

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

In Attendance:

Cole Baker, Vice President External
vacant, Councillor
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

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

Meeting called to order at.

1. Treaty 6 Land Recognition

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2. Approvals

2.1 MOTION **TO APPROVE THE AGENDA FOR OCTOBER 16, 2019**

2.2 MOTION **TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF SEPTEMBER 18, 2019**

3. Presentations

3.1. Draft Student Mental Health Strategy presentation

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

4.2. Executive Committee Minutes

Minutes of September 11 and 18, 2019 provided.

5. Question Period

5.1. Written Questions

5.2. Oral Questions

Topics include:

6. In Camera Period

7. Motions & Business Orders of the Day

7.1. Councillor of the Year Award

7.2.

8. Consultation

8.1 Post Report Recess

8.2 Agenda Publication

9. Evaluation

9.1. <https://forms.gle/GQbF15yks3zaxVGn7>

10. Recognition

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11. Adjournment

MOTION TO ADJOURN

Next Meeting Date: November 20, 2019

Meeting adjourned at

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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/DRUMOND

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.

Students' Council Report

President
October 16th, 2019

Councillors,

You know I like to keep these short and sweet, but this one is a doozy. Buckle up.

Projects & Initiatives

Eating Disorder Awareness Week (EDAW)

I had a preliminary meeting with Lauren Berlinguette, Director of Public Awareness and Client Services of the Eating Disorder Support Network of Alberta (EDSNA) to discuss potential partnering opportunities between SAMU and EDSNA to bring forth more awareness and advocacy centralizing the student experience. This is an issue that's close to my heart. Please do not hesitate to reach out to chat more about this initiative or if you are seeking supports for yourself or a loved one who experiences disordered eating.

Committees

General Faculties Council (GFC) Training/Meeting

The VP Academic and I attended mandatory training for GFC. Direct your attention to the VP Academic's report for further details.

Presidential Search Committee

We've had meetings. About what? Who knows. It's all confidential and I'm tight-lipped.

Board of Governors: MacEwan Finance, Property, and Investment Committee

The VP Operations and Finance and I attended this. Direct your attention to the VP Operations and Finance's report for further details.

Sexual Violence Prevention and Education Committee

During this meeting, we discussed ways to commemorate the thirtieth anniversary of the École Polytechnique massacre. I've taken on a project partnering with external organizations to organize an event. Stay tuned for details.

MacEwan Strategy and Stakeholder Relations Committee

The VP Operations and Finance and I attended this. Direct your attention to the VP Operations and Finance's report for further details.

Leadership and Engagement Committee (LEC)

LEC is organizing a Councillor Mixer for the meeting on October 16th. Stay tuned for details.

Alumni Advisory Council

I met with Michelle Stevenson, Director of Alumni and Community Engagement at MacEwan University to discuss the logistics of the President of SAMU sitting on the Alumni Advisory Council. The first meeting of the 2019/20 academic year is in November.

Board of Governors (BoG) Meeting

The VP Operations and Finance and I attended this. Direct your attention to the VP Operations and Finance's report for further details.

Other Business

Fall Fest

Y'all were there – no need to explain the setup. Lots of students, two mothers (haha), lots of food, lots of fun, and minimal incidents. Tear-down and clean-up afterwards was a bad, muddy time, but I didn't feel the need to train arms at the gym for about a week, so that's a definite silver lining.

Meeting with Manager of Student Life and Associate Vice President (AVP) Students and Teaching

The VP Academic, VP External, VP Student Life, and I met with Brett Farquarson and Dr. Lynn Wells to discuss ways that Student Affairs' initiatives intersect with SAMU's strategic plan.

Meeting with MLA Rakhi Pancholi

The VP External, Advocacy Coordinator, and I attended a meeting at MLA Pancholi's constituency office. Please direct your attention to the VP External's report for further information.

Stride Edmonton: Anti-Oppression Training

I attended this workshop at Norquest College, facilitated by the John Humphrey Centre for Peace and Human Rights. This workshop has furthered the knowledge I obtained in the Unconscious Bias training provided by Irfan Chaudhry to SAMU staff in August.

Meeting with Acting President John McGrath

I attended this meeting in Mr. McGrath's office. Most of our meeting was dedicated to discussing potentials outcomes of the upcoming provincial budget. (To answer your question: No, details of the upcoming budget have not been provided to neither MacEwan, nor SAMU. Details will not be released until October 24th.

Student Group Training

The General Manager and I attended Student Group training on October 5th. I presented to approximately fifty students about the role of the Executive Committee.

Consultation: Alberta Tuition and Fee Regulations

MacEwan's Registrar and Associate Vice President (AVP) Institutional Planning, Dr. David McLaughlin, and AVP Finance and Chief Financial Officer presented MacEwan's finances to the Executive Committee in preparation of the provincial budget dropping on October 24th. (Again, definite details of the provided budget have not been provided to neither SAMU, nor MacEwan.)

Office of Sexual Violence Prevention, Education, and Response (OSVPER): Consultation on Operational/Strategic Plan

The VP External, VP Student Life, VP Academic, and I attended this meeting. Ultimately, a third-party consultant asked our opinions of OSVPER's current operational and strategic plan, to form a more dynamic plan moving forward.

Understanding Hate: The Gift of Our Wounds

The VP Student Life, VP Academic, VP External and I attended this event, hosted by the Office of Human Rights, Diversity, and Equity. The two participants presented about their lived experiences interacting with racism in America.

Sexual Violence Awareness Week: Opening Event

The VP External and I attended this opening event, hosted by MacEwan, to start off Sexual Violence Awareness Week. The VP Student Life presented during this event.

Get out the Vote (GOTV) Wall-E/Debate Watching Event

The Advocacy Coordinator organized the Wall-E watching portion of the event in the students' lounge, and I set up a livestream of the debate in the SAMU board room. Direct your attention to the VP External's report for further information.

Closing Remarks

Congratulations, you've made it through my report.

A lot has been covered in the past three pages. Reach out if you have any questions regarding the content of my report, or for any other matter. My door is always open.

In Solidarity,

Ryley Osadchuk (they/them)

Students' Council Report

Vice President Academic October 16, 2019

Greetings Council,

Below is my report detailing what has happened between September 18th and October 9th.

Committees

General Faculties Council Executive Committee (GFC EC)

GFC EC has finished with the first main task of Academic Governance reform at MacEwan University; the composition of the core committees of GFC has been determined. This was a long process that began with reviewing GFC's bylaws and the committee terms of reference (TOR's) back in August, putting out a call for committee members in September, and appointing them soon afterwards. Now, the membership on these committees is composed of at least 50% GFC members, which the provost had planned on; this helps the various pieces of academic governance to work together. The October meeting of GFC EC focused on further analysis of how standing committees should look next year, the student conduct policies that will be voted on at next GFC, and the progress on the freedom of expression policy. The free expression policy is up for feedback until October 28th, so please contact me if you'd like to look at it.

General Faculties Council (GFC)

The first meeting of GFC dealt with the start-of-year components of academic governance. Reports from each faculty were delivered, as well as a standard report from the provost and from the acting president. The vice-chair of GFC was elected, and a replacement faculty for the presidential search committee was elected. We discussed the freedom of expression policy and GFC committee TOR's. Lastly, the main highlight from GFC for students is that fall reading week has been approved! The new academic calendar changes the 3 day reading break to a full week, partially thanks to ongoing student advocacy. Go check out the 2020/2021 schedule online here: <https://www.macewan.ca/wcm/Registrar/EnrolmentServices/AcademicSchedule/index.htm>

Program and Curriculum Committee (PCC)

Two programs of study with unsustainably low enrollment and completion rates were recommended to be terminated. The mandate of PCC was discussed, as part of academic governance reform.

Faculty of Arts and Science (FAS) Council

General Studies as a program of study was recommended for termination. Many small changes were made to curriculum to, for example, standardize the English classes or reform the Soc. honors program. All student members were in attendance.

Research Ethics Board & Animal Research Ethics Board (REB & AREB)

In AREB, we are awaiting an audit this year from the Canadian Centre for Animal Care (CCAC), so we were delegated standard operating procedures (SOP's) to review. I proposed edits on the two SOP's assigned to me. In REB, a study has been sent to me every week or two for ethics review. All student members were in attendance.

Faculty of Arts and Science Dean Search Committee

The position description and institution description are now complete, and the job is being advertised. Candidates are beginning to pour in. I also attended the FAS Dean Search town hall, and it was interesting to hear from FAS faculty members there.

Policy Advisory Group (PAG)

Policy Advisory Group has voted to proceed on the new policy document proposal for the Student Code of Conduct. The rescission process for Student Right and Responsibilities has begun. The Student Non-Academic Misconduct and Academic Integrity policies and procedures have been approved and moved on to GFC EC, and from there were approved for GFC, where they will be voted on at October's meeting.

eLearning Committee

The eLearning committee is examining our options for learning management systems (LMS). Our current LMS is Blackboard Learn. The eLearning committee is interested in consulting with faculty, staff, and students to determine what we want to keep and what we want to change in our LMS at MacEwan. I still need student volunteers for this so I welcome students who have used Blackboard extensively to apply by email!

Student Systems Joint Operations Committee (SSJOC)

The VPO and I received an update on "ERP 6.0" which is essentially the system that peoplesoft and mystudentsystem run on, from what I've gathered. It includes a lot of great project ideas for mystudentsystem like fluid, academic advisement, assigned textbooks displaying in course selection, etc.

Procedures Sub-Committee

PSC is a SAMU committee. We reviewed SAMU procedures and proposed changes to several.

Faculty Council Appointments

I have continued to have trouble finding students to appoint to the Faculty of Health and Community Studies Council. However, fortunately, I have appointed a second student member to Faculty of Nursing Council just in time for their second meeting of the year.

Other Business

Student Advisory Council (SAC) Appointments

I've been working with all five faculties to set up SAC's. This week, I've received and compiled 152 names of students interested in SAC's which is an excellent turnout. All students have been added to SAC training which they will have to finish by the end of the month.

Learning Management System Working Group (LMS WG)

As mentioned in my eLearning Committee update above, this committee is trying to get feedback on our LMS. The committee has decided to make a working group, which has two student seats. One seat should go to a student who has taken online courses, and the other should go to any student who has used blackboard extensively. Please email me if you know of anyone who would be capable of this!

Student Research Day Planning

I was approached by the office of research to help with input on the planning of Student Research Day. We've set up two focus groups taking place on November 4 and 5, from 12:00-1:00. We are still looking for student volunteers for this, so again please email me if you know of students who are familiar with Student Research Day at MacEwan, or even those who may be presenting at SRD this year.

Provost Meeting

The provost and I met to discuss the upcoming provincial budget, the issues around unanticipated course costs like those associated with online access codes, the changes expected with our LMS, and the FAS Bachelor of Arts Action Plan.

President Search Consultation

SAMU EC was consulted as a group about what we'd like to see in our new President of MacEwan.

Associate Vice President Students Meeting

The AVP Students Dr. Lynn Wells met with the whole SAMU EC as a group to discuss what the Student Affairs office offers. We also discussed advocacy points around the upcoming student conduct policies and around the issue of excessive course costs (costs beyond tuition & textbooks).

Restorative Conferences

I took part in 2 restorative conferences facilitated by Dr. Paul Sopczak. Both were incidences of academic misconduct. I am grateful for the restorative option for students, and now am working with Paul on an interview project where I will answer some questions on video about why restorative resolutions work. He will then be disseminating this project at a conference in Banff coming up in the next couple of months.

Peer Support Training

I attended over 30 hours of peer support training over two weekends. I'm super proud of our PS volunteers; it's a tough role!

Federal Candidates Forum

I attended the federal candidates forum, at which Randy Boissonnault and Catherine Swampy were present.

"Community Service Experiential Learning" Presentation

I attended a presentation in partnership with the Ukrainian Resource and Development Centre about an experiential learning class that took students to Ukraine for a month to volunteer at a camp for children.

Grand Opening Meeting

We've compiled an invite list for the Grand Opening and cut it down after realizing it was a bit too long.

Winter Initiatives Planning

I met with marketing to discuss my winter initiative around textbook costs and open educational resources.

Livestream

I thoroughly enjoyed hosting the SAMU takeover livestream with our VPSL, Aubrianna!

Closing Remarks

September felt like it started yesterday; I can hardly believe how quickly it's come and gone. All of EC has been putting in an immense effort over the last month, often working overtime to conduct our due diligence within SAMU and to maintain student advocacy. September was a grind for me in trying to make sure all student seats on MacEwan's decision-making bodies were filled, but I'm pleased to say that the quality of the students on these committees and councils has made the effort worth it. Now I'm onto SAC's and I hope the result is the same!

I'm also eagerly awaiting the results of the student council election and I wish all of the candidates luck. It's great to see such a competitive and simultaneously cordial field! Student leadership is critical in a university, and student advocacy has the potential to make changes; having seen a full-week fall reading break being approved for next year, which was part of my election platform, it's clear to me that student representation does work.

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

Students' Council Report

Vice President External October 16, 2019

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

Events/Conferences

CAUS/AbGPAC/ASEC Meeting

I met with provincial advocacy groups for post-secondary students to discuss joining efforts on some advocacy asks such as mental health.

Canadian Mental Health Association National Conference

I had the opportunity to attend this national conference in Toronto alongside our VP Student Life. This was very beneficial as it discussed how policy/stigma can impact post-secondary. I'm looking forward to implementing this into our advocacy.

Get Out The Vote – Candidate Panel

I attended the GOTV event which the advocacy coordinator has planned. We had the opportunity to ask MP Candidates questions regarding their platforms.

Understanding Hate: The Gift of Our Wounds

EC and myself attended this presentation which delved into how "hate can hurt". This was an excellent event which left me with reflection into how I conduct myself as an EC member.

GOTV – Movie Night

I attended our GOTV event coordinated by the advocacy coordinator which promoted folks to pledge to vote while engaging in a relaxing activity – watching a movie.

Pizza and Consent

I attended the Pizza and Consent event put on by OSVPER. This was an incredibly engaging event which I was pleased to see many folks take part in.

Meetings/Committees

Meeting with the AVP Student and Manager of Student Life

EC and myself had a meeting with the above-mentioned folks regarding barriers for students and general conversation points. I brought up how paid online tools, such as MindTap, were a financial hindrance to students. Our system, BlackBoard, has the capacity to conduct tests and quizzes and, therefore, should be used as such. Students Vice President External Report to Students' Council

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shouldn't have to pay more to receive a grade. It appeared to be well received. I also brought up how students do not have the capacity to book individual classrooms. Brett, the student life Manager said he would look into this.

Meeting with Keestin O'Dell

Keestin, from kihêw waciston, and I met to discuss the proposed "Membership Sponsor Program" initiated by the Canadian Alliance of Student Associations.

National Advocacy Committee

We, the Canadian Alliance of Student Association members who are a part of NAC, discussed some of our strategy for the year and how we can ensure proper transition and institutional memory for the next folks to come in our position.

MLA Rakhi Pancholi

We met with Mrs. Pancholi and chatted regarding our CAUS and SAMU priorities.

Students' Council Review Committee

SCRC met and had a productive meeting where we discussed the feedback of providing time in between oral reports and question period. Furthermore, we discussed standardizing how folks call-in to meetings if they are unable to physically attend.

CAUS Teleconference

I had a teleconference call with CAUS. It was a regular meeting where we discussed and updated CAUS with our provincial advocacy.

Edmonton Student Alliance Planning Meeting

I met with the Vice Chair of the ESA to plan our upcoming ESA Quarterly meeting.

National Advocacy Committee

I had my bi-weekly meeting with NAC, a CASA committee, where we discussed the creation of a CASA Advocacy handbook to make advocacy more accessible to first time executives so they have the resources/capacity to effectively advocate for students.

Travel Advisory Committee

I attended TAC as the student voice on the committee. We discussed the policy and I made sure to keep students at the forefront of everyone's interests.

ESA Phone Call

I had a phone call with the President of the Students' Association at Kings University in order to understand how we can make municipal advocacy more accessible to them.

OSVPER Operational Planning

I, alongside EC, provided feedback for the OSVPER direction.

United Way Meeting

I attended this committee meeting where we discussed how we can provide more mental health and financial literacy support to students and community members.

Closing Remarks

As we are in midterm and flu season, I urge you all to take good care of yourselves. It has been such a pleasure working with this SC. Your dedicated work towards the betterment of students has not gone unnoticed. You have left your mark and I am proud of all of you. And for those of you running campaigns, best of luck.

VOTE IN THE FEDERAL ELECTION,

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

Students' Council Report

Vice President Operations & Finance
October 16, 2019

Hi Everyone! Here is my report from our last meeting in September to October 10, 2019. Thank you for taking the time to read it.

Projects & Initiatives

SAMU Building

Our meetings regarding the building consisted of SAMU Joint Steering Committee and the SAMU Project Operational Coordination meeting. Everyone has been diligent in meeting the December 2nd deadline. Everyone involved in the project has gone line-by-line on their timelines and accomplishments for the building, as well as what is still yet to come. Great communications at all ends, and it really is on the straight and narrow now.

REMINDER AS PER EMAIL SENT OUT: The pedway across 109 street will be closed from Thursday, October 17 to Friday, November 29 (inclusive) to accommodate the final stages of construction on the SAMU building. The pedway will reopen for Open House on Saturday November 2 from 7:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. In addition, during this period, there will be no access to the observation deck above the swimming pool.

Committees/Meetings

Student System Joint Operations Committee

See VPA's report on this committee, thank you.

Foods Advisory Council Meeting

A committee that had once been dissolved some time ago has returned, and the VPSL and myself are able to participate. We recently attended our first meeting which was a chance to get to know everyone involved and actively provide feedback to our friends involved in the food services to our students. Excited to see what comes from this!

Consultation with Chief Financial Officer (CFO)

Had our first consultation meeting with CFO regarding the upcoming budget this October 24th, and the meetings and the agendas that will occur after the date of how that will affect universities.

Board of Governors

After orientation and training, the President and I have had our first official Board of Governors meeting as well as attending the Finance, Property and Investment Committee, and the Foundation Board. There is much work to be done, a big learning curve as well, but all very exciting!

Gallivan

We have had meetings with Gallivan, Director of Risk at MacEwan, MacEwan International and a few of us at SAMU regarding the possibility of additional coverage to our International Students. This topic will require more information on this resource and the administrative side at this time.

ORMAG

Had a follow up with the Director of Special Projects regarding the work we did for SAMU on both department and organizational risk levels and any feedback we had on the process. The directors are doing a check as well on anything that may be missed in the risks we looked at and we are waiting for when they have completed their part at the present time.

Procedures Subcommittee

Had a couple of meetings and made some changes and updates to several our present procedures that needed addressing.

Bylaws and Policy

As per my previous reports and discussions at the last meetings, we are now in the first stages of the work plan for our committee and moving forward, with the biggest focus at this point on committees and what they will look like. I greatly appreciate all the hard work, knowledge and expertise and research everyone has brought to the table on this. Thank you!

Other Business

Student Engagements

When time, I have been reaching out to students on specific topics of engagement and offering them a chance to know who EC is as well as open the door for any opportunities for questions or concerns. We have many new students on campus this year, not as many questions at the moment, yet it provides the chance and giving them the knowledge of who we are and where to find us if need be.

I had the privilege of attending Student Working Group Expo both days to engage with the students, promote them with their permission on social media as well as find out more about them and their goals myself. I then was invited to speak with the groups at both weekends where they received their training in the MPR. I was given a chance to touch base with them on who their EC's are and what they do for the students, while reminding them of the opening of the new building, along with the perks and benefits it offers to them.

I also took a few times this past month to encourage folks to participate in "GetOuttheVote" where they not only receive reminders to vote in the Federal Election but also a chance to win some great prizes. As well as touch base with folks from one of the working groups and Psych Services regarding MyWellness and provide them with resources and information to help them reach out to students.

From September to October made time when possible to promote students to run for elections, then meet and greet with the candidates at their first gathering before their campaigning commenced. It was great to get know everyone and see the interactions between everyone. Then I have been reminding the students on campus of the elections both in person and on social media of who the candidates are, where to find more information about them and their platforms, and to ensure they vote.

Well done on AMA for everyone who could participate! I know between midterms, school life and work for some of you that can be hard to coordinate. Kudos to you all!

I was able to attend Fall Fest at our ACC location both as a volunteer and as EC to introduce myself and give some students information on who we are. It was a super busy event, many of

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the students came out and had fun. I may not have gotten as much one-on-one time with each student, but it was still a great chance to interact with everyone and see how they are doing.

Events

Sexual Violence & Prevention event on October 7th was a great way to begin the awareness week, with our VP Student Life giving an amazing and personal speech. I was very moved by everyone's participation in the kick off and the amount of work they put into reaching out to us all on campus about such a vital topic.

Closing Remarks

Half a year has already past! Midterms are happening. As we speak campaigns and elections are occurring both on our campus at the Federal level.

These are exciting times, and amazing to think that 6 months have already come and gone.

Good luck to everyone and all their endeavours. It is the busy season.

In Solidarity,
Andrea Turner

Students' Council Report

Vice President Student Life October 16th, 2019

Happy Fall, Councilors!

Below is my report detailing events that occurred between September 9th and October 9th.

Projects & Initiatives

Fall Fest

On September 14th, I had the opportunity to host our annual Fall Fest event. This was a great opportunity to engage more with students and refine my emcee skills. It was great to see so many people out and excited about our headliner, Mother Mother. We had awesome attendance and great feedback.

Student Groups Expo

I also had a chance to see some of our newest student groups and to chat with folks at the Student Groups Expo on September 19 and 20. It's shaping up to be a great year for student groups.

Peer Support Training

I attended two weekends of peer support training over the last month. I learned the active listening model that our program uses, as well as additional models for dealing with high risk situations. I am excited to apply these models in my communications with students in crisis and in my personal life. This year's peer support volunteers are wonderful and super committed.

Spirit Bear Dialogues

On October 8th, I had the opportunity to moderate a panel for the Spirit Bear Dialogues series of events as part of sexual violence awareness week. This was an incredible experience and I learned so much. For those who missed out on this event, it was livestreamed and is accessible via Kihew Waciston's Facebook page.

Committees

Sexual and Gender Minority Working Group (SGMWG)

Over the reporting period, two SGMWG meetings were held. Topics of discussion included planning for MacEwan's 2020 Pride Week, the possible inclusion of a statement on pronouns in course syllabi, and student feelings on the institution's response to instances of homophobia and transphobia.

Grand Opening Committee

There were also two meetings of this committee during the reporting period. Discussions included the invite list, possible swag items, and other technicalities.

Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion Committee

I attended the second meeting of MacEwan's Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion Committee. In this meeting, we reviewed data collected on the pool of applicants to MacEwan's job postings in the past year. I offered some feedback on how they might make their descriptions of the data more inclusive. I look forward to seeing this type of survey be applied to other populations within

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MacEwan, as I feel that gathering this data is crucial to moving our equity initiatives forward in a productive way.

Grants Allocation Sub-Committee (GASC)

The Grants Allocation Sub Committee met twice over the reporting period. I was only able to attend one of the meetings due to being away at the CMHA Conference. In the meeting I attended, two conference grants and one event grant were approved. In the meeting I was not present for, two event grants and two conference grants were approved.

Campus Engagement Group

I have been a part of this group since the beginning of my term, and I regret to say that very little has come out of it other than ideas. With a recent change in the positions overseeing this committee, I'm hoping that we can move forward on some collaboration with other areas at MacEwan.

Food Services Advisory Council

I attended the first meeting of the revived Food Services Advisory Council with our VPOF. We met with folks from Aramark, including their new chef, and others from across campus. We got samples of some of the food that they're planning on bringing to campus over the next few months, and I was really impressed. I'm looking forward to seeing what else emerges from this group.

Other Business

Canadian Mental Health Association (CMHA) Conference

From September 22nd to 25th, myself and the VPX attended the Canadian Mental Health Association's "Mental Health for All" conference. This was an excellent opportunity to network with mental health providers and advocates from across the country, and to learn more about mental health inside and outside of a postsecondary context. I found all the sessions I attended to be very valuable, and I returned home with a lot of amazing resources.

Alberta Health Services

I had another meeting with folks from Wellness and Psychological Services and folks from AHS about the "pre-think your drink" resource. I'm not sure yet what the extent of SAMU's involvement will be with this, but I'm very excited to see more harm reduction initiatives happening around campus.

Tabling with the Office of Sexual Violence Prevention, Education, & Response

Throughout the reporting period, I spent a lot of time engaged in tabling opportunities for the Office of Sexual Violence Prevention, Education, and Response. This was a great opportunity to engage with students face-to-face and promote more awareness about this important issue.

Orange Shirt Day

I spent a large part of Orange Shirt Day (September 30) at Kihew Waciston. Elder Francis Whiskeyjack presented a session on traditional knowledge and healing. I've really been enjoying having the opportunity to connect with our school's Indigenous community more through this position. I can't wait to see what other experiences we can share in to strengthen both SAMU and our Indigenous community.

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And on that note, I also met with Krista from Kihew Waciston to discuss how we can better serve our Indigenous students. We discussed possible opportunities for collaboration in future.

Student Meeting

I met with a student about a mental health initiative they're wanting to run and provided some insight on next steps and feedback on how we might be able to possibly collaborate.

Sexual Violence Awareness Week Opener

I had the amazing opportunity to speak at the opening event to Sexual Violence Awareness Week. I'm very grateful to have had this chance to speak and share what the work of OSVPER has meant to me. It was an emotional speech for me - as many folks may know, my history of working with OSVPER is long and they've made an incredible difference in my life and the lives of many other survivors on campus. Sexual Violence Awareness Week was, overall, an incredible success, and I'm so happy to have been involved so significantly.

Closing Remarks

This past month has been maybe one of the busiest of my young life so far. While I am tired, I am also incredibly inspired and motivated to continue serving the student body. The things I've done over the last little while, especially my involvement with Sexual Violence Awareness Week, have been the culmination of my dreams for my university career. For those of you who might be considering running for Executive Committee, I cannot encourage you enough. These positions are such a unique opportunity, and it is truly what you make it. I'm looking so forward to finishing my term in a good way and continuing this work in any way that I can.

Cheers,

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

**Minutes for the Executive Committee Meeting of the
Students' Association of MacEwan University
September 11, 2019 @ 9:00am**

Copies To:

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Sean Waddingham, VP Academic
Cole Baker, VP External
Andrea Turner, VP Operations & Finance

Aubrianna Snow, VP Student Life
Gwen Bauer, General Manager
Alan Honey, Governance Advisor
Madeline Beard, Governance Assistant (Recording Secretary)

1. Call to Order: 9:06am
2. Approval Minutes for: September 4, 6, & 10, 2019
**Vpex/vpa
carried**
3. Approval of Agenda: **Vpa/Vpex**
Carried

TOPIC	DISCUSSION	ACTION/MOTION
1.	MacEwan's Aspiring Physicians Club Socialist Fight Back at MacEwan University Club Autism Awareness Club	MOTION TO APPROVE THE MACEWAN'S ASPIRING PHYSICIANS CLUB VPEX/VPA CARRIED MOTION TO APPROVE THE SOCIALIST FIGHT BACK CLUB AT MACEWAN UNIVERSITY VPEX/VPA CARRIED MOTION TO APPROVE THE AUTISM AWARENESS CLUB VPA/VPEX CARRIED
2.	Executive Projects	MOTION TO APPROVE UP TO \$1600.00 FROM THE VPSL EXECUTIVE PROJECT BUDGET LINE FOR SEX WEEK

			VPEX/VPA CARRIED
3.	MNP Presentation to Students' Council		MOTION TO APPROVE A PRESENTATION BY MNP AT THE SEPTEMBER 2019 STUDENTS' COUNCIL MEETING VPEX/VPA CARRIED
4.	Fundraising position options	(from last September 4, 2019 EC meeting – Gm report) Keep the idea of having a fundraiser, position with alumni and discussion, meeting with CFO, development officer. No fundraising, sponsorships Do nothing and move on Cost Share with alumni & development and work together Fun development officer	TABLED
5.	Outstanding Action Items	Ponoka field trip- canceled, October 29?	Action: tag along with nursing students?
6.	President's Report		TABLED
7.	VP Academic's Report	Appointing students to committees Meeting with admin people for each committee Grand opening meeting OER conference planning with Alan Research ethic board meeting SSJOC meeting ITM committee computer reduction GFC executive meeting Animal research ethics board meeting PSC meeting President search town hall	
8.	VP External's Report	Appeal Attended chamber of commerce, finance minister EC promo squad CTV interview Meeting with student for new idea Edmonton student's alliance meeting at NAIT NDP budget town hall President search town hall	
9.	VP Operations Report	Submitted electronically	
10.	VP Student Life's Report	Had a meeting for sex week with marketing Grand opening meeting Took part timers out for coffee Talked about samu with students Sex week meetings Spirit bear meeting Installing treaty marker	

		Meeting with directors Audit management meeting Grand opening meeting meeting part time staff directors meeting annual report installing treaty marker PSC committee meeting Bi-weekly meeting with Mona and construction manager	
11.	GM report		
12.	Recognition		

4. Adjournment

Time: 9:55am

**Minutes for the Executive Committee Meeting of the
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September 18, 2019 @ 9:30am**

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Andrea Turner, VP Operations & Finance

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Madeline Beard (Recording Secretary)

1. Call to Order: 9:31 am

2. Approval Minutes for: September 11, 2019

VPA/VPEX CARRIED

3. Approval of Agenda

VPO/VPSL CARRIED

TOPIC	DISCUSSION	ACTION/MOTION
1. <i>Bereavement Procedure</i>	Vpo – change in procedure to the bereavement, Change in days for grieving period.	MOTION TO APPROVE BEREAVEMENT PROCEDURE VPEX/VPSL CARRIED
2. <i>Credit Card Procedure</i>	Vpo – change in procedure to credit cards,	MOTION TO APPROVE CREDIT CARD PROCEDURE VPEX/VPA CARRIED
3. <i>Employee Computer Purchase Program Procedure</i>	Vpo - change in procedure to employee computer purchase program Vpex- what is being bought beside computers Gm- essentially an employee loan program, loan money for computing technology to help with the job.	MOTION TO APPROVE EMPLOYEE COMPUTING TECHNOLOGY PURCHASE PROGRAM PROCEDURE VPEX/VPA CARRIED
4. <i>General Manager Procedure</i>	Vpo – change in procedure for general manager procedure Vpex- would the GM come to meeting where further was being presented by EC, should it be in procedure? Gm- present when needed there, can bring it up to put into procedure.	Action: Send back to procedure sub committee
5. Student Groups	Consulting club Reel Deal Film Production Club	MOTION TO APPROVE CONSULTING CLUB VPEX/VPA

			CARRIED MOTION TO APPROVE REEL DEAL PRODUCTION CLUB VPO/VPEX CARRIED
6.	SC Training Agenda review	Pres – 11-12 Saturday SAMU overview who's presenting, what SAMU is and how SAMU and MacEwan interact Vpex- session on how to reach out to students and balance their own student life, importance on agendas, guide to questions.	Bring back next meeting
7.	Feedback on Fund Development Initiative	Gm – feedback on the options, scratch the idea or make a position with alumni Vpo- how much MacEwan will be involved, having to cost share may be an issue Vpsl- thinks the best option may be to scratch the idea. Vpex- clarification on how we would work with MacEwan Gm- sent background documents to give more information on how it would work Vpex- would it better the relationship with MacEwan if we work with them? Vpo- dealing with agreements, they can have more power over SAMU if we work with them Vpex- may be a good opportunity to diversify revenue? Vpo- is MacEwan going to take over this project? Vpex- having a person fundraise for each party may make both parties happy	ACTION EC TO CHAT AND CLARIFY ABOUT THIS.
8.	Building grand opening	Gm – feedback on guest list, everyone look at the guest list has been sent forward, get hold the dates to MP's wait for federal election before we reach out to the government official's Vpa – MC/speeches/exec roles Who should MC? Speeches- president, each president for the last few years a short speech, president talks to everyone make sure everyone is acknowledged Exec roles- who's going to give a speech and for how long	
9.	Outstanding Action Items		
10.	President's Report	Board of governance training Town hall consolations Fall fest Went to gfc orientation Student council workshop Meeting with councilor Scott McKeen Meeting with David Eggen Talking to student	
11.	VP Academic's Report	Appointed 3 fine arts student to the council One of the health and community students, to volunteer Read the facility of arts agenda	

12.	VP External's Report	Meeting with student Invited to go to a student group Governance review Meeting with councilor Scott McKeen Workshop Fall fest 2 year review Student council campaign workshop David Eggen Getting ready for conference and get out the vote	
13.	VP Operations Report	Board of governors orientation Risk working group meeting Student talks about student council Fall fest 2 year review Workshop BPC prep Call with CEO of galivant helping international students SAMU building grand opening meeting	
14.	VP Student Life's Report	Governance review Pre think your drink alcohol harm reduction group Mc fall fest Participated in ending sexual violence video shoot 2 year review Vpo campaign work shop Grand opening building meeting Meeting for MacEwan jobs GASC meeting Sex week marketing request Sprit bear panel	
15.	GM report	Governance review Conference call on staff recognition and appreciation Discussion on MOU for table booking and food services Restrictions on the building Director meeting Part time staff Budget process Fall fest 2 year review Building grand opening meeting Change management meeting	Action Ec touches base on restrictions for building
16.	Recognition		

4. Adjournment

Time: 10:39 am

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: October 16, 2019

Submitted By: Matthew Yanish, Councillor

Submission Title (As it will appear on agenda):

Post Report Recess

Background Information:

We have seen continuous feedback from multiple councillors to add a five minute recess immediately following the executive reports. This issue has been brought up multiple times over the past few months via the feedback forms handed out at SC. In theory, this would serve as an opportunity for councillors to better prepare their oral questions. Subsequently, we think this could lead to a more effective oral question period. SCRC would like to hear from each member of council on whether they support this potential change or not.

Implications:

Potential addition of scheduled recess to Students' Council meeting agenda.

STUDENTS' COUNCIL MEETING SUBMISSION

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TYPE OF SUBMISSION (CHECK ONE):

MOTION CONSULTATION ITEM

Meeting Date: Wednesday October 16, 2019 6pm

Submitted By: Alycia Stewart

Submission Title (As it will appear on agenda): Meeting Packages posted before meetings

Background Information:

It has come to my attention that many councils will have their agenda packages posted prior to the meeting. Currently we do not post our minutes which include our agenda until a month after our meetings, this is because we currently have to approve our agenda at the meeting day of and do not approve the minutes until the next meeting a month later. This does not seem to be the standard for other councils even those who are approving the agenda and past minutes at the meeting. Many of these also provide additional information such as links or documents related to the meeting like reports and other nonconfidential information.

I was told we could personally share the meeting agenda not including the package prior to our meetings online, but ran into issues with our pdf's and sharing it on social media myself. I found posting it myself was harder to do than I would have thought and perhaps a better solution would be available. I also believe that other parts of our package should be accessible to students unless of course they contained confidential info.

I would like to hear from each member of council their opinion on posting our full agenda packages (without form links and confidential info) on our website 3 business days before our meetings to allow for students to be able to view these materials and stay up to date on council.

To view our current meeting postings see the link below:

<https://samu.ca/who-we-are/student-council/student-council-meeting-minutes/>

To view examples of other councils meeting agendas posting see below:

UofC Student council

<https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/0B4A65YJCIUwcQ3QteUFEY3o0Mzg>

UofA Student Council

<https://www.su.ualberta.ca/governance/council/orderpapers/>

City of Edmonton Council

https://www.edmonton.ca/city_government/council_committee_meetings/city-council-public-hearing-agendas-minutes.aspx

Implications:

Based on the input from this consultation, this would be brought to the bylaws and policy committee to review to update our policy for meetings to include our rules for posting it to our website. This would then allow our students to know what will be on the agenda for a meeting before the meeting. Thus, allowing us to share it with students and increasing engagement since they can know what will be discussed, can ask questions of council before and after or even join us at the meeting.