



## October 21, 2020 Students' Council Meeting – Audio Recording Transcript

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CR Okay let's call this meeting to order.

Sorry for calling the meeting a little late. We'll move onto Item one, Treaty Six land recognition. Treaty Six land recognition. We would like to acknowledge that this meeting in the Students' Association of MacEwan University is taking place on the traditional territories of the people of Treaty Six region in Central Alberta.



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

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Item two. Approvals. Two point one. We have a motion. Anyone care to make that motion?

Councillor Strayer.

CS I move to approve the agenda for October 21<sup>st</sup>, 2020.

CR Thank you Councillor and a second please?

Councillor Dykes, thank you. It has been moved and seconded to approve the agenda for October 21<sup>st</sup>, 2020. Is there any debate?

Question is on the adoption of the motion to approve the agenda for October 21<sup>st</sup>, 2020. Is there anyone in opposition? Please speak now.

Motion carries.

Item two point two. We have a motion. Someone care to make that motion.

Councillor Drummond.

CD I move to approve the minutes of September 16<sup>th</sup>, 2020.

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CR Was that supposed to read September 15<sup>th</sup>? Or do I have an old version?

CD The screen says 16<sup>th</sup>.

CR Okay. Thank you and a second please.

Vice President of External, thank you. It has been moved and seconded to approve the minutes of September 16<sup>th</sup>, 2020. Is there debate?

Question is on the adoption of the motion, is there anyone in opposition? Please speak now.

Motion carries.

Item three. Presentations. Three point one. Alberta 2030. I'll hand the floor over to Mr President.

PR Thank you so much Chair. I have permission to share my screen now, is that correct Alan? Okay excellent.

And just so that I can have the right amount of time for the presentation versus the Q and



A or discussion period. How much is time is the total on that again Alan? Or anyone who can answer that. I believe it's 30, I just want to make sure.

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CR 30 minutes total.

PR Thank you so much.

Okay, with that, I am going to share this lovely Alberta 2030 presentation with you all.

Basically, Rowan and I and I would say pretty much the entire EC team having been keeping tabs on a post-secondary system review that the government of Alberta is currently conducting. And Alberta 2030 is the name of it. The subtitle is Building Skills for Jobs.

And what I've done for this is put together a presentation that explains the high-level overview of why this matters to us as a student association and the things you need to know about it.

I'm getting a bit of feedback, someone's mic must be on, I'm just getting a little bit of feedback or echo. Excellent, the echo is gone. You can all see my screen? We're good to go?

If someone could nod. I can see Rowan. Rowan can you see the screen. I see Kent as well.

Thank you Councillor Strayer, thank you VP External. You can see that what we're talking about today is the Alberta 2030 post-secondary education system review. Also known as Building Skills for Jobs. And we want to talk about this in terms of implications for MacEwan students. And you can see at the bottom, I've got to give credit to Rowan Ley. He's the chair of CAUS which is a provincial advocacy group. He's also the VP External of UASU.

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He made this lovely presentation in its original form before I made some amendments to make it appropriate for SAMU.

First question, why should you care about Alberta 2030? The thing is, it's going to change basically the whole post-secondary system or has the potential to change the entire post-secondary system as we know it in Alberta. And there's a lot of things that are being looked at and being considered to be changed which we'll get into in a second.

But some of those things that could be changed could be the level of institutional funding. The programmes that are offered by a university. The governance and autonomy of any post-secondary institution and the way that work placements function is definitely on the table to be changed. And in our opinion and the opinion of all student associations in CAUS, we want to be involved to protect our students' interest in this review.

We've got a couple of background slides here that go over somethings. Starting with the



Post-Secondary Learning Act and how it ties into a post-secondary system. You may know this because of councillor training but the Post-Secondary Learning Act is what creates the post-secondary institutions and creates students' associations like ourselves. What you might not know is that it actually has these post-secondary institutions categorized into four main groups. Sorry, six main groups. I'm so sorry for misspeaking there. That's why we refer to it as the six-sector model.

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At the top of the model you've got research universities and undergraduate universities and there's a whole bunch of different kinds of technical institutes and colleges that make up the other four categories. A big thing to keep in mind when looking at this is we currently don't have any clear funding formula for post-secondary in Alberta. There is really no formula.

It's historically based because at one point we did it on enrolment and then at some point they gave up on the enrolment formula and just do it historically, based on the previous year's grant. And it's been that way for decades.

That's why the government is trying to move towards a performance-based funding model which I believe comes into play quite a lot in Alberta 2030 review.

So, here they are. You've got your six-sector model here with your six different kinds of institutions. At the top is the two kinds of universities. Research universities which obviously we are not and undergraduate universities which is where MacEwan falls into, right at the top there. After undergraduate universities, you have a bunch of others. Polytechnics, community colleges, independent academic institutions and specialized arts and culture institutions.

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And essentially, what it's trying to do, as you can see, these are quite different categories. The goal is to reduce duplication, but I think one thing and definitely in the perspective of this review, sometimes the six-sector model is seen to be too much of a firewall between institutions and doesn't allow cooperation. And I think that's one thing the government's focusing on a lot in this review, especially when they talk about government's reform.

Let's get into what I would consider the more exciting stuff as far as background. The funding model. As I've said, there isn't really a funding formula. And more or less, the government tells universities what they get somewhat arbitrarily. It makes funding unpredictable and it makes it hard to plan ahead. As we've seen in the last couple of years. You can see pretty clearly here that there's been a decrease in the last few years. And I've broken down the numbers here to show that.

You've got about 5 billion for the Alberta post-secondary education budget and that's the current budget year that we're living in right now. And then if you look at 2019 2020, so last fiscal year. You can see that we got \$114 million from total grants from the provincial government. And 106,3 million of that is the Campus Alberta Grant. The Campus Alberta Grant is the big funding contributor for post-secondaries.



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And the reason I separated it out from the total grants we get from the government, it's because we have direct numbers on how much we've been cut year over year to that grant specifically to the Campus Alberta Grant.

In 2019 2020, you've got the big one, we were actually tied for the worst cut in the entire province that year, 7,9%. Basically an 8% cut there. And then the much more moderate 2,2% cut in 2020 2021. But really if you add those up, it's a little over 10% in a little over two years, which is very significant when you're talking about over \$100 million grant.

And so, in the context of no funding formula, they're looking at doing a performance-based funding formula and for your investment management agreements. And these investment agreements is like the official contractual way of enforcing a performance-based funding model. They're currently delayed due to Covid-19 but we hear that they're going to be back at some point. I don't know when since the pandemic seems to be going on longer than many expected. I don't even know if they'll be back this year if I'm being honest with you.

This is all to me massively important in the 2030 review because institutional finance and the whole role of government in funding post-secondary institutions is under scrutiny in this process.

Why a review?

The current system hasn't been updated since 2004 so, why is that a bad thing? I think one thing in the government's perspective is it was quite a bit of duplication between programmes, between different universities. Maybe too much governance or administrative duplication which is seen as inefficient.

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There's also cost drivers which have been growing above inflation. Transferring is hard between institutions. MacEwan doesn't typically have this problem but a lot of other institutions do. And cooperation between institutions is difficult. I think these are big ones but the other one that I would add that isn't on this slide is a lot of the review has been focused on building skills for jobs which is the subtitle of the review.

There seems to be an implication that there's a skills gap between graduates and the jobs that are available. And they're trying to, in their words, close that skills gap. That's a big part of reimagining the role of post-secondary in the economy and in the overall context of Alberta at a very high level.

You might have heard the contractor is a private contractor from the United States of America. It's McKinsey and company. They're one of the top consultants in the world. Certainly, in the top consultants, if not the number one. They do have a Calgary office. They're frequently in the news. If you Google them, you'll find a lot of stuff spanning many years. Especially in America, although they've done work in Saudi Arabia as well. There's a very diverse client base for this group. The cost of the review, the government's paying \$3,7 million to conduct this review.



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This is where it gets specific. The priorities of the review are interesting, and I nodded to them a moment ago when I talk about why are we doing a review at all. The number one that they keep coming back to is developing highly skilled and globally competitive graduates.

I think that's great and globally competitive I think is a lofty goal to have but considering that the first Nobel Peace Prize won by a Canadian in many decades was from University of Alberta, just a couple of weeks ago. I do question whether we're not already highly skilled and incredibly globally competitive, but that's a bit of an aside.

The next goal is to create a more efficient system. Obviously, this is a big part of the government's mandate and platform. Then to strengthen participation and accommodate growing enrolment demands. That's the access, accessibility affordability point.

Then you've got strengthen the commercialisation of research. Then explore the most effective governance model to achieve these aims. And lastly, strengthen the role of post-secondary institutions in the development of a higher performing innovation ecosystem.

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To me, the big things that I pull out of this when I'm looking at it, is that the skills gap thing, or not being globally competitive. There's some kind of perception if that's the case. And the efficiency thing, the cost aspect of this. Making a more efficient system because they often refer back to the MacKinnon panel. Not to be confused with McKenzie.

The MacKinnon panel was the panel that overviewed our finances in Alberta and basically set up post-secondary systems way too expensive. But as I said, if you're producing Nobel Laureates maybe too expensive is the wrong word to use since it's obviously producing excellent results.

The review process. To come up with a plan to address these six main objectives, we have this process. Some of which has already begun. The engagement framework is already out. The discussion papers, we were told were developed in the summer although they're not publicly available, so we haven't seen those. But the part that me and our Board of Governors rep, Myles Dykes have been involved in, is the consultation periods. Our Board of Governors had a consultation session, our President at MacEwan had a consultation interview, I believe. And all that kind of good stuff.

Then we expect in late November, an options paper to be delivered from McKinsey to the provincial government, to the ministry of advanced education. Which will pick among options that were developed by essentially running these six goals here, through a consultation process and then bringing them to the government with a list of options that come out of that.

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And then you've got the road map to achieving whatever option the government picks and then everything after that is, once the process is wrapped up and we've got the summit,



the implementation plan and the evaluation plan after it starts being implemented.

I'll probably skip over this pretty quickly. The engagement process is just the fact that there's a lot of interviews. A lot of those interviews are done with post-secondary essential administration, like the presidents. There's focus groups, one of the ones was with our Board of Governors at MacEwan. So, of course, Councillor Dykes, who is our board rep, he was there and so was I. And then you've got submission documents that SAMU produced our own. CAUS produced theirs.

Virtually every student association and CAUS has produced a submission document that are publicly available, and you can read those. And then online surveys including a student focused survey which is cool. And then you've got a central piece of it is the guiding coalition which sometimes they call these the challenge panels. And it's basically a group of people who takes all the feedback in consultation and comes up with a direction.

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There's a couple of university presidents, the one student on the coalition is the chair of CAUS which I think is great for us. And some thought leaders in post-secondary education. For example, they have a pretty well-known immunologist from the U of A is one of those thought leaders. That's on the guiding coalition. I believe there's also quite a few industry people as well. Because this whole skills for jobs things requires consulting with industry in their view so that's a big part of it.

Possible outcomes, this is where, and I don't want to scare you, but this is where things could be a little bit dramatic. And you can see the range is absolutely dramatically different. Sorry, the range is extremely large from very tiny changes to extreme remodelling of the system. And that's the interesting thing about this so far. And the thing that keeps you up at night, is that there's not a lot of detail in terms of the overall direction.

You have anything in governance reform, from consolidation with other universities to minor tweaks on the current model. And yes, by consolidation we do mean potentially combining two universities or two post-secondary institutions together under the same institution. Or maybe in a less extreme way, at least under the same board of governors. That's one possibility.

The six-sector model is extremely likely to change. We do believe that they will be looking at the six-sector model and totally redoing it because it's alleged to prevent cooperation. And so that's the governors' reform. Now onto academic reform.

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When it comes to universities working more closely together and collaborating more. It could be anything from sweeping programme and institution closures to minor transfer system streamlining. Because the goal is to make these institutions work better together and if that means that there's too much duplication, then there's a chance the institutions could be closed.

Whether that's rural or urban is very hard to say in my opinion as far as where those



institution closures could be focused.

And then funding reform change. You could see minor changes to PBF all the way to huge cuts and a big emphasis on own source revenue. Encouraging universities to create their own revenue streams as much as they can.

Risks are less programme choice, less influence in governance, massive funding cuts that could affect quality and drive up student basic costs. Potential for consolidation with other post-secondary institutions and potentially a drop in ranking of MacEwan and the value of the degrees that we offer.

But there's also opportunities. I think the big one here is improved work integrated learning. And I genuinely think there's an opportunity for improvement there because the government cares so much about getting work integrated learning into as many programmes as it can possibly fit in. And in my opinion, I don't see that being such a bad thing considering that I'm sure a lot of us could have benefitted from that kind of thing in our programme. Let's say in political science if you got an internship with government. That kind of stuff could be really cool.

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Better coordinated sexual violence and mental health response across the province. That does go inline with the cooperation between institutions for sure. And then you've got more access to programmes at other institutions and potentially a stronger role in governance. So, you see that showing up as a risk maybe we lose influence in governance but also an opportunity, maybe we gain influence in governance. Because we don't really know where the governance thing is going.

We're responding with CAUSs chair having a seat on the guiding coalition. CAUS writing a submission with proposals, CAUS doing interviews with McKinsey. But also, SAMU, as president, I was part of the board of governors' consultation with McKinsey. I was a big part of writing the submission that we gave to government with proposals and Rowan and I will be attending an upcoming student leader round table with is part of a series of townhalls that are coming up.

How does this tie to you? As a councillor you really only have two ways to really give direct feedback. The townhalls are going to be a potential. Because we're told there's six to eight in October November. It looks like there's only one student focused one and it looks like only the Presidents and VP Externals are going to be invited to them. But we're waiting and seeing.

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As far as online surveys though, there is a student focused survey. Please encourage your friends and acquaintances to fill that out. Fill it out yourself. It's linked on the SAMU site for Alberta 2030 which I'll mention shortly. Also, in addition to direct feedback, you can also guide the executive. Tell us how should we respond to this, what are the priorities to MacEwan students? What is important about MacEwan's place in Alberta, etc.

That's the gist of the presentation. I'm going to open it up for comments at this time. If





I've been keeping track on time properly, we should have eight to ten minutes. But I'm going to open it up for questions and opinions. Feel free to contribute or ask me anything you'd like to know about the review. I do have some editorialized, opinionated thoughts on this that I can give in this part of the presentation. But I want to open it up to the floor to hear from you first as Councillors.

One thing I will say really quickly before I do that is [SAMU.ca/alberta2030](http://SAMU.ca/alberta2030) is where you can go to read our submission to the government, to get the link to the student survey and to get more context and a link to the government website about this process.

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Questions? I'm going to open up the chat, maybe I can read them. Lovely, Rowan posted the website there.

If there's any questions, feel free to. I see VP Academic.

VPA

I wasn't sure if there was any other questions, so I was going to ask, I was curious, how receptive has the [unclear] been so far in the consultation with students and the work of CAUS so far?

PR

Thank you. Well, it's hard to say for sure and I think time will tell. We have given certain feedback that basically criticizes aspects of the performance-based funding system that's proposed and pushes back against the consolidation side of things. Basically, saying we don't want to be consolidated with other institutions and we do have objections to some parts of PBF.

I think the answer to your question will come about when we see the reviews' recommendations. If they listen to our Board of Governors and UAs Board of Governors and UASU and SAMU and CAUS. Then we can see some of our criticisms being taken into account and addressed in the final product. But I think it's something where we have to be very clear about what we told them so that when what comes out of it comes of it, we can compare those two things against each other.

But that's a really good question and I guess time will tell. I do think there's been a lot of opportunities to give feedback thought. If I can give that as some credit, there's been a lot of chances to comment on the review. I see Ruan, VP External wanted to add to that.

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VPE

Yes. Just a quick note that might be of value because you mentioned the kind of work that CAUS has been doing and the kind of receptiveness of the government. I will say that it was a really big win for us because we were able to cooperate as CAUS with ASEC which represents the students at trades and polytechnic schools and also at ab-GPAC who represent graduate students in Alberta.

The three umbrella organizations were able to come together and collectively sign the memorandum of understanding which actually governs two of the representatives on the guiding coalition that's driving this whole project. Basically, through our cooperation, we are able to collectively vote on the decisions that they take and influence them in that



decision-making process. I really think that we've been giving it our all on many fronts. We're trying to cooperate with the boards and everything. Just throw that in there.

PR Thank you so much. I saw the next question, I lost the chat, but I think it was Councillor Tran is was next.

CA I just wanted to say thank you for the presentation. I just want to clarify if I'm understanding something correctly. In the presentation it was stated that the government wants to move forward with more work integrated learning, is that correct?

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PR Yes.

CA Okay. I'm wondering about how that would manifest here because you spoke about briefly, for example, if I poly-sci student wanted to do some kind of internship with the government, that would be particularly advantageous. I'm just wondering, do you think MacEwan would be receptive to that? Just because I know at the U of A and the U of C and some larger institutions, they have arts work experience or arts coops programmes, and we don't have that here. I'm just wondering how that would move forward.

PR Yes, that's an excellent question. I think that at some level, the funding formula will incentivize that. I'm pretty sure that because of the extreme funding incentives tied to those kinds of things, it would eventually get the ball rolling at MacEwan. And also, I think because they're consulting presidents and they've consulted with our board of governors and our President's been talking to the minister about this quite a lot and his staff. I think she's also somewhat bought it.

I think our new President, Dr Trimbee does care about the work integrated learning. Especially as a silver lining to this whole process, and a bright spot in the process and actually wants to do it. I imagine that we will see quite a bit of change at MacEwan towards that new paradigm. That's a good question.

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CA Thank you.

PR And I think we have time for one more, so Councillor Yanish.

CY Thank you so some quick clarification because I can't look back on the panel or on the previous slide obviously. But there was something about an interview with McKinsey. Was that CAUS interviewing with McKinsey or was that SAMU having some sort of interview with McKinsey? And if so, has that happened yet?

PR Yes. It was the CAUS Chair and potentially the Vice Chair and the Executive Director. They were the ones that were in direct contact with McKinsey. I think because McKinsey is interviewing so many different people that they don't really have time to go to each student association. So, they're probably going to CAUS, ASEC and ab-GPAC. SAMU does not get a one on one interview with them. But we did have the Board of Governors' chance to be consulted and we're getting that student lead round table coming up where we can voice



our opinion.

But the interview with McKinsey was CAUS doing it and I believe it has already passed. I believe Rowan already did that, the CAUS chair, a few weeks ago.

VP Academics question, yes, the answer is yes.

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CR Okay, thank you President. Important work. Item four. For Information. Four point one. Reports. Four one one. President, any oral supplements?

PR Yes. Thank you Chair. Two things that have happened since I wrote the report are the tuition increase consultation from MacEwan and the first chancellor selection meeting. Of course, inline with the next few years of Campus Alberta Grant cuts, MacEwan will have to raise tuition every year for three years. We're on year two of that, we've been starting the consultation process with MacEwan about how that tuition increase and mandatory non-instructional fee increase is going to go.

And essentially, how much it's going to be increased and where those increases are going to be felt in terms of programmes.

The other big thing was the chancellor selection. MacEwan's selecting their inaugural chancellor. First ever chancellor of our time and I am one of the students on the committee for that. We met today actually for the first time to start that work and [unclear].

CR Thank you. Four one two. Vice President of Academic, any oral supplements?

VPA Yes, that you Chair. Since writing my report, I had a couple of meetings. I had a meeting with ITMC, that's the Information Technology Management Committee. I had one with AREB. That's the Animal Research Ethics Board. And then earlier today, I got to participate in a 20-hour live stream. But I was only in for ten minutes. And my ten minutes of fame on the International Day of Action Against Contract Cheating, which is today as I mentioned. You can find that information on my Facebook at savpacademic.

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And then I just wanted to touch on, very quickly at the information technology management committee and update that was received. That all students should all be aware of because they received an email from the provost, Dr Craig Monk. Just letting students know about some of the enrolment changes or some of the winter term changes. With closed course scheduling, it's been closed for the last three days and it opens up again tomorrow.

They're rearranging all the courses that are going to be online, hybrid or in person with a goal of having a bit more in person and hybrid classes to get around 25% in person. Which is a bit more than it was this semester. So, students can look forward to that.

But I have been reassured that any students if classes end up being cancelled, but the majority are hoping to be moved or turned around and if they do have any changes, they



will be emailed and notified of them. But just a good update to be aware of that in your myStudentSystem and looking at your course schedules over the next little bit.

Thank you.

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CR Thank you. Four one three. Vice President of External, any oral supplements?

VPE Yes, thank you Chair. The first thing I wanted to mention was that the website that was in construction at the time of writing my report has obviously been consolidated and posted now so thank you for stealing my thunder on that one, Sean.

A couple of other updates, yesterday I had another meeting with the U-Pass negotiating team, with all the other students' associations, representatives who are party to U-Pass and we are now in. I can at least tell you what stage of the process we're in. We are now reviewing the draft agreement in principle, which is the requisite for putting the agreement to a referendum. Hopefully, we will be bringing that forward in a future meeting once some of the other details are worked out.

I also wanted to mention and I'm not sure if everyone has noticed, apparently the U-Pass fee is being charged in the winter as an administrative mistake. The U-Pass is not back in effect. You will be refunded those charges, just for anyone who saw that and might have gotten concerned.

That's all, thanks Chair.

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CR Thank you. Four one four. Vice President of Operations and Finance, is the VPO, there you are, any oral supplements?

VPO As presented, thank you Chair.

CR Thank you. Four one five. Vice President of Student Life, any oral supplements?

VPS As presented, thank you Chair.

CR Thank you. Four one six. The Board of Governors, Student Representative. Councillor Dykes, any oral supplements.

CD Yes, thank you Chair. Just one additional thing. I partook as a student member on the chancellor selection committee with Sean today. Great first meeting, I'm looking forward to seeing to how we can find MacEwan's next chancellor. It's really setting opportunity, it's the first one we'll ever have.

Thank you Chair.

CR Thank you. Four one seven. Bylaws and Policy Committee. Does the chair of that committee have any oral supplements?

UF1 As presented, thank you Chair.



CR Thank you. Four one eight. Budget and Finance Committee. Is the chair of that committee have any oral supplements?

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UF2 As presented, thank you Chair.

CR Thank you. Four one nine. [Unclear] Committee. Any oral supplements there?

UM1 As presented, thank you Chair.

CR Thank you. Four one ten. Executive Committee. I'm assuming those are as is. Sorry, who chairs that committee and are there any oral supplements?

UM2 It's me, no supplements.

CR Great, thank you. Sorry I got those confused with the Executive Committee Minutes. Four one eleven. Leadership and Review Committee. Any oral supplements?

UM3 As presented Chair.

CR Thank you. Four one twelve. Appointment Advisory Committee. Any oral supplements?

UF3 Yes, thank you Chair. We met yesterday and recommended a few students, three for appointments to various committees and that's it. Thank you Chair.

CR Thank you. Four two. Executive Committee Minutes of September 9<sup>th</sup>, 18<sup>th</sup>, 23<sup>rd</sup>, 30<sup>th</sup> and October 7<sup>th</sup>, 2020 are provided in your package for your information.

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Item five. Question Period. Five point one. Written Questions. None this month. Five point two. Oral Questions. If you do have a question, please type in question in the chat and I'll recognize you in the order in which you appear.

Councillors, any questions? Last call for questions.

Okay, item six. In Camera Period. Nothing there.

Item seven. Motions and Business Orders of The Day. Seven point one. Committees, Policy. Vice President of Operations and Finance. I see you have a motion here.

VPO Yes, thank you Chair. I move to approve the Committee Policy on the recommendation of the Bylaws and Policy Committee.

CR Thank you and a second. Vice President Student Life, thank you. It's been moved and seconded to approve the committees' policy on the recommendation of the Bylaws and Policy Committee.

Vice President of Operations and Finance would you like to say anything to start debate?

VPO It's pretty straightforward. There's not many changes. It's just more clarification. I don't have much to say on that, if you have any questions, you can go ahead and ask but it's all in the package.



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CR Thank you. I'll open debate. If you'd like to contribute to debate just type in debate or question in the chat and I will recognize you in that order. Councillor Dykes.

CK Yes, thank you Chair. I notice there was a change to the Governance Investigation Committee for the reports to be issued now, it needs to be at the discretion of students' council. Was the topic discussed that EC should do it? I feel as though if someone requested it would be quite a long process to get that approved, so I was just wondering a little bit more about that.

CR Thank you Councillor Dykes. Vice Presidents of Operations and Finance, can you answer that question?

VPO This was talked about a little bit before I came into position. But I do understand that the reason we did it as available upon request was because we didn't want to post it on the website. I think the reason we did it to go to council is so that we have the approval of the whole council and we're all on board instead of just EC. But maybe somebody else can better answer that than me.

CR Thank you Vice President. Sorry, was there someone else that wanted to add to that?

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I guess Councillor Dykes, that's going to have to suffice. Did you have anything further?

CK Nothing further, thank you Chair.

CR Thank you. Other debate? Last call for debate. Okay, you can see in the chat, there's something from Vice President of Operations. Vice President of Academic.

VPA Thank you Chair. Just a quick question around the conversations around these changes. Since I was looking at the governance investigations committee. I'm just curious if BPC had had any conversations around some of the other issues that had cropped up in the past around the investigations that were brought up as recommendations from our SRO in previous years. Stemming from potential investigations and voting stuff like that.

I was just wondering if there was more conversation [unclear] edits that could have been made. Thank you Chair.

CR Thank you Vice President. Vice President of Operations and Finance, do you have an answer for that question?

VPO I'm sorry it kept cutting out, could the VPA please repeat her question.

CR Sure. Vice President of Academic.

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VPA Yes, sorry about that. I just was asking if there was discussion in BPC since you're looking at the governance investigation committee. If there is any conversations around making additional additions or changes based on the recommendations from CROs. The CRO



reports in the past based on situations where there was an investigation and whether students should be able to vote or be included. If there was ongoing investigation if the investigation wasn't going to be at the end. But basically, just if there was further consideration to changes considered by BPC.

CR Thank you Vice President. Vice President of Operations and Finance did you hear that time?

VPO I did thank you Chair and thank you VPA. From my understanding, the CRO was consulted on this but I could be wrong. Again, I apologize. My computer is glitching and I can't find my notes, they're not loading. If you would like I can definitely give you that answer tomorrow once I look into it. I do sincerely apologize that I am not prepared tonight. As I mentioned before, I do have the flu, so my brain is all jumbled up.

CR Okay. Vice President Operations and Finance, fine. Presumably, there are other members of council that are on that committee that might be able to answer that question. Anyone want to volunteer themselves. No. Okay.

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Councillor Strayer. I'm assuming hi means you'd like to contribute something so Councillor Strayer the floor is yours.

CS Thank you Chair. I'm a little confused about the VPAs question but I appreciate it, nonetheless. The CROs information was taken quite heavily. The recommendations of how we present this information to the student body, the privacy of the people who are involved. Be it the person being investigated or the victims per se. All of this was made sure to protect the privacy of the individuals but also the privacy of an election.

Making sure that this goes to council for further review to make sure that this is something that puts the students' association at risk, or the individuals at risk or the integrity of the election at risk. This is why it goes to the highest governance. That is student council.

Maybe if you want to clarify your question VP Academic, I might be able to give a better response. Thank you Chair.

CR Thank you Councillor Strayer. I appreciate the response. Vice President Academic, did you have anything further?

VPA Sorry for any miscommunication or [unclear]. I was just curious because the change was so small. Since we were looking at the governance investigation committee if there was other discussion around it. But that was basically the question, sorry about that.

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CR Thank you. Is there any other debate? Last call for debate.

The question is on the adoption of the motion to approve the committees' policy on the recommendation of the Bylaws and Policy Committee. Is there anyone opposed to this motion? Please speak now. Motion carries.



Item seven point two. Councillor of the Year. President.

PR Thank you Chair. All right, I get the honour of presenting the Councillor of the Year award to the one councillor who won the vote of our peers. It was a bit of a weird email vote fiasco going on, but at the end of the day, we do have a successful candidate and I left his award in the other room.

So, if everyone could just imagine a drum roll while I get that from literally the next room over, I'll be back in 30 seconds with that award. I want to show you while I announce who it is, to add to the excitement. So, I'll be right back in no time at all.

CR Well, this is awkward. I was all looking forward to this, now we've got to wait.

UM1 We should do a drum roll.

UM2 I was about to say the same thing. Everyone, unmute.

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UM1 I'm down.

VPA Marketing worked very hard on this so we need to for sure show it.

PR I agree with that sentiment, that's why I have it here. We have a very beautiful which I'm about to show to you. I think, just a preface, I think this councillor is very deserving of the award. We really appreciate his hard work at council over the last couple of years and I imagine that is why he has won it for the second consecutive time. And it is Myles Dykes is our Councillor of the Year for 2020 council year.

There's your beautiful award. I am so sad that we don't get to applaud in person and hand this over and do the handshake and get a photo. But you can collect your award and your check at SAMUs offices, or we can mail it. We can arrange that someday. Either way, congrats, it is well deserved. I think all the nominees, 100% deserved this award. But the vote ended up with Councillor Dykes. So, congratulations Myles and thank everyone who participated in the nomination and the votes and everything.

Congrats on the consecutive win.

CR Congratulations Councillor Dykes.

Moving on. Item eight. Consultation. Nothing there. Item nine. Evaluation. I think the link is in your package. We'll give you time to do that.

[silence]

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I think we're just waiting on two more.

Councillor Tesfay can I just ask you to hit the mute button. Please. Thank you.

Waiting on one more.





UM I believe that will be me. I'm having a hard time accessing it. I'm just going to do it after this meeting. I don't want to hold you guys up.

CR Thank you. I can never tell if you're filling out the form or if you're looking at my many leather-bound books behind me and trying to find out which ones are which. I really do prefer the blue ones. Right there. They're Encyclopaedia Britannica before they went online. But that's dating me a little bit.

Item ten. Recognition. If you have recognition I would suggest you type in recognition in the chat and I will recognize you in the order in which you appear.

Councillor Yanish.

CY Thank you Chair. In short because I feel like there's going to be a lot of recognition here. I just want to recognize all of the outgoing councillors right now. Without risk of cliché and recognition for its own sake. You guys made me feel welcome on council and contributed to my ability to productivity to contribute to good governance and among other things. There's big shoes to fill and I only hope that myself and the four other people elected as of now can continue that moving forward.

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Thank you all, I appreciate it.

CR Thank you Councillor Yanish.

Any other recognition? Vice President of Academic.

VPA Thank you Chair. I just wanted to recognize the leadership and review committee for their report and their work. I really appreciate the recommendations that were made for council. And hopefully we can then chair them with future councillors. I'm just thinking, most of them are here now because you guys have seen it.

I think these are really great steps and hopefully they continue to do that work in the next term. And I also wanted to thank of course, the second Yanish's recommendation as well. Thank you.

CR Thank you. Councillor Drummond.

CD Thank you Chair. Without saying what everyone else has said already, I just wanted to recognize everyone currently on council and those coming in. It's weird to say the four years is over. I feel old saying that. Council has definitely come a long way in the past four years. It's been amazing getting to know everyone, see everyone grow. Find their passions within council and I'm just really inspired by everyone I've worked with in the past four years who's currently here and might not be here as well.

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It's been a great journey and I know incoming council is currently small, but I hope you take that opportunity to bring some new things onto yourself. Keep that opportunity to be on some more committees that you didn't think you'd be on. Maybe because there's more



people. Just really make the best of that opportunity.

Thanks everyone and that's all from me.

CR Thank you Councillor Drummond. Any other recognition? Last call for recognition.

Councillor Unera.

CU Yes, I would just like to recognize two specific councillors especially being that it's my first year in council. Councillor Dykes and Councillor Drummond. I had reached out to them in my first year and they gave me some really helpful advice on how to approach such a council. And I would just like to recognize them on that part and for helping me.

CR Excellent, thank you Councillor. President.

PR Thank you Chair. I just want to say because I think Councillor Drummond said it so well, that I second everything that Councillor Drummond said about being inspired by the people that have had the good luck to work with on council over the last period of time here. Because I think oftentimes I see people in life taking the short path that has the most reward for the least amount of work.

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I think council is oftentimes, especially with our most involved councillors, it's quite the opposite. There's not a huge amount of financial compensation, there's not a huge amount of reward in terms of anything tangible but the work that you put in, without being paid, aside from remuneration or honorarium is remarkable. And it's massively inspiring for me to see people do good work for just little more than recognition.

I've loved working with you all. I look forward to keep working with the ones that I've carried on to the next iteration of council and I wish you all the best for the future. Thanks.

CR Thank you President. Other recognition. Last call for recognition.

Okay councillors, as is customary I always get the last recognition. I just want to say that this iteration of council has been really successful, we tackled some meaty subjects. Some have you have been on council for a while that won't be here any longer. I just want to say that take this experience and milk it because you have experience that a lot of other people don't and please do apply that to your communities.

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Lots of non-profits are looking for people like you that have this experience and take this voice that you found on here and apply it elsewhere because you have a unique experience.

Congratulations, I really do truly mean that. Congratulations on your term on council. We'll leave it there.

Item 11. Adjournment. We have a motion, someone care to make that motion. Vice President of Operations and Finance.



VPO I move to adjourn.

CR Thank you. That motion only requires one mover and is not debatable. Is there anyone opposed to adjourning? Speak now.

This meeting is adjourned, and I think there was a request to do a group photo.

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