



## July 21, 2021 Students' Council Meeting - Audio Recording Transcript

### Speaker Key:

CH	Chair	TE	Councilor Tesfay
AB	Councilor Abboud	TR	Councilor Tran
PR	President	VPO	VP Operations and Finance
VPA	VP Academic	SE	Councillor Semotiuk
MA	Councilor Mah	GA	Governance Advisor
VPE	VP External		

CH: Okay. It's 6 o'clock, so we'll call this meeting to order. I think, yep, we see that we're recording. If you're not speaking we just ask that you please mute your microphone. Let's start with item Number 1- Treaty 6 Land Recognition.

We would like to acknowledge that this meeting of the Students' Association of MacEwan University is taking place on the traditional territories of the people of the Treaty 6 region in central Alberta. The Students' Association of MacEwan University is situated in the centre of what we call the city of Edmonton, which is called Amiskwaciy Waskahikan or Beaver Hill House in Nehiyawewin (Cree). This is the traditional home of the Nehiyaw and Michif, and meeting place for many Indigenous peoples including the Nakawe, Siksika, Nakota Sioux and other nations.

PR: Thank you. I move to approve the agenda for July 21st, 2021.

CH: Thank you, president. And a second approval, please? Vice-President External? Thank you. It's been moved and seconded to approve the agenda for July 21st, 2021. Is there any debate? Question is on the adoption of the motion to approve the agenda for July 21st, 2021? Is there anyone in opposition, please speak now.

The motion is carried. Item 2, 2.2 rather, we have a motion. Can we have someone introduce that motion, please? Councillor Tran?

TR: I move to approve the minutes of June 16th, 2021.

CH: Thank you, Councillor. And a second, please? Councillor Semotiuk, thank you. It has been moved and seconded to approve the minutes of June 16th, 2021. Is there any debate?

The question is on the adoption of the motion to approve the minutes of June 16th, 2021. Is



there anyone in the opposition, please speak now.

The motion is carried. Item 3- Presentations, 3.1 McBain Scholarship. It will be presented by the Vice-President Academic, so I'll turn it over to you.

VPA: Beautiful. Alright. I have a PDF that will be shared on screen shortly, not by myself, but as I wait for that to happen, there has been a call out for the McBain scholarship that you students may be interested in. MacEwan, we're taking part in the McCall MacBain scholarship program and this scholarship fully funds 100% of the tuition and fees as well as \$2000 a month for living expenses.

That being said, the application period has opened up, but there is no application fee itself. You have to be endorsed by the university to be considered, and this endorsement is completed by the Provost.

So the 2 main eligibility requirements for it, is that you need to have a bachelor's degree or be on track to be completed by August 2022, and have Canadian citizenship or PR, or refugee status in Canada. So, we are looking for individuals to apply, from my understanding, no one in MacEwan has applied yet. So even those who are watching live on Facebook, we would love to have you apply beyond just your student councillors.

There's going to be information in the sessions coming up, and applications opened in June, but these applications are not due until September 22nd of this year. Semi-finalists would be contacted in November and the finalists will have in-person interviews in Montreal in March. Yeah, this is specifically to study at McGill. That is all the information that was forwarded to me. Are there any questions?

CH: Councillor Abboud has a question. Go ahead, Councillor Abboud.

AB: Yes, so I just have a question because the studying is directly at McGill, is it made sure to be known that in order to have admission into McGill, you have to be bilingual?

VPA: From my understanding, no, because McGill is the main English University within Montreal versus the University of Montreal if I recall, which is completely francophone.

AB: Okay. I'm just curious because the law program admissions, you do require to be bilingual.

VPA: Yes, this is for like all of the graduate programs, whether it's law, management, or if you want to do graduate studies, like masters.

AB: Oh, okay. So that bilingual requirement could be different based on your program?

VPA: Exactly. Yeah.

AB: Okay, thank you.

VPA: Good question.

CH: Any other questions you can type questions in the chat. Councillor Semotiuk?



- SE: Yeah, I was just wondering if this is, I know this is for fall 2022, the winter 2023 academic year. You know this is going to be like a yearly scholarship, or is it just unique to this one year based on that award that was given. In this case, I'm just curious.
- VPA: Yeah. Absolutely, um, from my understanding McEwan hasn't been invited to it previously. I haven't been able to find anything on this laptop out for their being mum for the McBain scholarship. So from the sounds of it, this would be the first time MacEwan has participated in sending candidates forward. I don't know if it will return in the following year? Hopefully, it does.
- CH: Other questions? Councillor Tran has a comment.
- TR: Thank you, Chair. I just wanted to let folks know I went to an information session on it hosted by I think student affairs, and there should be another one in August. If anybody has any questions, you can talk to a representative from the MacCall McBain scholarship society and so I think it's it was really informative and so if anybody's interested I would recommend it. Thank you, Chair.
- CH: Thanks, councillor. Any last questions or comments? Vice-President Academic anything to wrap it up or should we move along?
- VPA: I believe that's everything from my end. I will send out all the information that was given to me, including the PDF that was on screen, to the councillors after this meeting, as well.
- CH: Great. Thank you. Okay. We'll move on to Item: Information, 4.1- Reports. 4:1:1 President. Any more supplements?
- PR: Yes, Chair. Thank you. So I have one addition to give to the council and it's that, as of September, Students' Council will be meeting in person. SAMU's operations will be in person as well, so we find that the highest governing body of association should follow suit. But yes, so SAMU's operations will be all in person starting September 1st, and given that the Students' Council was midway through the month, we feel as though the Students' Council should be in person as well. And that is all. Thank you, Chair.
- CH: Thank you, president. 4.1.2 Vice President Academic, any oral supplements?
- VPA: Thank you, chair. No oral supplements.
- CH: Thank you. 4.1.3 Vice- President External, any oral supplements?
- VPE: Yes. Thank you, Chair. I would just like to say as well that our president and I recorded some videos for CASA this last Monday, just some light-hearted promotional ones, but just to kind of give various... CASA's using it to give various outward-facing social media platforms. Just some content to see who our members are and whatnot. So if you aren't already following CASA, I think I forget the French acronym, but then, CASA social media I highly encourage you to and soon you will see a video of our president and myself. Aside from that, I've just been busy at work planning this upcoming CAUS counterparts' meeting that we leave tomorrow in Lethbridge and look forward to reporting that at the next meeting. That's everything. Thank you, Chair.



- CH: Thank you. 4.1.4. Vice President Operations & Finance for going for Vice, President of Operations and Finance, any oral supplements?
- VPO: Yes. Thank you, Chair. So just a heads up to all Council. You will be by the end of the week receiving an email from me with a few questions posed to you guys that I'd like your feedback on regarding some of the initiatives that are coming up in September. So just keep an eye on your emails for that email. Nothing further, though. Thank you, Chair.
- CH: In 4.1.5. Vice President Student Life is not joining us today, so their report is all you get. 4.1.6. Appointment Advisory Committee, President, any oral supplements?
- PR: As represented. Thank you chair.
- CH: Thank you. 4.1.7. Budget and Finance Committee Vice president operations and finance, any oral supplements?
- VPO: As presented. Thank you, Chair.
- CH: Thank you. 4.1.8. Bylaws and Policy Committee Vice President of Operations and finance, any oral supplements?
- VPO: As presented as, well. Thank you, Chair.
- CH: Thank you. 4.1.9. Executive Committee, I don't think we have any oral supplements there, do we, President?
- PR: As presented? Thank you, Chair.
- CH: Figured. Okay. And for 4.1.10. Governance Remuneration Advisory Committee is chaired by the Vice President Student Life, so no oral supplements there. 4.2. Executive Committee minutes of June 2nd, 16th, and 30th, 2021 are provided in your package for your information.
- Item 5, Question Period, 5.1. No written questions this month. 5.2 Oral questions. If you have a question, I'll just ask you to type a question in the chat but I'll recognize your first question. Councillor Mah, I see you have your hand up. Go ahead.
- Councillor, I think you're on mute.
- MA: Information. As for me, given some current status of the budget and finance committees. I didn't really get an email for any of the meetings for those.
- CH: Sorry, the Budget and Finance Committee? I think the report is in your package, for your information councillor. So did you have a question?
- MA: All I'm requiring is the meetings, the meetings for the committees.
- VPO: If I may---
- CH: Vice President? Vice President Operations and Finance?



- VPO: So currently there are no upcoming meetings scheduled which is why you haven't received any doodle polls or links to any meetings quite yet, when there is, you will get them. The report is based on the last quarter, so it would be April, May, and June of 2021. Thank you, Chair.
- CH: Okay. Thank you, Vice President. Councillor Mah, did you have anything further?
- MA: Nothing. Thanks, sir.
- CH: Thank you. Councillor Tran?
- TR: Thank you, Chair. My question is for the president, in your report, you discuss that you had a meeting with Dr. Trimbee and talking about, EDI and stuff. I know in the past on Council, we talked about increasing indigenous student representation on the council. So I'm wondering if there was anything discussed in relation to that or if there's anything that we're working towards to increase indigenous students on council? Thank you, Chair.
- CH: Thank you, councillor. President?
- PR: Yes. Thank you, Chair. So at this moment, we aren't working towards anything, but we are looking at EDI and governance at SAMU's. We are always looking for the perspectives of councillors, as well. And I know we were looking at booking a meeting with kihêw waciston in the upcoming months. So hopefully we can get some more perspective on that. And yeah, if you do have any comments on that or any suggestions, please feel free to email me as we want to, we want to try and make Council as inclusive as possible.
- CH: Thank you, President. Councillor Tran, anything further?
- TR: No, that's everything, Chair. Thank you.
- CH: Thank you, other questions. Last call for questions? Okay, we'll move along Item 6 - In-Camera Period, nothing there. Item 7- Motions & Business Orders of the Day. 7.1 - Student Voice on Violence Elimination Sub-Committee, that's a mouthful. Alan, did we have any nominees prior to the meeting?
- GA: I do not for this one.
- CH: Okay, so I'll explain the process and I'm pretty sure you're all aware. So there's a period for nominations in advance of speeches. So, you may simply type nominate into the chat and you can nominate either yourself or your colleague. If you nominate a colleague that colleague has the opportunity to accept or accept the nomination. After all the nominations are taken, then we'll move into a period where you have 30 seconds to deliver a speech on why you are the best candidate for that position of that vacant seat.

And the speeches will proceed in the order in which the nominations were received. And then after that, there is an online voting link in your package that you'll follow, where you can vote. Are there any questions before we proceed to the nominations? Okay, so we'll open nominations for the Student Voice on Violence Elimination Sub-Committee. Last call for nominations?



Okay, we'll move on to Item 7.2. Leadership and Review Committee. I understand that Councillor Tesfay, we've received a nomination for Councillor Tesfay. Is that correct, Alan?

GA: Yes, Chair. That's correct.

CH: Are you sure it's correct? Okay, excellent. Okay. So other nominations. Last call for nominations to the Leadership and Review Committee?

Okay, Councillor Tesfay. We'll give you 30 seconds to tell us why you belong on the Leadership and Review Committee before we proceed to the vote. Your time begins now.

TE: Thank you. As you know, my name is Alem Tesfay, I'll make this as quick as I can. I want to join the Leadership and Review Committee because I believe this committee is vital for the Student Council as a whole. I had an interest in joining this committee before but I was already a part of 2 committees and on top of that I wasn't sure how busy my schedule would be if I took spring or summer classes. However, since I'm not taking any classes this summer semester, I can confidently pursue this position, because as it stands, meetings in this committee cannot occur because there aren't enough members and I feel like that should not happen. So yeah. Thank you.

CH: Excellent. Thanks to you, Councillor Tesfay. So I'll direct you to the voting link in your package and I believe that will be a yes/no vote there.

CH: Alan, are we waiting on a few more? Okay, there we go. Yeah, it looks like there are some outstanding votes but it won't change the result. Vice- President External, can you read in councillor's, Councillor Tesfay's name into the motion, please?

I think the Vice- President External was making the motion, according to my agenda.

VPE: Sorry, I moved to appoint Councillor Tesfay into the Leadership and Review Committee.

CH: Thank you, and a second, please? Oh, Councillor Abboud, thank you. It is moved and seconded to appoint Councillor Tesfay to the Leadership and Review Committee. Is there any debate? The question is on the adoption of the motion to appoint Councillor Tesfay to the Leadership and Review Committee. Is there anyone in opposition, please speak now. The motion is carried.

Item 8- Consultation. Nothing there. Item 9 - Evaluation, I'll direct you to the form in your package. So Alan, maybe I'll suggest we move on. What do you think?

GA: Sounds good. I can just leave it open for a few more minutes while you're finishing up.

CH: I appreciate that. I can never tell if you're completing the form, or if you're looking at that stereo on my shelf behind me and wondering, "Does it hold multiple CDs, and does it play cassettes." and the answer is yes to both. Item 10- Recognition. If you have recognition, please type recognition in the chat. I realize now that maybe people don't know what cassettes are. Sorry. Vice-President External.



VPE: Thank you, chair. I just want to recognize Councillor Tesfay for putting his name forward for another committee that you know would be another thing to add to his plate, but it allows me to start doing some of my internal work to SAMU, and I really appreciate that. So, thank you.

CH: Thank you, Vice President. Other recognition. Last call for recognition? Councillor Mah?

MA: Yeah. It's about that. Yeah, I want to recognize Councillor Tran for giving us additional information about the scholarship.

CH: Thank you for the recognition. Last call for recognition? Okay, councillors, quick meeting today, not a lot of business. One more meeting left virtually before we all meet in person which I'm personally excited about. So we'll move on to item 11 - Adjournment, can I have someone introduce that motion, please? Vice President, Operations and Finance, sorry.

VPO: I move to adjourn.

CH: Thank you. That motion only requires one mover and is not debatable. Is there anyone in opposition to the motion? That motion is carried. This meeting is adjourned. Have a good day, everyone!

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