



March 17, 2021 Students' Council Meeting - SC Audio Recording Transcript

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CH We'll call this meeting to order.

Item one. Treaty Six Land Recognition.

We would like to acknowledge that this meeting of the Students' Association of MacEwan University is taking place on the traditional territories of the people of the Treaty 6 region in central Alberta. The Students' Association of MacEwan University is situated in the centre of what we call the city of Edmonton, which is called Amiskwaciy Waskahikan or Beaver Hill House in Nehiyawewin (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. Can I have someone introduce that motion please.

Vice President of Academic.

VPA Sure. Thank you. I can move to approve the agenda for March 17th, 2021.

CH Thank you. I thought you raised your hand. That's why I went to you. And a second please.

Vice President of External. Thank you.

It has been moved and seconded to approve the agenda for March 17th, 2021. Is there any debate?

The question is on the adoption of the motion to approve the agenda of March 17th, 2021. Is there anyone in opposition, please speak now?

That motion carries.

Item two point two. We have a motion. Can I have someone introduce that motion.

Councillor Tran.

CT I move to approve the minutes of February 17th, 2021.

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CH Thank you councillor. And second please.

Councillor Fallis, thank you. It has been moved and seconded to approve the minutes of February 17th, 2021. Is there any debate?

The question is on the adoption of the motion to approve the minutes of February 17th, 2021. Is there anyone in opposition, please speak now?

That item is carried.

Item three. Presentations.

Three point one. 2021 2022 budget. President, over to you.

PR Great, thank you. Am I able to share my screen? If I am that is excellent. And I am. Very good, I am assuming you can all see this. I can see Matt, Miles, Tom and Ruan. I've seen two thumbs up, three thumbs up. Okay, perfect. Then you all can see it.

I am in lieu of the VP of Operations, presenting to you basically the highlights, the overview, the context, the summary of the SAMU budget for 2021 22. We have a new fiscal year starting on, I believe it's July 1st. This budget will go into play at that time.

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I am basically going to give you the run down of the purpose, the run down of the Students' Council role. There's one slide on the summary of the budget and then we have a bunch of highlights per department that will give you the high-level information that you need to make a decision on it.

The last slide is going to have a motion on the budget but that motion that is listed there will not be made until later on in the year.

The way that Zoom does this, I cannot quite find my toolbar, so just bear with me as I try to start the PowerPoint presentation. There you go. That's going to be odd. Are you seeing this first slide as it should look?

UF We're seeing it in presenter view, so I can see the notes section and stuff. Next slide.

PR Very odd. Okay, actually give me one second then. I think it's because I have two monitors. Let me just do a new share and go to screen two.

Thank you for the feedback. Now we're set.

We have our lovely title slide with our excellent SAMU building there. And it looks great as always. The first thing I want to explain to everyone is the building the budget aspect of things. Where does it come from? How is it here in front of you? Did executive make it up? Did general management make it up? Not quite. The managers basically start drafting it and then the directors and GM have some input and review it in December and January.

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It originates from the departments themselves and then percolates up into the governance levels, finally landing at Budget and Finance Committee in February. And then landing at Students Council in March for approval. We do it in March because if is defeated, we at least have another month to come back and check it out and approve a different version in April if we need to.

That is the basic structure there and a lot of the nitty gritty details are really only known by the managers and directors and GM. So, when tending this to BFC, it's mostly finished as those who are on BFC would have seen. It's just there for feedback and constructive criticism, questions, comments at that point. And same thing with Students Council but even at a higher level once it's gotten to this point.

The basic point of the governance interfaced with this process, is that you are essentially tracking it against the strategic plan. The strategic plan has a vision as you can see here and a mission which you should be familiar with from council training. And is also listed on our website. But the idea is that SAMU is a strong advocate, exceptional resource, and a clear voice for the MacEwan University student, who aims to create a one of a kind university experience by recognizing the student as the greatest assets and inspiration.

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And then the mission talks about enriching the student experience, championing



leadership and advocacy and empowering students through programs and services. And there's a lot of words that are about to show up in our values and our objectives. Goals, I guess they're called.

Just in that last part there, you see programs and services, leadership, and advocacy. Enriching the student experience. That's really the thrust of it.

For the seven goals that are the tangible elements of it. These are the things we really execute on. These are the things that at least my executive report to Students Council always categorize as [unclear]. You've got advocacy, sustainability, community relations, stewardship, the SAMU building, connecting the students. and enhancing the student experience.

If you look at [unclear]. If you're familiar with it, they have bullets under each one but as long as their budget lines up with this, and pursues this effectively, it's doing its job.

That's basically what I just said. The budget should be aligned with the other organization strategic goals and should be values based. Exactly, it helps with the strategic plan I mentioned just previously.

Ultimately what happens, is you've got this plan, this values, goals-based document, and you use the budget it to turn into services for students. For the student facing part of what we do.

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What is Council's role in this? This is the next thing here, now that you know how the sausage is made. Council is responsible for high level, strategic oversight in setting the vision and direction for SAMU. Executive Committee is very similar. We're also at the high-level strategic oversight level and of course a big part of that is approving the annual budget. It's certainly one of the most important roles of Students' Council.

Other considerations. There's one, two and three. I'm going to start with number one. There's the spending allowance for SAMUs priorities. This is exactly what we mentioned back there. Is it aligned with our goal? Is it based on the values that we have in our strategic plan?

Next part, is it viable, is it sustainable? Is it going to work in terms of logistics? Will the fees cover the expenses? Is it balanced for example? Or balanced or a surplus I suppose. And does it create any liabilities that we're going to have to figure out down the road. And does it help us address growing needs and expectations of our members, the students?

Number three for considerations of Students' Council, remember that it definitely should establish a sustainable fiscal position for the next fiscal term and beyond. That it should be focused on effective and higher priority uses of resources. That it should encourage our service units to operate efficiently and effectively and definitely should assert accountability which is very important. And finally, it needs to be accessible to students and responsible to their needs and their interests.



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Last one is essentially transparency and responsiveness.

Before we get into the actual budget or get the collections of budgets we have for each department. I was about to say the 14 budgets, but as you'll see, some of the numbers aren't there. I guess it's a historical thing where some of the departments just skip a number. Seven, 11, they're just not there. It's not quite 14, it's about 11 or 12.

Before we get into that, I want to give a bit of very straightforward overview of what is going on with the budget. And really, it's not too exciting because it's not too much of a seismic change, nothing drastic is happening. Nothing is going terribly poorly or is changing terribly extremely I suppose. There's no seismic changes but we do have slow revenue growth in line with [unclear] the building. Inline with having more students, we will have about 20k in extra revenue.

Our funding is actually the same as any other budget year because we're expecting a chance that students could come back to campus. We need to be ready for that whenever it happens at whatever level it happens. So, the funding is staying at regular levels and amortization is a big part of the total expense at 1.3 million but has not cash implication.

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If you want to ask about that, you'll have to ask Justin because I don't know much about what amortization exactly means.

We're predicting a 37k surplus, which is a little bit less than in previous year but is still a pretty healthy surplus. And it goes to our reserve as per our policy.

Let's get into the fun stuff, since I only have about 18 minutes left, and we do want a little bit of time for questions I suppose. Let's get into the departments and you can see them all there. Like I said, 11 or so departments. What is that? One, two, three, four, five, six, eleven after all.

The department of operations. This is a hefty one with a lot of stuff under it. So, we're going to see a lot of components here and then you're going to see it aligns with all of our strategic goals. Every slide will be the same with the goals on top. Highest enhancements there, new challenges in the middle and continued sustainability at the bottom.

I just want to point out that the strategic and corporate planning framework is a really big endeavor that is basically centered around the strategic plan that we are developing for 2021 because that's when our current strategy plan expires. But it's also tied to this corporate plan, this capital plan, advocacy plan and a few other items there that surround it and give it more meat.

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Then also feel free to note, because I'm totally open to taking questions at the end and I don't have time to go into the details of everything here. So, if something interests you,



feel free to just chat them out the end. And if I can't answer it, one of the directors on the call can.

Improving the building with revenue diversification and space optimization. This sounds like fancy buzzwords but they're very important because we wanted to steer revenue away from student fees if possible. And we wanted to optimize the space and get the building a little bit more busy and buzzing compared to where it's at as a very new and shell like structure. And the student support coordinator, which is something I'm very excited about, I think is really great news. It's basically a replacement for the ombudsperson. But [unclear].

You've got the challenge which is increased access to student [unclear]. That's a bit of a problem because unlike other student associations in the province, we don't have access to a comprehensive email list that we can use to get to all students. And we really want that, so it's definitely a challenge as part of this. And then some things we were hoping to continue is working on HR and then looking at [unclear] our budget.

That's department one, now onto department two. A little bit less of strategic goals because it's a smaller department. But one the biggest things that I'm very excited about here is the revamping of the website. Our website is old and maybe not as functional as it should be, so we're doing some work on seeing how it can be changed. And basically, planning to unveil a new website at some point.

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Building branding is important because we want to be distinct from MacEwan, because we're SAMU and not MacEwan and sometimes it's easy to forget that especially with the pedway connecting everything. Enhancing student engagement is obviously very important especially in the year of the one we've had where student engagement has been very difficult to ensure.

And then you've got again student contact information, that ties in with the email list issue. A very prominent problem that we're facing.

And then sustainability, cost savings from outsourcing printing and more SAMU awareness in terms of our marketing would be very positive there. Like I said, it's easy for students to confuse MacEwan with SAMU so the less that can happen, the better.

Advertisement or as it's actually called, advertising. Creating and promoting the student lounge. This is an idea for an online student lounge that is being worked on by SAMU to basically help students socialize and get together in a weird, socially distanced pandemic influenced time.

And then we have the U-Pass transition to Smart Fare. We're going to have to advertise that to students because basically it's going from a sticker to a microchip. It's like a little computer card. I think it's like what they have in Vancouver with the Compass Card. Basically Smart Fare will replace coins and tickets on the bus with a card. Got to figure that out with the U-pass situation which so far has been a sticker.



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The challenge of course is that advertising is hard to figure out with students. How do we reach them, what the options there? And then the sustainability is growing business offers to students and running internal external events to students. Like the speaker series, like the [unclear] tickets that we sell.

Building operations. This one is interesting. [Unclear] department one and some of the things we said about revenue diversification and space optimization because we have tenant improvements around the student [unclear]. You notice how every Starbucks in every university looks the same. That's what they have to do with Eat Out [?]. That has to be basically turned into their brand.

So, they have [unclear] that's the improvements that's been referred to here, is that those stalls will be set up. It's on the second floor where they currently have all those windows gated off.

And then plans for building improvements. There's a lot of things in the works that are too detailed and too numerous to talk about now but there's lots of things. Now that we have a building, we can think about how to do it. And the challenge is the original building design limitations. Maybe there's not as many rooms as we could want to make use out of and maybe there's some limitations in terms of how it's set up and the layout, but we can definitely overcome those.

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And then you've got asset management for sustainability and a marketing plan for events spacing. That one is really interesting. I don't want to dive too much into it, but basically marketing it to external people to rent it out and pay for the event space for their own events. Whenever events are possible to happen again that is.

Speaking of events, the next slide. Events. Again, you see the strategy at the top and then you've got the highlights here. The diversity of events will be increased. We have a lot of new folks in need of events. Department I believe two of them a semi-new within the last year. Both of them I suppose because they were two separate events total. And so, these are new opportunities for new creative ideas around the kinds of events that we can do.

I know we were trying out some stuff with music events and little concerts back in January and February and I went to some of those, and they were really well done. And then you get the Fall Fest increase with the rollover of the 2020 budget, so we do have more money there just based on not having Fall Fest in 2020. We have a bit more money to allocate to it for 2021, provided that it's possible. We were going to return back to a one-day Winter Fest.

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And that brings us to challenges to continued sustainability. So, the challenge is to all of us because we've been living through it. We don't know when we're getting back in person. There's uncertainty around that and the timing could be really anywhere this year or into



early 2022 but I have some sense that sometime this year things will start to revert a little bit and getting the timing right is going to be a job.

At the bottom, we've got some metric stuff, analysis and surveys which is important to know how students are feeling about our events. [unclear]. Because maybe virtual events reach some students that in person events don't and vice versa.

Item six, services. I'm very excited about this because we're increasing breakfast club which is excellent in terms of serving our students with something that's really valuable to them. And a good challenge is we're actually also increasing Pantry usage.

It's not something that we'll highlight in this sense because we have to do it because students are demanding it more. And in some ways, it's unfortunate that their costs are rising so quickly, and their employment is threatened so much that we've seen such a dramatic increase in the Pantry. But the great thing is that we can add more money to it and we're really proud to say that we are doing that and for those that don't know the Pantry is what we call our SAMU food bank.

To get back to highest enhancement we also have Study Buddies which is an innovative new program that is technically a service not a program. That we are delivering, that is going to help students network and liaison with each other around academic studying which is great. So, lots of cool changes to services that are exciting, I think.

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And then we get into community sustainability. Safe walk should be back because we anticipate there might be students coming back too, which is great. For those who have recently become councilors, we were asked for this for years and years and of course didn't do it when we were online. And then having a more of a process or an inventory for our food stuff, like Pantry, and Breakfast Club. And then monthly peer support meetings for volunteers who need peer support.

Volunteer. As you can see, we skipped from six. There's two new volunteer areas for students and there's an administrative opportunity for volunteering. There is also the Study Buddies that I just mentioned that's going to have volunteer opportunities. Adding to things that students can volunteer for. And then we're going to help bolster our volunteer recruitment with a volunteer hub system and a VIP which is a Volunteer Incentive Program. And I'm sure it will end up probably being called the VIP program which would mean that you're saying VIP program program. And that's okay.

It's the VIP is basically a way to help reward students for their volunteering through personal development like swag items if you like, fun things that we give out, like apparel even and gift cards and other kinds of things that we can do.

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And then of course the challenge is Covid again. The pandemic is challenging of course because things are strange and unusual, and recruitment is harder. The [unclear] is tied to the VIP stuff. And let's move on.



Student groups. We had the online [unclear] that was in place, volunteer at student unionization in Ontario destroyed the existing software platform we had, so now we went back, found a new one, are integrating, implementing the new one in the next fiscal year. That's going to be important, and it ties in with the challenge there which is integrating all our student groups smoothly into our online software. That's certainly going to take a lot of work.

And then, the highlight enhancement also is a combination of in person and virtual events because, like I said, sometimes one serves a certain kind of student demographic better than the other and having both around is good. It's going to be very tempting to do everything in person after the pandemic, but we don't want to through the baby out with the bath water. And be, no more online anything, because there will be some students like that first time things, at sometimes. That's that.

And for the bottom part, definitely having more awareness around operational of event grants so that we can pump more money into student groups.

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Here at the end, we have programs. Partnerships with MacEwan, there's various MacEwan programs that they run, that we can partner with to reach larger student populations. One example would be Global Awareness Week and we can team up with them on that. And then the other opportunity is enhancing relationships with the downtown community in Edmonton to grow external connections around certain kinds of programs and opportunities that are downtown. Because we're not very isolated and there's things to be found in our surrounding community.

A challenge, the Gray Gallery. It's been removed from the Robbins Building to the SAMU building. That's definitely a challenge. Further to the bottom, there's improvements to the Student Refugee Program. The SRP. There is a focus on sustainable practices and the last part I think is great, is helping get fundraising for raising funds for SAMU cares.

There are certain campaigns you could do, like United Way ran a campaign around rounding up your coffee. Purchase of the MacEwan mug in the convenient store and the extra few cents went to United Way and they made money off of that. Things like that could maybe go into SAMU Cares and we could end up bolstering our student bursary through that. So good plan.

Item 12 is governance. That's our department as Students Council and executive. And one of the big changes is all of the legal fees used to be in department 12, now about half of them, a little bit more or a little bit less of them are in department one now. That way, they're not all concentrated in governance because that didn't make too much sense and it's better that way.

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And the institutional support for academic and non-academic issues is a big piece because of the change with the ombudsman, which I discussed way back in department



one. And there's an affiliation and membership fee increase because CAUSE, the provincial advocacy group is increasing their fees. And we were part of the working group that decided on this and I'll actually have to explain that because that decision was made after we passed the budget of BFC. And later on, we're going to have to add that as a change to the budget.

The challenge. I already mentioned this actually. Covid is impacting student engagement which is clear to all of us based on the election and other things like that and we always want to make sure we're accessible and transparent.

The final department, which is good because we only have five minutes for questions, if I'm remembering when I started correctly. But it's The Griff which is our student newspaper, and we want to expand types of online media, so maybe bolstering the website and adding things beyond the existing format of articles. And then more coverage of different kinds of events.

Of course, again, Covid impacting engagement and we want to continue to attract volunteers and future staff.

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There's the motion. We're going to be passing that in, probably in a few minutes. It's going to be later on, not directly after the presentation, but there it is, that will be the motion to form later on. And that's it, I guess we'll open for five minutes of questions before we move on.

And don't worry if your question is overly technical or something because we can have the directors or the general manager answer.

CH If you have a question, just type question in the chat and we'll recognize you in the order in which you appear there.

Board of governor's representative.

GR Thank you. I have a couple questions. In department two, line 576500, there is approximately 30k for freelance and consultancy services. I was just wondering, for that was there an emphasis placed on students?

CH Right President, you can direct it however you like.

PR Thank you.

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Yes. The question I believe is on whether these jobs will have an emphasis on hiring students or something like that. I'll direct that to, if Carl is on the call, which I believe he is, I'll direct that to Carl.

CA Thanks Sean. Yes, the emphasis is there to hire students where we can, and we see a good opportunity going forward. One of the objectives we have is to enhance our content



both utilizing more video, using user generated content which is finding students that can represent SAMU and generate that content for us.

Because students tend to pay more attention to their peers and their friends. So, having those people generating content for us will better engage the students and get the message across. We'll definitely be looking to use students where we can, to create content through video, if there's photography abilities with students we can use those. So, we do look for students where we can, to utilize them because in the end, it ends up being more cost effective hiring them and then also gives them the experience that they need.

CH Thanks Carl. Will the governor's rep, you had another question?

CR Yes and thank you for the answer Carl. My next question is regarding department four, line 500500, which is for IT equipment. It is an increase of \$35 000 approximately. And in the comments, it just said discussions. I was wondering if there was some elaboration on that.

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CH President who would you like to direct that to?

PR I believe I will direct it to Director of Building Operations, Darryl Kostash.

DK That's more of an accounting thing. The issue we had was we pay for our IT services afterwards. We don't pay for it before. Normally when you pay your phone, you pay your phone bill before you use it. We're paying for our IT services afterwards so we can actually say, we used this many program licenses and we get a deal on some of them, so we settle up at the end of the year.

Unfortunately, it got billed into this year. So, we don't want to leave it to the future generation because we know what's going on but let's say we all decided, SAMU, we're going to go work somewhere else and we left this for somebody, we're going to get double hit one year. And it's going to be funny, so we wanted to get it on the accounting. It went into accrual accounting, so hopefully that makes sense. We're not paying for more we're just double paying one year and then we're back to normal. But we didn't lose any money.

CH Thanks Carl. Other questions?

GR That's all. Thank you Darryl and thank you Chair.

CH Other questions from anyone on council?

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I have a procedural question, maybe the President can help me answer this. Are we intending for the staff to stick around until the motion is passed or are you going to invite them to leave after this discussion? I only ask because if that's the case then I suggest that we deal with the motion right away so that they can get back to their lives. But if not, then I guess it's a moot point.



PR Yes, I guess I would just urge any councilors who have questions around this to ask them now so that we don't have to deal with it at the motion and then we can have them leave and deal with the motion in the normal time where we would.

CH Thank you President. Other questions?

Okay I don't see any, so we'll move on then. Thank you to all of the SAMU staff who participated on the call.

Item four. For your information.

Four point one. Reports. Four one one. President, any oral supplements?

PR Yes, thank you Chair. I do have some prepared oral supplements on the strategic planning process that SAMU is undergoing right now, because we're trying to encourage councilors to participate in that. However, I still have my PowerPoint up and haven't managed to pull up my prepared remarks, so could you come back to me at the end of the other Vice President ones, and I can do it at that time?

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CH Sure.

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

VPA Thank you Chair, just to let everyone know I have emailed out my report for their viewing and just to remind everyone that I am accessible through email or office hours and I'm always open to talking and chatting about my work. Otherwise, that's all, thank you Chair.

CH Thank you.

Four one three. Vice President External, any oral supplements?

VPE Yes, thank you Chair. I'll just briefly say essentially the same thing that the Vice President of Academic just said. I know that the report came through quite close to the mark today and that's not a state of affairs that we're super thrilled about but I'm always happy to answer any questions that anyone has about any element of my job. Even if it's vague, I won't shut down any questions. I can always elaborate on anything that's unclear.

Thank you Chair.

CH Thank you.

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Four one four. Vice President Student Life, any oral supplements?

VPS As presented, thank you Chair.

CH Thank you.

Four one five. Board of Governors Student Representative, any oral supplements?



GR As presented, thank you Chair.

CH Thank you.

And we have the in-camera period for the appointment of the advisory committees. I'm assuming there's nothing to discuss there with respect to oral supplements. So, four one one, back to President for oral supplements.

PR Thank you so much Chair.

I just wanted to highlight the strategic planning process because we are going to be sending a Google Form to Students Council members and this is going to be your opportunity to provide input into our new strategic plan. We are hoping to have that back from you by March 21st, 2021 because we're on a bit of a deadline here in terms of trying to get most of it done before the current executive leaves office. So that we can have it ready to go for this incoming group and for the 2021 year because our current strategic plan is set to expire.

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It should be done by the end of April and you can watch for it on SAMU's website. And just to give you a bit of an overview, it's the kind of stuff we talked about at the beginning of the budget presentation. It's the mission, the vision, the goals to ensure that basically we're relevant, we're responsive and we're doing our job for the student body.

It's your chance to contribute to our vision and how to be proactive on these kinds of issues. And I'm really excited to see what you all have to say as your input into the process.

Thanks.

CH Thank you President.

Item four point two. Executive Committee Minutes of February 10th and 18th 2021 are provided in your package for your information.

Item five. Question Period.

Five point one. Written questions, nothing there today.

Five point two. Oral questions. We'll open the floor for questions now. If you have a question, just please type question in the chat and I'll recognize you in the order in which you appear.

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Last call for questions.

Okay, we'll move onto item six. In Camera Period.

We need a motion to go in camera. Can I have someone introduce that motion please?

Vice President of External.



VPE Thank you. I move to go in camera.

CH Thank you and a second please.

Councillor Williams, thank you. It is moved and seconded to go in camera. Is there any debate?

Question is on the adoption of the motion to go in camera. Is there anyone opposed, please speak now?

That motion is carried. I'll just ask that you use, is the link in the agenda to join the in-camera room.

Okay, we move onto item seven. Motions and Business Orders of the Day.

Seven point one. Councillor vacancies. We have a motion. Can I have someone introduce that motion please?

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Councillor Semotiouk.

CS I move to appoint the motion for Zachary Zanon as a councillor effective March 18th, 2021 for a term ending October 31st, 2021.

Chair I think you're still muted.

CH Sorry about that, rookie mistake. I think that motion was actually a move to appoint Zachary Zanon as councillor effective March 18th, 2021 for a term ending October 31st, 2021. I think you just added some additional words there.

CS I apologize.

CH Not a problem. I just want it clear for the minutes.

And a second please.

Councillor Abboud, thank you. It has been moved and seconded to appoint Zachary Zanon as a councillor effective March 18th, 2021, for a term ending October 31st, 2021. Is there any debate? If there is debate, please type debate into the chat.

I don't see any.

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The question is on the adoption of the motion to appoint Zachary Zanon as a councillor effective March 18th, 2021, for a term ending October 31st, 2021. Is there anyone in opposition, please speak now?

UF Yes.

CH Okay, if you are opposed, I'd ask that you please type opposed into the chat and we will make a record of those in opposition and determine a decision.



Last call.

Okay, it looks like the opposed have it. The motion is defeated, the individuals who voted in opposition will be recorded separately in the minutes.

Item seven point two. 2021 2022 SAMU Budget. We have a motion, President.

PR Thank you Chair. I would like to move to approve the 2021 2022 SAMU budget on the recommendation of the Budget and Finance Committee.

CH Thank you and a second.

Vice President of Student Life. It has been moved and seconded to approve the 2021 2022 SAMU budget on the recommendation of the Budget and Finance Committee. President, did you have anything to say in relation to this motion?

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PR Yes, thank you Chair. Just quickly, if you have comments, I know I said, it would have been great to have them earlier when everyone was here, but I'm totally open to having them here because getting them answered at all is better than not. And then, I suppose, I'll just say that I think the budget is worthy of being approved myself.

You may disagree with elements of that and that's cool. I welcome that kind of discussion or any kind of questions to that effect. Or any questions for any curiosity you have. But I like it because it's stable and it's in [unclear] with a lot of things that we've already been doing that are good and the changed that are made where they are made are really important. And I think are going to contribute to us serving students even better than before. That's my introductory comments.

CH Thank you President. Is there any debate? If there is, please type debate into the chat.

Last call for debate.

The question is on the adoption of the motion to approve the 2021 2022 SAMU budget on the recommendation of the Budget and Finance Committee. Is there anyone in opposition, please speak now?

The motion is carried.

00:41:02

Seven point three. Policies Policy.

Policy Councillor Williams, you have a motion.

CW Thank you Chair. I move to approve the policies policy on the recommendation of the Bylaws and Policy Committee.

CH Thank you and a second.

Vice President of External, thank you. It has been moved and seconded to approve the



policies policy on the recommendation of the Bylaws and Policy Committee. Sorry, I'm smiling, that's the most I've said policy in a motion I think, ever.

Councillor Williams would like to speak to the motion or not.

CW Yes please.

Just a few things, if you have read, we wanted to add the date of the last review to the factsheets. And that's just to provide clarity on when the policies were last reviewed as we are supposed to be reviewing them annually and right now, the date that we have is just the last date that it was approved at council. This will help keep us accountable in reviewing policies annually.

We also wanted to add a citation of documents so that there's a paper trail between the policies and the related documents and forms. And we removed the printed copy of the current governance manual as all the information that was found in that manual can be found on SAMUs website and the governance advisor holds a copy of the previous additions of the manual.

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Thank you Chair.

CH Thank you Councillor Williams. Is there any additional debate on the motion? Please type debate into the chat.

Vice President of Academic.

VPA Thank you. I was very happy to see these additions being proposed today. This is something that I've noticed over my time at SAMU. Especially in comparison to MacEwan policy and procedures, that seems to be a standard to include certain information. So, I am very happy to see that we have it now in our policy policy and in policy that can uphold what I think is good practice and good standard. So, awesome, thanks.

CH Thank you Vice President. Other debate?

Seeing none, the question is on the adoption of the motion to approve the policies policy on the recommendation of the Bylaws and Policy Committee. Is there anyone in opposition, please speak now?

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Motion is carried.

Item seven point four. Chair of Students Council Appointment. Vice President of Student Life.

VPS Thank you Chair. The council spoke in camera about the...

CH Will you just introduce the motion.

VPS Apologies, I do this every time.



I move to appoint Tim Jobs as Chair of Students Council for a term of May 1st, 2021 to April 30th, 2022.

CH Thank you and a second please. Councillor Williams, thank you. Before I turn it over to you Vice President of Student Life, I have to declare a conflict of interest here. And so normally, when you encounter a conflict of interest, you would remove yourself from chairing the meeting. Where in the past I have stated my conflict of interest and suggested that I feel like I could chair this portion of the agenda fairly.

But if any one of you on council is in opposition to me remaining as the chair during this motion, please speak now and I will step aside.

Okay, we'll turn it over to you, Vice President of Student Life to address the motion.

VPS Thank you Chair.

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Council spoke in camera about the motion to appoint or reappoint rather our Chair of Students Council and happy to take any questions or field any debate or bring this forward.

CH Thank you. Is there any debate? Please type debate into the chat.

Seeing none. The question is on the adoption of the motion to appoint Tim Jobs as Chair of Students Council for a term of May 1st, 2021 to April 30th, 2022. Is there anyone in opposition, please speak now?

Motion carries.

Seven point five. Student Voice on Sexual Violence Elimination Subcommittee.

We've undergone process to nominate some individuals for a subcommittee. Alan, did we receive any nominations in advance?

GA No we did not.

CH We did not. Okay, we'll have to go through the nomination process live and in person on Zoom. Let me explain the process here if you're unfamiliar or you forgot the process. Essentially, we have two positions available on this subcommittee and I will open the floor shortly to nominations and you'll simply type nomination in the chat if you would like to nominate one of your colleagues or yourself.

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If you nominate one of your colleagues, I will ask that individual whether or not they accept the nomination and ultimately the decision is up to them. If you nominate yourself, I will assume that you have accepted the nomination and you will be added to the list. If the individual that you nominate accepts the nomination, they will be added to the list and we will go through that process until there are no more nominations.

And then we will undergo a process where each of the nominees will have 30 seconds to



please their case for why they should be nominated or placed on this committee. And the speeches will proceed in the order in which people were nominated. With all that said, oh, and then the final step in the process is that there will be a ballot online that you will fill out and that will determine who the successful councilors are to be placed on the subcommittee.

With all that said, are there any questions with respect to the process?

Okay. We will open nominations now. If you have a nomination, please type nomination in the chat.

Vice President Student Life.

VPS I would like to nominate Councillor Landberg. Thank you.

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CH Thank you. Councillor Landberg-Llave, do you accept the nomination?

CL I'll have to decline the nomination, thank you very much though.

CH Thank you. Other nominations.

Vice President of Academic.

VPA Thank you Chair. I would like to nominate Councillor Abboud.

CH Councillor Abboud do you accept the nomination?

CA Yes Chair I do, thank you.

CH Thank you. Other nominations.

Last call for nominations.

UF I'd like to nominate Councillor Semotiuk, thank you.

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

CS I will accept the nomination, thank you.

00:49:04

CH Thank you. Other nominations.

Last call for nominations.

Okay, we'll close the nomination period now. We'll start the speeches with Councillor Abboud. Your 30 seconds will begin shortly and then we'll proceed to Councillor Semotiuk and then we'll proceed to a yes no vote by ballot.

Councillor Abboud, your 30 seconds begins now.

CA Thank you very much Chair.



This is an issue that I have a personal stake in. I am a survivor of sexual assault and sexual violence. This is still, despite the strides that we have made in the last decade, there is still a very long way to go. And I think that the importance of education and continued awareness to make sure that this issue doesn't become silent is incredibly important.

And this is something that I would very much be honored to be a part of and whether that difference be tomorrow or in ten years from now. I think that the more awareness that we can put out there and educate people, the better chance we have of preventing it from becoming silent again.

CH Thank you Councillor Abboud. Councillor Semotiuk, your 30 seconds begins now.

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CS As Councillor Abboud said, this is a very important issue. And I'm a student on the healthcare program and there's different youth that I've come across and had to fight for and advocate for that are facing situations that involve sexual violence and other really terrible things. So, one of the reasons I wanted to serve on Student Council was to have an opportunity to advocate help and represent people that are hurting. And in an online Covid format, it is important that we're still communicating, we're still engaging and fighting for those that need it.

Thank you.

CH Thank you Councillor Semotiuk. I understand from Alan that the email has been sent with the ballot, so if you'll check your email inbox, you should be able to find the ballot there.

Let's do a last call to vote.

I think we've got a decision already.

Vice President of Student Life, can you read the motion with Councillor Abboud and Councillor Semotiuk's names inserted please?

VPS Thank you Chair. I move to appoint Councillor Abboud and Councillor Semotiuk to the Student Voice on Sexual Violence Elimination Subcommittee.

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CH Thank you and a second please.

Vice President of External, thank you. It has been moved and seconded to appoint Councillor Semotiuk and Councillor Abboud to the Student Voice on Sexual Violence Elimination Subcommittee. Is there any debate? If there is, please type debate into the chat.

Seeing none. The question is on the adoption of the motion to appoint Councillor Abboud and Councillor Semotiuk to the Student Voice on Sexual Violence Elimination Subcommittee. If there is anyone in opposition, please speak now.

Motion is carried.



Item seven point six. Remuneration of Election Representatives Policy. President, would you introduce the motion please.

PR Definitely. Thank you Chair. This is basically...

CH I'm sorry, can I just get you to introduce the motion please.

PR Sorry, I made the mistake. Thank you.

I would like to approve the Remuneration of Elected Representatives Policy on the recommendation of the Governance Remuneration Advisory Committee.

CH Thank you President, and a second. Can I get a second here?

00:53:19

Vice President of Academic, thank you. It has been moved to approve the Remuneration of Elected Representatives Policy on the recommendation of the Governance Remuneration Advisory Committee. President, would you like to speak to the motion?

PR Yes, thank you Chair.

I jumped the gun and I already started speaking to it at the beginning. What I was about to say was that this adds essentially Appendix C. The appendages themselves can be added by the committee and we don't need Student Council approval to change that. It's a special policy that we can do that with, but adding a new appendix requires us to have council's approval.

Appendix A and Appendix B were reviewed. Appendix A was changed because it lines up with the review of Executive Committee, which increases with inflation and that kind of stuff.

But the one that we're approving here today because we already added Appendix A onto the authority of GRAC. The one we're approving here is Appendix C. What is Appendix C?

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Basically, it's just the same thing as Appendix B. Same dollar amount, same dollars per meeting. But for the board of governor's representative. Historically, the board of governor's rep was paid through MacEwan's board of governors itself. They stopped doing that. The government stopped funding it or something. We were planning on giving them an honorarium.

Basically, the idea with these honorariums is any student could go and do that and not have to sacrifice their pay from their job or something if they really pay for those hours. It makes it a bit more accessible that way. It got moving forward if we approved this, the board of governors' rep will be paid in honorarium, similar to what councilors get. And I'm willing to take any questions that you might have.

CH Thank you President. Is there any debate? Please type debate into the chat.



Councillor Williams.

CW I just have a question regarding the committee honorarium for the board of governors rep. Is there a reason why there is a committee honorarium? Can the board of governors rep sit on a SAMU committee or is that for MacEwan committees or what is it? I'm just curious about the committee honorarium based on their roles and responsibilities set out in their policy.

CH Thank you Councillor. President can you answer that?

00:56:08

PR Yes, thank you Chair.

And thank you for that question. There are committees of the board of governors. It basically pays them for those. Because maybe you're a board of governors member and you're not on any committees, then you'd get the base board remuneration. And then if you're on one committee, you get paid out for the that, if you're on two, you get paid out proportionately there.

Currently our board rep is on the Finance Property and Investment Committee of board of governors and I'm on the Strategy and Stakeholder Relations Committee and there's a few others. And it covers payment for those committees of the board.

Thank you.

CH Thank you President. Councillor Williams, do you have anything further there?

CW Nothing further, thank you Chair.

CH Thank you. Vice President of Academic.

VPA Thank you Chair. I just have a question for our President. I was just curious if the committee considered remunerating the board of governors rep for the meetings that they're in attendance for council since that is an expectation of them to report to Students Council. Just curious if that was discussed. Thank you Chair.

00:57:23

CH Thank you Vice President. President.

PR I'm so sorry. Can you repeat the last bit of that, I just missed the last part?

CH Whether or not the committee considered providing remuneration for the board of governors attendance at council meetings.

Did I get that right Vice President? Yes okay.

PR Thank you Chair and thank you Vice President for the question. We didn't really consider that and maybe we ought to. It's a good question and maybe it should be included and maybe we could practice our amending [unclear] here and see if that would be something we'd be willing to amend or we could reject it and turn it back to GRAC and have GRAC



work on it. It's up to you all.

I'm curious to see what anyone else's take on that and whether it matters. It's the first time I'm actually even thinking of that, so I don't really know. All I can tell you is that GRAC hasn't debated it yet. And I am wondering if that would result in too much remuneration or what that would result in. I'll leave it there for now.

CH I would suggest President and councilors, that you deal with the amendment that you have in front of you. And if there are additional amendments there's nothing preventing you from amending this policy in the future again.

Vice President of Academic, did you have anything further?

00:58:46

Okay, other debate?

President.

PR Thank you Chair. Just based on the recent comment from a few seconds ago. I think that that's the way that we'll do it. Basically, approve the changes here and then GRAC will then at some point consider having it for Students Council. Or we can approve this one and deal with the other one later.

CH Okay, the question is on the adoption of the motion to approve the Remuneration of Elected Representatives Policy on the recommendation of the Governance Remuneration Advisory Committee. Is there anyone in opposition? Please speak now.

Motion carried.

Item eight. Consultation. Nothing there.

Item nine. Evaluation. I'll direct you to the link in your agenda to fill out the evaluation.

[Silence]

CH One person left.

01:00:48

I'm told that you're all good, it's all completed. I can never tell if you're completing the form or if you're making sick loops on Vine but anyway. We'll move on to item ten. Recognition. If you have recognition, please type recognition in the chat.

Last call for recognition.

President.

PR Thank you. First of all, that was really funny. But also, I want to recognize the executives who won the election. I think this is a first meeting since the elections happened. I just wanted to say congrats to those who won and I'm really happy that you're all going to be taking these position in May and I wish you the best of luck in that.



CH Thank you President. Big congratulations. Councillor Cross-Trush.

CC I'd just like to recognize our President for going ahead and doing an excellent job presenting the budget to us in lieu of the VP of Operations and Finance as traditional role. I just wanted to say thank you so much Sean for doing such a great job presenting us the budget and some information.

CH Thank you. Thank you from the President as well. Other recognition?

Okay councillors. I think you all should be recognized. Long meeting today, we dealt with a lot of business and we dealt with it with grace, so I think that was a good thing and I want to also thank you for bringing me back for another year. It is a highlight of my month, so I appreciate that and thank you.

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And we'll move onto item 11. Adjournment.

It requires a motion. Would someone like to make the motion? Vice President of External.

VPE Thank you Chair. I move to adjourn.

CH Thank you. That motion only requires one mover, is not debatable. The question is on the adoption of the motion to adjourn. Is there anyone in opposition? Please speak now.

Motion is carried. This meeting is adjourned.

Have a good night everyone.

PR Good night.

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