

April 15, 2020 Students' Council Meeting - Audio Recording Transcript

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CH It's six o'clock, so we'll call the meeting to order. Item 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, what is called Amiskwaciy Waskahikan or Beaver Hill House in Nehiyawewin.

It's the traditional home of the Nehiyaw and Michif and meeting place for many indigenous peoples including the Nakawe, Siksika, Nakota Sioux and other nations.

Item 2, Approvals.

2.1, we have a motion. Can I get someone to raise their hand to read that motion? Anyone? Vice President Student Life?

SL I move to approve the agenda for April 15th 2020.

CH Thank you, and a second? Councillor Drummond, thank you. It has been moved and seconded to approve the agenda for April 15th 2020. Is there any debate? Question is on the adoption of the motion to approve the agenda for April 15th 2020. Is there anyone opposed? No, okay, the motion carries.

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Item 2.2, we have another motion. Councillor Stewart?

SE I don't know if this has been [unclear], thank you, Chair, but I noticed that Councillor Johnston was noted as present, when they were absent during the April 15th meeting.

CH Sorry, today is April 15th, Councillor Stewart.

SE All good, sorry, yes, we're all good, sorry.

CH Okay, we have item 2.2, we have a motion. Can I have someone read that motion? Councillor Strayer, you look like you'd like to read the motion.

SR Yes, sure, I move to approve the minutes of, what is that? March 18th, or April 1st, which one am I doing?

CH March 18th.

SR Approve the minutes of March 18th 2020.

CH Thank you, and a second? Councillor Bouwer, thank you. It has been moved and seconded to approve the minutes of March 18th 2020. Is there any debate? Question is on the adoption of the motion to approve the minutes of March 18th 2020. Is anyone opposed? Motion carries.

Item 2.3. We have another motion. Councillor Strayer, you'd like to read that one? You were halfway there the last time.

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SR Yes, I move to approve the minutes of April 1st 2020.

CH Thank you, Councillor, and the second? Vice President Student Life, thank you. It has been moved and seconded to approve the minutes of April 1st 2020. Is there any debate? Question is on the motion to approve the minutes of April 1st 2020. Is there anyone opposed?

JO Yes, sorry, I have no video right now, so no way of raising my hand, but I was listed as present for that meeting, and I was, in fact, absent.

CH Okay, I think that's a friendly amendment. We'll make that amendment to the minutes. Anyone opposed to moving the minutes of April 1st 2020? Motion carries with that friendly amendment.

Item 3, Presentations.

3.1 2020 to 2021 set a new budget. Turn it over to the Vice President Operations and Finance to cue this up.

OF Thank you, Chair. I do have a PowerPoint presentation, but if it doesn't work, I can do it verbally as well, if everyone's comfortable with that? I think I just have to be given permission to share the PowerPoint. I'm allowed, okay, thank you. We'll see if this works, I make no promises, but it worked at another meeting for somebody, so hopefully it works for me.

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Okay, let's hope this works. Thank you, everyone. All our Directors should be present here, Director of Finance, Joanne, Director of Programmes and Services, Jaime, Director of Building Operations, Darryll, and I'm not absolutely positive, but is our Director of Marketing, Carl, here as well?

CR Yes, here.

OF Thank you, Carl, thank you. All right, it's hard to see everyone in this, sorry for the clicking. So, some of this is review from the Director of Finance's budget workshops, so some of it might be a little redundant, but we're going to go through it again, as well, to keep in mind what we're looking at for the budget as Student Council members. Let me see if this works. Ah, that's how it's going to work.

So, January until March, the process involved each department reviewing last year's budget, and consider any changes to be made, which elements to maintain, and any additions. With the guidance and support of the Directors and the GM, the teams worked together to establish the strategies to meet the goals of the SAMU Strategic Plan.

Then the Directors and GM meet to review each department and then consolidate the budget together. And for VP Ops Fi, they lead in the same process for department 12, Governance and Leadership, following up with my fellow ECs, thank you, and the Advocacy Coordinator and the GA, regarding some of the GL lines that fall within their

portfolio.

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And then, March through April, actually commencing Tuesday March 17th, was the week when the Budget and Finance Committee got together, and presentations began for that week. We had several of those to go over, review, to evaluate this budget, with members of BFC providing their feedback, bringing up any questions or concerns they had for the staff. So, huge extra thanks to everyone involved in that. Again, this was many hours that took out their busy schedules to go over this, and they approved it April 2nd of this month.

So, the biggest thing with the budget is it entied with our Strategic Plan. Does the budget align with the plan, the mission, the vision, the values, the goals, the strategies? Every department has a mandate to tie expenditures to the strategic goals. These are identified and outlined in the SAMU Strategic Plan, which was built by students and passed by Students' Council. Thank you, everyone.

If spending cannot be tied to the overarching document, then it is not in line with the students' set direction. So, each department goes through the goals, identifying exercises for this. Now, of course, our seven goals right here are dedicated advocacy, commitment to sustainability, relations with our community, stewardship of resources, integration of the SAMU building, connect to students and enhance the student experience.

So, at the beginning of each department, before you even see all the whole GL template, you are looking at the front page of those goals. There's a little bit of a different twist on it, thank to our Director's suggestions, this year. So, the questions we really need to keep in mind as a Student Council, these are really important questions to consider, is does the spending align with SAMU's priorities? Once again, which, of course, is the Strategic Plan. Does the budget reflect the Strategic Plan? Does it meet those seven goals, just as I outlined?

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Number two, can we pay our bills? Do the student fees cover expenses? Are we meeting our obligations? Number three, are we following our spending according to our policies and procedures? And number four, is there anything suspect or unjustified? Unjustified amounts and [unclear] items, so if you see anything unusual or need to take a second look at, you know that's what we're all doing here.

Some differences versus last year, we're just going to show for those who cannot remember it, and for those of you who are new, give you an idea. It was very hard to find where the GL lines fell within the fixed cost and or the goals, one of the seven goals that each department ties to those GL lines. You had to go within the template to find if it was a fixed cost, as FC, or one of the goals, and tie that together. Sometimes, especially when you were doing the year end, that could be hard to find.

I won't say if it's Director of Programmes and Services or Director of Finance who came up with this, anyways, thank you, Directors. To make it a little easier, you will notice on this new budget template is fixed cost right off the cuff, and along with the goals, you'll see as well, anything that's a fixed cost to the GL line. It's all right there at the very top, if there's a fixed cost in that department.

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And it's tied to a goal, then you'll see here in our new template, the GL lines are right there as well, so you don't have to go hunting. You know right off the bat which GL line ties to which fixed cost and which goal. So then, right after fixed cost, if the department has a fixed cost, you look right below and right in the top left there, you'll see which goal these GL lines are being tied to. So, right underneath there, easy-peasy to find.

And right across with those GL lines is the strategy, the metric description, because we're all about metrics, tying this to the budget, and the metric target, and then of course, the best estimate for the completion of these.

And just a little accounting recap, so you'll find the account number and the account names all on the far left going down. In the middle, you'll see which department you're still looking at and the quarterly amount that we're estimating is going to be spent. And then, of course, the total amount at the very end, along with what this GL line is all about.

Everything's about revenues and expenses, plus the minus here, so at the very top of those revenues for that department, you will see money coming in, in the green there, and the total at the top. If it's expenses, at the bottom you'll see it all lined together, and then the net income or loss. You minus the expenses from the revenue, and you have your totals.

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Something I should review, just in case, I'm sure most people know what fixed cost is, but just a little recap on that. Those are costs we have little or no control over. So, if you have business, let's say, rents, your insurance, salaries, benefits, stuff like that, those are constant costs.

So, they're fixed costs, those are things we don't really have control over, they are as they are, so that's why they're called a fixed cost, in case anybody needed a recap on that or in case you needed that knowledge, which is okay, not everybody knows that.

Some of the highlights for each department that are a little different from the year before, are Operations, there's a couple of things moved to Building Operations, which I'll touch on when we get there. Two new things added in here, we need some extra hours for a few extra staff members, for events, for set up and take down. So, there's a new line in there for that.

Another one, this was brought forward from our former GM. Other GMs at other organisations have it, so it's quite common. It's a discretionary account, to help with, maybe, some extra items for SAMU and MacEwan, items they might need on that side, but more so, for programmes and services if there's ever any extra items or things that were unknown, just to cover the pop up to cover there.

If there's further questions to that, when we come to the motion, we can bring that to the Directors as well. So, I would suggest any questions we have, we would wait for the motion on the floor, please.

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Also, just to touch base on enrolment, this is something I'm just going to add my two

cents in, I know MacEwan likes to say the forecast has always been we're going to have more students, but this past year we did have some drops. Our forecast for a budget is based on this past year with some of those drops, and that's why I know one Student Council member wanted to ask about that, why the numbers seemed a bit lower?

There was a drop in student numbers, so you will notice that, both in department one, Operations, and same for Building Operations, with regards to the building levy. That being said, we did hear news from MacEwan, however the pandemic leaves things to question a little bit there, just to tie this together, in that they've had the highest application rate for our Fall and Winter semester in quite a while. So, we have a high number of students wanting to get in at present.

A couple of things you'll notice in Marketing, department two, for those who have been before, some things have moved over. One is the promo squad, it used to fall under Events. There's a few of us here who actually volunteered for that, so that's the Marketing team for SAMU that goes around and makes contact with the students, promotes SAMU and the programmes and services students may need. Also, to hand out fun prizes, do some of those contests, go round and make contact with the student body. Excuse me, sorry. Pardon me, everyone.

Another extra line from our Marketing Department is freelance and consultants. That's for securing freelancers, contractors to complete graphic design, photography and other Marketing initiatives. So those are two that you're going to notice right away in that department that are a little different.

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This one is quite different now, department three's now Advertising. It used to be for the SAM Centre. The SAM Centre, along with all of our other offices we had across MacEwan are no longer, because we are now in our own building, we're all under one roof. So, SAM Centre itself is no more, but a number of the items that we pass out to students out of the SAM Centre, are now done at the front desk. So now the SAM Centre, department three, is now Advertising.

One additional line in there is TV advertising, that's for the screens you see around our building. Our GL line to put towards our TV advertisements there for people. Of course, tickets and passes, a number of those things that once fell under the SAM Centre for When [?] and so on are no longer, so you'll notice a difference in that. In case anyone's wondering, those are not under there anymore.

Sorry. And then our revenue for receipts, that was under the griff department, now lives home under department three as well. So, if anyone's wondering where that revenue line went from department 14, it is now here. The building levy and the building fund revenue has moved to this department. I know someone messaged me, asking where did it go, it is now here.

And again, our building levy is tied to the number of students we have, so again, reflecting on enrolment, as I did in department one, is the same for here. And some extra lines our Director of Building Ops has added, is licence fees, and a line for backups and upgrade to equipment. So licensing, but also if anything ever happened and we needed help with our service a little bit better or replace anything, that GL line is there.

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Department five, the biggest thing is a lot of additional events. Some of you might know some of these that have come up, or some that are maybe brand new for you. So, some new things under Events, is flash and bash, at West Edmonton mall. pass the tea, onstage series, dirty bingo now lives here as well, that's a very popular event.

New student orientation initiatives, and just a line for our Student Experience team to have those items that help us to function better in our new building. So, a lot of this has to do with all of us being under one roof in the Events team here now.

Biggest thing with Services, is you're going to notice as we are doing with all our policies and procedures as well, we all keep noticing it, food bank keeps coming up, it needs to be the Pantry now. So that's been changed here, a new GL line in this for the Pantry, is for cost of food, but that also includes training for staff and any volunteers, security clearance checks, permits, licences, and the like.

Department eight, it used to be for Alberta College Campus, as we know, Edmonton Public School Board is moving in there, so our SAMU space there, it will be no longer. Our volunteer coordinator manager over there is coming with us to be all under one roof as well, as well as our students from ACC, so everyone's coming over. So, this now, our ACC manager is already our volunteer coordinator, so this department is totally becoming dedicated to that, so you'll notice there's a whole bunch of new GL lines, it's all dedicated to volunteer focus.

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Department nine, much like student groups, ensuring a lot of the name changes going on there. I know I make the mistake of still saying clubs, it's student groups, so you'll notice the biggest change there is just changing the name. Under Programmes, there is a number of name changes to those, but it's still the same or similar goals and requirements coming out of those GL lines.

The only addition there is those wellness bags, the expense for those that you see going out around campus by the SAMU, oftentimes the promo squad team, or the lifestyle community teams that you see once or twice in a semester. Those wellness bags are what this is living under now.

Governance and leadership, the EC department, so some things you'll notice is there's no name change, there is no new lines, but I'm going to go over a couple of things. Legal fees dropped a fair bit, because we're in our building, our contracts are completed with our tenants, so we're all in.

Ombudsperson, as we all know, the ombudsperson will be done at the end of this month, if they haven't been already, but we are still going to be, as part of GPA, working with MacEwan and splitting the cost of a new ombudsperson in that role. It's going to be far less than what we paid before, however the estimation is about 30, but just to be safe, I capped it off at about 35.

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Election costs went up a bit, because as our Chief Returning Officer suggested, we should add three days of elections for SC and EC. So, to pay those student staff members who are going out and ensuring everyone's voting, with the lovely iPads, the

cost went up there for that. Advocacy campaigns, you're going to notice is blank. That's just because as per our Advocacy Coordinator, there no elections, so there won't be a get out to vote campaign, hopefully, unless there's some sort of, I don't know what kind of an election, but some sudden election, let's hope not.

The biggest change here is federal advocacy travel. That one jumped, and the reason why, is our wonderful VP Ex brought forward a business case, our indigenous students, sometimes they are paid to go on the flight and attend these CASA conferences. But they actually aren't paid enough to actually fully participate as they should. That's a bit unjust, and so one of the things we want to do is our commitment to encouraging more students to get involved, and our indigenous students to be representatives at the federal level.

We have included in here an indigenous representative, at the same cost as our SAMU President and VP Ex, it wouldn't be as the same cost as our Advocacy Coordinator, who also goes, but it's at a lesser cost for them to travel. To fully participate, like our SAMU President and VP Ex, they would get the same amount, and then as per VP Ex, as well, they would like us to give a small donation.

So, I have stipulated under donations and gifts, that a certain amount goes towards that student, whoever applies and gets to go to CASA with our VP Ex and our President.

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Then as for the griff, I already mentioned this before, revenue line from there has moved over, and yes, so that sums up my presentation. Thank you everyone, and thank you to BFC and all the SAMU staff, and I'm sorry, I know this is dry content, but I thank you for everyone's attention to this. I appreciate if we save the questions to the motion, however if there is something really of concern over the presentation, please let me know right off the cuff. I can't see all of you, so I'm trusting Tim to help me see if anybody has any questions.

CH Thank you very much Vice President. Okay, I have the same issue, because I can't see everyone, so what I would like for you to do if you have a question, if you can open up the chat. Now if you don't know how to do that, I can tell you.

You go down to the bottom of your screen, and then there's a little pop up that comes up and there's a thing called chat there. If you make sure that the to says everyone in it, just type in a question, and I will recognise you. Because, again, some of you don't have video and it's a nightmare scenario of Hollywood Squares on my screen right now, and I can't even fit all of you on one screen, you I can't see your hands.

So, the Vice President has suggested that the majority of the questions should be directed to the motion, so are there any other questions that you would like addressed at this time? I don't see anyone putting anything in the chat, give you another minute. Okay, we will move on...

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OF [Inaudible]

CH To item 4. For information. 4.1 Reports, 4.1.1 Vice President Academic, any oral supplements?

AC Thank you Chair. My report is as presented, no other supplements.

CH Okay, thank you. 4.1.2 Vice President External, any oral supplements?

EX Yes, thank you Chair. Just give me one moment, I'm sorry, my internet's lagging. Right, okay, can folks hear me? Just want to double check. Good, thank you. Since last report, I also participated in Ruan's transition to VP External or Councillor Bouwer's transition to be VP External.

I also had, of course, as many of you know, my spring convocation campaign, which I've been doing alongside other EC members, I presented that to administration today. Happy to answer any questions on it, in fact, I encourage questions about it, but I'll keep it at that. Thank you Chair.

CH Thank you. 4.1.3 Vice President Operations and Finance, any oral supplements?

OF Yes, thank you Chair. Since my last report, I attended my last Board of Governors meeting. Procedure Sub Committee still have meetings that continue on. Had a meeting today for our incoming, outgoing VP Ops Fi across the province today, and then a little update, had been doing a number of phone calls and touching base with both the City of Edmonton and our counterparts in the contract for the U-Pass.

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So finally, after much time of me hammering the nail home, we finally heard from the City of Edmonton that students will not have to worry about the U-Pass for Spring Summer. That being said, if suddenly something happens and we have a miracle with this pandemic, come Summer sessions, if we need to prorate, everyone's open to prorate. But at this point, the City of Edmonton and all of us foresee that that's probably not going to happen, so they're not going to assess students for the U-Pass.

That being said, we do know MacEwan is changing the system for the students at this time, and it should be April 17th, students who are going to be Spring Summer students, should see that they're not assessed for the U-Pass. Also, one of the other fees will be sport and wellness. Thank you, Chair.

CH Thank you. 4.1.4 Vice President Student Life, any oral supplements?

SL Yes, thank you Chair. I just wanted to let Council know that the CRO appointment is going ahead. We have the job posting which will go up tomorrow. And also, I, like Booboo the fool, did not realise that this was our last Council meeting with this current exec when I was writing my report, so I just wanted to throw in just how grateful I am to the outgoing exec, and all of the work they've done this year. It's truly been an incredible year, and we couldn't have done it without you, so thank you all so much, and congrats to those incoming.

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CH Thank you. 4.1.5 to 4.1.12, we have reports from the Audit Committee, the Budget and Finance Committee, the Bylaws and Policy Committee, Appointment Advisory Committee, Executive Committee, Governance Remuneration Advisory Committee, Leadership and Review Committee and the Chief Returning Officer. Those are presented in your package for your information.

4.2 Executive Committee minutes. The minutes of March 12th, 18th, and 25th 2020

are provided to you in your package for your information.

Item 5, question period. 5.1 Written questions. None this time. Sorry, I'm just looking at the chat. Oh, Vice President External, you had an additional oral supplement. Go ahead.

EX Thank you Chair, I apologise. For some reason in my head, I submitted my report on the 12th, when it was in fact the 7th, so just wanted to report that I also participated in the Council of Alberta University Student Policy Committee, where I presented my mental health policy for our provincial advocacy efforts.

I also, alongside the incoming VP External, hopped on a last-minute minister phone call regarding Covid-19 measures, as well as performance-based funding. As well as, as Andrea mentioned, attended the last Board of Governors meeting within my term, and that would be all. Thank you very much.

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CH Thank you. Okay, back to item 5.1 Written questions. None this time around.

5.2 Oral question [unclear]. We'll take questions now, we'll run this the same, so if you have a question, please type in question into the chat, and I will recognise you in the order in which they appear. Councillor Strayer, the floor's yours.

SR Thank you, Chair, I've got a few questions here. The first one I'll start with the Vice President Academic. You met with both the Information Management Committee and the Student Tech Fee Committee, neither of which mentioned anything about the wi-fi. I recognise that this is probably not the most important thing, considering it's going to be the summer, but you met with them, so I'm curious. Was there any talk about the insufficiencies in the wi-fi?

CH Thank you Councillor. Vice President?

AC Thank you Chair, and thanks Councillor Strayer for that question. It's a tricky issue with wi-fi, when it comes to Information Technology Management and the Student Tech Fee, for two different reasons. With Information Technology Management Committee, because of how soon after the Covid crisis the ITM meeting occurred, the entirety of the meeting time was used to discuss how the Faculty will teach from home, how students will learn from home and how staff are going to work from home.

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There was an exclusive, single-minded focus on that, on dealing with the crisis, because, of course, just like we're doing right now, the only way to get things done during this time is through information technology. That Committee was really influential in making sure that MacEwan can actually handle this.

And so, I should give the contextual information, that in September, at the first ITM meeting of the year, the wi-fi issue was discussed. Apparently because the 2018 to 2019 academic year had such glaring wi-fi issues that you're right to bring up, they had claimed in the September ITM meeting that this was remedied, through installing some kind of new hardware, that I'm not really familiar with. I believe it's wireless access points. You see them in the SAMU building, boxes attached to the ceiling.

So, that flows into my next point, really quickly I'll make, about the Student Tech Fee

Committee, is that the Student Tech Fee Committee is difficult, because there's two things here. First, because of what I said about ITM in September, talking about new hardware that was installed and set up for this purpose, the wireless access points, I don't believe that funding through the Student Tech Fee is a way to solve this problem.

It might be an issue of the department itself, it could be an issue with the people maintaining it, and because they had just so recently updated the hardware and invested money in it, I don't imagine throwing money at it would fix the problem, as the Tech Fee is only intended for single use projects, so it can't be used for continuous ongoing things, like staffing or payroll, or any kind of operational thing that continues beyond two years, it's written in the TOR.

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So, it's tricky, because, and this is the last thing I'll say, you could use it to install a bunch of new hardware, but ITM already claimed that they did that. So, yes, it's complicated, but that's all I have for right now.

CH Thank you, Vice President. Councillor Strayer, your next question?

SR Thank you Chair. I accept that, yes, there's more pressing things happening at the moment. My next question is directed at the VP Ex, but I have suspicions that other executives are probably curious about this, or have inputted on it, it's about spring convocation. So, what's the rationale from administration behind not even contemplating rescheduling spring convocation, and why were they not receptive to alternatives? Thank you, Chair.

CH Thank you, Councillor. Vice President?

EX Thank you, Chair. I won't speak on behalf of administration, as that is not my job, but with my conversation with them, they indicated that it was never their intent to... Just poor communication by them, frankly. They were going to cancel the event that was planned, but they were hoping to do something else to recognise the students. Now, what that is, that's something that we were doing our advocacy on.

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Also, they had an issue when it comes to their social media, unfortunately, that the information wasn't passed all the way down. And then on social media it was being said that, yes, it's completely cancelled, no, it won't be rescheduled, but in fact, there is a potential for it to be rescheduled. That's what we actually, the VP SL and myself, strongly advocated for today, given the alternatives that have been generated from our questionnaire that we had released on social medias.

I hope that answers the question, I can't really speak too much of their rationale. I asked about it, it's simply they don't want to guarantee something as it's a risk. I guess that was the thought behind it, but I made it very clear to them that students deserve the opportunity to walk across the stage and receive recognition for their hard work. Happy to answer any more questions related to this if that wasn't sufficient. Thank you.

CH Thank you, Vice President. Councillor Strayer, your next question?

SR Yes, thank you, Chair. I'm trying to find the email in my inbox right now, but I believe,

it might not have been Craig Monk, but it was somebody, and he explicitly said, we will not be rescheduling. That came right from the top. Is there anything we can do? This is important, and I appreciate that you guys are advocating for this with the forum on how this is affecting students, but this is what every student builds up to for four or five years, right? Is there anything else we can do?

CH Thank you, Councillor. I don't know what I did with my screen, so sorry about that. Vice President, go ahead.

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EX Thank you. Councillor Strayer, I want you to know, you're preaching to the choir. I am very passionate about this, as you can probably tell. I'm not sure if you're familiar with what we're doing, but I released, alongside the Marketing Communications team, who've been incredible in this, a form that students can respond to with their alternatives. And what they'd like to see for their respective graduation, because ultimately, it's theirs.

I'm not graduating this year, I cannot even begin to understand how frustrating it can be to lose the opportunity to walk across a stage. The stories I'm receiving are heart breaking, and what I've been doing is compiling that alongside the alternatives, and I've presented that to the administration today, and I can't speak for myself, I think the VP SL would agree that I was forceful, but in a constructive way about our opinions.

So, I'm doing everything I can, we're doing everything we can, and all I'm asking for is patience, because unfortunately, we don't know when Covid-19 will be over, we don't know when quarantine will be over. So, what we need now is compassion and patience on all sides.

What we're trying to do is come up with a method or alternative that meets folks where they're at. What has been suggested by administration is, potentially, a virtual convocation, to which I strongly opposed, and thought maybe that's good for the in term, but they deserve a chance to walk across the stage. Whether that's now, whether that's a year from now, whether that's in the Fall, whether that's in a couple of months, and from there we've been generating alternatives about locations.

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So, this is where we're at, and we need to respect that that's where we're at right now, and I hope that answers your question, but that's all I have for you. I'm not sure, I didn't check any of the names, but if you had submitted a response to the form, that would have been helpful in amplifying the voice. If you had shared it, that would also have been helpful, for amplifying the voice, but this is where we're at right now.

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

SR Yes, thank you, Chair. I, like you, am not graduating this semester, so I was not one to submit my thoughts on it. To quote Craig Monk here, I found the email, it is not possible to postpone or reschedule spring convocation. I, for one, am not going to accept that, and I appreciate that the Executive is also not accepting that. I hope we continue our efforts to advocate for the graduating students. Thank you, Chair.

CH Thank you, Councillor. I think, going forward, Councillors, while I appreciate the opportunity to provide a comment during question period, we have a full agenda, so

I'd ask that you please avoid doing that.

Okay, other questions. I don't see anyone in the chat. Anyone else have any other questions? Councillor Campbell.

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CA Thank you so much, this is just a quick question for the VP Operations. It's just wondering if there's been any update on building and construction for our tenants, and just confirm that we expect to be opening our new restaurant, and the other certain approved vendors for this September?

CH Thank you, Councillor. Vice President?

OF Thank you, Chair. I believe I answered everyone this in an email, earlier today, but I can bring it here again. June 1st is when they can start doing construction.

CH Thank you, and Councillor Campbell, anything further?

CA I'm just wondering if we had gotten updates from them if they are expecting to start construction in June?

CH Thank you, Councillor. Vice President?

OF Sorry, yes, I thought... Yes, June 1st. Thank you, Chair.

CH Councillor Campbell, anything further?

CA Sorry, I'm just wanting to confirm that we are expecting, we've heard it specifically from the contractors that they're still going ahead for June?

CH Councillor Campbell, that's my understanding. Vice President, I'll allow you one more opportunity to clarify here.

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OF Yes, our tenants are starting construction June 1st, in their space. Thank you, Chair.

CH Thank you, Vice President. Councillor Campbell, any further questions?

CA No, that's all, thank you.

CH Thank you. Councillor Stewart?

SE Thank you, Chair. I do have a couple of questions. The first question will just be directed to, most likely, the Vice President Student Life. I'm just curious, if there's any update on the situation, due to Covid-19, for our exchange students, both one's that have travelled elsewhere, from Canada, and then those that are here, unless they were in residence or what their situation is to get back home? Thank you, Chair.

CH Thank you, Councillor. Vice President Student Life?

SL Yes, to be honest, I had not heard any discussion of this prior to this meeting, but I do know that residence will not be forcing students to relocate. They are encouraging students to move out if they can, but for those who have nowhere to go, they will be remaining open and folks will be allowed to live there, and they'll be making exceptions for folks who don't have the means into the Summer as well, or as long as this continues.

I can look into any of our students that may be away, but I do believe, that most of them were recalled. That's my understanding, sorry. Thank you.

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CH Thank you, Vice President. Councillor Stewart, your next question?

SE Thank you, Chair, and thank you for the response. This question is to our Executive, but I'm sure the VP External, I think it was with regards to, and their EC report for the March 18th. It was mentioned that they had, there was many, many, there was quite a few credit card receipts that were then approved, missing card receipts, even dating back to November. I was curious how that happened. Thank you.

CH Thank you, Councillor. Vice President?

EX Yes, thank you. In future if you could provide that as a written question, that would be great. Essentially, as a VP External, as we don't have a President, they probably have a comparable situation, but you're travelling the most. Further to that, I was typically the one to take the credit card, when we were doing trips as a whole, for example, the November Executive retreat that we did. Unfortunately, some of the receipts got lost in the mix.

Some of the things, for example, when I did the Edmonton City Alliance City Councillor panel, I purchased water bottles from the vending machines. Vending machines don't provide receipts. So, there are some things that just receipts weren't able to be provided, some things got lost, I'm human, that's why we have the missing credit card receipt form.

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So, that's why I submitted it all at once, simply because I was overwhelmed a bit with the work that I had taken on, but wanted to do it efficiently, and credit card receipts were at the bottom of the list, if I'm being transparent.

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

SE Yes, just one more, and my apologies for these oral questions, just due to the nature of our quick turnaround, it was not easy to submit them on time. Just for the CRO. Awesome report, I just was going to ask for a clarification in a page of their report. They mentioned the difference in voting turnout for the last, I think, five or seven years, or quite a few years, and I was curious if there was also a referendum in the 2017 Executive election.

It was noted with an asterisk that there was something that could have impacted the voter turnout in the Council election, but I was just curious if there was something that resulted in a 32%, because I thought there might have been. Thank you.

CH Thank you, Councillor. Mr Johns?

JH Thank you, Mr Chair. Thanks for the question, Councillor. On that one, I actually pulled all the data for that chart on page two of my report, from previous CRO reports, and when it came to the 2017 one, I believe it was sparse on what was going on there. There could have been a referendum during that time, but I'd actually have to ask the Governance Advisor, Mr Honey, if that was the case, but unfortunately with the information that I had, I couldn't verify that, so I didn't put that in.

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I believe, from the 2017 election, from my memory, that that was one election where there was an overwhelming number of candidates in that election for executive spots. I don't know if that was four positions or five positions, I think it was five positions at the time, and maybe even the first time the Vice President External position existed. There was such an exceptional number of candidates during that election, from what I recall. Thank you.

CH Thank you, Mr Johns. Councillor Stewart, anything further?

SE No, not at this time, thank you.

CH Thank you, Councillor. Other questions? No, don't see anything in the text, I'll give you another hot minute. Vice President Academic?

AC Yes, thank you, Chair. I had a question, just really quickly, about the Audit Committee Quarterly Report. I notice that there was some talk of variances in there, but then it wasn't specific about what those variances were, or why they were important.

I'm trying to pull up the exact text so I can quote it to you, but in the meantime, I might turn this over to the person, I believe it was Councillor Stewart who submitted that report, just wondering if the variances could be clarified as to what those were and what the implications of that are? Thanks, Chair.

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CH Thank you, Vice President. Councillor Stewart?

SE Yes, firstly, thank you so much for pointing that out. The reason I wrote it so broadly, in variance, is because of what we receive at the Audit Committee. So, at the Audit Committee we receive a lot of information with this trench that has all of the... Well, at that one, it had the quarter budget, as well as the actuals, as well as the variances. We decide to flag exceptional variances, and then those are highlighted for us on the Audit Committee to review.

So, all the ones that were exceptional differences, all of those we went through with the Director of Finance, and asked about. It's been quite a while, I can't remember the exact details of some of those, and if you want, I could send you the minutes from that meeting, but it was all over the place as varying differences. That was a very fruitful meeting, with lots of questions, but nothing that stood out too much, that I would care to mention in the report, that was really glaring that we noticed.

But there was probably over 10 or so different ones, and we just went through all of them, and we asked about them to make sure we were all on the same page as to why there was that differences. Hopefully that answers the question.

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

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AC No, that answers the question. Thank you, Chair, and thank you, Councillor Stewart.

CH Thank you. Councillor Tesfay?

TE Sorry, I [inaudible] I didn't... But I have a question towards VP Student Life. What direction is SAMU going to take in regards to Fall semester, if we're doing online classes? I'm talking specifically in SAMU events and just overall student life.

CH Thank you, Councillor. Vice President?

SL As far as moving student life activities online, we've already begun to do that. If you've been keeping an eye on SAMU social media, you'll see that we've planned a few different webinars for the coming weeks, and we've got other fun events, like, I think, jack box gaming, I think that's what it's called. I'm not hip with the youths, but there's a few different activities going on.

I assume that will continue into the Fall, if our classes are moved online, which is not confirmed right now though, and we're hoping that that won't be the case. But I'll, for sure, keep Council up to date on that. Thank you.

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

TE Oh, thank you very much. No, it's all good.

CH Thank you. Other questions? I don't see anyone queued in the chat. Okay, last call.

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Item 6, In camera period 6.1 Students' Council Councillor Appointments. I'd imagine Vice President Student Life will make the motion.

SL Yes, I move to go in camera.

CH Thank you, and the second? Councillor Dykes has been moved and seconded to go in camera. Is there any debate? Questions on the adoption of the motion to move into camera. Is there anyone opposed? Speak now. Okay, motion carries. We'll just have to allow our Governance Advisor to move everyone into a special meeting room, or do some sort of wizardry here.

[Silence].

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CH Can I get a second? Councillor Ouellette, thank you.

It has been moved and seconded to approve the 2020 to 2021 SAMU operating budget on the recommendation of the Budget and Finance Committee. Vice President Operations and Finance, I'll give you the floor first, if you'd like to speak to this motion?

OF Yes, thank you, Chair. Other than the presentation I gave already, we have all the Directors here, to tell us or answer any questions or concerns. Again, thank you to BFC, our Student Council members, our student at large, all our staff. This was a lot of work, and I appreciate everyone's look at this with critical eyes, and we're here to take a further look at it and approve. I'm sure other people have questions and concerns about it, so we can keep moving along. Thank you, Chair.

CH Thank you Vice President. So, Councillors, I'll just ask, if you have questions or comments, type question or comment into the chat. I'd ask that you do direct the questions to the Vice President Operations and Finance, and then they can direct the question to the appropriate director, if that's appropriate. I'd also remind Councillors

that if you're asking questions, presumably you're asking them to make a decision on whether or not to vote in favour or in opposition to the motion, so I would ask that you please do not get too operational with your questions.

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So, just ask that you please type in question or comment in the chat please. Councillor Dykes?

DY Hi. Firstly, I'd like to thank everybody involved that's worked on this, there's a lot of hard work that's been put into it, and I think it shows. Secondly, I do have a question, it's regarding the format. Compared to last year's budget, there was the inclusion of a line that showed the past year's budget. Why was it decided to not include the past year's budget for this current budget?

Because, personally, I always feel like it's always good to be able to reflect on how we spent our money last year, and how moving forward. I understand that the audit has not occurred, so we don't actually see the specific dollar amount, but just for rough estimate rather.

CH Thank you, Councillor. Vice President?

OF Thank you, Chair. If need be, I will open this to the directors after I comment. I can see why they did it last year, I get that. Somebody called it a variance, I say, variances are more for the discrepancy between budget amounts and what was actually spent. I would say you're just comparing budget lines for whatever reason. However, we've now moved into the building, there's so much that's changing, as you can see with a number of departments, and the budget's going to probably be a little more different formatted, year to year.

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If you're looking to compare what was budgeted before versus now, we can verbally speak to that, I recognise where you're looking for that. But for how much everything's going to change and the direction and some of the programmes and services and so on, especially in these economic times, I would say, I could see why they did it back then. I can't really speak to seeing how it would be too applicable now, but I can also let the Director of Finance or any of the other directors speak to that, so I'll let them have the floor.

CH Thank you, Vice President. The Director of Finance, did you have anything to add? We all know who you are.

FI Joanne, hi, sorry. No, I have nothing to add. We did a comparative last year, because we were moving into a new building, but we're already in the new building, and having that comparative is not relevant anymore.

CH Thank you. Councillor Dykes, anything further?

DY Nothing further, thank you.

CH Thank you. Vice President Academic?

AC Thank you, Chair. Mine is nice and easy, because as I'm BFC, I got to get all the substantive comments out there, but I just noticed a typo, I think, in department 12

and then whichever department Student Groups is in. It has last year's years on it, so I think it says 2019 to 2020, and it should say 2020 to 2021. That's it all.

CH Thank you, Vice President, we'll take note, and that'll be minuted. Councillor Stewart?

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SE Hi, thank you, Chair. I have a couple of questions. The first is just under Operations, under the part time salaries, it's listed in the notes that they're supposed to hire some more new visuals for the Summer. But I noticed, I know maybe we shouldn't compare it to last year, but that's what I had to go off of, to know what's been done before.

I noticed it's actually a decrease in funding for those salaries. I do realise that it might be compensated with those part time extra hours, but those part time extra hours seem to be for a different purpose, for different events. So, I'm just curious as to why that's less than it was before. Thanks.

CH Thank you, Councillor. Vice President.

OF Thank you, Chair. I will pass that to one of the directors, because I would also need to pull up here, and it's hard to get the screens going, if one of the Directors can speak to that, while I find my section of the budget. Thank you, Chair.

CH Thanks. Miss Beagan?

BE Hi, so yes, we did add a couple of new positions to Events, and promo was one, and then they split. So, Marketing took on the promo, which is actually the Marketing Assistant. The biggest difference is the amount of staff that we had at the SAM Centre, which we no longer have. So, you do see a decrease, because we actually ended up cutting some of those positions, which was around five or six this year.

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We are actually keeping three of them on, because we do want to have them housed at the Student Groups front desk, the reception, to cover our SA Admin staff member for lunches and vacations, as well as doing the postering and the bannering and stuff still throughout the campus. So, that's why you see the decrease overall.

CH Thank you. Councillor Stewart, your next question?

SE Awesome, thank you for that. My next is curious into the [inaudible] and advertising, goal two under stewardship. It is mentioned that there's the clean up and assess report from the Cities. Just clarification if that's in regards to and about the bad debt that we have with the City, or in something I believe is in regards to the U-Pass situation.

But that was something that I remember us talking about in Council last year, and I remember they had launched an investigation about that at that time. So, I'm curious as to how this hasn't been remedied, or if there's more to this situation, and that now it's in this budget, and impacting it as well. Thank you.

CH Thank you, Councillor Stewart. Vice President?

OF Thank you, Chair. I'll pass that onto the Directors if I may? Thank you, Chair.

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- CH Which of the directors would like to take this? Is there anybody?
- BE Sorry, can I just clarify what department were you looking at?
- CH Thank you. Councillor Stewart?
- SE Advertising.
- CH Thank you. Miss Beagan?
- BE In department three, under line 501, 800. That was originally in department 13 in my... It made more sense to live in Advertising, department three, because it's one of the initiatives that the Manager of Advertising will be looking into. With reducing the U-Pass debt, we still have the U-Pass debt.
- There were discussions with MacEwan, however, no concrete solutions have been found to reduce that debt at the moment. The Manager of Advertising, or the Manager of Retail Admin, Maria, have been putting in some measures to reduce this debt, but in terms of elimination of the whole debt, it is not possible at this time.
- UM Just to add to that... Can everybody hear me?
- CH Yes, go ahead.
- UM Just to add to that, we have been attacking it from our end. MacEwan does take in the money, and if somebody defaults on payment, it's not high enough for them to go to collections, so that's why this has all been happening, and it's been happening for years. We basically really attacked it this last year, and we've seen some significant savings so far, but we don't know if we're going to be able to totally eliminate it, just because we can't chase people for \$175.
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- CH Thank you. Councillor Stewart, anything further?
- SE Yes please, if that's okay. I've just got a couple of quick ones and then, yes, sorry about all my questions. Just quickly, I noticed in the moss wall there's a fee. Is that an annual fee that we should be always expecting for the moss wall or...? Yes, just curious about that, if they're supposed to be less maintenance than other options.
- CH Thank you, Councillor. Vice President, or, I don't know what your name is, Sir, so go ahead.
- OF Director of Building Ops, Darryl Kostash, Chair. Yes, he's raised his hand, so...
- CH Thank you, Mr Kostash, go ahead.
- BU Yes, we do have to pay a small maintenance fee on it. We're hoping it comes down a little further, but the original intent was to have a living wall. That was around \$50,000 a year to maintain. This, we still have to do some maintenance to it, but \$7500 was the target that they went for. We might be able to make that a little smaller, but because it's so high, they have to rent equipment.
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- CH Thank you. Councillor Stewart, your next question?

SE Good to know, thank you. In our Events section, I noticed there was a reading break, revenue and expense lines are for, I'm assuming, where I think it mentions the reading break trip. But since we are going to be actually having two reading breaks, I was wondering if it was considered to have two reading break trips, or if that's something that could be considered in the future, or why there's only the one currently budgeted for? Thank you.

CH Thank you, Councillor. I see Miss Beagan, go ahead, you've got your hand raised.

BE Yes, this was also brought up at BFC. Unfortunately, we won't be able to do it for the Fall semester, because, if you can remember this past year, for Mexico, we were actually taking deposits in September, and needed confirmation by the first week of October for a trip in February. So, we have looked into it, but it would be around the May mark, when we don't have that population on campus, so we just decided to keep it with the Winter reading break.

CH Thank you. Councillor Stewart, anything further?

SE Yes, if that's okay, if you need to go to someone else, that's understandable.

CH You have the floor, go ahead.

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SE Thank you. One thing I noticed, and I really appreciate in the goals, a focus on greeting the students and the metrics on how we should meet with that. A little bit of some ideas as to how many events and outreach activities we would have, which is really great. I also noticed a target audience of who they're going to try to reach out to, as well as how many students they tried to meet with. So, for instance, one mentioning target 200 students or whatever, for a particular event, and I would say that's really awesome.

But with a very new thing that's happening this year, with AAC moving onto our campus, I don't want us to ignore those students. So, looking at last year's budget, we did have \$40,000, 40 or 41, over \$41,000 dedicated specifically for that campus. Although I do understand that they will be moving and having access to all of our options at the main campus now, I think I was curious as to if there's an opportunity, or it's been discussed at all, at the goal level, for us to try to target those students in marketing.

And not just specifically them, because I know we have so many students, but because of this transition that is going to be happening in this next upcoming year, especially what we saw with CFACT closing and being opening in Allard Hall, what are the Arts Students feeling left out of that marketing. I know our building is going to help with that a little bit, but I was curious if there were some goals in order to [unclear] operational, but I think it's a really important thing for us to consider.

So, yes, curious to see if there's some goals in place in Events and Marketing to target both students in the gaps that they might face with a bunch of changes. Thank you.

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CH Thank you, Councillor Stewart. Vice President, which of the directors should I...Oh, go ahead Miss Beagan.

BE I'm feeling all these questions are coming my way tonight. Yes, we have actually

discussed this, we have the move set and ready to go. ACC numbers are actually our highest, and we have upwards of 50% of the population attend every single one of our events, so they are very engaged students. We have already spoken as the set team, as to having a smaller version of, an introductory NSO on the fifth floor of Allard, to make sure that they know where things are and where to go.

So, we will be incorporating them into that, and giving them full details of what's going on. We've been working with a Professor and the Dean at ACC to ensure that they have the communication that they need, and all the resources that they need when they move over.

OF If I may, I was part of the initial discussions with the Director of P and S. We connected with the Dean, and we already started talking about this back in the Fall, as well, if that gives you any comfort of how far ahead we were discussing this, because we want them to feel at home. It's a big change for them.

CH Thank you. Councillor Stewart, anything further?

SE No, that's all, thank you so much. That's really great to hear, actually.

CH Thank you. Councillor Strayer.

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SR Thank you Chair. Councillor Dykes asked a very good question, that I was also curious about, so I'll follow up on that. This is for the Director of Finance and the VP Operations. Why does the building being built change our year over year budgetary expenditures, at least, year over year printed on the budget? Thank you, Chair.

CH Thank you. Vice President Operations and Finance, do you want to take the first stab at that?

OF Just to ask Councillor Strayer, Chair, if he's referring to, again, that line that last year's team had in there as the variance between what was budgeted before, and budgeted to the present?

SR Yes.

CH Thank you.

OF Yes. The directions and everything's going to change so often, if you're tracking that closely, side by side, and it's going to change all the time and you're going question it all the time and if it has to change higher or lower. It's going to change so frequently, I would be more focused on as the Audit Committee, that's my take on the variances that do actually occur between actual and budgeted amounts to help with the budget. But I will also let the Director of Finance follow up with that.

How they did it last year is not how it was done this year, but I'll let the Director of Finance follow up with that. Sorry, Director Beagan would also like to speak. Go ahead.

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CH We'll go over to the Director of Finance first.

FI Okay, no problem. Well, I think the main reason why we had the comparative last year, which was the first year that we've done, actually, a comparative between current and

the new budget, was that the building was a new item for us, and we wanted to see the impact of what the building costs were going to be relative to our whole operations, hence why we had the comparative.

But now that we have the building in place, we have an idea of what we're anticipating for costs, there's really no need to do a comparative between our current and, well really, our new budget, because the costs are going to stay relatively the same. We pretty much know how much it will cost for us to run the building, more or less, but Jaime, did you have anything to throw in there?

CH Thank you. Miss Beagan?

BE I can also add, we actually had an interim Director of Finance at the time. Joanne was on maternity leave, and we were also in the middle of a risk assessment for the building, so that was actually put in there as a more in-depth overview, with the new fees coming in with the new building levy and all of that. In the process of the risk assessment it was enabling us to future see what potential risks could arise. So, that's why we ended up having Justin Wong put that in there for just the one year, previous to us opening the building.

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CH Thank you. Councillor Strayer, anything further?

SR Yes, thank you, Chair. This isn't critical for my vote on this budget, but would the directors be opposed to having this in the future? I think it's a really useful tool for everyone. Thank you, Chair.

CH Thank you. I'll just say that that's a suggestion, Councillor Strayer, and I'm not going to poll the directors, okay? We'll just move on to the next question. Vice President Operations and Finance.

OF I need to ask a favour of something, Chair.

CH Okay.

OF One of the Councillors is consistently, and they're in my view, it's kind of jarring, I don't know how to explain it, but they're wobbling their laptop a lot. While we're in the meeting, can we sit still a little bit, please? The screen is, they're moving it a lot. I don't want to point out who it is, but if you're moving it a lot, please cease. Thank you.

CH Thank you. Wouldn't be a point of personal privilege, and if you're moving your screen a lot, just either turn off your video or stop moving it. Thank you.

OF Yes, please.

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CH Sorry, Councillor Strayer, did you have anything further?

SR Sorry, I think that was a question, though.

CH Was it? I didn't hear a question in there. What was the question?

SR The question was, would they be opposed to having the year over year differences in future budgets?

- CH Vice President Operations and Finance?
- OF As especially I will not be present in the future, I will allow the directors to speak to that. Thank you, Chair.
- CH Thank you. Director of Finance? Maybe we'll just direct it to you.
- FI Sure, yes, no worries. If that's a piece of information that's helpful and useful to you and other Councillors, absolutely, we can definitely do that in the future.
- CH Thank you. Councillor Strayer, anything further?
- SR No, happy here. Thanks, Chair.
- CH Thank you. Vice President Academic.
- AC Thank you, Chair. Apologies for not asking this with my first question. I hope I get this right, because it's a complicated question, but I think it's a fairly simple thing if I can phrase this correctly. In the initial presentation from our VP Operations, we saw in department one, that we are accounting for enrolment differently. Is the idea so we're estimating enrolment will be not increasing this year? But I was vague on whether...

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Last year we had a decrease in the rate of enrolment, so we had less students than MacEwan projected we would have had. What I'm trying to understand, is in this year's budget are we estimating our revenue on fees based on last year's enrolment numbers or on the rate of decline? So, on the rate of decline between 18 to 19 and 19 to 20, are we applying that rate of decline to this year, or are we just straight up using last year's enrolment numbers?

I just have a lot of questions in my mind, wondering a lot about enrolment, because of Covid and I'm worried about enrolment. Is it A or B? Is it a rate of decline, or is it just straight up the numbers from last year?

- CH Thank you, Vice President. Vice President Operations and Finance?
- OF I will also let the directors speak to that a bit more. As VPA knows, a lot of times you're trying to look at it a little bit more closely based on what came before, and as we know, there was a bit of a drop. And at the same time, as we know, the administration's telling us they've had the highest application rate of people wanting to get in. But as we also know, even though we have this budget, there's always that concern.

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Our directors are also starting to look at different scenarios, especially if, by chance, this carries on into the Fall, but I will also let the directors have the floor now. Thank you, Chair.

- CH Thank you. I thought I saw Mr Kostash raise his hand. Go ahead.
- BU Sorry about that. Yes, we did not totally population to population, we did put a decrease in it. We did a 1% decrease. We've seen a bit of a decrease, it was about 1.3% over the prior year. We feel that 1% is a safe unit of measure to have. Some of the accounts that we're hearing from MacEwan is that there is that positive high enrolment right now, but we just wanted to be safe when we do a budget, so we don't have a shortfall.

Ideally we would like to go with more, but unfortunately that's not the case right now.

CH Thank you. Vice President Academic, anything further?

AC Thank you, Chair, nothing further. That's a great answer, I appreciate it.

CH Thank you. Vice President Student Life?

SL This question is for the VP External. I was just hoping that they could explain a little bit more about the increase in the department 12 federal advocacy line? Thank you.

CH Thank you, Vice President?

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EX Thank you, Chair, absolutely. I'm very proud of this initiative. So, with the Canadian Alliance of Students Associations, they're looking to decolonise and indigenise their practices and advocacy. Part of that is this past year, they've had an inaugural Indigenous Advisory Council with the Canadian Alliance of Students Associations, where they're sending indigenous students from different institutions to attend, I'm sure, input, when it comes to our advocacy, to make sure that indigenous students are not left falling through the cracks.

So, we do not have an indigenous representative here at SAMU, unlike some institutions. Not all institutions do, it's not very frequent in Alberta, but what I have done, is I have created a business case to present to you all, to allow for the financial accessibility, to have an indigenous student attend the Canadian Alliance of Student Associations conferences.

Then further to that, as our VP Operations and Finance touched on, it's very important that our students are also properly compensated, because not only are they... Physical labour, the toll of travel, but also a lot of emotional labour, there's a lot of work that you're doing. So, we're also going to be providing an honorarium to the indigenous student that will be attending.

How this student is selected, I have been working with Terry, with [unclear], and we've developed a selection process. But unfortunately, it's been halted a little bit, just because of Covid-19, and that CASA conferences aren't going to be happening in the near future. They'll be happening virtually. So, it's been stalled slightly, but very excited that the processes have been developed, and that we have funds allocated to make sure that SAMU has a seat at the table. Thank you.

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CH Thank you. Vice President Student Life, anything further? No?

SL No, thanks.

CH Other questions? I don't see anything in the chat. Okay, the question is on the adoption of the motion to approve the 2020 to 2021 SAMU... Oh, Councillor Stewart, you got in at the last second. I'll give you the floor, go ahead.

SE Thank you, sorry. I just had a quick question in regards to revenue in terms of if there was a safety net around Covid situation. I know it's unprecedented and we don't really know what's happening, but I'm curious, for instance, if there is an even greater decrease in enrolment, or for instance, our SAMU building tenants. Obviously if we're

closed still for a longer period of time, fingers crossed that's not going to happen, but are there safety measures in place and if we do have a loss of revenue due to this pandemic? Thank you.

CH Thank you, Councillor. Vice President?

OF All I can say is, as I know our SAMU team is very aware, just like MacEwan administration's very aware, and the directors have already been proceeding with scenario one, scenario two and worst-case scenario, as we all are. I don't know if they have, really, anything to add to an update on that one. If they do, I'll let them have the floor, but it's just analysing this as best we can, and especially based on the Government's recommendations at this point. Thank you, Chair.

01:19:53

CH So, I see Mr Kostash raised his hand, I'll give you the floor. I think you're on mute, Sir.

BU Sorry about that. Just to add that we do have a contingency fund that we top up every year, so if we do run into a big issue, we can use that and draw off that, but we are hoping we don't have to do that. If our numbers come in at our numbers, we'll be good.

CH Thank you. Councillor Stewart, anything further? No?

SE I guess, tying into that, with this Covid situation, especially with Fall Fest's budget, and again, I know that it's a tough situation. I understand you're probably doing all you can, so I really appreciate that work, but I just heard some people asking about what that might look like. And because we put a lot more into that Fall Fest line, this year, if there were things that might have deposits or whatnot, if that's not able to happen. What do you think about the Fall Fest budget? That's all.

CH Thank you, Councillor. I'll allow the one question. This is a really operational question around contingencies, but I'll direct it to you first, Vice President Operations and Finance, and I see Miss Beagan raise her hand.

OF I will let Director Beagan take it, thank you.

01:21:20

CH Go ahead, Miss Beagan.

BE Perfect, thanks. Yes, we do have many contingency plans in place. We have spoken at length about Fall Fest. Actually, myself and the Director of Marketing Communications have talked about it, and his team is actually putting together surveys to send out to students about... It was originally around our brand, but we have completely changed our tune, and they are asking students what they need, and what would be something that they believe that they would want to feel or to try to attempt to bring back some form of normalcy if we're back in September.

We do have plan A, B, and C, my team, and I know Carl's team as well, are working off of this budget, a 25% deduction for our second one, and then essentially a disaster or emergency plan, depending on where this goes. So, we have thought of all the options, also no performers are currently booking right now, because they're trying to rebook everything that they currently had. So, it will be a very quick turnaround once we have some dates in play, and I don't see us losing any deposits or anything, we'll make sure of it.

CH Thank you. Councillor Stewart, anything further?

SE No, that's all for now, thank you so much.

CH Thank you. Questions? Last call. Okay, questions on the adoption of the motion to approve the 2020 to 2021 SAMU operating budget on the recommendation of the Budget and Finance Committee. Is there anyone opposed? Speak now please. If you are opposed, I would just suggest that you place it in the chat. Okay, motion carries.

01:23:22

Item 7.3 Audit Committee. Councillor appointments, we have a motion. So, we have three committee appointments that need to be run. So, for those of you who are not familiar with how we appoint members to committees, I will just give you a quick run down.

From my understanding, from the Governance Advisor is that we have not received any nominations in advance for any of these positions, and so the way that we will work this is, if you... And just so that I'm clear, for the directors that are on the call, you can leave now if you like, you don't need to stay. Mind you, it is entertaining, so you can stay.

So, the way that this will work is you are able to nominate one of your colleagues, or you may nominate yourself. We will take a period of nominations, so what I would ask that you do, is that you place in the chat nomination or I'd like to nominate, or something to that effect, so that I understand what you would like to do. And then I will recognise you, and then you can nominate either yourself or a colleague of yours, by naming them. Okay?

Once we have a list of nominees, I will then turn the floor over to each of the nominees to give their pitch for 30 seconds on why they should be considered to be voted into the committee. After that, we have online forms that the Governance Advisor has created for everyone to vote.

01:25:11

So, before we move onto the nomination period, are there any questions? If you have a question, please type it into that chat that you have a question, and then I will recognise you and give you the floor. Councillor Strayer?

SR Thank you, Chair. Who currently does not sit on a committee?

CH We have all of the new Councillors that were appointed starting May 1st. Are there any other Councillors? Councillor Mirza does not. Councillor Stewart?

SE Sorry, I'm just going to say, I believe Councillor Tesfay, as well as Councillor Forbes. And then, I also was just curious, I don't believe we are able to nominate the Councillors who are appointed starting May 1st, or can we...?

CH Sure can.

SE We can? Oh, cool.

CH I don't see why not. Alan, do you have any issue with that?

AH My only issue would be that they're not currently Councillors, and that they wouldn't

fill the seats as of now.

CH But if I'm reading the motions correctly, sorry, we're hammering this out as we go, but their appointment is effective May 1st.

01:26:34

AH Yes, you're correct.

CH Correct, and their appointment to assume Council is effective May 1st and their appointment to the committee is May 1st, so that shouldn't be an issue. So, I'm going to say yes, you can. Okay, and we've got a list of Councillors who are not currently on committees in the chat. Any other questions with respect to process?

Okay, so I had... Sorry, this chat gets full quickly. I know I missed someone. I'm going to recognise Councillor Stewart to speak first, I know I missed someone who... Oh, wait. Councillor Dykes, I think you were the first one. So, Councillor Dykes, I'll give you the floor first.

DY All right, thank you, Chair. Sorry, I just had to unmute myself. I'd like to nominate Cassey Fallis for one of the open Audit Committee positions, I think she'd be great in the role.

CH Thank you. Councillor Fallis, do you accept? I don't see you on the screen.

FA Sorry, I can turn on my video. Thank you, Chair, I accept the nomination.

CH Thank you. And I think Councillor Strayer, you were next.

SR No, Chair, my question had been answered, who currently did sit on the committee. Thank you.

CH Okay, sorry.

01:28:08

SR No, we're good.

CH Oh, Councillor Stewart, sorry. Too many S's.

SE No worries, thank you. I would like to nominate Councillor Tesfay to the Audit Committee, and I just wanted to say, we would love to have that Committee filled, and as well, if you are available May 6th at 12pm, that would be when our next scheduled meeting is, that would be ideal. Thank you.

CH Thank you. Councillor Tesfay, do you accept the nomination?

TE I do accept, thank you.

CH Thank you. Sorry Councillors, I need to make note of this at the same time. Are there any other nominations? I don't see any in the chat. Okay, so I guess we'll do a yes, no vote, Alan, so we'll open the form. If you want to just start doing that, and then I'll turn the floor over to Councillor Fallis first, to speak, 30 seconds on why we should elect you to the Audit Committee. So, Councillor Fallis, your 30 seconds begins now.

FA Thank you, Chair. Regarding the Audit Committee, from my understanding, I'd be a good fit for this position with regards of my past experience. I have [unclear] groups.

I've been the President for one club, and I've also been Treasurer for a different club, for the Rotaract Club, and within those two positions, I've seen a lot of the policies and procedures and have an understanding of the strategic usage of these.

01:29:57

Hopefully, by being on Audit Committee with the Students' Council, I can undertake that role in a serious manner, and apply the knowledge from those past roles applicably.

CH Thank you, and Councillor Tesfay, your 30 seconds begins now. Councillor Tesfay, you're on mute.

TE Oh, sorry, I didn't realise.

CH Go ahead.

TE Good, can you hear me now? Okay, perfect. I always wanted to join a committee, just to gain more experience in committee work. This year, I was able to join more groups outside of just the Students' Council. I was able to be the Vice President of Investment Club, and on top of that, I have a lot of experience outside of even academics and SAMU. I own my own business, I know what it means to keep up with the audits. I know what it means to just stay in check with everything. I will be very happy if I get in. Thank you.

CH Thank you. Alan has advised me that the forms are not set up for yes, no votes. So, this is what we're going to do, it's a bit unusual. If you disagree with either of these two, who seem imminently qualified, I would ask that you just private message SAMU, as in Alan, and suggest that you do not agree with one of these two. If we have a majority that do not agree with one or the other, then we'll avoid putting them on a nomination board.

01:31:47

I'll allow one minute for you to text that to Alan through the chat.

Okay. Councillor Stewart, I'll just have you read the motion. I think you understand who the Councillors are, so you can read their names in.

SE Thank you, Chair. I move to appoint Councillor Fallis and Councillor Tesfay to the Audit Committee, effective May 1st 2020, for a term ending October 31st 2020.

CH Thank you, Councillor, and can I get a second? Vice President Academic. It has been moved and seconded to appoint Councillor Fallis and Councillor Tesfay to the Audit Committee, effective May 1st 2020, for a term ending October 31st 2020. Is there any debate? The question is on the adoption of the motion as read. Is there any opposition? Speak now, please. Motion carries.

Item 7.4 Bylaws and Policy Committee. We have another Councillor appointment, we have one available position. We'll take nominations now, if you'd like to nominate someone or yourself, please indicate that in the chat. Vice President Operations and Finance?

OF Thank you, Chair. I'd like to nominate Councillor Tran. Thank you, Chair.

CH Councillor Tran, do you accept the nomination?

TR I actually reject the nomination, but I'm honoured to have been nominated.

CH Thank you. Councillor Dykes?

01:33:52

DY I would like to nominate Councillor Unera [?] for the Bylaws and Policy Committee.

CH Councillor Unera, do you accept the nomination?

UN Thanks, Chair. I accept the nomination, thank you.

CH Thank you. Other nominations? Councillor Stewart?

SE Here, I'd like to nominate Councillor Forbes.

CH Councillor Forbes, do you accept the nomination? Councillor Forbes? You might be on mute. Well, you are on mute.

FO I really thought I wasn't. I respectfully decline, thank you very much, Chair.

CH Thank you. Other nominations? Councillor Campbell?

CA I'd like to nominate myself for the position.

CH Thank you. Other nominations? Last call. Okay, so we will proceed with the speeches in the order in which people were nominated. So, Councillor Unera, your 30 seconds begins now.

UN Good evening guys, my name is Raymark Unera, and thank you for being nominated. I think I'd be a great fit for Bylaws and Policy Committee specifically, since I have been studying Philosophy and Business Law, so I'm very much aware with argumentation and the justification of policies, provisions and all stuff like that.

01:35:31

I've been a part of the UN Club for a year now, and two years with Rotaract, also pursuing executive position there, so I think it would be a great way to test my skills.

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

CA Right, thank you so much. As you all know, I've been elected to Council, to BFC as well, so I do that. I ran in the last Executive election, I've been working hard to be well informed and make my voice be heard, and I think Council's been making a lot of progress on its mandate.

I also know, coming from an underrepresented faculty, the issues that come from not having been represented from that programme. Specifically, because of that, I want to go for this position, because ACC is moving into Allard Hall, and I think we need a lot of work in the Committee to fix some of the [overtalking].

CH Thank you. Okay, so Alan, I don't know how you distribute the link to the form. Can you do that through the chat? You need to help me out here, I'm a bit of a luddite. Oh, it's emailed to you. So, please ask that you check your email, and the online form will be there for you to fill out with the two Councillors who have been nominated.

[Silence].

01:38:26

Okay, Vice President Operations and Finance, I'll have you read the motion with Councillor Unera as the, fill in the blank.

OF Thank you, Chair. I move to appoint Councillor Unera to the Bylaws and Policy Committee effective May 1st 2020, for a term ending October 31st 2020. Thank you, Chair.

CH Thank you, and a second? Councillor Ouellette, thank you. It has been moved and seconded to appoint Councillor Unera to the Bylaws and Policy Committee, effective May 1st 2020, for a term ending October 31st 2020. Is there any debate? Questions on the adoption of the motion as read. Is there anyone in opposition? Please speak now. Motion carries.

Items 7.5 Health and Dental Sub-Committee. Councillor appointment. We'll open nominations now for one position. Please type in that you'd like to nominate in the chat. Vice President External?

EX Yes, thank you. I'd like to nominate Elaine Tran, Councillor Tran.

CH Thank you, Councillor Tran, do you accept the nomination?

TR Hi Chair, I'd like to accept the nomination.

CH Thank you. Other nominations? Last call for nominations. Okay, Councillor Tran, we'll give you 30 seconds to plead your case, starting now.

01:40:04

TR Hi everyone, I'd like to thank Cole for the nomination in particular. I think I'd be qualified to sit on the Health and Dental Committee, because I've actually sat on this committee as a student at large, but unfortunately this year, we haven't been able to meet. I'm also an active user of the Health and Dental Plan, so I think I can contribute greatly to that, as I have working knowledge of it.

Other than that, I've also sat on the Leadership and Review Committee this last year, and I've held other leadership roles in SAMU clubs. I was Co-President of the Vietnamese Students' Alliance, and I currently sit on as the Vice President External there.

CH Thank you. Okay, Councillors, because we only have one nominee, and we're voting in favour or oppose to a motion, we won't go through the other process where we had two people. If you didn't agree with this nomination, you can vote in opposition to the motion. Then, of course, if you agree with the motion, you can vote in support of the nomination. So, Vice President Operations and Finance, I'll just have you read the motion, please.

OF Thank you, Chair, I move to appoint Councillor Tran to the Health and Dental Sub-Committee effective May 1st 2020, for a term ending October 31st 2020.

01:41:13

CH Thank you, and a second? Vice President External. It has been moved and seconded to appoint Councillor Tran to the Health and Dental Sub-Committee effective May 1st 2020, for a term ending October 31st 2020. Is there any debate? The question is on

the adoption of the motion as read. Is there any opposition? Please speak now. Motion carries.

Item 7.6 Roles and responsibilities of elected representatives policy, Vice President Operations.

OF Thank you, Chair. I move to approve the roles and responsibilities of elected representatives policy on the recommendation of the Bylaws and Policy Committee.

CH Thank you. And can I get a second? Councillor Bouwer, thank you. It has been moved and seconded to approve the roles and responsibilities of elected representatives policy on the recommendation of the Bylaws and Policy Committee. Vice President Operations, I'll turn it over to you to start debate.

OF Thank you, Chair. This, as we know, needed some work, especially in regards to, more so than anything, a process in place for any Student Council members who find themselves absent from any of the important events that is expected of the elected representatives. So, we have, with much discussion and extra thanks to our students at large who came up with this idea, that we have this process in place, including application for reinstatement.

I apologise, someone's honking their horn, so if you hear that, that is me, I'm sorry. I don't know what's going on. Hopefully this has rounded things out much better for people. It's a little more clear, so that we don't have that ambiguity any further, and if the fellow Councillors, who sit on this Committee, have anything else to add, I welcome that as well. Thank you, Chair.

01:43:14

CH Thank you, Vice President. So, if you'd like to join or add something during debate, I just ask that, in the chat, you type in debate or question or comment, and I will recognise you. Councillor Stewart?

SE Hello? Can you hear me?

CH Hello.

SE Okay. I'll start off by saying I think this is awesome, they've put a lot of work into it, it really shows, and I think this goes to solve a lot of ambiguity. However, I would like to make, potentially, a friendly or make an amendment to the policy on the floor, to line 30, to change the word clubs to Student Groups.

It's a very minor thing, but wanted to point that out, as well as in 6.2 and 7.2, it says the word attend the meeting based on for removal. This is different than the wording in 8.2, which very accurately provides the context that they have to be present for 80% of the Student Councillor meetings, I believe that part says. I would like to amend to change the word attend in 6.2. and 7.2 to be present for.

This is to, and I'm not sure if this is the right way to do this, Chair, however just to explain that, is just for consistency, and so that in 6.2 and 7.2 you can't just attend as they were technically there for maybe ten minutes or they signed in, but that they really are present for. And in lines 7.1 and 6.1 it says what present means, and clarifies that, so just so there is no more ambiguity onto what people might be removed for.

01:45:12

CH So, we had two possible issues, Councillor Stewart. One was changing clubs to Student Groups, and the other was a change to attend to be present for. Is that correct?

SE Yes.

CH Vice President Operations and Finance, this is your motion, so I'm going to leave it to you, as to whether or not you'd like to accept those as friendly amendments or not.

OF I don't have an issue with it, I'm sure, GA, I'm probably speak out of turn for him, doesn't have a problem making that amendment for us as well. If the other Councillors who sit on this do not mind as well, I'm fine with it. Thank you.

CH Okay, we'll proceed. This is a bit unusual, but I think that these are pretty minor amendments in the grand scheme of things. However, I'm going to ask that anyone that has an issue with that, during debate, please raise that issue, because my recommendation would be that if we see this as a major issue, then we address that in Committee and bring back the policy. But if we have those that are in favour of those changes, I think that, because they are minuted, that we can make them, and vote on the motion as it's been presented.

01:46:37

So, I'm just going to go through the list, and you can speak your piece on the motion on the floor, if you have something to say with respect to what Councillor Stewart is proposing, I just ask that you wait your turn, and I'll give you the floor at that appropriate time. Councillor Bouwer?

BO Thank you, Chair. This policy was quite a collective effort. I think that Larissa, who is one of the students at large, who sits on Bylaw and Policy Committee is present and watching, so I just wanted to briefly say thank you so much. So much was contributed to this policy by our students at large.

This isn't just to deal with the process of reappointment if a Councillor fails to meet the attendance or participatory requirements, but it was also originally meant to address clarifying what those requirements were. All of the debate that occurred in the past, both formally and informally, about whether we count Town Hall attendance and Students' Council meetings as one category or two separate categories, I hope that we've clarified that in this.

And overall, I think it's just a policy that I'm quite proud of, so that's just me speaking in favour of it. Thank you, Chair.

CH Thank you, Councillor Bouwer. Vice President Academic?

01:48:18

AC Sorry, I was on mute. Thank you, Chair. I would like to echo the comments of Councillor Stewart, I think, when it comes to those amendments on 6.2, 7.2. The way the policy reads of you will be removed if you're not in attendance, doesn't fit with above, where it says being present is 80% or whatever. So, if it says being present is 80% attendance, and then it says you are removed if you're not present, then it lines up really well. It's very clear, there's no ambiguity. It's a good change that just makes it work really nicely.

But my original comment, which I put in before even Councillor Stewart even started

speaking, the original thing I was going to say, is that I really like the appeals section of this policy, for reinstatement. I think it's really good, the way that it's written. Because I deal with appeals with students a lot, with MacEwan, and of course there is a timeline attached to that, and it is a necessary thing. Not only is there a timeline, but it also specifies what you have to include in your appeal letter for reinstatement.

MacEwan tried to recently pass through GFC a different kind of appeal policy, that deals with an area not yet covered, and they forgot to put in timelines, they forgot to put in what the letter had to include. So, for the Councillors here to have realised that this was a necessary part of this, I think is very forward thinking, and I think it's a really great addition to the policy. I don't have it in front of me, so I can't say what lines those are, but those appeal lines for reinstatement are really well thought out.

So, yes, I definitely approve this, on top of all the other reasons that Ruan listed, Councillor Bouwer listed, I think it's great stuff, so thank you.

01:50:12

CH Thank you. Other debate? Not seeing anything in the chat. Last call. Okay, the question is on the adoption of the motion to approve the roles and responsibilities of elected representatives policy, on the recommendation of the Bylaws and Policy Committee. I'll just note Councillor's friendly amendments was proposed by Councillor Stewart. Is there any opposition? Please speak now. Motion carries.

Item 8, Consultation. Nothing there.

Item 9, Evaluation. The link is in your package that was, I think an updated package was sent out this morning with the link. I ask that you please fill that out.

[Silence].

Okay, I'm told we're all done. I can never tell if you guys are still filling out the form, or surfing the web on your Netscape browser right now, but we'll move on. Thanks, Alan, for letting me know.

Item 10, Recognition. If you'd like to recognise someone, just please type in recognition in the chat. Councillor Dykes?

DY Thank you, Chair. I'd like to recognise Vice President External and the Vice President Operations as well as the Governance Assistant. This will be their last Students' Council meeting of their terms, and I'd like to thank them for all of their hard work over this past year, and best of luck in your next endeavours. Thank you.

01:56:49

CH Thank you, Councillor Dykes, we'll raise the roof there. Councillor Bouwer?

BO Thank you, Chair. First of all, tremendous recognition as well for the outgoing executives. Particularly, I feel obligated to recognise the outgoing Vice President External, Cole Baker, for the tremendous job that she's done in transition. She's put so much effort into helping me get into that role, and building those connections so that I'm ready to go from the get-go. That's very exciting, and thank you so much.

Then also, to the newly appointed Councillor who will be taking my slot on BPC, I am so excited to see how that goes forward for you, because Bylaw and Policy Committee

was really one of the best parts, I can say, unambiguously, of my experience on Students' Council. So, I really look forward to your experiencing that, and I'd like to recognise you for rising to that opportunity. Thank you.

CH Thank you, Councillor Bouwer. Councillor Yanish?

YA Thank you, Chair. I'd just like to echo some of the other sentiments that have been said previously, really, I just have been overwhelmed with emotion, as I'm sure we all are, as of late. But, unfortunately, it truly is just sinking in for me now, that this is the last meeting with this particular group of people we had.

For all those here who this is the first time hearing my voice, I just want to express that the current EC that we have, has done so much work to further the interests of students here at MacEwan, and that with a risk of sounding repetitive, I'm going to miss all of you, so thank you.

01:58:55

CH Thank you, Councillor Yanish. Councillor Johnston?

JO Hi there. I'd just really like to recognise all of our newly appointed Councillors, for stepping up to a role like this in these weird times, so thank you for doing that.

CH Thank you, Councillor Johnston. Vice President External?

EX Thank you, Chair. I'm going to try and not get emotional during this. This year has been truly incredible, and the reason it's been incredible is because of the people I work with. Students' Council, I'd like to recognise all of you for what an incredible year. I'm so touched by your dedication to student success and student life and students thriving on campus. That happens because of you, and it's foundational, and I'm so proud of each and every one of you.

I'd also like to extend recognition to my fellow Executive Committee. If someone had told me at the beginning of my year, I'd be ending it in a pandemic, we've lost our GM, lost our President, and a plethora of other things, I would not have believed you. I don't know if I would have signed up, either, but I would have not gotten through it, had it not been for the incredible team that I was blessed with.

Our Vice President Student Life is a continuous joy, and is so passionate about our students. Our Vice President Operation and Finance is committed to our financial sustainability and is always there for you. And our Vice President Academic is simply incredible. Your attention to detail and your compassion is immaculate. I'm just so thrilled to have worked with an incredible team. I also would like to recognise Alan. You're my rock, you rock, as well, so just thank you for all you do.

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I'd like to also recognise Maddy, this is her last meeting as well. Thank you for all your support and love, it's been great getting to know you. I'd like to recognise Tim, our Chair. Thank you for all you do, in making sure that we're all on track and we're all good Robert's rules of order folks.

That leads me to the future. I'd like to recognise our new Students' Councillors, I'm so proud of you. I know all of you, from different ways we've worked together, and I'm so excited to see you flourish on Council, so thank you all.

CH Thank you, Vice President. That raised the roof too. Vice President of Operations?

OF Thank you, Chair. I know I'm echoing or repeating a lot of what everyone else has said here, but congratulations to our newly appointed Student Council members. One of you I know in particular, so a little biased here, but you know who you are, kudos, and thank you to all the SC past and present, some of them are not here now, that we had the privilege of working with this past year. Thank you, Tim, for always helming these for us, and being so patient with us.

Alan, a million times over, thank you for everything you do, you are a rock of Gibraltar. I don't know if anybody knows what I'm talking about when I say that, but you're immortal. Thank you, and thank you to Maddy, who is also going to bowing out, like VP Ex and I. Thank you for all you did this past year. I was there for your interview, and I just knew you were going to be a part of this team, so I'm so glad you got to spend this time with us.

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To my fellow EC, I think one of the biggest things is, some unsung heroes who we had approach us a lot, who were worried and asked if we were okay, and that meant more, just asking, than anything. And then, the four of us together, really coming together this past year with everything. As Cole said, there is a pandemic, we lost some staff along the way, we lost a President, there is so much, but we wouldn't trade it for anything.

We were very happy to serve all of you, and thank you to all of you who elected and supported us, and gave us the privilege of working with you all. Don't be a stranger, and I if we don't get to see you guys again, I always wish everyone, especially in these times now, I always used to say this, now I say it more than ever, I hope you're healthy, happy, and just okay in the world when I think of you. Now I'm getting emotional. Thank you.

CH Thank you, Vice President, well done. Any other recognition? Last call. Okay, Councillors, I always get the last word in recognition, so I want to thank you for your attention during the meeting. This was a meaty agenda, and we were challenging over Zoom, and I think you conducted yourselves appropriately and professionally and thank you for going with some of the decisions on the fly. These are a bit unprecedented for me, managing meetings like this on a large platform like this.

02:03:57

I want to congratulate the new Councillors, you're in for a good ride, and I want to especially congratulate the Executive that are not returning. As a former Student Executive, for many terms, as well as a former Senate member at NATE [?], which is their Council, I can tell you that what you've learned here, I know you know, is invaluable, you've heard me say this before. I only want to say that you've learned a lot in your role, as well as your role in Council, and I hope that you will take that into the community.

There are many boards and committees that require your knowledge of how to conduct yourselves in a meeting, how to analyse policy, and that will be invaluable to other organisations, so please do take your expertise to those other organisations.

So, with that said, item 11, Adjournment. Vice President External?

EX Thank you, Chair, I move to adjourn.

CH Thank you. This motion only requires one mover, and is not debatable. The question is on the adoption to adjourn. Is there anyone opposed? Please speak now. Motion carries, this meeting is adjourned. Have a good evening.

02:05:22