

**Minutes for the Students' Council Meeting of the
Students' Association of MacEwan University
January 15, 2020 at 6:00pm in room #7-218**

In Attendance:

Cole Baker, Vice President External
Ruan Bouwer, Councillor
Colin Campbell, Councillor
Rachelle Drummond, Councillor
Myles Dykes, Councillor
Blake Forbes, Councillor
Ahsan Hassan, Councillor
Hale Johnston, Councillor
Kiran Mirza, Councillor
Spencer Newton, Councillor
vacant, President
Aubrianna Snow, Vice President Student Life

Alycia Stewart, Councillor
Kent Strayer, Councillor
Alem Tesfay, Councillor
Andrea Turner, Vice President Operations
Sean Waddingham, Vice President Academic
Matthew Yanish, Councillor

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

Absent:

Stephanie Ouellette, Councillor

Meeting called to order at 6:00pm.

1. Treaty 6 Land Recognition

We would like to acknowledge that this meeting of the Students' Association of MacEwan University is taking place on the traditional territories of the people of the Treaty 6 region in Central Alberta.

The Students' Association of MacEwan University is situated in the centre of what we call the city of Edmonton, which is called Amiskwacyi Waskahikan or Beaver Hill House in Nehiyawewin (Cree). This is the traditional home of the Nehiyaw (Cree) and Michif (Métis), and meeting place for many Indigenous peoples including the Nakawe (Saulteaux), Siksika (Blackfoot), Nakota Sioux (Stoney) and other nations.

2. Approvals

2.1 MOTION TO APPROVE THE AGENDA FOR JANUARY 15, 2020

CAMPBELL/JOHNSTON

MOTION TO AMEND THE AGENDA TO REMOVE 3.1 CAUS PRESENTATION

VPE/VPSL

CARRIED

CARRIED

2.2 MOTION TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF DECEMBER 18, 2019

STEWART/BOUWER

CARRIED

3. Presentations

4. For Information

4.1. Reports

4.1.1. Vice President Academic

Update on student research event.

4.1.2. Vice President External

MacEwan Presidential search committee update. CAUS meeting. City plan consultation. EC for a day update. SAMU building grand opening for students. Moment of silence for Ukraine airlines flight. Security and safety briefing.

4.1.3. Vice President Operations & Finance

EC for a day. UASU counterpart meeting. Meeting re ACC students moving to Allard Hall. EC for a day update.

4.1.4. Vice President Student Life

SVPEC meeting update. EC for a day.

4.1.5. Appointment Advisory Committee

4.1.6. Audit Committee

4.1.7. Bylaws and Policy Committee

4.1.8. Budget and Finance Committee

4.1.9. Executive Committee

4.1.10. Governance Remuneration Advisory Committee

4.1.11. Leadership and Review Committee

4.2. Executive Committee Minutes

Minutes of December 11, 2019 provided.

5. Question Period

5.1. Written Questions

Campbell - Question for VPSL: Would you be able to give any further update regarding what has been discussed and potentially changing with tabling opportunities around campus?

Vpsl - Student groups maintain the ability to table anywhere on campus; MacEwan tables will need to be booked through mystudentsystem, and SAMU is currently discussing a possible memorandum of understanding that would allow us to maintain ownership of the tables at the former SAM centre. Other than that, nothing has changed for tabling opportunities.

Campbell - Question for VPO: Would students studying abroad at MacEwan (whom are SAMU members) get included in coverage for the protection plan, and would they be eligible to vote on this matter if the referendum is approved?

Vpo - This is for our International Students coming to Canada only. This is with the focus mainly on ensuring that they have coverage and are good until Alberta Health Care comes into play, and if the International Students are in a critical state, or, if they have passed away while they are here. They are covered for the full 12 months while they are here as a students.

Despite other places implementing this coverage without a referendum, and we are not International Students, we would like them to decide. And hopefully the information sessions at the end of the month will help them to decide "no," or, "yes."

Stewart - To the appropriate executive, in the EC committee highlights it is mentioned that the GM brought forward the idea of having a fundraising position in SAMU to be shared with MacEwan. Can you provide more information about the reasoning, and the role of this position and why it would be beneficial to MacEwan to share them with us?

Vpo - Since the government dropped the budget in October, many places are looking to diversifying their revenues. Like our counterparts across the province, we are no exception, including the universities. Just as we share in the Ombudsperson for our students, it was seen beneficial that have an individual shared between the two and at a lesser cost who will focus on MacEwan, and then on us, SAMU.

Stewart - To the Vice President Operations, it is mentioned in your report that you attended the Board of Governors meeting. Can you elaborate on what occurred at the meeting as in any items that stood out or that would have an impact on students? Also are there any updates on if our Vice President External will be able to sit on the board in place of our former President?

Vpo - We have submitted to the government for VP External to fill the student membership on BOG. We have even prompted for an expedite on the submission, so that it can be completed as soon as possible.

Documents heavily worked on by our VP Academic, AVP Students, Students Affairs and the Provost on:

Student Appeals

Student Academic Misconduct

And Non-Academic Misconduct

were brought forward for approval.

And finally the new table for the tuition amounts that MacEwan is implementing for 2020-2021. At both Finance Property and Investment Committee, and once again at BOG, I brought forward EC's concerns regarding this new table and our point of view on the matter. I was the sole voter in opposition to the motion.

5.2. Oral Questions

Topics include: SAMU fundraiser position; International Student Protection Coverage; president search;

6. In Camera Period

7. Motions & Business Orders of the Day

7.1. International Student Protection Plan Referendum

MOTION TO APPROVE THE INTERNATIONAL STUDENT PROTECTION PLAN REFERENDUM QUESTION TO BE INCLUDED IN THE MARCH 2020 ELECTION

VPO/VPE

FAVOUR: NEWTON, VPSL, VPO, YANISH, TESFAY

OPPOSE: VPE, BOUWER, CAMPBELL, DRUMMOND, DYKES, FORBES, HASSAN, JOHNSTON, MIRZA, STEWART, STRAYER, VPA,

DEFEATED

8. Consultation

9. Evaluation

10. Recognition

11. Adjournment

MOTION TO ADJOURN

YANISH

CARRIED

Next Meeting Date: February 19, 2020

Meeting adjourned at 6:56pm.