

In Attendance:

Cole Baker, Vice President External
Ruan Bouwer, Councillor
Colin Campbell, Councillor
vacant, Councillor
Myles Dykes, Councillor
Blake Forbes, Councillor
Ahsan Hassan, Councillor
Hale Johnston, Councillor
Kiran Mirza, Councillor
Spencer Newton, Councillor
Stephanie Ouellette, Councillor
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
Madeline Beard, Governance Assistant

Meeting called to order at.

1. Treaty 6 Land Recognition

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

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

2. Approvals

2.1 MOTION TO APPROVE THE AGENDA FOR FEBRUARY 19, 2020

OUELETTE/BOUWER

MOTION TO AMEND THE AGENDA TO ADD 7.1 AND 7.2 "ADDRESSING AMBIGUITY IN 7 AND 7.1 ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF ELECTED OFFICIALS"

STRAYER/STEWART

CARRIED

MOTION TO AMEND THE AGENDA TO ADD 8.1 "CONSULTATION FOR BYLAW AND POLICY COMMITTEE ON SECTION 7 AND 7.1 OF ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF ELECTED REPRESENTATIVES"

BOUWER/STRAYER

CARRIED

CARRIED

2.2 MOTION TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF JANUARY 15, 2020

CAMPBELL/NEWTON

CARRIED

3. Presentations

3.1. Student Conduct Policies - Dr. Lynn Wells

4. For Information

4.1. Reports

4.1.1. Vice President Academic

Volunteer opportunities coming up: conduct appeal; learning management systems committee; Apps anywhere demo;

4.1.2. Vice President External

Dean of A&S search update; Director meeting; CASA;

4.1.3. Vice President Operations & Finance

Directors meeting; RBC meeting & building tour;

4.1.4. Vice President Student Life

As presented.

4.2. Executive Committee Minutes

Minutes of December 18, 2019, January 15, 22, 29, 31, and February 5, 2020 provided.

5. Question Period

5.1. Written Questions

Stewart - To the Vice President Operations and Finance: From reviewing our Food for Thought event did you notice any particularly recurring comments or concerns from students that stood out? If so can you elaborate on what they were?

Vpof - I have not received the feedback document yet from Marketing and Events showing all the information. As soon as I have received I will be happy to share with everyone for us to review. Thank you for reaching out.

Stewart - To the Vice President Academic: The ombudsperson is a very important role that students should have available as a resource to them and I'm surprised we're allowed to not have a designated person in this role, as a result, do you have any more updates on what the plan moving forward is? Was it possible at all for us as SAMU to potentially take on more of the cost? What do other institutions have in place as alternatives?

Vpa - SAMU is committed to ensuring that an ombuds role remains available for students at MacEwan. I have taken responsibility for this as VP Academic, and along with the rest of the executive committee, I am meeting with MacEwan regularly to find a way forward. Since the ombuds role will exist in its current form until April, we have some time and are being careful in examining all our options, of which there are many. We don't know what our final decision will be yet, but we are making progress, and will hear back from central admin on this matter in the coming days.

Stewart - Also to the Vice President Academic: In regards to the General Manager Recruitment motion, can you please explain the justification behind why \$20,000 is budgeted for this recruitment?

Vpa - For an answer to this question, please see the in-camera item and the related confidential document that our governance advisor has.

5.2. Oral Questions

Topics include: OERs; SA/SUs recognition of students who have passed away; potential H&D referendum for international students; Admission requirement changes for mature international students;

6. In Camera Period

6.1 General Manager recruitment

MOTION TO GO IN CAMERA

STEWART/BOUWER

CARRIED

MOTION TO GO OUT OF CAMERA

BOUWER/VPA

CARRIED

MOTION TO RECESS FOR 5 MINUTES

OUELLETTE/CAMPBELL

MOTION TO AMEND TO CHANGE "5 MINUTES" TO "7 MINUTES"

STRAYER/STEWART

CARRIED

Main motion reads "Motion to recess for 7 minutes".

CARRIED

7. Motions & Business Orders of the Day

7.1. Addressing Ambiguity in 7 and 7.1 Roles and Responsibilities of Elected Officials

MOTION TO INTERPRET ITEM 7.1 OF THE ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF ELECTED REPRESENTATIVES POLICY AS "IN THE EVENT THAT A MEMBER OF STUDENTS' COUNCIL IS ABSENT FOR MORE THAN 20% OF REGULARLY SCHEDULED TOWN HALL MEETINGS AND STUDENTS' COUNCIL MEETINGS THAT MEMBER OF STUDENTS' COUNCIL WILL BE AUTOMATICALLY REMOVED FROM OFFICE. TOWN HALLS AND STUDENTS' COUNCIL MEETINGS ARE COUNTED TOGETHER."

STRAYER/CAMPBELL

Favour: Strayer, Forbes, Tesfay, Newton, Bouwer, Johnston

Oppose: Vpo, Stewart, Ouellete, Campbell, Mirza, Hassan, Vpa, Vpsl, Vpe, Yanish, Dykes

DEFEATED

7.2. Addressing Ambiguity in 7 and 7.1 Roles and Responsibilities of Elected Officials

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STRAYER/STEWART

Favour: Vpo, Forbes, Tesfay, Johnston, Stewart, Ouellette, Campbell, Mirza, Newton, Hassan, Strayer, Vpa, Vpsl, Vpe, Bouwer, Yanish, Dykes

CARRIED

7.3. Councillor Appointment

MOTION TO APPOINT RACHELLE DRUMMOND AS A COUNCILLOR FOR A TERM ENDING OCTOBER 31, 2020

DYKES/NEWTON

Favour: Vpo, Forbes, Tesfay, Johnston, Stewart, Ouellette, Campbell, Mirza, Newton, Hassan, Strayer, Vpa, Vpsl, Vpe, Bouwer, Yanish, Dykes

Oppose: Vpe, Vpsl

CARRIED

* Drummond joins table.

7.4. General Manager recruitment

MOTION TO APPROVE AN UNBUDGETED EXPENDITURE OF \$20,000.00 FOR GENERAL MANAGER RECRUITMENT

VPA/MIRZA

Favour: Vpo, Forbes, Tesfay, Johnston, Stewart, Ouellette, Campbell, Mirza, Newton, Hassan, Strayer, Vpa, Vpsl, Vpe, Bouwer, Yanish, Dykes, Drummond

Oppose: Newton

CARRIED

8. Consultation

8.1 Consultation for Bylaw and Policy Committee on section 7 and 7.1 of Roles and Responsibilities of Elected Representatives

Bouwer – BPC is looking for feedback on this policy.

9. Evaluation

10. Recognition

11. Adjournment

MOTION TO ADJOURN

VPO

CARRIED

Next Meeting Date: March 18, 2020

Meeting adjourned at: 8:15pm.