC meetings.

MLA Meeting with David Shepard

Mr. Shepard received a tour of MacEwan with a special emphasis on SAMU services. We then discussed some of our advocacy priorities.

We met Mr. Eggen at his constituency office. There, we discussed some of our advocacy priorities.

United Way Committee

The MacEwan United Way Committee met and discussed its yearly goals. The committee is keen for the student perspective and learning about current SAMU initiatives.

Governance Review Meeting

EC, the GM, and the Governance Advisor, met with Linda (an external consultant) to discuss our current policy and potential inefficiencies paired with some suggested edits. This will be an ongoing discussion.

Leadership and Engagement Committee (LEC)

I attended this committee as an observer and learned about current and upcoming initiatives.

MLA Meeting with Lori Sigurdson

We met with Ms. Sigurdson at her constituency office and discussed our priorities. We also discussed her time at MacEwan as a professor.

Arts and Science Dean Search – Meeting with Consulting Firm

EC chatted with a representative from a consulting firm in regard to what students would like to see in the new Dean of Arts and Science.

Counterparts Planning Committee

I am on the planning committee for the upcoming Counterparts meeting with CAUS. We had our first meeting where we discussed and approved the outline of the conference.

Other Business

Farewell BBQ for the President

Myself, alongside our EC team, attended an indoor BBQ to say goodbye to Dr. Deborah Saucier. We had the opportunity to speak with her and wish her well on behalf of the association.

Executive Committee Photoshoot

Our Marketing and Communications team provided us with a photoshoot to give a face to our names on social media and the website.



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Closing Remarks

This month I have been working hard at developing my campaigns alongside my other initiatives. I encourage you all to come ask or submit questions, if you have any, in regard to this report! If you have made it this far, please email me the word "spoon" to the below email address. My office is always open to you and I value your input; therefore, don't be a stranger!

Cheers,

Cole Baker, Vice President External
Students' Association of MacEwan University
savpexternal@macewan.ca

Students' Council Report

Vice President Operations & Finance
July 17, 2019

Projects & Initiatives

SAMU Building

The work continues! The meetings surrounding the building and preparations for SAMU staff to transition in the future is ongoing in the office. Transferring over to the new location requires much planning to ensure the services and supports for our students will be ready and raring to go when the building opens.

Sessions this past month I attended were SAMU Joint Steering Committee, SAMU Risk Committee, Bi-Weekly with the Project Manager, and meetings regarding reviews and updates on Furniture, Fixtures, and Equipment (FFE) for our building to function. These were some of my first meetings regarding FFE, and it is fascinating to see all the equipment needed and how the plans came about.

The closer the time gets to opening, the more frequency of the sessions together will be occurring. The warmer weather and higher volume of workers on site has increased construction and with that includes considering any risks that can occur during summer months. Such as the nature of construction. The meetings regarding the building itself and the risks involved have been pretty status quo. Communications on all aspects have been well streamlined with the regularity of the meetings, ensuring all parties involved are on the same page of the progress

Please note the Pedway Closure is extending for an extra week. It will reopen Monday, July 29th, 2019.

Committees

Bylaws and Policy Committee

I was excited that we recently had our first meeting. We have updated and revamped the work plan from the last session BPC had prior to my transition to the position of VP Operations & Finance, and are ready to get to work. There will be much to be done, but your committee team is very keen to take on the tasks at hand. One of our biggest projects in due course is the Governance Review Project. EC's have recently received a draft from our consultant for reading and reviewing. There is a wealth of information to go over before bringing it forward to BPC.

U-PASS (my error)

I apologize for a mistake I have noted. There had been an email update letting folks know that the U-PASS meeting that had a tentative date for later in June was in fact regards to reconciliations for the UPASS, and not for the UPASS Advisory Committee.

Sorry for the error on my part. My first meeting is still upcoming. And I am still very excited for it.

Other Business

Fiscal End

In realizing of how much my portfolio is behind the scenes with the Finance and Operations Departments, it also comes with the Fiscal end for SAMU. In between meetings and the usual duties, I have been working diligently with Finance on the year end and with that comes metrics, goals, variances, and adjusting entries.

Events

I have had meetings with my fellow EC's regarding the upcoming events NSO and Fall Fest. My first time I will be attending as an EC and not as a volunteer. I am very excited!

I have had the opportunity to attend events on campus and meet more of the MacEwan staff in the past weeks. Among them had been our now past MacEwan President's farewell BBQ. Welcome back lunch for a staff returning from maternity leave. And finally a breakfast with MSA regarding their Code of Conduct and Right to Work Ideology for their staff.

It has been a both pleasure and privilege to get to know MacEwan staff across campus.

Closing Remarks

Already two months are gone! Wow, time flies doesn't it!?

Whether you're are working, or here on campus as a student, or both, I hope the summer months are treating you all very well. And! That you all get some time for yourselves, a chance to relax and have fun.

Thank you to the councillors and students who stop by the office or in the halls to chat and touch base. I am learning a great deal from you all, whether it is some information or insights to share, to just letting me know how you are doing and the stories about you. I enjoy those moments immensely.

In Solidarity,

Andrea Turner

Students' Council Report

Vice President Student Life July 17th, 2019

Hello, everyone!

Below is my report detailing events that occurred between June 12th and July 10th.

Projects & Initiatives

Mental Health

I have met with Tory Pino, manager of Wellness and Psychological Services, several times over the last month. We have primarily been working on the draft Student Mental Health Strategy that MacEwan is seeking to release in 2020. I have offered significant feedback on the draft, including the suggestion of greater student representation on the Student Mental Health Working Group. If being a part of this working group is something that you might like to take on, please get in touch. Tory and I have also been discussing the possibility of collaboration on some mental health initiatives/events throughout the year.

Sex Week

I am pleased to announce that I have confirmed all presenters for Sex Week events. I am looking forward to planning the rest of this initiative and will provide further updates as planning continues to progress.

Committees

Appointment Advisory Committee

Seven candidates applied for the CRO position and AAC selected two of these candidates for interviews. Both candidates were exceptionally qualified for the role and the recommendation decision was a difficult one to make. I look forward to seeing the successful candidate in their new role.

Grants Allocation Sub-Committee

In its June 24th meeting, GASC approved three Social Innovation Institute membership grants. This meeting also allowed for valuable discussion on refining the grants application process.

Sexual Violence Awareness Week Planning Committee

This committee met on June 26th to finalize details for MacEwan's 2019 Sexual Violence Awareness Week. It is shaping up to be a great series of events, and I am excited to play a more significant role in planning some of the events as we break into sub-committees to continue our work.

Other Business

Honoring Indigenous Birth – Kihew Waciston

I had the opportunity to attend this very reflective event held by Kihew Waciston, where I participated in my first pipe ceremony and worked on building connections with our Indigenous students and with the great folks at KW.

VPSL Report to Students' Council

Submitted July 10th, 2019

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I met with Lynn Wells on June 17th to update her on my progress during my time in office and to get a better sense of her goals for the year and how we can collaborate. We also discussed how we might work together in better promoting SAMU's programs and services via MacEwanLife.

Mental Health Strategy Consultant Meeting

After my discussions with Tory Pino about the draft Student Mental Health Strategy and related documents, a meeting was organized where I raised some of my concerns directly with the consultant working with Pino and Wells on the strategy. She was quite receptive to my suggestions, and I look forward to seeing how these are implemented in the final draft.

Student Ombudsperson Meeting

I had a very productive meeting with Cathryn Heslep on June 26th where we discussed the specific duties of our roles, how they interact, and how we can best support each other. Cathryn is an incredibly knowledgeable person and an excellent resource for students. I encourage you to reach out to her and introduce yourself if you have not already done so!

Researching How Cultural Forms Support Reconciliation Symposium

I attended a few workshops of this symposium throughout the week of July 2nd – 5th, which presented a great opportunity to learn about reconciliation and how institutions can best support Indigenous students through the implementation of Indigenous ways of being, doing, and knowing at an institutional and classroom level. I look forward to attending other events throughout the year that will allow me to broaden my knowledge on how best to support students of all backgrounds.

Closing Remarks

The start of the academic year is fast approaching, and plans are starting to take shape! We have lots to do between now and September, and I am excited to see all our work come to fruition. As always, please reach out via email, social media, or phone (or drop by the office!) if you would like to chat about anything. Enjoy the rest of your summer!

Warm regards,

Aubrianna Snow
Vice President Student Life
Students' Association of MacEwan University

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Cole Baker, VP External (regrets)

Andrea Turner, VP Operations & Finance
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Gwen Bauer, General Manager (regrets)
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1. Call to Order: 10:02am
2. Approval Minutes for: May 22, 2019

**VPO/VPSL
CARRIED**

3. Approval of Agenda –

**VPSL/VPO
CARRIED**

TOPIC	DISCUSSION	ACTION/MOTION
1. Consultation on NSO	VPSL –improv during speech time VPO – health, dental, upass, governance, spin the wheel. Q&A VPA – interactive table, textbook whiteboard (how much books are and what they could have bought instead) Speech – booksmart campaign, committee membership/application	VPO – send tips and tricks to VPA around experience with first year
2. Outstanding Action Items		
3. President's Report	tabled	
4. VP Academic's Report	Mtg w/ Dean of Health and Community studies, Dean of faculty Fine Arts, Dean of Business. Conference Updated whiteboard with goals	
5. VP External's Report	tabled	
6. VP Operations Report	Impromptu meetings Mtg w/ Security Session around Fraud Mtg w/ Roundhouse Mtg with predecessor Painting Pride crosswalk Policy forum Feedback from students around MacEwan, Annual report Scheduling over the next year USAU reconnection Change direction on change management Research and planning	
7. VP Student Life's Report	SSD & Natalie – speak at welcome event, GASC – event approved, interviews councilor candidates, collaborate for Fall	

		Fest, PSMHC, BFC, sex week with Jaime and Marlana, painted crosswalk, policy forum, mtg with director of hospitality.	
8.	GM report & Dashboards	tabled	
9.	Recognition	VPSL – for bringing back sex week VPA – chairing event Pres – for bridging between SC & EC	

4. Adjournment

Time: 10:20am

**Minutes for the Executive Committee Meeting of the
Students' Association of MacEwan University
June 5, 2019 @ 9:00am**

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1. Call to Order: 10:04am
2. Approval of Agenda
**VPE/VPA
CARRIED**

TOPIC	DISCUSSION	ACTION/MOTION
1. Consultation on NSO	<p>VPA – What do you want to do for NSO (booth and speech)? Focus on book smart campaign, interactive and fun booth, guess the book cost. Engage around committee seats. Idea of middle ground, purchase some textbooks but books are expensive, and students should know about their options</p> <p>VPE – more interaction and engagement from EC during speeches. Like to see each exec speak, SAMU known for having the best swag, handbills for key services, exec roles, SC roles. SAMU in past has had a power point presentation</p>	<p>-What current collateral is there -discussion around what to make Petition for first year students regarding textbook costs -powerpoint for nso</p>
2. Consultation on Provost Meeting	<p>VPA- meeting with provost today. -Weird term limits on committees. Ie. Technically don't sit on committees until September but have been since May. Unable to sit in camera and unable to vote. -Librarian regarding OER project – performance metrics. Creation vs adoption grant -Club funding – clubs with experiential and outbound learning would be eligible for funding from the provost</p> <p>VPE – already have a grant on campus that is underutilized. Would like to see the provost emphasize on international opportunities. Talks regarding adoption grants for OER?</p> <p>GM – we do not want to create any barriers; we currently have a conference grant. Supplement that rather than creating a new process. Clubs live under SAMU and we should be involved in the process. Do not want things that duplicate what SAMU is already doing</p>	<p>Vpa to meet with provost and report to EC</p>
3. Consultation on Social Media Presence	<p>VPE- counselor Stewart wants more social media presence around EC and SC. Proposed: “meet the counselor/executive” on social media to highlight the people and their roles. Feature in the Griff. A form of recognition for SC.</p> <p>VPA – do we have a unified plan for social media? Are we all open to getting question?</p>	<p>Talk to VPO & VPSL for thoughts Defer to next meeting</p>

		VPE – Keep topics specific to academic and then they can ask you directly	
4.	Missing Receipt Approvals	<p>Gwen – coming back from Orlando Change Management Conference, United Airlines luggage fee. US to CAD.</p> <p>VPE – Peter’s Drive In, Evan did not submit itemized receipt</p> <p>Pres – Caus, received receipt but lost it between restaurant and hotel</p>	<p>MOTION</p> <p>TO APPROVE MISSING RECEIPT SUBMITTED BY GWEN BAUER, UNITED AIRLINES \$41.20 TO COVER BAGGAGE FEE</p> <p>PRES/VPA CARRIED</p> <p>MOTION TO APPROVE RECEIPT SUBMITTED BY COLE BAKER, PETERS DRIVE IN, \$17.06 TO COVER MEAL EXPENSE – CAUS.</p> <p>VPE/PRES CARRIED</p> <p>MOTION TO APPROVE RECEIPT SUBMITTED BY RYLEY OSADCHUK, \$19.85, BLAKE, MEAL EXPENSE – CAUS.</p> <p>PRES/VPE CARRIED</p>
5.	Senior administrator meeting	<p>GM - Items to bring up: - fund development officer - met with VP External Relations to share our plans - positive response. We have no interest in negatively impacting their connections in the community. Collaboration. Will not reach out to student alumni but do have the ability for past EC and SC. - going to work on a memorandum of understanding.</p> <p>VPE – Can you elaborate on the topic of fund development</p> <p>GM – Looking into more option for stewardship for naming spaces in the new building. Evaluation – 3 options: 1) really green who covers sponsorship 2) mid-level who would create a package and then connect with community 3) seasoned – start at 6 figures. Went with mid-level. Work with MacEwan Foundation for receipting. Looked into charitable status, not worth the effort.</p> <p>Gwen – AMICUS – SA conference. ED/GM round table</p>	
6.	Outstanding Action Items		
7.	President’s Report	<p>Ottawa for CASA conference Fed. Advocacy Leadership and engagement committee, no quorum, could not have meeting</p>	

8.	VP Academic's Report	<p>Appeal with ombudsman person OER librarian – reached out to her but haven't heard back Lynn Wells - Haven't heard back Started drafting – PP presentation to faculty, policy document reform committee appointment process using MacEwan policy template Accessible learning meeting with SSD Edit committee schedule submission Met with PRES regarding TOR SSJOC – considering student at large to sit on it. Very boring and not relevant to portfolio. More suited to VPOF, who current sit on the committee as well</p>	
9.	VP External's Report	<p>CASA foundations – elected to sit on national advocacy committee, any delegate can be member at large on a policy committee – will be sitting but not voting Met with PRES to discuss plans – GOTV VPA – OER Work with Evan Reached out MLA's to schedule meetings Letter to advanced education</p>	
10.	VP Operations Report	Tabled	
11.	VP Student Life's Report	tabled	
12.	GM report & Dashboards	<p>All staff initiative – job shadowing One on ones Change management plans BFC – finance policy Met with Myrna Cyber Security Lunch with Emma Met with Iwinet Conference Follow up discussions on staff issues Different annual report – key metrics to tell our story Summer projects for Bekah Directors meeting for marketing and communication plan SSD – one of our values – diverse and inclusive. Will have a student come 1 hour a week and learn skills. \$16.50/hour. Negotiable around time commitment each week, provided we have the capacity for the work</p>	<p>Can GM attend meetings with MacEwan counterparts – operational (john McGrath) (not for participation) at the beginning and end of EC terms? GM to look into pay rate/hours available</p>
13.	Recognition	VPE – Gwen for SSD student, conference, letting EC feel heard	

3. Adjournment

Time: 11:41am

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1. Call to Order: 10:17am
2. Approval Minutes for: May 29, 2019 & June 5, 2019

**VPO/VPSL
CARRIED**

**VPE/VPA
CARRIED**

3. Approval of Agenda
**VPE/VPSL
CARRIED**

TOPIC		DISCUSSION	ACTION/MOTION
1.	Clubs	Catholics on Campus at MacEwan University (CCMU) Climate Justice MacEwan	MOTION TO APPROVE THE CATHOLICS ON CAMPUS AT MACEWAN UNIVERSITY CLUB VPSL/PRES CARRIED MOTION TO APPROVE THE CLIMATE JUSTICE MACEWAN CLUB VPSL/VPE CARRIED
2.	OUR – reconsidering cash payments	GM – Starting Sept 1 st . No cash payments will be accepted for payment of fees. VPSL – Alternative option for those students who are at-risk VPE – What is current percentage of cash payments VPA – What is the demographic of at-risk student GM – Have the option of bank draft/money order. Fee involved	 GM – FURTHER INFORMATION REGARDING PERCENTAGE OF CASH USERS TABLED

3.	Fund Development with MacEwan	GM – Number of principles explored for collaborative initiative. Getting job description prepared for hiring VPE – Align with MacEwan Pillars and SAMU Strategic Plan Nervous about memorandum of understanding vs formal contract GM – freedom to leave if needed Looking out for SAMU without negatively affecting MacEwan. Risk losing foundation ties should it go negatively	
4.	Using BambooHR for EC	VPE – Take the day if you need, otherwise track sick, personal and vacation days GM – Looking into employment contract for EC	GM – GET TEMPLATE FROM COLLEGUES
5.	Outstanding Action Items	VPA – Term limit issue, provost will get full control over governance structure. Change TOR around SAMU and committee VPE – talking SC is operational and out of scope Discussion - Can GM attend meetings with MacEwan counterparts – operational (John McGrath) (not for participation) at the beginning and end of EC terms? GM – still looking into pay for SSD	
6.	President's Report	Equity and community engagement talk Indigenous advisory council GFC Mtg/marketing depart Joint steering committee Conference call One on ones Mtg Catherine Heslep P&S department presentation Alumni engagement focus group	
7.	VP Academic's Report	Provost meeting GFC Lead seminar Mtg/marketing Conduct policy Policy advisory group OER P&S Presentation Mtg with 5 professors working on fellowship	
8.	VP External's Report	Everyone Leads Mtg with Myrna Meet and greet/marketing Catch up meeting with EC P&S department presentation Organizing campaigns Set up meetings with MLA's CAUS teleconference call GFC	
9.	VP Operations Report	SAMU operational transition workshop Gallivant conference Mtg mark	

		<p>Mtg with ops and fiancé Joint steering AGC One on one P&S presentation Meeting with project manager and Stantec</p>	
10.	VP Student Life's Report	<p>Sex week planning Campus engagement meeting Mtg Roxanne Runion SRP research</p>	
11.	GM report & Dashboards	<p>One on ones Louise S mtg fund dev Mtg consultation governance review Medical procedure JSC Stress management decompression lunch Director meetings Phone call with presenters Mechanical reports P&s review Mtg with VPO Mtg with Pres Mtg with Stantec, Mona</p> <p>Open house – Nov 2 10am-3pm Opportunity for EC to be there and engage with potential students</p>	
12.	Recognition	<p>Pres – Tosheena for being interim secretary</p>	

4. Adjournment

Time: 11:41am

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1. Call to Order: 10:04am

2. Approval Minutes for: June 12, 2019

VPO/VPSL

CARRIED

3. Approval of Agenda

VPSL/VPO

CARRIED

TOPIC	DISCUSSION	ACTION/MOTION
1. CMHA 2019 National Conference	<p>https://conference.cmha.ca/</p> <p>Vpsl – happening in September – believe it’s important for us to have representation at it. Pres – in favour of attendance. Would like to hear more about it upon return. Vpo – in favour of attendance. Gm – conference looks interesting. Would a staff member benefit from attendance as well?</p>	Action: GA to book Vpsl attendance at CMHA 2019 National Conference
2. Committee Candidacy Reform Project	<p>Vpe – Vpa sent out email for review. He provided preliminary ideas. Looking for feedback on any other ideas we may have. Vpo – ‘timeliness & punctuality’. Vpe – ‘quality’ of expression of interest over ‘length’</p>	
3. Committee Appointment	<p>Vpe – need to appoint someone to this. Meeting next week.</p>	<p>MOTION</p> <p>TO APPOINT VPE TO THE E-LEARNING COMMITTEE</p> <p>VPO/VPSL CARRIED</p>
4. Dean of FAS Hiring Firm	<p>Vpa – vote on time to consult with Dean of FAS hiring firm on July 11. Options are 11:00-11:30, 2:00-2:30, or 2:30-3:00.</p> <p>Vpsl – 11-11:30 Vpo – 11-11:30 Vpe – 11-11:30</p>	Action: Vpe to communicate result to Vpa.
5. Outstanding Action Items	OUR going cashless update. – done.	
6. President’s Report	Tabled.	
7. VP Academic’s Report	Tabled.	

8.	VP External's Report	Risk management framework intro. Site tour. MacEwan Pres/Vice pres meeting. CAUS update. Legislature/MLA tour. One on one with Gm.	
9.	VP Operations Report	Risk management framework intro. Site tour. Pres/vice pres meeting. Sean Mallin meeting. Legislature tour. Vpsl/Pres meeting. Building meeting.	
10.	VP Student Life's Report	Site tour. One on one with Jaime. Psych Services meeting. Kihew Waciston event. Lynne Wells meeting. Pres/Vpo meeting. One on one with Gm.	
11.	GM report & Dashboards	One on ones. Gallivan. Change management update.	
12.	Recognition		

4. Adjournment

**VPSL
CARRIED**

Time: 10:45am

**Minutes for the Executive Committee Meeting of the
Students' Association of MacEwan University
June 19, 2019 @ 3:17pm**

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1. Call to Order: 3:17pm

	TOPIC	DISCUSSION	ACTION/MOTION
1.	EC Special Projects		MOTION TO APPROVE \$1550.00 FROM THE VP EXTERNAL'S EC SPECIAL PROJECTS BUDGET LINE FOR GOTV PRIZING VPE/VPO CARRIED

2. Adjournment
Time: 3:38pm

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1. Call to Order: 11:01am
2. Approval Minutes for: June 18 & 19, 2019

**VPE/VPSL
CARRIED**

**VPSL/VPO
CARRIED**

3. Approval of Agenda

**VPSL/VPO
CARRIED**

TOPIC		DISCUSSION	ACTION/MOTION
1.	Ponoka field trip	Pres – met with someone from Ponoka campus. We have members there. They feel like there’s a lack of engagement with them. Are we able to visit there on a regular basis? Vpsl – all for it, every 2 nd month would be good. Vpe – once a month would be good, and it doesn’t have to be all EC every time. Vpo – once a month is good. Pres – goal is to go once a month with as many of us as are able. Gm – is there some follow up that could be done with MacEwan?	Action: Vpo to review where in budget this could be funded from. GA to review associated costs. - bring to next EC meeting.
2.	Outstanding Action Items		
3.	President's Report	Risk management meeting. Ponoka meeting. Pres search committee. Ray Boudreau meeting. Leg tour. Convocation. SC meeting. Student leader orientation. CAUS AGM. CAUS MLA meet up.	
4.	VP Academic's Report	Tabled.	
5.	VP External's Report	GOTV campaign meeting. SC meeting. Farewell BBQ for MacEwan pres. Student leader orientation.	

		CAUS AGM. CAUS MLA meet up. CASA meeting.	
6.	VP Operations Report	Building meeting. SC meeting. Councillor one on one. EC photo shoot. MacEwan Pres farewell BBQ Change management meeting. Gov project review.	
7.	VP Student Life's Report	SC meeting. CRO interviews. EC photoshoot. Pres BBQ. WSP meeting. GASC meeting. Sex Week update. Meeting with Gwen & Vpo. Met with Cathryn Heslop.	
8.	GM report	Bi weekly meetings. SC meeting. One on ones. Annual report update. Director meeting. Lease agreement review. Change management plan update. Gov Assistant position update. Met with Admin Assist.	
9.	Recognition		

4. Adjournment

VPSL
CARRIED

Time: 11:41am

STUDENTS' COUNCIL MEETING SUBMISSION

(must be fully completed or item will not be added to Students' Council meeting agenda)

TYPE OF SUBMISSION (CHECK ONE):

MOTION

CONSULTATION ITEM

Meeting Date: July 17, 2019

Submitted By: Aubrianna Snow, VP Student Life

Submission Title (As it will appear on agenda):

Chief Returning Officer

Motion to appoint _____ as Chief Returning Officer for a term ending April 30, 2020

Background Information:

The CRO job posting went up on May 17th and closed on June 14th. We received a total of seven submissions, of which three were eligible for consideration. The Appointment Advisory Committee short-listed two candidates for interviews. After speaking to these two candidates, the Committee is bringing a recommendation to Students' Council for appointment of the CRO for the upcoming year. Details of who was interviewed and the recommendation will be provided during the In Camera portion of the July 2019 Students' Council meeting.

Implications:

Implications: SAMU will have a CRO for the upcoming year and, operationally, will be able to begin planning for the coming year's elections. Dates for the elections and nomination material will be able to be set.