

November 20, 2019 Students' Council Meeting - Audio Recording Transcript

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CH Order. Thank you. Item one: Treaty Six 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. This is the traditional home of the Nehiyaw and Michif, and meeting place for many Indigenous peoples including the Nakawe, Siksika, Nakota Sioux and other nations.

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Item two: approvals; 2.1, we have a motion. Councillor Strayer?

SR I move to approve the agenda, November 20th, 2019.

CH Thank you Councillor. And a second? Councillor Newton, thank you. It has been moved and seconded to approve the agenda for November 20th, 2019. Is there any debate? Question is on the adoption of the motion as read. All those in favour? Thank you. Opposed. Motion carries. Item 2.2: we have a motion. Anyone care to make that motion? Councillor Dykes.

DY I move to approve the minutes of October 16th and November 7th, 2019.

CH Thank you Councillor, and the second? Councillor Drummond. Thank you. It has been moved and seconded to approve the minutes of October 16th and November 7th, 2019. Is there any debate? Councillor Stewart.

ST Thank you, Chair. I was just wondering if the attendance was updated on the minutes on November 7th?

CH Perhaps it's a question for Alan. Do you know?

AL Unconfirmed, and will update.

ST Looked like everyone was in attendance, but I don't think everyone actually was.

AL Yes, I'll make corrections.

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CH Okay, corrections will be made for that, Councillor Stewart.

ST Thank you.

CH Is there any further debate? The question is on the adoption of the motion as read with the amendments requested. All those in favour? Thank you. Motion carries. Item Three: presentations. 3.1: operational transition plan. I think the President is introducing our guest.

PR Absolutely. So today we have Jamie, who's is [unclear] our Semi-Director of Programs and Services. [Unclear]. You have the floor.

JA All right. Well, I'll stand here, so that I'm not standing in front of a projector. So I've been asked to be here tonight. Gwenda sends her regrets, she's ill. Her and I were going to be presenting this today. But I'll be taking over, so you get to listen to me for the next 30 minutes. Yay. So, from what I know, obviously the councillors would like a little bit more information as to how our operations will be functioning once we're in the building. So I did have a bit of a PowerPoint, but really, it was just headers, so I'm not going to bore you with just one word on a PowerPoint, and I'm just going to let you know what I know.

So we've obviously been working on the building for quite a few years now. The operational plans within what we call SET, so the Student Experience Team. So that is Student Groups, services, programs, and events, and that also includes ACC; but for the last two years, we've been working on an operational plan to get us into this building.

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To be as seamless as possible, with all the kerfuffle that's going on with construction and all those things around us, it won't be a perfect plan. We are well aware of that. We have been acclimatising ourselves to be ready for some bumps in the road, because we do know that that's going to happen. We haven't had as much exposure in the building as we have wanted, and as EC and I'm sure yourselves also know. Things change on a daily basis when it comes to this building. And that's just construction, that's how things work.

We put together what I believe are really good plans. The managers and myself over the last two summers have worked through each program, service and event, and talked about how we thought it would work in the building. What room it would be located in, what we'd need to change as per operations, and how we would be able to give that back to student in the best way possible with the new space that we have. Obviously, this building really highlights the SET Department, and we want to make sure that we're constantly using it in the best way possible.

So I'm pretty much just going to run through our operations one-by-one. Sorry, it might not be super exciting to some. And just give you a brief introduction as to how we're going to operate. Like I said, for standard operating procedures, things will change, things are not set in stone, because we do have to get in there, we do have to operate and see how it does work for us once we actually reside there. I've personally only toured the building twice, and the managers once, so we haven't had a ton of time in there to figure out the miniscule details that we know were going to need.

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So for the second floor, is everyone okay with me just walking through the operations? Perfect. So, for the second floor, the student group's area, it is very different than the way we operate now, as our student group's department only has one office and two desks, and then students come there. In this location, we've got the multimedia room, numerous meeting rooms. We have the working space, which is similar to one of the meeting rooms in Roundhouse, so it's actually for business case students, things like that, so that they can work together, not just sitting around a meeting room table. So we've got that space as well.

We have a room full of lockers. I believe we have 60 lockers that were donated by Paul Bernhall. So those will be located in there, so we can house all of the student group's equipment, which is something we haven't been able to do in that past. And then we have a storage room solely for Student Groups, again. We've got hip-hop dance floors, we've have movable dance mirrors, we've got all those things, so those are things that we're going to be able to house in-house now, and not have to... Computer systems, and things like that.

For operations, the student group's area is actually going to be open the longest in the building. We've decided that the hours... We haven't solidified the hours 100%, but they will be approximately 9:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m., except for Fridays which will be nine to five.

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We will test that out next semester, and then the following September, 2020. We will

see how many student requests may come in for meetings after 7:00 p.m., at which point we may renegotiate those hours for September, 2020. We are checking usage of those meeting rooms, and those will be stats that we have at the end of the school year. So we'll be able to reflect on those, and actually make a solid decision based on space usage, and not particularly one student voicing they want a meeting at 9:00 p.m., or something like that.

So within that, Maureen Workman the Student Groups Manager, and myself, we have worked out a system where myself, Maureen, Marcel and Heidi, the Student Groups team, we'll be working those hours to cover the front desk, which is something that we didn't have. So all of the student group operations, like deposits, booking those meeting rooms will be housed out of that front desk on the second floor. They won't be done from the SAMU main desk on the third floor, which is where we do them right now, in our main office. So all of those tasks will be taken over, and everything Student Groups will be housed within that area.

That's about it for Student Groups. The Student Lounge, it's open to students at all times, it can be booked as well. It is where a lot of our programs will be going. So currently, for next semester, Doggo Time will reside in there. Also because the flooring itself, because in the Lookout, it has different flooring than in the Student Lounge area, so we want to ensure that we're obviously in the right room in case accidents happen.

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On that note, that is also the permanent home of Breakfast Club. When you do get in there, you will see specific millwork that was made to be able to house all the Breakfast Club supplies, so we will not have to be moving them back and forth every single day, or whenever we've got this event. There is an industrial fridge there. It has a lock on it, so it isn't accessible to students, because it will be able to house the food that we have. So SAMU staff will not have to fight for space for their lunch in the lunch room, because we'll actually have a fridge for Breakfast Club now.

On that note, directly behind there is what we're now calling the Pantry. The Pantry probably has the largest changes operationally out of any of our services. This has been a very long conversation with Food Banks Alberta, the Edmonton Food Bank, Maura the service's manager as well. And then I began this operation change once when I was in that role.

It will be more of a grocery-style pantry. One of the comments that we did get from students is that there's items in the bag that obviously they don't eat, they don't like. We try to accommodate as best as possible, because we do have six different dietary restrictions that we work off of, so we try to make those hampers as inclusive as possible, but sometimes that doesn't happen. So Maura is currently finishing up with a nutritionist to make a base hamper. Those base hampers have those nutritional value items that will be in each of them, and then the way that we have set up the Pantry like grocery store isles, so as you go in, you will get greeted at the desk, which we never had because it was housed in the parkade.

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So students will come in, they will be able to use Link2Feed. So we've now gone electronic, instead of paper, hamper requests, which is actually much more confidential as well, which we really appreciate. And then they'll be able to walk

through and take certain items, so you can have one of this, two of this, three of this. And they can build their own hamper, so all of the food is being utilised, and we lessen waste.

So that's a really big one for us, because it's also an introduction to volunteers that normally aren't front-facing. We normally have a different group of volunteers that volunteer for the Pantry, because they're downstairs in the parkade, making hampers, things like that. So we have a training program that we're putting together for those volunteers, to be able to assist them in client conversations, which is something that they've never had to do before. So that plan is coming into effect once we move in as well, and we will have all of the Pantry volunteers come in, and understand how that operates.

Behind that is peer support. Peer support is operating still the same nine-to-five, Monday to Friday. Sorry, nine to four on Fridays. But the difference is that we have two client rooms, so what we have decided is that we will have three volunteers at any given time. We have a front desk as well, so there'll be a reception area to bring students in, so we actually have room to house students in distress, whereas we didn't prior.

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If we had a session going on in the peer support room down by the cafeteria, they could knock on the door, and then that student, we would obviously accommodate, but it ended up that student would probably come back to the same offices, and either be in my office having a session with myself, or with Maura. And obviously that's not something that we want to do to someone in distress, but we didn't have the facilities to do otherwise.

So this way we do have a very comfortable space for students to stay in with another peer supporter at the front desk, so they are being taken care of while one of the two sessions are taking place. So that is something that we're really excited about, that we don't have that kind of awkward conversation where we have to try to assist someone and then walk them three buildings over to be able to have a conversation with someone. So that will be really great.

As for Safe Walk, so we will still be running out of the Welcome Desk, but we do have a secondary desk in the pedway, and we'll be utilising both. So for anybody who... Last year, we attempted Allard, and it didn't end up working so well, so anybody who saw the desk over in Allard kind of tucked away in a far-back corner, we'll be operating the same way in the building as we did when we had Allard.

So we'll have a team in the pedway, and we'll have a team at the Welcome Desk, and then we have one student who stays at the Welcome Desk in case any more walk-ups come up.

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But then the desk in the pedway won't have to be manned at all times. We'll keep that reception area with the Welcome Desk, because we don't want to lose traction with Safe Walk, and people know that the Welcome Desk is where you go.

So we don't, especially this year, because we've had a lot more success with Safe Walk this year, so we really don't want to lose that trajectory of it. Yes, so those are the

services. Like I said, most of our programs will be housed in the Student Lounge. If not, there's the nook area right before you go into the Lookout or the Event Centre, and we do have things that will be going on in that area as well, because it's easy to get traffic to that area from the pedway. Things like Random Acts of Kindness, those are things that continue, and we move all across the campus and will continue to do so.

One of the things that we will be potentially bringing back, and by potentially, I mean we probably will, is Grayworks and showing off the art pieces of students. We do have that online right now. The auction will continue online, but we will be able to set up all of the artwork in the Lookout, like we used to, so that we can open up the auction for longer, and actually have students and faculty and community members come in and have a look at the pieces. Because one of the biggest complaints that we do get is that the pictures don't do it justice when it is a painting the size of that screen, and they don't realise what they're bidding on.

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So we will be able to bring that back into the Lookout, which we're excited about. SUSTAINaMANIA and StressLess, they will go between the Student Lounge and the Lookout, so we'll keep moving those back and forth. One of the things that we haven't truly decided on is the size of an event, and where we want it to go. So, the lounge is a little bit smaller than the lounge we have now, but then obviously we've never had a lookout, and that's quite big, so we really have to find the appropriate space for whatever program we're running at the time, or event. So things might change a little bit.

For large scale events, Speaker Series will be held there. Our February 28th one will be in the Lookout. We just have to lower attendance a little bit, because it holds a few less than the Heart, but we do really want to show off that space as much as possible, so we'll be doing that. Awards Night will be moving there this year as well, that's in early April. So we'll be having a sit-down dinner in that space, and that will be the first one that we'll be doing, so we're really looking forward to that.

The events proposed: so new programming, our year-end event, and SAMU job fair for our part-time students we'll be housing in there, as well. And starting in September, 2020, our portion of NSO will reside in the Lookout. We're normally in the MPR, we share the space with MacEwan Services. There are more than enough MacEwan Services to fill up the MPR, so we will be moving into the Lookout. And we have already started conversations with the NSO Committee, to talk about how we get traffic from the gym into our space, and then back down to the MPR, so we're working on timetables on how that will operate as well.

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And then the other ones. So, Food For Thought will obviously be housed in there as well, and then we're actually going to be doing U-Pass. For the first two weeks, we'll be line-ups like your student cards. And then that will move up to the third-floor front desk, once those line-ups are gone. So for the first two to three weeks of each semester, we'll be doing U-Pass lines through a nook just outside of the Lookout. So there's that. Lots of information. Anything else? Do you guys have questions? Yes.

CA

This was a question I was going to ask the execs later, but in one of the posts up for

an exec for 4.6 was talking about the restrictions and limitations SAMU might have from MacEwan's side. I was wondering if there was any commentary or [unclear].

JA Sure. So, we don't really have restrictions. We have an operating agreement with MacEwan. So there's certain things, cleaning, security, those items, that are housed within that contract. When it comes to food, we have no restrictions whatsoever. We do have our own vendors. We are also allowed to bring in whomever we want. The only restriction, actually, is that if MacEwan was to ever utilise that space, they still have to follow their Aramark rule.

So the rule only still applies to MacEwan staff, it has nothing to do with us. So Student Groups, anything like that, any of the meeting spaces that they have, anyone is welcome to bring in any food item as long as, obviously, it follows food regulations. And that also goes for alcohol as well. So for our Bingo in the end of March, we're looking at breweries to come in, like local Edmonton breweries just for our Dirty Bingo night, so we won't have any restrictions on those as well. Is that kind of what you were going for?

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CA Yes.

JA Okay. Other than that, I can't think of any other restrictions that we might have.

DY I guess from a club's perspective...

JA Student Groups.

DY Student Groups, yes, thank you, sorry.

JA I do it all the time.

DY Will they be able to book the Outlook, for major events and everything?

JA Yes

DY Okay, I just wanted to clarify.

JA Yes, and so we've actually been talking about that, and how we were going to have that operate, because obviously once Allard came into play, there were some hefty costs that went along with those theatres. And I do understand that they're really wonderful large spaces, but for Student Groups, and this is Darryl, Maureen and myself have been having these conversations, that we're looking to break even.

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So it's going to be at a very minimal cost. There will be a deposit, obviously, a damage deposit that we'll need from Student Groups. But it will also be at, what's the word I'm looking for, operational cost, and that's it. So if they need to come in, and there's three hours of cleaning because it was just destroyed. If they need security, which Student Groups already have to get anyway, so that isn't an extra cost. But facility-wise, yes, it pretty much comes down to the cleaning fee, and that's what we would end up charging Student Groups.

DY Thank you.

JA You're welcome.

- SR Sorry, just on that last comment, if I may.
- JA Yes.
- SR You said Student Groups would be responsible for security costs, let's say they got somebody [unclear], is that...
- JA No, alcohol events, they have to have security.
- SR Only alcohol event?
- JA Yes, no, they have to have security for, well, high-risk events if we've got them. But normally high-risk event is alcohol. Yes. That's part of the policy, they do have to have security. That's part of MacEwan's policy as well for alcoholic events.
- SR For alcohol events. Okay.
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- JA Hi.
- ST Hi, I just want to thank you for coming today.
- JA Sure.
- ST And also for all those great things, especially I was talking to Councillor Campbell earlier about some of the changes, especially within your budget, and some of the impact it might have on students, and [unclear] wanting to use the Pantry more. Having a service that's going to be larger and more accessible is going to be really great. As well as [unclear] new club spaces, or Student Group spaces, they're going to be really nice as well, so, yes.
- JA Sorry, on that note as well, for the Pantry, we do have an industrial fridge and freezer back there, so we're having conversations of potentially bringing back the We Can program, for meat, and dairy, and fruits and vegetables. And then we've also had conversations with a couple local grocers. Grocers? Is that even a...? I don't know. This is why you shouldn't record. Buy, yes, to bring in local produce and have standard pick-up times of Wednesdays at two every other week, so they can come get some fresh items as well. Yes. Forgot that bit. Yes?
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- NE SAM Centres: what's the game plan for those in the future?
- JA SAM Centres? We have one. Yes.
- NE What's the game plan? Wouldn't Allard Hall still exist?
- JA SAM Centre?
- CA No it's not, it's been gone since September.
- NE My apologies. Is that going to continue to exist?
- JA No. We will have tickets. Portions of that have been, we've been looking at the sales for a very long time. We will keep the Oilers tickets, the WEM passes, moving passes, SPC cards. Those will be housed out of the third-floor front desk. We will continue those operations on a smaller scale.

- NE The SAM Centre, as it currently sits, will no longer be there?
- JA Correct. It's gone as of December 18th.
- DR Will there also be someone like our health and dental rep in the third-floor areas, as well?
- JA First floor. They have their own office space.
- DR [Unclear].
- JA Yes, they have their own location. Yes?
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- OP And just quickly adding to that, they are going to be one of our tenants in [unclear] space to be a, [unclear] going to do that.
- JA Well, they're currently a tenant.
- OP Yes, in the space though, too. They'll be there, first floor. Yes.
- DR Sorry, I'm just wondering, do you know what's going to be going into the current SAM Centre?
- JA I have no idea, actually, sorry. I've been asked that twice today. Yes, I actually have no idea what they're... It would be a perfect space for a central security desk. Not in Building Eight. But that's not my decision. That's where most of the problems are, right? Cafeteria?
- MI I think there was a question.
- OP Oh no, it was just a response to Rachelle, there's nothing going in there as of right now.
- JA Okay. Yes?
- AC I know the answer, but just for the sake of everyone else, the rest of our office space is also going to be here, right?
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- JA Oh, yes.
- AC Everything is going to MacEwan. Just to clarify.
- JA Yes.
- AC They're starving for space.
- JA That is very true. Yes?
- SR Sorry Jamie, I've got an abundance of questions. You okay with that?
- JA Keep going.
- SR So thank you for your time here. I've heard concerns about the availability of space for the new building. Office space for staff. What are your thoughts on that? Is there going to be enough space?

JA 100%. Yes. There's more than enough space.

SR Sweet.

JA I don't have anything else to say to that. Yes. 100% there's enough space.

SR Okay, sweet. I think there was a piece in the Post yesterday that talked about a delay. Is that delay past December 2nd?

JA Correct.

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SR Okay. So what have we [unclear]?

JA Yes, marketing. We had a communication plan, so I'm just making sure that I'm capable of... I'm looking over here.

EX Sorry, what was your question?

SR I noticed on the Facebook post, literally I was just looking at this, there's a delay. They didn't say anything about it. Is it still the December 2nd delay from a couple months ago, or is it past that?

EX It's past it a little bit. The pedway's still going to be opening on the 2nd though.

SR Okay.

CA I was talking to Andrea before this, and she said that you guys were moving in on January 2nd.

JA No, we're not moving in on January 2nd. We're moving in middle of December.

CA But you'll start operating..

DR Everything's open there on the...

JA Yes. Sorry, on the operations aspect, all of our operations remain the same in the spaces that they're currently at until the end of this semester, because we're not moving Peer Support with a couple weeks left.

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All of our operations and services and programs will be fully operational January 2nd in the building. But they will continue to run as-is until the end of this semester, just in their current locations, because we're not moving them. But our move will be taking place shortly after the December 2nd date, and we'll be physically moving into the building.

SR So we're still bang-on for being fully operational by the beginning of next semester? [Overtalking].

JA Oh, yes.

SR Peachy.

JA I have a student grand opening on the eighth, so it's happening one way or the other.

SR December or January?

JA January.

SR All right. If I may ask, what happened?

JA Construction, weather, rain, mud, snow, everything. Honestly, it's construction. Look at what happened with Allard. Delay after delay. You know, that's unfortunately the world we live in, and we can't occupy it until the city of Edmonton tells us we can, so when we're told occupancy will be held off until these final things are done, then we have to listen. You can keep looking over there, but it'd be the same answer.

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SR I'm just trying to understand, did we have any occupancy delay clause in the contract?

JA That is information I have no idea. That's not in my purview.

SR I understand.

JA But with construction companies, you do have those clauses, but I will say that there's normally a 30, 60, 90, 120-day movement in that. And that's something that they utilise because then at that 120 days, it's no longer acceptable. So there's a four-month leeway.

SR This is my last question, I promise.

JA No, go ahead.

SR So we've confirmed Ito [?] and Opa [?], which is sweet. Excited about that. Not sure you want to share what the third one is named?

JA This is ruining Marketing's plan. Every Friday, for the next two Fridays, you'll learn the other two.

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SR If we move into Cameron, can we find out?

JA If you move into... Oh, in Cameron? No.

SR You're not going to tell us, eh?

JA No. I've known for eight months, so I haven't broken yet.

PR I've been bribed with food and drink, and I'm like, sorry, no.

SR I don't need to bribe you, I can just go to Cameron. [Overtalking].

PR I know. I think it's really neat.

HA So just a heads-up, we have two minutes left. Does anyone have any other important questions to ask Jamie at this time? Thank you.

CA Yes. You said that the Student Group's open until 7:00 p.m.

JA Yes, except for Fridays.

CA Except for Fridays, and that's the same for the Student Lounge?

JA The Student Lounge will be accessible while the building's open, until 11:00 p.m.

CA Like 11? Ok. And so, say a club wants to host an event in [unclear], can you do a request to...

JA Oh, yes, of course. For spaces. Yes.

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ST Thank you. I was just curious: do we not know the date that the building will be open to students yet? How longer... The pedway will be open December 2nd.

JA Yes.

ST And then the building is being slightly moved, but do we not know that date yet?

JA We do know it, but it's so flexible.

ST Okay. No, that's fair. It's just, the student...

JA We'll get in there.

ST One thing too, just quickly before you have to end. I know it's really exciting having Ito and Opa in the event space, or not an event, but just food [unclear] in our space. But I know there is potential talk beforehand that they would be local food vendors, rather than big companies. What was the decision made [overtalking].

JA Those are local business owners that have those.

ST They are? Like a franchise?

JA Yes. We actually had a committee of eight of us student executives: Parvin and Emma were on that, Gwen, myself, Darryl. We had Chris Bruckman from MacEwan, and when the applications came in, we went through the applications that we received. All right? Yes.

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AC Are there still plans to have a 24-hour open period around exams? Anything like that?

JA Operationally, can't be done.

AC Okay.

JA That was kiboshed years ago.

AC Oh, really?

JA Yes. That was one of the things that... The vote was talked about, especially donairs as well, being in the building. But that was a big thing.

AC And pretzels?

JA No, pretzels was me. That was purely me. There's no pretzels in the building. But yes, because of operational costs, it's unbelievable. So the library and that area can still be done, and that's why MacEwan doesn't do all of their buildings 24-hours, because operationally, it can't be afforded. Yes, a lot of money.

CH So Councillors, two more minutes. We have one or two last questions.

AC I just have the briefest comment ever that I am so happy about the way the food bank

is being done. I'm so optimistic about that. I think in the current fiscal climate, it's more important than ever to support vulnerable people, and I wish every food bank was done like that. It's such a great, novel, innovative idea. I love it.

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JA Thank you, I'll pass that along.

CH One last question.

SR Can we know the tentative date that the building's going to open, at the very least?

JA No, I'm not comfortable saying that. It's not my purview.

SR It would make me feel very comfortable as a councillor for the due diligence of our student body.

JA Then you can pass that along to EC and they can ask the correct director.

SR Cool beans, thank you.

PR Thank you so much, Jamie.

CH So, councillors, we're not going to have the agenda up on the screen. I think I went to go put the cake away. So anyway, we'll just move on. Item Four: for information. 4.1: reports. 4.1.1: President, any oral supplements.

PR Absolutely, so on Monday, we had our demonstration. [Unclear] a little bit more, I just thought it was [unclear].

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

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AC Yes, briefly. All of my times and starting report has been consumed with the demonstration stuff. Canvasing, and then doing the actual demonstration. I think it went really well. The second thing I wanted to say is that I know I've been recruiting students a lot, in my real-world comments for certain things. I've filled a lot of them out. I have one left. It's the Learning Management System Working Group. It's the working group that's giving feedback on MacEwan's move to adopt a new learning management system.

You know, like Blackboard. So Blackboard is potentially being replaced. If you've ever taken online classes, if you've used Blackboard heavily, you can apply. You can sit on the working group and have direct input on the next learning management system, and I encourage you to do so. And that's all. Thank you, Chair.

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

EX Yes, thank you Chair. So I held more tabling, alongside Student Council member and their executive members, on the Friday. Previous to that, I had a Minister preparatory meeting with the President, myself, and the Advocacy Coordinator. On the weekend, I had several phone calls with UASU and their team to work out logistics in terms of the demonstration, and make sure everything was peachy-keen pristine. And then I also had a meeting with the President this weekend as well, where we delved into more preparatory work for a meeting with the minister as well.

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Then I bought supplies for making signs. And then I set up the sign-making thing, and then further to that, we had the demonstration, so making sure that making sure everything... I was the coordinator for day-of, so ensuring the demonstration went without hitch. I'm very pleased with the outcome. Further to that, from Tuesday until Thursday, so today as well, I've been at the Clause Counterparts Conference.

In conjunction with that, I've been doing the advocacy days, so I've been going to the legislature, the federal building, talking with MLAs, ministers, and whomever about priorities for post-secondary students. And the Clause Counterparts Conference is best practice sharing with other institutions who are part of Mutual Advocacy Group Clause. Thank you, Chair.

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

OP Yes, thank you Chair. Along with fellow ECs and SCs, tabling advocacy for the budget demonstration, which just was done on Monday, as a member of the Board of Governors, I attended convocation for our students who graduated. And I too have also been participating in calls with our counterparts for both in-town and out-of-town. Thank you, Chair.

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

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SL Yes, thank you Chair. I won't reiterate what folks have already said, but I had the privilege of giving the land acknowledgement at the demonstration on Monday. That was super great, we had a really great time, great turnout. And as well, I have the concept drawings, I guess, for what the marketing material is going to look like Sex Week, and I'm very excited about it, so I just wanted to share that with you all. Thank you, Chair.

CH Thank you. Item 4.1.6: The Audit Committee reports and your package for information. 4.2: Executive Committee minutes of October 2nd, 7th, 10th, 17th, 24th, 2019 are in your package for your information. 5: question period. 5.1: written questions are in your package for your information. 5.2: oral questions. Who will open the floor for questions now? Councillor Stewart?

ST Thank you, Chair. I just wanted a question for our Vice President External before, potentially, the President. I was just curious of the details of what came out of the meetings with the Minister of Advanced Education, both the individual one focused on MacEwan, as well as the group one with the other Alberta student leaders. Thank you.

CH Thank you, councillor. Vice President?

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EX Thank you, Chair. We actually didn't have a meeting for the student leaders. Because we were the initial coordinators, we spoke to the Minister of Advanced Education prior to media even knowing about the event. We had, I guess, the fortune of meeting the Minister in a solo meeting, so we got to speak very specifically to MacEwan's needs and wants and asks, where other student leaders didn't have that same opportunity. So we were really fortunate in that regard. I will go over some of the high-level things.

Please see me afterwards if you have any further questions. A lot of it is convoluted, it was a long meeting.

We asked about what the Minister has heard in terms of student issues, and he said he's heard a mix of things, and there's concern in increases, but also hearing that the past way is unsustainable. Now I don't really know what students he's referring to, if I'm being real with you, all I've heard is concern.

There's limited dollars for reallocation. We've mentioned needs-based upfront grants, so basically taking the money that is has been eliminated from our tax credits, and reallocating it to provide financial opportunity for folks who would otherwise be able to attend post-secondary, but due to financial circumstances, would fall through the cracks. So basically, reallocating the funds we would have gotten for tax credits, because the tax credits have been eliminated.

We talked about metrics, and how that ties into our funding formula. So as you all know, we put that 7.9% reduction to our operating grant, and so, how that was previously decided was a surplus. Now moving forward, they want something more sustainable, so they're looking for metrics. He asked us specifically to come back to him with, if we could have one metric that we would like to see, what would that metric be?

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And so we delved into that, and I mentioned that completion rates should not be used for the funding formula. And reason being why, for MacEwan specifically, is we have programs such as the engineering, pre-eng, and pre-education, which wouldn't technically complete for a completion as they often would transfer to another institution, so that would be a detriment to our funding at our institution. He did say he could commit to having voices at the table, as something came out this Friday to the Board of Governors, ensuring that student leaders are within the conversation for the budgetary discussions, so that is a win.

CH Vice President, sorry, your three minutes are up, so I have to cut you off there.

EX Yes, absolutely. Thank you.

CH Councillor Stewart, anything further?

ST Yes, thank you, Chair. Just a quick question, because I know it's been a question from other students, and I just wanted to ask what the situation was that came up with the photograph that they got with the Minister of Advanced Education with the other groups, and when that was taking, since we weren't part of the group meeting. Thank you.

CH Thank you, councillor. Vice President?

EX Yes, thank you Chair. Our meeting ended, and their meeting was just about to start, so as we were leaving, we were kind of forced into a photo. I would like to note, I was not smiling in the photo. I was not very pleased with the whole situation. And then it was used against us in terms of marketing, if I'm being real. And from that, actually, with our CAUCE counterparts, I've spearheaded, alongside some of the other executives, a statement that's gone out with CAUCE.

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So we will no longer be taking photos with MLAs, or representatives or whomever, at our advocacy meetings, as we want to control the narrative of what's going on. That photo was simply just to say that, hey, we were at this meeting, we brought forth, asked prior to the demonstration, and we wanted your voice to be heard, but unfortunately, they posted it and changed the messaging which has caused a debacle. I hope that answers the question. Thank you, Chair.

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

ST No thank you, Chair. I just wanted to mention that I think the decision made in that situation is unfortunate, but I think going forward, it's a really great decision that they pushed forward in regards to the truth and stuff like that. Thank you.

CH Thank you, councillor. Other questions? Councillor Strayer?

SR Yes, first off, I just want to [unclear] support for this getting flipped on its head in a way that I don't think anyone ever intended. Really sorry that this happened. I know it's not how you guys intended it. Kind of tacking on to my written question, how can we tackle this in a way that, well, spears the government for what they did? Thank you, Chair.

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CH Thank you, councillor. Vice President?

EX Thank you, Chair. So obviously, tuition increases are not ideal for anybody. We need to make sure that our post-secondary is financially accessible to all students. Affordability, accessibility, and quality of education are top of mind. So moving forward, we're working heavily with CAUCE to create a more united voice provincially, as not all CAUCE folks were onboard with the demonstration.

Just due to their capacity, really, and also some folks not being close to legislature and they wouldn't be able to get their students out. But we're trying to do a multitude of campaigns which will live on, hopefully past my time in office, and help continue advocacy while we have this current government. This is not a short-term thing. This is a long-term situation, so we're currently making sure our strategy is congruent with what will be going on. Thank you, Chair.

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

SR Yes, thank you. This is a little bit operational, but can we use our own social media team to attack them back? Thank you, Chair.

CH Thank you, councillor. Vice President?

EX Can I get some clarification on attack them back? I don't know who them is. Thank you, Chair.

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CH Thank you, Vice President. Councillor Strayer?

SR Thank you, Chair. Them, as in the provincial government. Thank you, Chair.

CH Thank you, councillor.

EX Sorry.

SR Provincial government.

CH Vice President?

EX Thank you, Chair. The best course of action is not to attack. And I know that's not a popular opinion, but if you're yelling at someone, you're not going to have the proper conversation. They're not going to be in a place to receive that feedback or asks. So we need to be very strategic on how we're having these conversations with government. We are non-partisan, so of course we are against the budget. When it comes to the government, it's essential that we work with them, as well as the critics, to make sure our voice is heard.

I have met with Mr. Eggen, who's the critic for Advanced Education yesterday, and brought forward some questions that were asked in question period that same date, in relation to affordability, needs based upfront grants, things like that. The STEP Program being eliminated. So it's meeting politicians where they're at, which they operate in meeting rooms. And unfortunately, that's the situation that we're in: we need to meet them where they're at, and make sure our asks are heard, and keep pushing that.

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

SR Yes, thank you, Chair. I'm not super stoked about the building being delayed. To my Vice President Operations, what's the date? Thank you, Chair.

CH Thank you, councillor. Vice President?

OP I can only reiterate as Marketing has admitted online to the SAMU building, recognising that there was further delay, and that the limited spaces of the opening in January. Thank you, Chair.

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

SR Point of information: how can I go into camera, at this point? And if I did, would I be able to find out that information?

CH Councillor, you heard the answer. I mean, you can't ask the same question twice and expect a different answer. So, unfortunately, that is the answer, Councillor. It's not an issue of being in-camera or out-of-camera as far as I'm concerned. It's an answer to your question. Anything further, Councillor?

SR I find it difficult to accept that.

CH Well, my apologies. Anything further, Councillor?

SR If I can't get any further, I don't think that's acceptable. But, if I can't...

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CH Councillor, and to all the councillors, this is question period. This is not statement period, okay? I've been pretty loose in terms of allowing you to make statements, but I think it's getting a bit much. So let's just keep that in mind as we go forward, otherwise we'll just rein this in a little bit. Okay? Councillor Strayer, anything further?

- SR No, that'll be all. Thank you, Chair.
- CH Thank you. Other questions? Councillor Campbell.
- CA Question for VP Academic. As mentioned in your exec report, what are the changes coming to [unclear] policy on student 2040 on the education abroad?
- CH Thank you, councillor. Vice President?
- AC Thank you, Chair. And thank you, Councillor Campbell, for that question, which comes out of our EC minutes, which shows a lot of attention to the agenda package. To be able to find something like that in our EC minutes pretty impressive. Essentially, what you're talking about is the repealing of the Study Abroad policy. And the reason the Policy Advisory Group has recommended this rescission is because everything that it does, everything substantial in it is covered by two other policies. There's one for travel, and there's one for inter-institutional transferability.

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And essentially, you're travelling to another country, and then you need those classes you're taking to transfer to MacEwan, so that they work as credentials here. And so Policy Advisory Group, having had this travel policy recently passed, is now looking at the Study Abroad policy and saying, well, this combined with our pre-existing transfer credit policy, covers everything that Study Abroad covers. And therefore, it's redundant, and they want to rescind it. So that's the whole context around that. Thank you.

- CH Thank you. Councillor Campbell, anything further?
- CA Just one other question for Ryley. You had a meeting...
- CH Councillor, just a reminder that we refer to each other as our titles. It's okay, go ahead, Councillor.
- CA Sorry. For President. You mentioned in the exec report about construction happening in Allard Hall. As it relates to student experiences, what are [unclear]? What would be expected with that?
- CH Thank you, councillor. President?

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- PR [Unclear]. All right, so the Board of Governors approved construction through the academic year. The construction will not be stopping for noise complaints, possibly making sounds out of Allard Hall to Building One. No classes are on fourth floor in December. Levels three and four will be adding an additional four classrooms. There will be 22 classrooms and two labs on the fifth floor. There's going to be an additional stairwell added from the fourth to fifth floor. There'll be more lockers on the fifth floor.

There's going to be this dance floor thing on put over in the Atrium, so that none of the construction bits fall onto the main level. They will not be moving any of the specialty music classrooms during construction. The Robbins and Allard Hall pedway closure will be three days maximum. They haven't expressed when that will be. Substantial completion for that project will be June 30th, and August is when it will be moved in. So, I guess we'll see, during exam times, classrooms being moved, and [unclear] that

will be [unclear] stuff that will affect students. Thank you, Chair.

CH Thank you, President. Councillor Campbell, anything further?

CA Nothing.

CH Thank you. Other questions? Councillor Yanish?

YA Thank you, Chair. Mine is for the VP External. I'm just curious, what is something that went better than you anticipated with the march on Monday, and what is something that could have gone better?

CH Thank you, councillor. Vice President?

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EX Thank you, Chair. Something that went better than expected is having another student's association or student union join on with us. That solidarity was really great to see from UASU. What could have been better? Obviously, more students. There was a good turnout, but compared to our population at MacEwan, it wasn't a super-significant amount of folks. That being said, I understand that students can't afford to miss class. It's understandable that not everyone's available for a few hours in the middle of the day. So obviously, I'd loved to have seen more students, but when it comes down to it, I'm very happy with the event itself. Thank you, Chair.

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

YA Yes, actually a question for the VP Academic. As I already know the answer to this based on a personal conversation, but for the benefit of the Student's Council. You briefly talked about restorative solutions in your report, and I'm just curious if you think it's preferable alternative, and if so, why?

CH Thank you, councillor. Vice President?

AC Thank you, Chair, and thanks for that question, and giving me the chance to highlight it. That's a good question. I think in some circumstances, it is a much preferable alternative than the traditional discipline forms, but not in every circumstance. And that's why I'm very happy to have seen it been implemented into our new Student Academic Misconduct policy, as well as our Student Non-Academic Misconduct policy. So virtually any kind of misconduct could result in a restorative resolution if faculty adjudicators deem that appropriate.

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So this usually doesn't happen for second-time offenders, it usually doesn't happen for severe offenders. This is usually something done for minor offenses, a frankly, quite often for accidental offenses. And that's maybe the number one reason that I'm in support of it, is because so many of these academic misconduct cases are accidental plagiarism, or accidental collaboration that they don't know is improper. You can plagiarise by accident by paraphrasing improperly. It happens, and I've seen it.

And so when a student does that, what is the proper course of action? Is it to discipline them, and tell them how terrible it was that they cheated? Or is it to give them a chance to explain how they understood what they did affected, gave them an unfair advantage, affected the professor, maybe forced the professor to change their question banks or

their test materials. That's what really gets them thinking. And I think, in some circumstances, with some students that are found responsible for some kind of misconduct, it does an incredible job of setting them on the right course to not do that again.

And also, I want to say for that reason, I was the student advocate on the video that Paul Sopcak, who championing this new thing, shows at training at conferences to advertise MacEwan's stance on this. I was very happy to be the student voice in that video, and I'm happy to share it if anyone wants to see it. But yes, I think it's a great idea. Thank you, Chair.

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

YA No, thank you Chair.

CH Thank you. Other questions? Okay. Item Six: in-camera period. 6.1: Governance Investigations Committee report. We have a motion. Councillor Campbell?

CA I move to go on camera.

CH You move to go on camera? Thank you. And a second? Vice President External, thank you. It has been moved and seconded to go on camera. Is there any debate? Question is on the adoption of the motion to go on camera. All those in favour? Thank you. And opposed? Motion carries. I don't think we have any guests. I think we have a report to distribute. I must say, the report is expertly written, by the way. [Overtalking]. Oh, no, I know it. I'm familiar with it. So, councillors, my understanding is that you had opportunity to read this report in advance of this meeting. So, I guess...

Thank you. Okay, we're moving on to nominations for the By-laws and Policy Committee. Do we have the names for who's put forward? Okay, so, the nominees... I feel like I'm on the Academy Awards. It's like a life dream or something like that. The nominees for the By-laws and Policies Committee are Councillors... If we could just have order, please? Thank you. Councillors Bower and Hassan. Sorry. And so, let me just also clarify, councillors, that if you have submitted your name and you wish to not be on the ballot any longer, you can simply raise your placard and remove yourself from the ballot as well. Okay? So, are there any additional nominations? Councillor Yanish?

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YA I'd like to nominate Councillor Strayer.

CH Sorry, Councillor Strayer? Thank you, councillor. Councillor Strayer, do you accept?

SR Yes, I do. Thanks.

CH Thank you. Any other nominations? Councillor Tesfay?

TE I'd like to nominate Councillor Kent.

CH So Councillor Strayer has already been nominated, councillor.

TE Oh, okay.

CH Thank you.

TE You're welcome.

CH Any additional nominations? Councillor Hassan?

HA Is this the right time to take my name off?

CH Oh, you can take your name off. Yes, sure.

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HA [Overtalking] my name? Thank you.

CH Any additional nominations? Okay councillors, so we have two nominees: Councillors Bouwer and Strayer. I'll just note that we have two positions available; however, council does need to confirm that they would like these individuals placed on this committee, and so we still do have to proceed through the vote.

And so, we will still continue with the speeches, as well. Okay? So, since Councillor Bouwer was first on the nominee, we'll provide... [Unclear]. We'll provide Councillor Bouwer the 30 seconds. We're going to cut off the last second. I'm kidding. For him to make the case. So just be very quiet, because I think the audio might be a bit of an issue. So, go ahead. You can go ahead.

BO Good evening, fellow councillors. Despite my absence as I'm currently travelling to Germany, I would like to nominate myself for the position of sitting on the By-law and Policy Committee. This committee has really meant a lot to me. It's been a really fantastic way to get this project of committee reform done, to turn engagement into something actual and real and tangible. And Councillor Strayer and I have been doing a lot of really great work on this committee. We're half-way through it. I beg you, please reappoint us. It would mean the world. Good night.

CH Thank you, Councillor Bouwer. And Councillor Strayer? Your 30 seconds begins now.

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SR Thank you, Chair. As Councillor Bouwer said, we've put countless hours into that policy that we submitted. Was it two weeks ago? I'm really proud of the policy we put forward. I think it's good, but we've got to continue working on it. We're not quite done, and I think it's important we both get on it, for the sake of congruency. I got a lot of [unclear] policy on this committee, and then with the Faculty Arts and Science Governance Council, and then doing seven academic appeals on behalf of the Student's Association. So I think my resume speaks for it. I'd really appreciate [unclear]. Thank you.

CH Thank you, Councillor Strayer. Okay, so we will open the ballot now. If you click on one of the names, that means that you are voting for that individual, and if you leave one of the names blank, then that means that you're not voting for that individual. Is that clear? Okay. Go ahead. [Unclear]. Is one individual still filling out the ballot? [Unclear]. Excellent, so we have a motion. Vice President of Operations and Finance?

OP Thank you, Chair. A motion to appoint Councillor Bouwer and Councillor Strayer to the By-laws and Policy Committee. Thank you, Chair.

CH Thank you. And a second? Councillor Hassan. It has been moved and seconded to appoint Councillor Bouwer and Councillor Strayer to the By-laws and Policy Committee.

Is there any debate? Question is on the adoption of the motion as read. All those in favour? Thank you. And opposed? Motion carries. Audit Committee, we have four positions available. Three? Sorry, yes, three. Sorry. So I'll just read off who we have as nominees so far. One? Councillor Newton is the only one who had put their name forward so far.

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So, we'll open nominations. Councillor Newton.

NE I'd just like to remove myself, thanks.

CH Ok, we'll remove Councillor Newton. Councillor Dykes?

DY I would like to nominate Councillor Ouellette for the Audit Committee.

CH Thank you, councillor. Councillor Ouellette? Do you accept a nomination?

OU Yes.

CH Thank you. Vice President?

SL I would like to nominate Councillor Forbes for the Audit Committee.

CH Thank you, Councillor Forbes, do you accept?

FO I do not accept.

CH You do not accept? Thank you. Councillor Newton.

NE Thank you, Chair. I would like to nominate Councillor Johnston for the Audit Committee.

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CH Thank you. Councillor Johnston, do you accept?

JO I do accept.

CH Thank you. Councillor Stewart?

ST Thank you, Chair. I would like to nominate myself to this committee.

CH Thank you, councillor. Other nomination? Okay. Oh, sorry. Vice President?

OP Thank you, Chair. I'd like to nominate Councillor Yanish to the Audit Committee. Thank you, Chair.

CH Thank you. Councillor Yanish, do you accept?

YA I respectfully decline.

CH Thank you. Other nominations? Okay, so we have councillors Ouellette, Johnston and Stewart. Am I missing anyone? No? Okay, so we'll proceed with the 30-second speeches, starting with Councillor Ouellette. Your time begins now.

OU Thank you for the nomination. I would be okay with working on this committee because I have taken auditing. My major is accounting, my minor's management, so I know a lot about how it works and everything. And I don't have a lot to say, sorry. Thank you, Chair.

- CH Thank you, councillor. Councillor Johnston, your 30 seconds begins now.
- JO Thank you, Chair. I don't have really anything prepared for this one, but I would be honoured to. I think this is a really important position. And... Sorry. I don't have anything prepared. Thank you.
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- CH Thank you, councillor. Councillor Stewart. Your 30 seconds begins now.
- ST Thank you, Chair. I put my name forward for this committee as I sat on it for over a year now., so I've really gotten to see it grow as we've asked for more information during our meetings to really do our jobs diligently. And when it comes to auditing SAMU, it's a super-important committee that we have. And it's important that we here remain diligent and we make sure that we're accountable, that we're transparent, and that we're doing all that we can in expanding, potentially, even our purview as the Audit Committee. So I'd like to continue seeing those changes [overtalking].
- CH Thank you, Councillor Stewart. Okay, so is the ballot ready? Okay, we'll open the ballot now. [Unclear]. Okay. Vice President Operations and Finance, you have a motion?
- OP Thank you, Chair. Motion to appoint Councillor Ouellette, Councillor Johnston, and Councillor Stewart to the Audit Committee.
- CH Thank you. And a second? Councillor Yanish, thank you. It has been moved and seconded to appoint Councillor Ouellette, Councillor Johnston and Stewart to the Audit Committee. Is there any debate? Question is on the adoption of the motion as read. All those in favour? Thank you. And opposed? Motion carries. Item 7.4: Budget and Finance Committee. We have nobody, I think. Oh, sorry. Councillor Newton and Councillor Campbell have put their names forward. There are two positions available for this committee. We'll open nominations now. Councillor Forbes?
- FO I would like to nominate myself.
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- CH Thank you, Councillor. Other nominations? Vice President?
- SL I'd like to nominate Councillor Mirza.
- CH Councillor... Sorry, who?
- SL Councillor Mirza.
- CH Thank you, Vice President. Councillor Mirza, do you accept?
- MI I respectfully decline.
- CH Thank you, Councillor. Other nominations? Councillor Strayer.
- SR I'd like to nominate Councillor Hassan.
- CH Thank you. Councillor Hassan, do you accept?
- HA I would like to respectfully decline.
- CH Thank you. Other nominations? Okay. We have three individuals for two positions.

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We will go in the order of Newton, Campbell, and Forbes. Councillor Newton, your 30 seconds begins now.

NE Thank you, Chair. Yes, so this is the one and only committee that I really wanted to run for. And one of the reasons why is because throughout my campaigning, a lot of what I campaigned on aligns with the Budget and Finance Committee, so I hope to be able to get on this committee. As well, I think that now more than ever, it's really important to make sure that our budget and finance reflects the needs of students first and foremost. So yes, please vote for me.

CH Thank you, Councillor Newton. Councillor Campbell, your 30 seconds begins now.

CA Thank you, Chair. So a little bit about me you guys might not know, I'm also completing a business management diploma here at MacEwan, so I have some experience with dealing with this stuff. Also, I do major budgeting when it comes to going on exchange and my small businesses, with my music business. Staying for this committee especially, that's going to change.

With the new building and provincial budget happening, there will also be the case of Alberta College moving in to Allard Hall. And as a student and underrepresented faculty who is in Allard Hall, I would like to out for those students, and that's a major point of my campaign that I worked on. [Unclear].

CH Thank you, councillor. And Councillor Forbes, your 30 seconds begins now.

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FO Thank you, Chair. I don't have any personal experience with any schooling regarding budgeting, but every student that I talk to in order to run for office, a talking point that I had with them was the budget of SAMU and how we are managing that. And I would like to fulfil that promise in order to be transparent and truthful to the students that I wanted to run regarding the budget that we have. And I think this is the best way to do that. Thank you, Chair.

CH Thank you. Okay, councillors, I think the poll is open now. You can go ahead. [Unclear]. Okay, Vice President Operation and Finance?

OP Thank you, Chair. Motion to appoint Councillor Campbell and Councillor Newton to the Budget and Finance Committee. Thank you, Chair.

CH Thank you. And a second. Councillor Dykes. It has been moved and seconded to appoint Councillor Campbell and Councillor Newton to the Budget and Finance Committee. Is there any debate? The question is on the adoption of the motion as read. All those in favour? Thank you. And opposed? Motion carries. Sorry, councillors. Okay, we are on to the Governance Remuneration Advisory Committee. We have one available position. And no nominees? Am I reading that correctly? Nobody has put their names forward in advance, so we will open the nominations now. Vice President.

EX Thank you, Chair. I would like to nominate Councillor Yanish.

CH Councillor Yanish, do you accept?

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- YA I do.
- CH Thank you, councillor. Councillor Stewart.
- ST Thank you, Chair. I would like to nominate Councillor Forbes.
- CH Councillor Forbes, do you accept?
- FO I respectfully decline.
- CH Thank you, councillor. Other nominations? Okay. So, we have one nominee for one position. Councillor Yanish, your 30 seconds begins now.
- YA Thank you, Chair. Remuneration, more than any other financial reimbursement, in my opinion, needs to be heavily scrutinised, especially when we are the type of organisation that we are. Not hourly wage paid. That's a four-word sentence, but... Members, and so it needs to make sure that it's fair for both the party remunerating and the being remunerated. [Unclear].
- CH Thank you, councillor. We will open the poll now. Okay. Vice President Operations and Finance?
- OP Thank you, Chair. Move to appoint Councillor Yanish to the Governance Remuneration Advisory Committee.
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- CH Thank you. And a second? Councillor Mirza. It has been moved and seconded to appoint Councillor Yanish to the Governance Remuneration Advisory Committee. Oh, sorry, is there any debate? Question is on the adoption of the motion as read. All those in favour? Thank you. Opposed? Motion carries. Item 7.6: Leadership and Review Committee. We have two positions available. And we have two individuals who have nominated themselves: Councillor Hassan and Councillor Drummond. We'll open nominations now. Vice President?
- OP Thank you, Chair. I nominate Councillor Johnston.
- CH Councillor Johnston, do you accept?
- JO I do.
- CH Thank you. Other nominations. Vice President?
- SL Thank you, Chair. I would like to nominate Councillor Tesfay.
- CH Councillor Tesfay, do you accept?
- TE I accept.
- CH Thank you. Other nominations? Okay, so we have four individuals. We'll start speeches with councillors Hassan, then Drummond, Johnston, and then finally with Councillor Tesfay. So, Councillor Hassan, your 30 seconds begins now.
- HA Thank you, Chair. I would like to be appointed for the Leadership and Review Committee on the belief that I am an individual with the ability to lead by example, to take courageous risk, and to provide fearless feedback.

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I also believe that I have the ability to elevate those around me. For those who know me, I am a strong promoter of teambuilding. I firmly believe that we can always get better, because good enough isn't. I hold student engagement dear to my heart. Again, for those that have the chance to interact with me, you know I love talking to students, you know I'm energetic, and I believe that the [unclear] that can make the most [unclear]. I firmly believe that. That's why I didn't run for anything else. I know what I'm good at.

CH Thank you, Councillor. Councillor Drummond, your 30 seconds begins now.

DR Thank you, Chair. This is the only committee that I was interested in running for. Since around my first year of university, leadership has always been my passion, and I really strive to make sure that our student body's engaged, and that we're really making the most out of student experience. I've sat on this committee for the past three years, and I think it's really important to have a council member on it as well that can speak to our past experiences and what we've done on council. Thank you, Chair.

CH Thank you, councillor. Councillor Johnston, your 30 seconds begins now.

JO Thank you, Chair. So maximising student engagement is something that I've been passionate about and focused on since the beginning of my campaign. With my involvement across campus, it has been something I've been working at so far, and I would be grateful to be able to continue to do so through this. So, thank you.

CH Thank you, councillor. And Councillor Tesfay, your 30 seconds begins now.

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TE Our goals and needs, I feel that this is most deadline with when I was running for council. I feel like I'm all about student engagement, and leadership is one of the things that I am very used to, outside of even SAMU. So, yes, that's why I would like to be on it.

CH Thank you, councillor. We'll open the polls now. [Unclear]. Vice President Operations and Finance.

OP Thank you, Chair. Move to appoint Councillor Johnston, Councillor Hassan to the Leadership and Review Committee. Thank you, Chair.

CH Thank you. And a second? President. It has been moved and seconded to appoint Councillor Johnston and Councillor Hassan to the Leadership and Review Committee. Is there any debate? The question is on the adoption of the motion as read. All those in favour? Thank you. And opposed? Motion carries. Item 7.7: Appointment Advisory Committee. We have one position available, and one individual has put their name forward. Councillor Dykes? You are. Okay. Any other nominations. Vice President?

EX Thank you, Chair. I'd like to nominate Councillor Yanish.

CH Councillor Yanish, do you accept?

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YA I do.

CH Thank you. Other nominations? Councillor Strayer.

SR Nominate Councillor Drummond.

CH Councillor Drummond, do you accept?

DR I do. Thank you, Chair.

CH Thank you. Other nominations? Okay. We have three individuals. We will proceed with Councillor Dykes first, Yanish second, Drummond third. Councillor Dykes, your 30 seconds begins now.

DY All right. Thank you for your time today. You may or may not know, but one of my main points during running was election, and I think for the election was engagement. I think this is a more indirect form of engagement, but nonetheless all the important. Anyway, so in my personal life, I chair a planning committee, and I've had to do material like this where I've had to form criteria, select candidates, interview candidates, and everything like that. And also, in my personal life, during work life, I've also served as a team lead and had to provide input on introducing everything.

CH Thank you, Councillor. Councillor Yanish, your 30 seconds begins now.

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YA Thank you, Chair. As part of my full-time job, on a pretty-much weekly basis, I'm interviewing candidates and seeing if their attitudes and personages are compatible with our team. And so I feel like I'm in a unique position, not only because of that, but because I was appointed myself, where I understand what attitudes are compatible or not with Student's Council. And I feel like I've grown immense since appointed about a year and a half ago, and I wish to continue that work. [Unclear].

CH Thank you, councillor. And last but not least, Councillor Drummond, your 30 seconds begins now.

DR Thank you, Chair. I think I can be of value to this committee, as I think being able to sit on the Appointment Advisory Committee is a good skill to have. That you're a very well-rounded student, and have been part of multiple different groups. I value myself in being a highly-involved student at SAMU, as well as outside of school, I'm very involved in my community and different programs. So I think I'd be able to find a student that is diverse as well for our committee. Thank you.

CH Thank you, councillor. Okay. Poll is open now. Vice President Operations and Finance?

OP Thank you, Chair. Move to appoint Councillor Dykes to the Appointment Advisory Committee.

CH Thank you. And a second? Councillor Stewart. It has been moved and seconded to appoint Councillor Dykes to the Appointment Advisory Committee. Is there any debate?

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The question is on the adoption of the motion as read. All those in favour? Thank you. And opposed? Motion carries. Item 7.8: Health and Dental Subcommittee. We have one available position, and no nominees. So we will open the floor to nominees now. Councillor Ouellette?

OU I'd like to nominate myself.

CH Thank you. Councillor Dykes?

DY I'd like to nominate Councillor Drummond. Words are hard.

CH Thank you. Councillor Drummond, do you accept?

DR I respectfully decline. Thank you, Chair.

CH Thank you. Councillor Stewart?

ST Thank you, Chair. I'd like to nominate Councillor Forbes for this committee.

CH Thank you. Councillor Forbes, do you accept?

FO I decline. Thank you.

CH Thank you. Councillor Strayer?

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SR Point of inquiry: who currently sits on the committee, and who doesn't? Actually, better question, who currently doesn't sit on the committee?

CH I suppose we can do that, if you wish to out yourself. Do you not sit on a committee, just raise your hand. Okay, there we go. We'll proceed with nominations. Councillor Stewart?

ST Thank you, Chair. I'd like to nominate Councillor Tesfay.

CH Councillor Tesfay, do you accept?

TE I do.

CH Thank you. Other nominations? Councillor Yanish?

YA I'd like to nominate Councillor Mirza.

CH Councillor Mirza, do you accept?

MI I decline.

CH Thank you. Other nominations? Okay, we'll proceed with speeches, starting with Councillor Ouellette, and then Councillor Tesfay. Councillor Ouellette, your 30 seconds begins now.

OU When I first looked at the committees, this is the first committee that I wanted to be on, because I've gone to U of A, NAIT, and MacEwan, so I know the different plans at all three. Because I have so many health issues, I rely on these plans. I also have worked at a pharmacy for eight years, so I've worked with a lot of different insurance plans, and I know how it works.

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And I also find it fun going through request proposals, because I've done it myself before, and I've done budgeting and everything. So yes, thank you.

CH Thank you. Councillor Tesfay, your 30 seconds begins now.

TE I'm all about students utilising all the things offered by MacEwan and SAMU. I feel like, as a student, in terms of health and dental, I didn't utilise it as much, and this year,

I'm all about advocating utilise everything offered by SAMU. So I feel like I'll do a good job letting students know, and letting them know how to they can utilise what's offered to them in terms of health and dental.

CH Thank you, Councillor.

TE Thank you.

CH Okay. We'll open the poll now. Okay, Vice President Operations and Finance.

OP Thank you, Chair. Move to appoint Councillor Ouellette to the Health and Dental Subcommittee. Thank you.

CH Thank you. And a second? Councillor Johnston. It has been moved and seconded to appoint Councillor Ouellette to the Health and Dental Subcommittee. Is there any debate? Question is on the adoption of the motion as read. All those in favour? Thank you. And opposed? Motion carries. 7.9: Awards Subcommittee. Okay, we have one position, no prior nominees. We'll open nominations now. Councillor Newton?

01:25:17

NE I'd like to nominate Councillor Drummond.

CH Councillor Drummond, do you accept?

DR Yes, I do. Thank you, Chair.

CH Thank you. Other nominations? Councillor Yanish?

YA I'd like to nominate myself.

CH Thank you. Councillor Stewart?

ST Thank you. I'd like to nominate Councillor Tesfay.

CH Councillor Tesfay, do you accept?

TE I respectfully decline.

CH Thank you. Other nominations? Councillor Campbell.

CA I nominate Councillor Mirza.

CH Councillor Mirza, do you accept?

MI I decline.

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CH Thank you. Other nominations? Councillor Stewart?

ST I would like to nominate Councillor Forbes.

CH Councillor Forbes, do you accept?

FO I'll accept. Thank you, Chair.

CH Thank you. Other nominations? Okay. Three nominees for one position. We will begin with Councillor Drummond, then Yanish, then Forbes. Councillor Drummond, your 30 seconds begins now.

DR Thank you, Chair. I think I'd be valuable to this committee as I've served quite a few years on council. And I think I'd be able to speak to some of the good applicants and what qualities we're looking for, and who we'd like to really acknowledge as going above and beyond their role as councillor, and not just doing the [unclear]. Thank you, Chair.

CH Thank you. Councillor Yanish, your 30 seconds begins now.

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YA Thank you, Chair. I was previously on Awards Subcommittee, enjoyed it, and I thought I was very valuable on the subcommittee, as I knew not one of any of the applicants for any of the awards, as opposed to all of the other members on the committee at some point knew one of the members. So I feel provided a very truly [unclear].

CH Thank you. And Councillor Forbes, your 30 seconds begins now.

FO Thank you. Having my campaign on student engagement, and gauging on that, I feel as if I was trying to get on committee here. I'm probably not fulfilling that promise, so I will do my best to learn everything about this subcommittee and provide the best [unclear] operation that I can. Thank you.

CH Thank you. Okay, we'll open the poll now. Vice President Operations and Finance?

OP Thank you, Chair. Move to appoint Councillor Drummond to the Awards Subcommittee.

CH Thank you. And a second? Councillor Forbes, thank you. It has been moved and seconded to appoint Councillor Drummond to the Awards Subcommittee. Is there any debate? Question is on the adoption of the motion as read. All those in favour? Thank you. And opposed? Motion carries. Item Eight: Consultation. Nothing to consult on today. Item Nine: Evaluation. Sorry, we're going to open the poll here right away. And go. [Silence].

Think there's one more. Everyone's looking at me like I have magic powers or something. Is everyone done? I can never tell if you're filling out the form or downloading mace songs on Napster. Item Ten: recognition. We'll open the floor to recognition. President?

PR I would like to recognise our VP External, Cole, for all the very hard work that she put into everything regarding the demonstration, and advocacy on behalf of our membership. Thank you.

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CH Other recognition? Councillor Dykes.

DY Even though she is not present, I would like to thank Jamie, and recognise her for being present and answering all of our questions, and going into depth about all of the details of the new building. And I hope somebody from the executive or staff can convey our recognition towards her afterwards.

CH Vice President?

EX Thank you, Chair. I'd like to recognise all the students, council and executive committee members who helped me with tabling, with talking and engaging students in regard to demonstration. Thank you all very much. You were a huge help, and

essential in the operation of everything.

CH Councillor Strayer?

SR I'd like to recognise Alan, our Governance Advisor. I forgot to recognise him on the emergency meeting. He was an invaluable asset to forming new policy. Quite frankly, we wouldn't have been able to do it without him. The dude is a rock star when it comes to policy review, foreign policy. Yes, we couldn't have done it without him.

CH Other recognition? Councillor Hassan.

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HA I would just like to again just thank the VP External for the initiative she took with this ... I strongly agree. I think there's more student that had the ability to come out, and I think we're going to collectively keep gathering as much resources as we can as we try to tackle this. So, thank you very much.

CH Other recognition? Councillor Stewart?

ST Thank you, Chair. I have a few individuals to recognise, if that's okay? First, again not to reiterate, but I think it's important that we do our VP External for all the hard work they've done, along with the President as well. With their meetings, with the demonstration, with preparing for it, with the tabling, all that work does not go unnoticed as it's important.

I also recognise Rachelle, because it's her birthday today. Our Councillor Drummond, sorry. And also want to recognise their help. It wasn't mentioned in the report, because it was a bit last-minute, but for Councillor Drummond's help on the LEC, what was the Leadership Engagement Committee. That report. They made some awesome additions to that, and that was really important.

I also want to recognise everyone who got on a committee today, and also those who did not. Your efforts and your interest does not go unnoticed. And that there's so many other ways to still get involved and still attend meetings. So, I want to say that as well. And also, yes, thanks to our governance support team, with Alan and Maddy, for allowing us to go digital, and save the trees a little bit here today, with all the [unclear] forms and for managing that. I think I hit everyone I wanted to, so thanks.

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CH Other recognitions? Councillor Hassan.

HA I was also going to recognise the President. Thank you for the enthusiasm you brought when we were marching, and the strong image that you are for SAMU. I think that the student who have not had the opportunity to meet you would be proud to have you as their president. Thank you.

CH Other recognition? Councillor Yanish?

YA This is more of a recognition of Executive Council, but I understand how, I don't think violent is the right word, but unnecessary and violent the response from some people was to the photograph on the Facebook page, and I understand that human psyche is not fully equipped to deal with the stress that comes from that. So I just want to recognise all those on the Executive Council who indicated that, and I saw a response

posted about that from various students, so I think that's important. Because people like complain about everything, so good try.

CH Other recognition? Vice President?

AC Thank you, Chair. First of all, I have to start by recognising the VP External for the same thing that she's been recognised for repeatedly here. Being the first, and pretty close to the only, Student Union VP External to start and follow through with the demonstration, which ended up being very successful. We were close to being the only Student Union to do that, and we certainly were far ahead of that. And that all entirely thanks to our VP External, who did a really excellent job rallying us against an issue that is, frankly, poses a threat to the existence of students and the future enrolment of students.

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Next, on a more technical note, I really want to thank all the councillors who RSVPed to the holiday party in December. If you want to come, please check out Alan's email from November 1st, I believe it was. You have to RSVP by the 29th. And please pay attention to who to RSVP to in that email. And thanks to the ones who have done so already.

CH Any other recognition? Well councillors, I have a few people to recognise. First of all, I'd like to recognise council. I think we had a meaty agenda today, and I don't want to prolong it unnecessarily. But I think we dealt with some sticky wickets fairly successfully, so I congratulate you on that, especially because we've got some new members of council. And so, congratulations on conducting a good meeting. I'd like to recognise Alan for putting in place the whole polling thing. That saved us an immense amount of time, so I'm going to take a little bit of liberty with that time.

I want to recognise as well the students and the Vice President External. I think the work that you do is very important. I didn't attend the rally, but I did poke my head around there, because I work very near the legislature, and I'm at the legislature frequently. And so, I saw your rally. I think it's important work that you do, although I'm a public servant, and so I don't take a position on your position.

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And so, well, it's my job. Congratulation to you on doing that as well. That's all. Item 11: Adjournment. Do we have motion? Councillor Ouellette?

OU Council adjourned.

CH Thank you. This motion only requires one mover and is not debatable. All those in favour? Thank you. And opposed? Motion carries. This meeting is adjourned.

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