

In Attendance:

Cole Baker, Vice President External
Ruan Bouwer, Councillor
vacant, 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

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

Meeting called to order at 6:01pm.

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 SEPTEMBER 18, 2019

DYKES/VPSL

CARRIED

2.2 MOTION TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF AUGUST 21, 2019

STRAYER/DRUMMOND

CARRIED

3. Presentations

3.1. MNP – SAMU Audited Financials

*Melech & Bouwer enter at 6:07pm.

4. For Information

4.1. Reports

4.1.1. President

As presented.

4.1.2. Vice President Academic

E-learning committee update. FAS Council meeting update. A&S Dean search update.

4.1.3. Vice President External

Fall Fest. Election workshop. David Eggen on campus yesterday.

4.1.4. Vice President Operations & Finance

Fall fest. Election workshop. Gallivan update. Building update. Student meetings. ACC Fall fest update.

4.1.5. Vice President Student Life

Fall fest update.

4.1.6. SAMU Audited Financials

4.2. Executive Committee Minutes

Minutes of August 7, 19, 21, 28, September 4, 6, & 10, 2019 provided.

5. Question Period

5.1. Written Questions

Stewart - To the Vp Student Life or Vp Operations and Finance or programs and services sub committee chair:

Can you please provide an update on the Programs and services subcommittee in regards to any updates in SAMU programs and services and when you will be meeting? Thank you.

Vpsl - The Programs and Services Subcommittee has not met, and currently has no plans to meet. We are in the midst of remodelling our reporting structure so that this committee can receive some of the operational direction it needs. While I appreciate the diligence of councillors, I might add that our current structure has the Programs and Services Subcommittee reporting to Executive Committee, so any relevant updates on P&S Subcommittee will be provided through that avenue.

Stewart - To all executives or any who would like to elaborate on their interactions with students so far including promo squad work, NSO, and students in residence:

From speaking with students are there any outstanding concerns, feedback or ideas students have expressed in regards to SAMU, this can also include what they are looking forward too or had lots of questions about? Thank you.

Vpa - Yes, I have heard of a few things that concern students. First is online access codes; students are increasingly annoyed at the price of their assessments, which frankly they shouldn't have to pay for. UASU and SAMRU are at varying stages of doing away with online access codes and I have been working with their VPA's on this. Next, course availability, especially in Faculty of Arts and Science. For some courses, it is mainly a waitlist problem, and for others such as courses required for the French minor, there are simply not enough courses to finish the minor in 4 years. FAS is working this year on identifying these pain points and resolving them with extra course sections. Lastly, awareness about academic misconduct is an issue I hear about frequently; improper collaboration, and accidental plagiarism from paraphrasing mistakes, are both very common. Often, these cases of misconduct come from a misunderstanding or insufficient knowledge of the misconduct policy and so increasing awareness would help.

Vpsl - I have had some very meaningful interactions with students throughout the year so far. Some topics of interest include governance and the new building. There are no particular concerns to report, however.

Vpo - My interactions with the students has been reflected in my report. My commitment as this was part of my goals with this portfolio is to continually to go out and meet the students on focused topics, and take into account their questions, concerns, feedback etc.

Vpe - No, nothing was brought up.

Dykes - To the President, in the minutes of the executive committee meeting for September 10, who is the person in discussion identified as “Ng?”

Pres - Ng, Joanne is SAMU’s Director of Finance.

5.2. Oral Questions

Topics include: SAMU building grand opening; Risk Management Working Group; FAS Dean search;

MOTION TO TAKE A 5 MINUTES RECESS

STRAYER/VPE

CARRIED

6. In Camera Period

7. Motions & Business Orders of the Day

7.1. SAMU Annual Report

MOTION TO APPROVE THE SAMU 2018-2019 ANNUAL REPORT

VPO/RUIZ

FAVOUR: VPA, DYKES, VASQUEZ, DRUMMOND, NEWTON, SIMPSON, HASSAN, YANISH, STEWART, MIRZA, STRAYER, RUIZ, VPSL, VPE, PRES, VPO, MELECH, BOUWER

CARRIED

7.2. Councillor of the Year Award

* Secret ballot vote.

7.3. Contingency Reserve Fund

MOTION TO APPROVE A TRANSFER OF \$600,000 FROM THE CONTINGENCY RESERVE FUND TO THE OPERATING ACCOUNT

VPO/VPA

FAVOUR: VPA, DYKES, VASQUEZ, DRUMMOND, NEWTON, SIMPSON, HASSAN, YANISH, STEWART, MIRZA, STRAYER, RUIZ, VPSL, VPE, PRES, VPO, MELECH, BOUWER

CARRIED

8. Consultation

9. Evaluation

10. Recognition

11. Adjournment

MOTION TO ADJOURN

VPSL

CARRIED

Next Meeting Date: October 16, 2019

Meeting adjourned at 7:10pm.