



STUDENTS' ASSOCIATION OF MACEWAN UNIVERSITY

**Agenda for the Students' Council Meeting of the
Students' Association of MacEwan University
October 20, 2021 at 6:00pm via Zoom**

Voting Members:

Abby Abboud, Councillor
Thomas Cross-Trush, Vice President Student Life
Myles Dykes, President
Cassey Fallis, Vice President Academic
Christine Landberg-Llave, Councillor
Anthony Ma, Councillor
Kendell Semotiuk, Councillor
Trisha Singh, Councillor
Alem Tesfay, Councillor
Elaine Tran, Councillor
Larissa Williams, Vice President Operations
and Finance
Matt Yanish, Vice President External
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SAMU Officials and Council Support:

Timothy Jobs, Chair
Alan Honey, Governance Advisor
Samantha Callaghan, Administrative Coordinator

Meeting called to order at.

<Intros>

1. Treaty 6 Land Recognition

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2. Approvals

2.1 MOTION

TO APPROVE THE AGENDA FOR OCTOBER 20, 2021

2.2 MOTION

TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF SEPTEMBER 15, 2021

3. Presentations

3.1.

4. For Information

4.1. Reports

4.1.1. President

4.1.2. Vice President Academic

4.1.3. Vice President External

4.1.4. Vice President Operations & Finance

4.1.5. Vice President Student Life

4.1.6. Appointment Advisory Committee (Pres)

4.1.7. Budget & Finance Committee (VPO)

4.1.8. Bylaws and Policy Committee (VPO)

4.1.9. Leadership and Review Committee (VPE)

4.1.10. Executive Committee (PRES)

4.1.11. Governance Remuneration Advisory Committee (VPSL)

4.2. Executive Committee Minutes

Minutes of August 11 & 25, 2021 provided.

5. Question Period

5.1. Written Questions

5.2. Oral Questions

6. In Camera Period

7. Motions & Business Orders of the Day

7.1. Budget Reallocation for Fallfest

***MOTION TO APPROVE THE BUDGET REALLOCATION OF \$190,000.00 FROM G/L LINE
531100 FALL FEST TO G/LLINE 531600***

VPO/

Favour:

Oppose:

7.2. Student Supports policy

***MOTION TO APPROVE THE STUDENT SUPPORTS POLICY ON THE RECOMMENDATION OF
THE BYLAWS AND POLICY COMMITTEE***

VPO/

Favour:

Oppose:

7.3. Advocacy Affiliation policy

MOTION TO APPROVE THE ADVOCACY AFFILIATION POLICY ON THE RECOMMENDATION OF THE BYLAWS AND POLICY COMMITTEE

VPO/

Favour:

Oppose:

7.4. Students' Council Meetings policy

MOTION TO APPROVE THE STUDENTS' COUNCIL MEETINGS POLICY EFFECTIVE NOVEMBER 1, 2021

VPO/

Favour:

Oppose:

7.5. 2020-2021 Councillor of the Year

Vpa -

7.6.

8. Consultation

8.1

9. Evaluation

9.1.

10. Recognition

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11. Adjournment

MOTION TO ADJOURN

Next Meeting Date: November 17, 2021

Meeting adjourned at



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Minutes for the Students' Council Meeting of the
Students' Association of MacEwan University
September 15, 2021 at 6:00pm in SA-327

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SAMU Officials and Council Support:

Timothy Jobs, Chair
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Tosheena Thompson, Volunteer Manager

Absent:

Trisha Singh, Councillor

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2. Approvals

2.1 MOTION

TO APPROVE THE AGENDA FOR SEPTEMBER 15, 2021

TRAN/PRES

CARRIED

2.2 MOTION

TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF AUGUST 18, 2021

SEMOTIUK/VPO

CARRIED

3. Presentations

3.1. Audited Financials – MNP (Vpo)

4. For Information

4.1. Reports

4.1.1. President

University vaccination update.

4.1.2. Vice President Academic

4.1.3. Vice President External

GOTV/GovWeek update.

4.1.4. Vice President Operations & Finance

GovWeek update.

4.1.5. Vice President Student Life

4.1.6. Audited Financials

4.2. Executive Committee Minutes

Minutes of August 11 & 25, 2021 provided.

5. Question Period

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5.2. Oral Questions

Topics include: student pulse on mandatory vaccination on campus; vaccine requirement enforcement; funding for rapid testing; proof of vaccination requirements;

6. In Camera Period

7. Motions & Business Orders of the Day

7.1. 2020-2021 Annual Report

MOTION TO APPROVE THE 2020-2021 ANNUAL REPORT

VPO/ABBOUD

Favour: Abboud, Vpsl, Pres, Vpa, Landberg-Llave, Mah, Semotiuk, Tesfay, Tran, Vpo, Vpe

CARRIED

7.2. Committees Policy

MOTION TO APPROVE THE COMMITTEES POLICY ON THE RECOMMENDATION OF THE BYLAWS AND POLICY COMMITTEE

VPO/PRES

Favour: Abboud, Vpsl, Pres, Vpa, Landberg-Llave, Mah, Semotiuk, Tesfay, Tran, Vpo, Vpe

CARRIED

7.3. Remuneration of Elected Representatives policy – Exemption Request

MOTION TO EXEMPT THE VICE PRESIDENT ACADEMIC FROM SECTION 2 OF APPENDIX A IN THE REMUNERATION OF ELECTED REPRESENTATIVES POLICY BEGINNING SEPTEMBER 1, 2021 AND ENDING APRIL 30, 2022

VPA/ABBOUD

Favour: Abboud, Vpsl, Pres, Vpa, Landberg-Llave, Mah, Semotiuk, Tesfay, Tran, Vpo, Vpe
CARRIED

7.4. 2020-2021 Councillor of the Year

Vpa – Voting link has been provided – winner will be announced at the October SC meeting.

8. Consultation

9. Evaluation

10. Recognition

11. Adjournment

MOTION TO ADJOURN

VPE

CARRIED

Next Meeting Date: October 20, 2021.

Meeting adjourned at 7:10pm.



Students' Council Report

President

October 20, 2021

Dear Council,

Below is my report on my work as President September 9th to October 14th. As always, my report is organized by SAMU's strategic directions and then further organized by date. This time, I have also added asterisks to specific meetings that are important.

Student Experience & Engagement

GovWeek (Sept. 14 & Sept. 15)

Along with the rest of the Executive Committee, I supported our VP Operations & Finance in her executive initiative! I won't report on this too much as it is in her report, but you may notice that GovWeek is one day shorter than planned. That was due to the implementation of new restrictions, which saw university classes cancelled on the 16th and 17th. The Executive Committee Forum was originally planned for Sept. 16th but has since postponed to a time after Students' Council Training and Executive Retreat.

*Edmonton Student Alliance and CEYC Youth Mayoral Forum (Sept. 29)**

SAMU hosted our first major event in the Lookout with our partner students' associations in the Edmonton Student Alliance as well as the City of Edmonton Youth Council. I want to give a shout out to our VP External and Advocacy Coordinator in their strong leadership with this event. As well, I was interviewed along with the NAITSA President and UASU VP External/ESA Chair on student involvement in the elections.

Student Voice

*Quarterly Meeting with MacEwan Administration (Sept. 10)**

Our Executive Committee and our General Manager met with MacEwan's Executive Council in our reoccurring meeting. COVID-19 and the Fall Return was a large item of discussion on the agenda, specially on academic supports and rapid testing. We were concerned with what academic supports looked like through the new semester, and we were assured that academic supports would be facilitated on a case-by-case assessment by Faculty Chairs and Deans rather than a blanket policy. Regarding private testing, how that occurred was not yet settled and this was following the September 3 announcement that rapid testing would be mandatory on campus, with proof of vaccination serving as an exemption. We asked questions regarding frequency, who would shoulder the cost, and if it was an antigen vs. antibody test. Since that meeting, COVID-19 measures have changed drastically and I would encourage you all to read [MacEwan's website](#) for the most up-to-date information. In the meeting, we also discussed the Tuition Consultation process we would be following this fall. Per the PSLA regulations, the university must consult with the students' association at least twice whereas we will be having three consultation meetings on tuition.

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Social Media Video Supporting Proof of Vaccination (Sept. 15)

The Marketing and Communications team reached out to me to make a video affirming our stance regarding proof of vaccination. I drafted some key messaging from SAMU's previously discussed position and it was revised by the team. The video was published on our social media channels.

MacEwan United Way Committee Meeting (Sept. 15)

This was our regularly scheduled meeting, where we discussed the Rock the Block Evening at the Movies, Pop the Trunk food drive, and more initiatives underway. The committee has been such a great partner to SAMU, and they acknowledged the efforts we put in.

Call with VP University Relations (Sept. 17)

University administration has been in relatively constant contact with me to run point on updates on COVID-19 as it pertains to our campus. Before every new release, Myrna has called me to discuss the new measures as well as possible concerns I have from a student perspective.

CAUS Board Meetings (Sept. 17 & Oct. 4)

The university students' associations came together twice to discuss business for our provincial advocacy group. Some highlights include the approval of our new Strategic Plan, U of L Students' Union's meeting with the Minister of Advanced Education, preparing for the Council of Post-secondary Presidents of Alberta (COPPOA) Fall Student Forum, a joint task force with COPPOA, and the Alberta Grant for Full Time Students.

*Tuition Consultation Meetings (Sept 21 & Oct. 7)**

As mentioned in the MacEwan admin. meeting, we discussed the process of how consultation would occur. Our first meeting was the underlying principles and assumptions we both brought to the table, which for us as a students' association has always been affordable and accessible post-secondary education. At the second meeting for tuition consultation, the proposal from administration was put forward. The information is currently embargoed, but with the completion of tuition consultation I will inform Council of what tuition and fees looks like.

CASA E-Plenary (Sept. 22)

The main purpose of the CASA E-Plenary, which is our special general meeting, was to approve the audited financials for the past year as well as adopted CASA's Priorities for the year. The priorities were adopted by the membership and are as follows: student financial aid, mental health, international students, and indigenous learners. This was taken from collecting data on priorities from across all of CASA's membership. This is something that you contributed to by your participation in the survey I put out, and I want to thank you for your involvement in this process!



MacEwan Board's Strategy & Stakeholder Relations Committee (Sept. 22)

The main item at this committee meeting was the recommendation of the new Student Vision to the Board of Governors. I spoke in favour of recommending the Strategic Vision, as it aligns well with the AB2030 report put out by the government this past year while filling the gaps presented.

New Academic Business Building Visioning Session (Sept. 24)

This session surrounded on providing some initial feedback on priorities for the building. I put forward student experience, sustainability, inclusivity, and innovation as priorities going forward. Also discussed was guiding principles, program categorization, blocking and stacking options in the building layout, environmental sustainability, and power plant options. The last few topics required a more technical skillset, however I was pleased to be involved in these early conversations.

CAUS Policy Committee (Sept. 27)

At our regularly occurring meeting, we discussed work on the various CAUS policies over this next year. I will be working with the ULSU VP External on CAUS's Student Deby Policy.

*Fall 2021 Convocation Committee (Sept. 27)**

This was the first meeting of the committee for this semester, and the primary objective was to determine the mode of convocation. I advocated for an in-person convocation so long as plans to protect those who are most vulnerable were put into place. Ultimately it was decided that this fall convocation will be in-person, though it is subject to any changes towards COVID-19 restrictions.

Consultation on Faculty of Health and Community Studies Dean Search (Sept. 28)

Our Executive Committee had the opportunity to provide feedback on the hiring of the new Dean for the faculty. We emphasized values of equity, diversity and inclusion as well as someone who is innovative in regards to community outreach.

GFC Council on Student Affairs (Oct 4.)

This was the first meeting of the new academic year, so we adopted our workplan and elected a faculty co-chair for the committee. Three items were up for new business in the meeting; an update on mental health, proposal to rescind a student life recognition policy, and scholarship, awards, and bursaries update. The update on mental health was given by the AVP Students, and he discussed meeting the standards put forward by [the Okanagan Charter](#) as well as implementing a campus-wide mental health strategy. On the student life participation policy, this is an antiquated policy that previously provided students with a letter from the AVP Students to recognize their university involvement but now we have a robust process for doing so, such as the CCR and other programs.

University President Meeting (Oct. 6)

As is usual in our regularly occurring meetings, we discussed COVID-19 and EDI. The way I've chosen to approach these meetings is an opportunity to share information and



develop the relationship. By nurturing these relationships, we foster a sense of community while also being able to be more impactful in our advocacy work.

AVP Students Building Tour (Oct. 6)

Having been only hired in June, the AVP Students had not had the opportunity to have a tour of our building. The VP Student Life and I took him on a full tour of our beautiful building and it was also a great opportunity to develop connections.

*Meetings with Deans & Associate Deans (Oct. 7, 12, 13, & 14)**

Our VP Academic and I have set out on a tour of meetings with deans and associate deans in order to develop working relationships with them all as well as furthering each other's knowledge on our respective areas. For more info, please check out the VP Academic's report.

*MacEwan Board of Governors Meeting (Oct. 7)**

The VP Operations and I attended as the student members of the Board, and gave a presentation to the Board on SAMU and our priorities. This was a great opportunity to build understanding of what we do, as many of the public (government-appointed) Board members were new and had no prior information about SAMU. At this meeting, the Strategic Vision was officially approved by the Board and I spoke in support. [Click here to read the highlights of the new Strategic Vision as well as some updates on institutional restructuring.](#) Some items of note were the consolidated financial statements (\$10.6M surplus last year, of which \$10M was directed for the new academic business building), a letter of intent for a public relations major, and departmental restructuring in the Faculty of Fine Arts.

Student Supports

MacEwan United Way & SAMU's Pop the Trunk (Sept. 11)

In the previous weeks, I had worked to support the Pop the Trunk food drive. The day of, I attended with our General Manager along with several volunteers and we received many donations.

Strengthening SAMU Operations

EC Retreat Planning (Sept. 17)

The Governance Advisor, General Manager and I have been working on planning the upcoming Executive Committee Retreat that will be occurring the second week of November. This is the midyear retreat that occurs on an annual basis, and serves as a time for our team to reconnect and recalibrate for the last half of our executive year.

AAC Meetings (Sept. 20 & Oct. 5)

AAC met twice in this period to discuss candidates and recommend them for appointment to Executive Committee. Between these two meetings, there was also an interview with a candidate. For more details, please see the AAC report also in this package.



Social Media Planning (reoccurring)

The VP Academic and I have been working to engage students through social media platforms since the beginning of the semester, and I'm pleased with the progress we've made thus far. We're dedicating time every week to work on our social presence, which is all the more important as we're in this limbo state between "normal" and "pandemic."

SC All Candidates Meeting (Sept. 27)

With the rest of the Executive Committee, I attended the All Candidates meeting and provided some context to the process of running in an election. It was incredible to see so many folks want to get engaged, and we'll be seeing the results of this election shortly after I submit this report to Alan.

CAUS Presidents' Meeting (Sept. 28)

In an effort to share best practices and establish connections with one another, the Presidents of students' associations across Alberta have established monthly meeting. Some of the topics included voter apathy, managing a team, and relationships with administration.

SC Forum Planning (Sept. 30 & Oct. 1)

The Governance Advisor and I worked closely on developing the forum questions and format with the assistance of our amazing forum moderator, Claudia Steele from the Griff! Shout out to Claudia for her involvement and support, we really appreciate her and the Griff's meaningful participation.

CLOSING

The past month has definitely been the most challenging of the year so far, yet I also have made some pretty amazing memories. So much pressure has been put on our "return to campus" and it admittedly wasn't what I had originally envisioned, but I'm proud of the work SAMU and the Executive Committee has been able to accomplish. So often we had set goals in front of us, but due to uncontrollable externalities, the goals had to pivot in a moment's notice.

As well, I want to thank you all for your involvement and engagement with Council this past year. I know that before I was President, I struggled with knowing how I ought to engage and advocate best for Council. Be proud of whatever you were able to accomplish. To those who are not returning, thank you for your dedication to your fellow students. To those who are re-elected, I'm excited to see what we can accomplish together over the next six months.

Regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Myles Dykes', is located below the 'Regards,' text.

Myles Dykes (he/him),
SAMU President 2021/22
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Students' Council Report

Vice President Academic
October 20th, 2021

Greetings Council,

This is our last Students' Council Meeting with this group of amazing folks! Thank you so much for your time and dedication towards student governance the past few months you have been all Councilors, and of course, best of luck to our two Councilors returning! Please find my report below detailing events that occurred between September 10th and October 14th.

Student Experience and Engagement

Exputo Demo

With members of the ITM committee, we were presented one of the programs being looked at to transfer information from Blackboard to *mêskanâs*.

GovWeek: Committees 101

Hosted a Zoom session on the various MacEwan and SAMU committees during Governance Week with our VP Operations and Finance, Larissa Williams. A recorded version of the presentation will be available on our SAMU Executives socials.

Information and Technology Management Committee

Both Matt Yanish, SAMU's VP External, and I sat as the student representatives for the past two meetings of this committee.

Steering Committee - Moodle Implementation Project

There is not much to report regarding the paskwâwi-mostos *mêskanâs* implementation, with updates being given on the scheduled rollout and a new Project Manager being chosen as the highlight of the past two meetings.

Academic Integrity Week Discussions

A multitude of meetings and conversations have been happening to figure out what AI Week is going to look like, with SAMU (mainly Matt Yanish, VP External, plus myself) and MacEwan's Academic Integrity Office collaborating to make it a success for the week of October 18th. Prizing is available, so check out our social medias and head over to our tabling in the SAMU Building for more information and your chance to win gift cards or even a Nintendo Switch!

Student Voice

General Faculties Council

With this meeting being the first in-person one of this year, there were discussions on what GFC will look like going forward, including membership and structure. MacEwan's

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Vision and Strategic Directions was approved, along with updates to the Research Ethics Policy. Continued discussion of what September 30th, Day for Truth and Reconciliation look[ed] like for this year and moving forward.

Committee on Academic Standards, Curriculum and the Calendar

A sparse agenda for this one, mainly looking at the workplan for 2021-2022 and electing a Co-Chair for the committee. There was consultation on the Curriculum Policy and Calendar Advisory Group as well.

Committee on Academic Planning and Quality Assurance

Similar to the above committee, this one also discussed agenda items, recruitment and the election of a Faculty Co-Chair. There was also the same consultation on the Curriculum Policy, along with updates on the Minors Working Group and feedback on the positive review made by an external evaluation team.

MacEwan Academic Advising Steering Committee

A short meeting, doing a Fall 2021 check-in for the committee members, with a roundtable discussion. The Advisor Working Group gave an update and National Day of Truth and Reconciliation was discussed in this capacity.

SAVP/Provost Meeting

My monthly meeting with Dr. Craig Monk, MacEwan Provost and VP Academic, went well with some personal anecdotes during the conversation itself. Discussion on the new Strategy Plan, GFC and tuition consultation were the main topics, as high level, overall discussion.

School of Business Governance Training

Attended this session in replacement for the GFC training Myles Dykes, SAMU President, and I missed the previous week due to another engagement. A review of the governance structure of MacEwan University and application of Robert's Rules of Order was presented.

Committee on Teaching and Learning

Unsurprisingly, the agenda for this meeting was the election of a Co-Chair, recruitment needs, and workplan items for the 2021-2022 year, identical to the other GFC committees I have been sitting on. An information item of the Teaching Awards Subcommittee was also included as part of the agenda.

Committee on Scholarly Activity

Election of a Co-Chair, recruitment, workplan for this year were all on the agenda, you know the drill. The Committee also review and discussed the new open-source research data tool being provided by the library for faculty researchers called Dataverse.

Honourary Doctorate Selection Committee

Two individuals from the nominations presented were selected to receive Honourary Doctorates at MacEwan University's November Convocation during the in-camera session.

Council on Student Affairs



Another GFC committee, some more regular business being the election of a Co-Chair and looking at the workplan for 2021-2022. The proposal to rescind the outdated Recognition for Participation in Student Life and Student Government was passed, and there was discussion on the mental health supports on campus for students and the Scholarships, Awards, Bursaries (SAB) Program.

Dean Meetings

Myles Dykes, SAMU President, and I have been meeting with several Deans to further build the relationship and collaboration between the Faculties/Schools, finding areas of alignment in our initiatives and how we work together. At the time of writing this report, we have met with Dr. Melike Schalomon, Dean of the Faculty of Arts and Sciences, Dr. Joanne Minaker, Associate Dean, Academic for the Faculty of Arts and Sciences, Dr. Heather McRae, Dean of School of Continuing Education, Sherif Elbarrad Associate Dean School of Business and Dr. Ali Taleb, Interim Associate Dean School of Business. These meetings have been going very well and been incredibly insightful for all parties involved.

Student Supports

University of Fraser Valley Student Union Society Vice President Internal

Meeting with Duncan Herd, the UFVSUS VP Internal and counterpart to my role at their student union, we discussed SAMU's Student Ombuds Support and what their students' rights policy looks like. Exchanging ideas, we looked at how we both support student and can implement the ideas from one another's organizations as a thoughtful and insightful conversation.

Back on Track: International Students

Tom Cross-Trush, VP Student Life, and I presented to a group of international students regarding the resources SAMU provides for students that may help them succeed in their studies, both academic and non-academic supports.

Strengthening SAMU Operations

Student Support

Met with an organization called Student Support that focuses on scholarship compilation and various wellbeing resources to be provided to students at a cost that the applicable Student Association takes on. After hearing their business proposal and bringing it back to EC, SAMU will not be moving forward with partnering with this program as many of the services they provide are already accessible on campus, by the university or SAMU.

Closing Remarks

Again, a huge thank you to the incredible Councilors we have had over the past few months during the first six months of our Executive Committee term. Your input into student governance is critical for SAMU's ability to function as an organization and truly deliver to the students' needs. Councillor or not, I'm always contactable at any of my



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socials or at my email listed below. Keep us accountable and keep in contact! Best of luck in all of your future endeavors.

Out the door dinosaurs,

Cassey Fallis (she/her)
Vice President Academic – 2021/2022
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Students' Council Report

Vice President External October 20th, 2021

Hello Councillors,

The following is a summary of the Vice President External (VPE) activities since September 16th. Please register for the upcoming Alberta Student Congress here: <https://forms.gle/Jf46bqR2fLiFShj89>

Alberta Student Congress Planning (ongoing):

As Vice-Chair, I have continued my weekly meetings with the rest of the CAUS executive team and representatives from Alberta Students' Executive Council (ASEC) and Alberta Graduate Provincial Advocacy Council (ab-GPAC) to plan the next Alberta Student Congress. I am pleased to say we have secured Trevor Tombe to speak at our event, and we have nearly completed all of the planning required for the event. This event is going to be on Saturday, October 23rd, and you can read the invitation letter [here](#). I encourage everyone reading this to sign up, as this event will be a phenomenal way for you to learn more about the landscape of student advocacy in Alberta, and be able to share your thoughts and opinions with student advocates. Lastly, [here is a Facebook Link](#) if you are interested!

Federal GOTV and Election (September 16th-20th):

As I am sure you all are aware, we had a federal election on the 20th of September. In spite of various "not a vaccine passport"-related obstacles, we were able to reach hundreds of students and empower them with the information on when and where to vote. I also was tasked with providing information to various CASA members on how they can engage their student body during the weeks up to the election.

CASA E-Plenary (September 22nd):

At the CASA E-Plenary, all of the CASA schools from coast-to-coast met in an official capacity to approve, among other things, our SuperCon "gameplan". This is essentially a formal approach to how we are going to move forward with the most valuable CASA event of the year (this being SuperCon). It is very important to me that we have an in-person event, unless the government itself precludes us from doing so.

LRC Committee Meetings (ongoing):

Please see the separately attached LRC report for details.

Mayoral Forum (September 29th):

Thanks to the phenomenal efforts of our Advocacy Coordinator and other SAMU staff, the Edmonton Student Alliance's mayoral forum was a success! This also was, in effect, one of the first "real" public events SAMU has held in The Lookout (the event space by Chachi's). It was great to see all the hard work of the ESA pay off, and I am happy that I was able to work with other student leaders in Edmonton to help make this event what it was. I enjoyed hearing from the mayoral candidates, and it was a great



opportunity for them to have a platform (literally) to speak to students. Thank you to those of you who were able to show up to the event!

COPPOA Forum with Student Leaders (October 5th):

The meeting with the Council of Post-Secondary Presidents of Alberta (COPPOA) was essentially an introductory opportunity for the various Albertan student leaders to explore areas of collaboration in the future. I look forward to reporting on what we eventually work on, but there seems to be many avenues of opportunity for us to collaborate for the benefit of the post-secondary students of Alberta.

Municipal Advance Polling (October 6th):

We held advanced voting on campus for the Edmonton, Strathcona County, and St. Albert municipal elections! This was a great opportunity for students and staff of MacEwan (and anyone else in the downtown core) to come vote with no lines or hassle. If you missed this event, be sure to follow us on Instagram at "SAMUExecutives" to hear about things like this in the future!

SC Election (Ongoing):

I am happy with the amount of people who had the courage to run in this upcoming Student's Council election. Further, I want to extend my gratitude to those who took us up on the various campaigning opportunities that our VP Operations worked to provide. Please see the VPO Report for more information.

AIO Week (Ongoing):

Due to my passion for restorative justice, and MacEwan's Academic Integrity Office, I have been fortunate enough to be involved with some collaborative efforts for Academic Integrity Week (October 18th-22nd). We are going to essentially copy the tabling structure from our Governance Week, as it was incredibly effective! Look out the week of the 18th for resources, workshops, (and most excitingly) prizes related to academic integrity. The VPA and I have provided a Nintendo Switch for a grand prize for the "art of integrity" contest the office is holding. I encourage you all to enter something in to this contest, as it is a great cause in exchange for a reasonable ask of your time.

CAUS Meeting with Minister Nicolaides (October 6th):

After months of trying, the CAUS Chair and I were finally able to get an advocacy meeting with the Minister of Advanced Education, Demetrios Nicolaides. In summary, the meeting was going to be about CAUS's priorities for the year, but we changed the topic last minute as there was a more pressing concern. The Alberta full-time student grant had run out, and this has never happened before. \$54 Million was awarded to over 20 thousand students in Alberta, but it came to our attention that some students may not receive the money if they had applied for it. I am pleased to report that the minister ensured us that such a scenario should not occur, and anyone who applied for the grant while applications are still open will receive funding; contrary to what previous messaging implied. CAUS also will now have monthly hour-long meetings with the Minister.

Closing Remarks:

As is the theme with my reports, I try to make them shorter and shorter, yet I feel as if I have endless things I want to talk about. I just want to reiterate that I am trying to put less detail in these reports, **but please ask me a question (written, during question**



period, or via email) if anything seems unclear! With that being said, I am happy that some of the big stuff (mayoral forum, federal election, minister meeting) is in the rear-view for me. I enjoyed preparing for and attending those events, but it is nice to be able to focus on the next things coming down the pipe (AB student congress and SuperCon!).

I want to especially thank all of those who have been councilors for the previous year. Being a member of Students' Council during a pandemic has been a unique challenge and I am so happy that you all stuck it out to still be here. Kudos to those of you who are willing and able to run for another term. As I write this, there is only about half an hour left before the polls close. I know how hard it is to run a campaign, especially now, and I have the utmost respect for all of those who are putting their names forward.

All the best,

Matthew Yanish, Vice President External
Students' Association of MacEwan University
savpexternal@macewan.ca



Students' Council Report

Vice President Operations & Finance

October 20, 2021

It's spooky season! I hope this report finds you well. Please see below for my report detailing the events that occurred from September 9, 2021 to October 13, 2021.

Student Experience and Engagement

Meet SAMU Week Trade Show Tabling

The Monday before GovWeek began the Governance side of SAMU, both the Executive Committee and Councillors were provided the chance to table at Meet SAMU Week's first event. The trade show allowed Students' Council to engage with students on the Governance side of SAMU and was a good chance to promote GovWeek and Students' Council Nominations and speak to the various governance opportunities offered at SAMU.

GovWeek

GovWeek finally happened! While this was a very busy week for SAMU we incorporated the GOTV campaign for the Federal Election into most of the in person GovWeek events. Unfortunately due to the COVID-19 restrictions put out the night of day 2 of GovWeek, the call was made to postpone Day 3 of GovWeek. The two events cancelled that day were Campaigning 101 and the EC Forum. Campaigning 101 was re-filmed and posted to the SAMU Executives social media channels so anyone considering running for election could watch them and the Forum has been postponed. Video from Committees 101 was also found and can be used to promote Student-At-Large Positions when needed. While attendance some events was low I do believe that the week was a success, though there are things that have been noted for consideration if the week runs in a similar capacity next Fall. I would like to sincerely thank everyone for their contributions to making GovWeek happen.

Classroom Visits

During this reporting period the Classroom Visits Initiative wrapped up, nine classrooms were visited in person while powerpoint slides were sent out to numerous lecturers in various departments.

Student Council Elections

Throughout this month there has been numerous election activities that I have taken part of but one of the most exciting elections are our Student Council Elections. In regards to my participation with this, I attended the All-Candidates Meeting with the rest of the Executive Committee where we had 11 Candidates at the meeting!

I also helped set up the first ever Meet the Candidates Event in the SAMU Building. Due to the Advanced polling for the Municipal election happening on campus the event took place on the ground floor of the SAMU Building. It was a great opportunity for students to learn more about the Candidates and their platforms.



Student Voice

Meeting with Acting VP Finance and Administration & AVP Human Resources Helen Ngan-Pare

This was my first meeting with Helen as acting VP Finance and Administration, therefore we took the time to get to know each other a bit more, and looked at where our portfolios intersect and briefly touched on some of the COVID items that MacEwan was working on at the time such as the App, accommodations, sport and wellness and vaccination deadlines.

School of Business Council

The School of Business Council met for the first time this academic year. Items to note from this meeting was the approval for the termination of the Bachelor of Applied Business Administration- Accounting Program and the approval of updates to the HR Management Certification and Diploma, the Legal Studies in Business Major & Minor, the Marketing Major, Minor & Honours, the International Business Major, Minor & Honours and the change in the Core Regulations for the Bachelor of Commerce for the Fall 2022 Programs of Study. Other conversations around the table were regarding Truth and Reconciliation Day, EDI, and COVID.

SSJOC Meeting

The Student Systems Joint Operations Committee (SSJOC) met for the first time this academic term. Highlights from this meeting include an update on the improvements that are being made to the graduation application process for students in their portal. A discussion on EDI and putting in place a system for student declarations.

Strengthening SAMU Operations

Students' Council Submission Form

Coming forward tonight is a new Students' Council Submission form that I have been working on over the past reporting period. This new form is an update to what SAMU currently has in place and will help strengthen our governance decisions as SAMU has evolved and grown since the form was first implemented

Health and Dental Sub-Committee Meetings

The Health and Dental Sub-Committee met twice before committee changeover. The topic on both meetings were the Health and Dental fees for the 2022/23 academic year. The Committee has made a recommendation to the Executive Committee.

BPC Meeting

BPC met one last time before committee turnover to wrap up the Advocacy Affiliation and the Student Supports policy that are coming to the table tonight for approval.

Board of Governors

MacEwan Foundation and Finance, Property, & Investment Committee Meeting (09/22/2021)



This was my first meeting as a Committee member for FPI and the MacEwan Foundation. We had a fairly short meeting for this committee as we reviewed the quarterly financial statements for the last fiscal year. There was a 10.8mil surplus and 10 million was allocated to the new academic business.

Board Meeting (10/07/2021)

The President and I gave a presentation about SAMU to the Board, which was informative as many of the public members do not know all the resources we offer students. The strategic plan was brought forward and approved, the letter of intent for a Public Relations Major was approved. It was noted that the School of Business has achieved EFMD Accreditation. Please see the Presidents report for more information

Closing Remarks

It has been a crazy month. Did you know that during this reporting period we celebrated the 50th year of our elected student government?? On October 8, 1971 our first Student Government was elected! I would like to take the time to thank all of our outgoing Councillors for your time and dedication to SAMU and Students' Council. I wish you all the best of luck in all of your future endeavors! And to our incoming and returning Councillors, I am thrilled and look forward to working with you in the upcoming months.

As always please feel free to reach out to me if you have any questions or would like to chat!

Cheers,

Larissa Williams
VP Operations and Finance, SAMU 2021/2022
savpopoperations@macewan.ca

Students' Council Report

Vice President Student Life

October 20th, 2021

Hello Councilors!

I want to start off by thanking each of you for your service to SAMU over the past year as a representative of the MacEwan student body. We've faced a challenging year online and have been forced to adapt in unexpected ways. Despite these pandemic related challenges, you have continued to act as student leaders, volunteering your time and amplifying the student voice, which deserves a big thank you and congratulations! Without further ado, please see my final report for this council below.

Student Experience & Engagement

SAMU Anti-Racism Week

SAMU's first anti-racism week will run from Nov. 1st – 5th! SAMU and MacEwan have jointly purchased 4000 anti-racism bystander intervention brochures from "Edmonton Shift Lab" an external nonprofit that promotes anti-racism in Edmonton. These brochures are intended to raise awareness and provide information about what we as students can do to safely and tactfully respond to acts of racism. Edmonton Shift Lab has also scheduled a speaking session in the SAMU building on Tuesday, Nov 2 (Tentatively at 12PM) which will include a Q&A on anti-racism. SAMU is also supporting OHRDE as they prepare to run their annual "Understanding Hate" panel on zoom on Nov. 3rd at 6:30PM.

SAMU Holiday Market

SAMU has officially published a call for talented student craftspeople to apply to sell their goods at our first ever Holiday Market in the Lookout (SA-200) from Dec 6th -8th. This market will showcase our talented student craftspeople, and provide them a platform to sell their goods, while allowing our student body the opportunity to do some convenient on campus holiday shopping while supporting their fellow students.

Student Supports

Barrier Free Inclusivity Working Group

I have joined the Barrier Free Inclusivity working group, which reviews the physical buildings and spaces at MacEwan, and discusses ways to ensure MacEwan is building accessible spaces that can be accessed by students regardless of mobility issues or disabilities. This group also strives to ensure spaces are welcoming and inclusive to students of all faiths, genders, and sexual orientations. This group consults with relevant bodies at MacEwan, including wellness and psychological services, facilities, security, ADR, OHRDE and more to ensure that accessibility on campus is examined under a variety of lenses.



Back on Track: International Students

SAMU's VP Academic and I spoke during a presentation for international students who are struggling to maintain good academic standing. During our speaking session, we encouraged the international students to take advantage of our services like Peer Support, Student Ombud Support, and The Pantry, which can assist them in alleviating some stress, both emotionally and financially.

Strengthening SAMU Operations

SVPEC & Restorative Justice Committees

The Sexual Violence Prevention and education committee, and the Restorative Justice subcommittee both met for the first meeting of this academic year in early October. I am excited to continue to represent the student voice on these committees, as we continue to explore ways of making MacEwan's sexual violence prevention policies inclusive, fair and effective.

Peer Support Risk Training

Peer Support risk training was rescheduled and administered to the volunteers during the first weekend of October. As VPSL, I partake in this training, which focuses on educating peer support volunteers on how to respond to clients who discuss risk-based topics including abuse, suicide, self-harm, etc.

Conclusion

For those who did not seek reelection, I wish you all the best in your academic and professional journey! For those who did secure reelection, I am very excited to continue working with you this year! Whether you're serving another term on council or not, I encourage you to stop by for a chat in the SMAU offices next time you're in the building!

Kind Regards,
Thomas Cross-Trush



Students' Council Report

Appointments Advisory Committee

October 20, 2021

Dear Council,

Below is the quarterly report on the work of the Appointments Advisory Council between July 1st and September 30th.

Membership:

Myles Dykes, President (Chair)
Abby Abboud, Councillor
Alan Honey, Governance Advisor

Equity, Diversity and Inclusion

We have officially updated the application form for Students' Council vacancies to include a voluntary disclosure section that allows for applicants to disclose anything they wish, alluding more specifically to lived experiences and systemic barriers an individual may face. For the Students' Council application, it is attached as the last page. As well, upon this committee's recommendation to the Bylaws and Policy Committee, the Committees Policy was amended at the September Council meeting to embed EDI into our committee's mandate. This ensures some sustainability to EDI in our Council appointments, rather than it just being a project for an Executive.

SAMU Committee Appointments

In this quarter, we had 4 students apply to sit on SAMU committees. There was one applicant to the Bylaws and Policy Committee who was recommended to EC for appointment who was ultimately successful. As well, there were three applicants for one open position on the Student Voice on Violence Elimination (SVOVE) Sub-committee. Given the demand for the one position, the VP Student Life as chair of SVOVE was invited to partake in the discussion. One candidate was eliminated from the process and the other two were asked to interview. Unfortunately only one candidate responded, but AAC had a great interview and our committee ultimately recommended this candidate to Executive Committee for appointment.

Council Vacancies

Finishing the 2020-21 Students' Council year, we have seven vacancies on Council. While this is not ideal, it speaks to the difficulty SAMU has had with student engagement this past year. Ultimately our 2021-22 Students' Council election has provided us with 8 Councillors, meaning that 6 vacancies will need to be filled. AAC's objective is to



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determine candidates for appointment prior to this Council's year end, so that they can partake in Students' Council training.

Regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Myles Dykes', is written above the typed name.

Myles Dykes,
SAMU President 2021/22
sapresident@macewan.ca



**CANDIDATE
ELIGIBILITY FORM**

In order for a student to be considered eligible to apply for a position, they must meet the following criteria:

- Applicants must be members of the Students' Association of MacEwan University
- Applicants must be in good academic standing (ie. not on academic probation) with MacEwan University
- Applicants must have endorsements from 25 current SAMU members.

DATE: _____ STUDENT ID#: _____

NAME: _____ HOME PHONE: _____

CELL PHONE: _____

EMAIL ADDRESS(S): _____

I have received a complete SAMU Application Package and have read and understood the materials and rules, including the appropriate bylaws of the Students' Association of MacEwan University. I am fully aware of my responsibilities and wish to be considered for this role. Furthermore, I will attend all of the Students' Council training once it has been scheduled.

Lastly, I authorize the SAMU Governance Office to confirm my eligibility to stand for appointment, by verifying the qualifications outlined at the top of this page, through official MacEwan University records.

SIGNATURE OF CANDIDATE: _____

DATE: _____

Voluntary Disclosure:

SAMU recognizes that certain lived experiences will impact an individual's involvement with our governance process.

Would you like to share any of the systemic barriers you have experienced? Examples: mature student, First Nation/Inuit/Metis, first generation learner, student loan status, LGTBQ2S+, dependents, or others.

NOTE: In order to be declared an eligible applicant and be considered for appointment, the SAMU Governance Advisor, Alan Honey, must receive a completed Candidate Eligibility Form, a candidate cover letter, and a completed Nomination Form (via email: honeya@macewan.ca).



Students' Council Report

Quarterly Report: Budget and Finance Committee "BFC" October 20, 2021

Committee Members:

<u>July 1st to September 30th</u>
Larissa Williams, VP Operations & Finance
Thomas Cross-Trush, VP Student Life
Myles Dykes, President
Reggie Gino, Student-At-Large
Christine Landberg Llave, Councillor
Anthony Mah, Councillor
Vacant, Student-At-Large

Greetings Council,

This is the report from the Budget and Finance Committee for the reporting period of July 1st to September 30th (Quarter 1)

This Committee did not meet during this quarter as there was no work for the committee to do.

As the committee is set to change over I would like to thank all the members for their time and commitment to the committee throughout their term as a committee member.

Cheers,

Larissa Williams
savpopoperations@macewan.ca



Students' Council Report

Quarterly Report: Bylaws and Policy Committee "BPC" October 20, 2021

Committee Members:

<u>July 1st to September 30th</u>
Larissa Williams, VP Operations & Finance
Elaine Tran, Councillor
Raymark Unera, Student-At-Large
Curtis Ward, Student-At-Large
Vacant, Councillor

Greetings Council,

This is the report from the Bylaws and Policy Committee for the reporting period of July 1st to September 30th (Quarter 1 2021/22)

BPC met twice during this quarter and reviewed four policies during this time.

Committees Policy: This policy was brought forward by the Appointment Advisory Committee (AAC) as they wanted to make a recommendation to update their TOR to advance Edi when filling out council vacancies. As per their request we looked at and updated the mandate of the AAC to further help integrate and advance EDI in our governance processes. This policy was approved by Council at the September 15 2021 meeting.

Budget Approval: no changes were made to this policy as the committee felt it is straight forward and required no new updates

Advocacy Affiliation: Changes to this policy is an extension of the definition of Affiliation in relation to this policy to include the advocacy work done at all levels. This policy also expanded on the Executive Committee's duty to carry out the process of affiliation as they do in the cessation of affiliation. This policy is on the table for approval at the October 14 2021 Council Meeting.

Student Services: Under review the name of this policy changed from student services to student supports as the association starts to move away from using "programs and services" as titles of our resources to students, therefore the name change put forward was Student Supports. In its review BPC felt that it was deemed too heavy in the financial supports section with the other services just being an add on. Changing the name implies all that we do for student supports without putting limitations on the



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services. Other changes include moving some clauses around to fit in with the new name and removing a clause which was the donation in the case of a death of a student. This was eliminated because while a nice gesture it is not generally utilised and the committee felt it may not be appreciated by family especially in their time of grieving.

BPC also got to view the new Students' Council Submission Form that I have been working on as it is embedded into policy and for me to make the change the policy will have to go forward to Council.

As the committee is set to change over I would like to thank all the members for their time and commitment to the committee throughout their term as a committee member.

Cheers,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'L. Williams'.

Larissa Williams

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Students' Council Report

Leadership and Review Committee Report October 20th, 2021

Hello Councillors,

The following is a summary of the actions of the Leadership and Review Committee since my term began on May 1st.

Feedback Form Redesign:

As LRC was unable to meet due to a lack of quorum, when they finally did meet, there was a backlog of feedback forms and meeting minutes to review. LRC is happy to say that after they reviewed all of these, and there are no glaring issues found. However, LRC came to ponder how useful a rating scale is for meetings. A score of "1-5" is not very helpful to LRC when they are deciding if the meeting was good or not, and if there was the occasional low score, LRC had no idea why and were left to guess. Moving forward, LRC is going to work with a "Yes/No" rating system for essentially all of the same questions. If there is a "No", then the person will have to give a quick note as to why they put that. This way, it will be much faster for the forms to be filled out and reviewed. What data LRC does get will also be much more valuable, as the shortcomings will have to be made clear. LRC plans on rolling out this form for the November meeting.

Exit Interviews:

LRC decided there would be much to learn from the councillors who are not re-running this year, and what can be learned from the unique COVID-year everyone has been living through. Because of that, the chair (VPE) is going to conduct "exit interviews" in a one-on-one fashion with outgoing councillors. LRC is currently in the midst of creating the questions to be asked, and the meetings will be scheduled shortly.

Social Events:

When the world is less hampered by disease and other extenuating circumstances that make large social gatherings difficult, LRC is excited to plan in-person social events. In the interim, the chair is hosting drop-in games (like Jackbox or Skribbl.io) in the hour leading up to the monthly SC meetings. This trend will continue indefinitely, and there will be an online social event in the near future for the new councillors after they take their positions in the November meeting.

All the best,

Matthew Yanish, Vice President External
Students' Association of MacEwan University
savpexternal@macewan.ca



Students' Council Report

Executive Committee

October 20, 2021

Dear Council,

Below is a report highlighting the work of the Executive Committee between the period of July 1st and September 30th.

Membership

Myles Dykes, President (Chair)
Cassey Fallis, VP Academic
Matthew Yanish, VP External
Larissa Williams, VP Operations & Finance
Thomas Cross-Trush, VP Student Life

Procedures Approval

- Awards Procedure: amended on the recommendation of the Awards Sub-committee to rename 'clubs' to 'student groups', 'food bank' to 'food support', increasing the minimum required hours for Peer Support volunteers from 25 to 30, and removal of the Gray Gallery Volunteer of the Year award.
- Elections Procedure: amended on the recommendation of the Procedure Sub-committee to lower candidate required signatures from 25 to 10, give discretion to CRO to determine acceptable social media platforms, and extend expense report deadline to just before voting begins.

Miscellaneous Approvals

- McBain Scholarship Presentation to Students' Council in July 2021
- MNP's Audit Presentation to Students' Council in September 2021



Expense Approvals

- \$25 USD from the EC Event Attendance budget line 525600 for the VP Academic to attend the 2021 Open Education Conference
- \$1000 USD from the Executive Projects budget line 524500 for speaker Hoda Katebi pending approval of sponsorship request with OSVPER
- Up to \$1500 from the Executive Projects budget line 524500 for GovWeek
- \$250 from the Executive Projects budget line 524500 for Anti-Racism Bystander Intervention Literature during Anti-Racism Week

Student Groups

- Close the Evening Social work Circle, 4th Year Social Work Circle, and Social Work Circle 2022

Appointments

Student Appointments

- *Damien Wilson* to the SAMU Leadership and Review Committee
- *Elaine Tran* and *Aubrianna Snow* to the Sexual Violence Prevention and Education Committee for a term ending August 20, 2022
- *Thomas Cross-Trush* to the School of Business Dean Search Committee
- *Raymarck Unera*, *Thomas Cross-Trush*, *Chelsea Whitelock* and *Deeya Thakkar* to the GFC Council on Student Affairs
- *Sokhana Mfenyana* to the Faculty of Fine Arts and Communications Council
- *Emmett McCurdy*, *Christine Zolondek* and *Chelsea Whitelock* to the Library Student Advisory Council
- *Kieran Leggo-Henderson* to the Faculty of Arts and Science Council
- *Freja Cartujano* to the General Faculties Council
- *Chloe Camera* to the Careers and Experience Council
- *Haylee Hatton* and *Emmett McCurdy* to the Research Ethics Board
- *Larissa Williams* to the MacEwan VP Finance and Administration, CFO Hiring Committee

Executive Committee Highlights

- The VP Operation and Finance's executive initiative GovWeek was held September 14-15, highlighting and encouraging students' involvement in student governance here at MacEwan. The opening event was a panel with former President Stephanie Nydoshytko and former VP Academic Robbie Lepp emphasizing the value of getting involved. Other events included Committees



- 101 and Campaigning 101. In conjunction with GOTV, some prizing was also dispursed.
- Get Out the Vote x2!! The VP External and Advocacy Coordinator have been leading two GOTV campaigns, one for the now concluded federal elections and one for the soon-to-conclude municipal elections. In support of the GOTV campaigns, the Executive Committee and AC held tabling sessions with swag and prizing. To help inform voters, we partnered with the Edmonton Student Alliance and City of Edmonton Youth Council to host a mayoral forum where seven of the candidates attended.

If you have any questions regarding this report, don't hesitate to reach out.

Regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Myles Dykes', is positioned above the typed name.

Myles Dykes,
SAMU President 2021/22
sapresident@macewan.ca



Students' Council Quarterly Report

Governance Renumeration and Allocation Committee

Date: Oct 20th

Committee Members:

<u>July 1st to September 30th</u>	
Thomas Cross-Trush, VP Student Life	

Greetings Council!

This is the report from the "Governance Renumeration and Allocation Committee" (GRAC) for the reporting period of July 1st to September 30th (Quarter 1). GRAC has not met in the 1st quarter of 2021. GRAC is expected to meet next in the second quarter of 2021.



**Minutes for the Executive Committee Meeting of the
Students' Association of MacEwan University
August 11, 2021 @ 2:00pm**

Voting Members:

Myles Dykes, President
Cassey Fallis, VP Academic
Matt Yanish, VP External
Larissa Williams, VP Operations & Finance
Thomas Cross-Trush, VP Student Life

Resource Officials:

Collin Steffes, General Manager
Alan Honey, Governance Advisor (Recording Secretary)

In attendance:

Justin Wong, Director of Finance (Acting GM)

1. Call to Order: 2:05pm

2. Approval of Agenda:

**VPO/VPSL
CARRIED**

3. Approval of Minutes for: July 28, 2021

**VPE/VPA
CARRIED**

TOPIC	DISCUSSION	ACTION/MOTION
1. Committee Appointments	Vpa – Elaine recommended by SVPEC. We have 2 applications for the 2 nd student spot on SVPEC. Pres – recommend 2 nd candidate apply for SVOVE.	MOTION TO APPOINT ELAINE TRAN AND AUBRIANNA SNOW TO SVPEC FOR A TERM ENDING AUGUST 30, 2022 VPSL/VPE CARRIED MOTION TO APPOINT THOMAS CROSS-TRUSH TO SCHOOL OF BUSINESS DEAN SEARCH COMMITTEE VPA/VPO CARRIED
2. SVAW Financial Sponsorship	Vpsl – received email asking for sponsorship for the event. Vpe – modestly support this, would like more information provided before a decision is made. Pres – need clear idea of what is being proposed as far as co-branding? Don't want the event to be heavily leaning on us for funding, now or in the future.	Action: Vpsl to get more info about branding opportunities and bring info to next EC meeting.
3. Annual Report	Vpo – set up a google sheet for us to provide input.	

		Wong – would recommend looking at the policy and updating it to move the submission to September instead of August.	
4.	VP External's Report	CASA updates. CAUS updates. Academic Integrity Office – filming soon. Meetings with University counterparts.	
5.	VP Operations & Finance Report	Met with Eggen. Classroom visits initiative update. Residence filming. Gov Week prep. EDI meeting with Pres & GA. Charter meeting with Vpa. Annual event calendar update.	
6.	VP Student Life's Report	Residence meeting update. Anti-racism installation update – Anti-Racism Week event. Clean air initiative meeting. Facilitated meeting with Annette for some potential training for peer support volunteers. SVOVE meeting.	
7.	GM Report	Annual report update. Internal calendar. Audit update. Prep for fall opening. MyLegal update.	
8.	President's Report	CASA conference. Met with David Eggen. CAUS committee meeting. 50 th Champions Team update. AAC meeting re. EDI. Classroom visits meeting. Residence filming. CASA mental health series. Charter discussion. Policy meeting. Micha B. update. Elections forum discussion. Met with Dr. Trimbee.	
9.	VP Academic's Report	New Faculty orientation update. Academic Integrity video update. Charter of Student Rights update. Student Ombuds Support meeting. Steering Committee meeting.	
10.	Recognition		

4. Adjournment

Time: 3:29pm



**Minutes for the Executive Committee Meeting of the
Students' Association of MacEwan University
August 25, 2021 @ 2:00pm**

Voting Members:

Myles Dykes, President
Cassey Fallis, VP Academic
Matt Yanish, VP External
Larissa Williams, VP Operations & Finance
Thomas Cross-Trush, VP Student Life

Resource Officials:

Collin Steffes, General Manager
Alan Honey, Governance Advisor

In attendance:

Tosheena Thompson, Volunteer Manager (Recording Secretary)

1. Call to Order: 2:05pm
2. Approval of Agenda: **VPE/VPA - CARRIED**
3. Approval of Minutes for: August 11, 2021 **VPO/VPA - CARRIED**

TOPIC		DISCUSSION	ACTION/MOTION MOTION
1.	SAWV Sponsorship	VPSL – still pending confirmation of sponsorship ask. Looking to approve the funds. VPE – In support if advertising asks are followed through Pres – format to track special projects – it's not tracked based on GL line	TO APPROVE AN EXPENSE OF \$1000 USD FOR SPEAKER HODA KATEBI FROM GL LINE 524500 PENDING APPROVAL OF SPONSORSHIP REQUEST VPSL/VPE CARRIED ACTION: VPO to create document to track special projects
2.	GovWeek Expenses	VPO – looking to start motioning for special project funds. EC for a day and gov week rolled into one. Looking to request up to \$1500 VPA – where did you get the \$1500 number VPO – each exec gets \$2500. EC for a day gets \$500. Asking for \$1500 for each semester. VPSL – spending your entire budget VPO – looking for up to \$3000 total. Not sure if it will all be used Pres – where does unused funds go VPO – into the building. Special projects for VPO not used a ton in the past	MOTION TO APPROVE EXPENSES UP TO \$1500CAD FOR GOVWEEK COSTS FROM GL LINE 524500 VPO/VPSL CARRIED
3.	Gift for Michelle	VPSL – Looking for a gift for Michelle, would like art but students are not making art. Can we buy art from VPE's partner? Is it ethical? VPE – Partner would be willing to paint MacEwan related art for SAMU to gift. Or we can go with something other than art	ACTION: Vpsl To look into non-art or alternative art options

		<p>VPSL – we have reached out to students and departments with no luck</p> <p>Pres – she is a MacEwan alumni – GM thoughts?</p> <p>GM – err on the side of caution with nepotism. If it got out that people in decision making made that decision, could be bad. If there is record that we have exhausted all other options – could be done. We should exhaust more options first</p> <p>Pres – can we reach out again with a deadline</p> <p>VPSL – we are looking at the start of semester before we can get in touch with students. Think we should explore non art options</p> <p>Pres – give a week/week and half and then if nothing, we will go with art</p> <p>GM – Indigenous art?</p> <p>Pres – look at Alberta Art Council or legislature</p>	
4.	Changing LGBTQ2S+	<p>VPSL – look to change to 2SLGBTQ2+. Update staff through SAMUnity and advertise that change</p> <p>Pres – do we need to advertise it externally</p> <p>VPA – it's performative to advertise it</p> <p>Pres – we don't need to self-congratulate, make the changes and advise staff of the change</p>	
5.	VP Operations & Finance Report	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Gov week planning • Classroom visits – creating schedules • UPASS – delayed • Strategic Plan goals • Emergency board meeting • SAMU wide calendar • EC AMA Sept 9 	
6.	VP Student Life's Report	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Anti-racism meetings • Sexual violence awareness week • SRP Meeting • Academic integrity videos • Interviews for Student Groups 	
7.	GM Report	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Issues with email, teams, and such • Interactions with P&S – Volunteer, SRP, Onboarding, SG, Winterfest, student ombuds support, etc. • International Students arrival • COVID updates • Governance discussions • Benefit discussion • Finance discussions • Corporate planning • Governance Review 	
8.	President's Report	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • VPO meeting – classroom visits • ASA (?) meeting • COVID Meeting with Myrna • VPA check in • Advocacy coordinator meeting • CAUS policy meeting • SC training meeting • CASA fees • GOTV • VPO/Advocacy Coordinator Emergency board meeting prep 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Share CAUS president report

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • United Way Meeting • MP emails • Mayoral Planning meeting • SC meeting • Met PT staff members • Social committee meeting • CAUS president meeting • EC photos 	
9.	VP Academic's Report	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • AIO promo (?) • Co-Curricular review • Learn about Phishing • Return to campus plan • SRP meeting • Calendar planning meeting • Academic advisory meeting • Moodle (?) meeting 	
10.	VP External's Report	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Academic integrity video • GOTV CASA Initiative • Operational Analyst Hiring - CAUS • Meeting Minute Training • Recurring meetings with PRES & Advocacy Coordinator • CASA Connect Document • Standing meetings with CASA • ESA Forum 	
11.	Recognition	VPE to Pres VPE to Tosheena for taking minutes	

4. Adjournment

Time: 3:31pm



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TYPE OF SUBMISSION (CHECK ONE):

☒ MOTION

☐ CONSULTATION ITEM

Meeting Date: October 20th, 2021

Submitted By: Larissa Williams, VP Operations and Finance

Submission Title (As it will appear on agenda):

Budget Reallocation for Fallfest

Motion to Approve the budget reallocation of \$190,000 from G/L line 531100 Fall Fest to G/L line 531600 Winter Week.

Background Information:

Due to the Covid-19 pandemic Fall Fest did not occur this semester, though we will be having a bigger Winter Week this year due to it. Our Director of Programs and Services has requested that the \$190,000 that was budgeted for Fall Fest be moved to the Winter Week line so we can have a bigger Winter Week for our students.

Implications:

Our Events team will have the funds to put on a bigger Winter Week than what is currently budgeted for.



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MOTION



CONSULTATION ITEM

Meeting Date: October 20th, 2021

Submitted By: Larissa Williams, VP Operations and Finance

Submission Title (As it will appear on agenda):

Student Supports Policy

Motion to Approve the Student Supports Policy on the recommendation of the Bylaws and Policy Committee

Background Information:

Previously named the Student Services Policy this policy was due for an update as it hadn't been reviewed in a while. In its review BPC felt that it was deemed too heavy in the financial supports section with the other services just being an add on. Changing the name implies all that we do for student supports without putting limitations on the services. Other changes include moving was was previously clause #5 to clause #3 and eliminating the previous clause #3 which was the donation in the case of a death of a student. This was eliminated because while a nice gesture it is not generally utilised and the committee felt it may not be appreciated by family especially in their time of grieving.

Other considerations to this policy were to split up the policy and have a financial supports and a separate services policy.

Implications:

Students Council will have an updated and more well rounded policy regarding student supports.



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Rationale

Expectations on the financial support SAMU provides to MacEwan University students ensures that financial support is distributed fairly, responsibly, and in a fiscally prudent manner.

Expectations on the services SAMU provides and how those services are evaluated, allowing for adjustments to their operational regulations within a procedural framework.

Definitions

Expectations

Financial

Deleted: Support

1 SAMU provides financial support to its members through the following:

- 1.1 scholarships and bursaries;
- 1.2 interest-free short-term emergency loans;
- 1.3 grants to students for activities that enhance their educational experience.

2 SAMU's efforts to provide financial support to its members are done according to procedures that set forth eligibility requirements, processes for student application, and any obligations of the recipients.


3 SAMU's initiatives to provide financial support to its members are done within annually budgeted limits.

~~Services~~

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4 Services in support of SAMU's objectives are provided to its members, encompassing:

- 4.1 Minimizing Financial Burdens
- 4.2 Cultural Awareness
- 4.3 Communication to Students
- 4.4 Building Community
- 4.5 Advocacy

Deleted: 3 In the case of the death of a student attending MacEwan University, SAMU will make a donation of \$100 in the name of that student to a charity of the student's family's choosing. 



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4.6 Health and Safety

4.7 Sustainability

Policy

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Fact Sheet**Approvals:**

First Approval – September 16, 2015

Last Approval – December 16, 2015

Source and Updates:

September 16, 2015 – *Student Services* approved by Students' Council motion 2015-09-16-6.3 on the recommendation of the Bylaws and Policy Committee. Source material drawn from Policy 18 – Financial Support and Policy 21 – Services, which have both been retired.

December 16, 2015 – *Student Services* approved by Students' Council motion 2015-12-16-6.3 on the recommendation of Executive Committee. Death of a student donation amount increased to \$100 from \$50.



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TYPE OF SUBMISSION (CHECK ONE):



MOTION



CONSULTATION ITEM

Meeting Date: October 20th, 2021

Submitted By: Larissa Williams, VP Operations and Finance

Submission Title (As it will appear on agenda):

Advocacy Affiliation Policy

Motion to Approve the Advocacy Affiliation Policy on the recommendation of the Bylaws and Policy Committee

Background Information:

This policy was due for review as it had not been looked at for longer than the annual review period. Changes to this policy is an extension of the definition of Affiliation in relation to this policy to include the advocacy work done at all levels. This policy also expanded on the Executive Committee's duty to carry out the process of affiliation as they do in the cessation of affiliation.

Implications:

Advocacy Affiliation

Rationale

SAMU may derive benefit from affiliation with advocacy organizations that share its, and its members', interests. Since affiliation represents a public recognition of alignment and may carry with it certain obligations to be carried out, Students' Council formally approves advocacy affiliation.

Definitions

Affiliation refers to formal alignment with, or membership within, an external organization that advocates at a municipal, provincial, or federal level.

Expectations

Scope

1 This policy governs SAMU's affiliation with external advocacy organizations that have as their object the advancement of the interests of post-secondary students.

2 Organizations that are not centred on the interests of post-secondary students are not within the scope of this policy. Executive Committee, in consultation with the General Manager and Students' Council, approves affiliation with such organizations.

Affiliation

3 Students' Council may approve SAMU's pursuit of affiliation with an organization by special resolution.

3.1 Executive Committee carries out the process for affiliation, and adheres to any legal responsibilities arising from the particular affiliation.

4 To the extent possible, SAMU is an active participant in advancing the goals of organizations with which affiliation has been approved.

5 SAMU ensures its conduct is consistent with maintaining good standing expected as a result of affiliation.

Cessation of Affiliation

6 Students' Council may approve SAMU's intention to cease affiliation by special resolution.

7 Executive Committee carries out the process for cessation of affiliation, and adheres to any legal responsibilities arising from the particular affiliation.

Amendment



8 Amendments to this policy are made by special resolution.



Fact Sheet

Approvals:

First Approval – March 5, 2014

Last Approval –

Source and Updates:

March 5, 2014: *Advocacy Affiliation* approved by Students' Council Motion 2014-03-05-6.2.

Source material drawn from *Policy 12 – Affiliation*.



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TYPE OF SUBMISSION (CHECK ONE):



MOTION



CONSULTATION ITEM

Meeting Date: October 20th, 2021

Submitted By: Larissa Williams, VP Operations and Finance

Submission Title (As it will appear on agenda):

Students' Council Meetings Policy

Motion to Approve the Students' Council Meetings Policy effective November 1, 2021.

Background Information:

The changes to this policy are not contained within the policy itself but is a change to Appendix A which is the Students' Council Meetings submission form. SAMU has grown and evolved since the form was last updated in October 2013. In saying that we aimed to update this form as to help Council get a more thorough picture of the decisions that we are discussing when they come to Council.

The additions to this form include alternative considerations that were discussed in the decision making process, risk management considerations, a strategic alignment checklist, the list of relevant policies, follow up action which is essentially the next steps, and the review history which lists who reviewed the decisions.

While I can see that this may look like more work to whoever is writing it up I strongly believe that this form will help Council not only make a more informed decision but may also start some more discussion at Council regarding information pertained in the form.

Alternative Considerations to this include keeping the form that we have now, editing the submission form to either not include some of the agenda details or editing the form to narrow down the checklist.

Form last updated October 3, 2013



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This aligns with our strategic plan as it strengthens our SAMU Operations, by improving a vital part of our governance structure to help better inform Council. With our meeting agendas being published this could enhance awareness to our democratic processes through providing our student body the opportunity to look through our agendas and see the work behind our decisions and see what our decisions were based off of.

This new submission form was reviewed by: the Executive Committee, the General Manager, the Governance Advisor, and the members of the Bylaws and Policy Committee.

Implications:

SAMU will have a new Council submission form that will help Council make better informed decisions.



Students' Council Meetings

Rationale

Established meeting procedures allow Students' Council to conduct its business in an open, inclusive, and generative manner.

Effective meetings should be concise, respectful, and orderly.

Definitions

Confidential materials are materials presented In Camera, including resumes, unapproved contracts, and materials concerning discipline and litigation.

Expectations

1 Except where otherwise indicated, the current edition of *Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised* is followed for meetings.

2 Meetings are conducted according to the following order of business:

2.1 Treaty 6 Land Recognition

2.2 Approvals

2.2.1 Agenda

2.2.2 Minutes

2.3 Presentations

2.4 For Information

2.4.1 Reports

2.4.2 Executive Committee Minutes

2.5 Question Period

2.5.1 Written Questions

2.5.2 Oral Questions

2.6 In Camera Period

2.7 Motions and Business Orders of the Day

2.8 Consultation**2.9 Evaluation****2.10 Recognition****2.11 Adjournment****3 Meetings are conducted according to the following special rules of order:**

3.1 attendance at meetings is monitored and any changes to attendance are recorded in the minutes

3.2 votes in Students' Council on motions and amendments are recorded in the minutes as either carried or defeated, with the names of persons abstaining noted;

3.2.1 votes taken during Motions and Business Orders of the Day will record the individual names of those voting in favour, those voting in opposition, and the name of those abstaining from the vote;

3.3 if the Chair is absent for any reason, the Chair will assign their duties appropriately, with consideration given to the longest serving member of Students' Council physically present for the meeting, or for that portion of the meeting; and

3.4 when a meeting reaches a duration of two and one-half hours, and at the recommendation of the Chair, a motion may be made to table all remaining agenda items and move directly to the Evaluation section of the agenda.

4 The Approvals section is conducted according to the following rules:

4.1 Additions to, and deletions from, the agenda after distribution are presented as separate motions and require at least a 75% majority to be adopted. Each proposed change requires an explanation.

4.2 The minutes from the previous Students' Council meeting are included.

5 The Presentations section is conducted according to the following rules:

5.1 the cumulative time allotted for all presentations, including questions from Students' Council, is limited to one half-hour;

5.2 persons wishing to make presentations must submit a request to Executive Committee.

5.2.1 Executive Committee records all presentation requests and approves those presentations which are appropriate to the purview of Students' Council.

6 The For Information section is conducted according to the following rules:

6.1 any member of SAMU may submit a written report; and

6.2 oral supplements may be given by anyone who submits a report.

7 The Question Period section is conducted according to the following rules:

7.1 any member of Students' Council may address the Chair to ask a question of any other member of Students' Council regarding any item in the agenda or on any topic affecting SAMU, SAMU members, or the university or larger community;

7.2 members of Students' Council to whom written questions have been directed may respond in writing in advance of the meeting for inclusion in the agenda material.

7.2.1 Questions must be submitted at least two business days prior to the scheduled meeting.

7.3 any oral question may last no more than two minutes;

7.4 any answer may last no longer than 3 minutes.

8 The In Camera Period section is conducted according to the following rules:

8.1 all materials presented and all discussions in camera are confidential;

8.2 the In Camera Period is used when appropriate to discuss:

8.2.1 issues related to assets or property of SAMU;

8.2.2 human resources;

8.2.3 legal issues or litigation.

8.3 if the nature of the discussion warrants, Students' Council may move to go in camera at any time during the meeting for business items not initially on the agenda as In Camera Period items;

8.4 during the In Camera Period, only members of Students' Council may be present except when Students' Council approves other individuals to attend;

8.4.1 All such persons are bound by standing confidentiality agreements.

8.5 all items have specific names speaking to the actual topic being discussed.

8.5.1 A motion may be made to change the topic name to reflect the nature of the actual discussion.

9 The Consultation section is conducted according to the following rules:

9.1 each member of Students' Council is entitled to one speaking turn during each consultation item of business;



9.2 the member of Students' Council with the floor may temporarily yield the floor to other members to have questions answered; and

9.3 the member of Students' Council who has requested consultation may declare at any time that sufficient feedback has been received. That item of business then ends.

10 The Evaluation section is conducted according to the following rules:

10.1 self-evaluation and group evaluation forms are completed by members of Students' Council during the Evaluations section of all meetings.

11 Items for inclusion in the agenda are submitted at least five business days in advance of the meeting, excluding reports which are submitted at least four business days in advance of the meeting.

11.1 Items for inclusion in the agenda must be complete with relevant documentation and proposed motions; and

11.2 All motions have a reference number set using the following guidelines: YEAR-MONTH-DAY-NUMBER IDENTIFYING AGENDA LOCATION, example: 2011-07-16-6.2; and

11.3 Motions and consultation items submitted for inclusion in the agenda are prefaced with a submission sheet that follows the format given in Appendix A of this policy; and

11.4 Agenda material to be included for in camera items is available for viewing in advance of the meeting at which it is to be discussed.

12 Regular meetings are held on the third Wednesday of each month.

13 Special meetings are conducted in the same way as regular meetings, with the following exceptions:

13.1 the Approvals section does not require the inclusion of minutes;

13.2 Special meetings do not require a For Information section or a Question Period.

14 Secret ballot voting will only be used when appointing a new member to Students' Council, reinstating a member to Students' Council, appointing a member to a committee, and when selecting the Councillor of the Year.

14.1 The result of the vote will be verified by a Governance Office representative.

14.1.1 In the case of physical ballots the votes will be counted by the Chair of Students' Council.

14.2 In the event that the result of the secret ballot vote leads to an appointment or reinstatement, excluding for Councillor of the Year, a motion will be made to officially document the results.



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14.3 Ballots will be destroyed.

15 The agenda package of Students' Council Meetings, excluding confidential documentation, will be publicly published prior to the meeting.

16 Minutes of Students' Council Meetings will be publicly published within five business days of their approval.

17 Audio recordings and transcripts will be publicly published within five business days of the approval of the minutes.



Appendix A: Submission Sheet

AGENDA ITEM INFORMATION		
Meeting Date	Submitted By	
Date here	Name, Title	
Agenda Item Title	(List the title that appears on the agenda)	
Action Requested	<input type="checkbox"/> Motion	<input type="checkbox"/> Consultation Item
AGENDA ITEM DETAILS		
Motion Title	(Submit the motion that will be on the table.)	
Background Information	(List all relevant background information needed for informed opinions)	
Alternative Considerations	(List all alternative options that were considered in making the recommendation)	
Risk Management Considerations	(level of risk associated, possible risk factors, etc)	
Strategic Alignment	<input type="checkbox"/> Attached Strategic Alignment Checklist is complete	
Implications	(Think Financial, Organizational or Strategic)	
Related Documents	(List any governing policies, procedures either within SAMU, the PSLA, or MacEwan that are directly correlated to the topic of discussion)	
Follow Up Action	(any next steps)	



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Review History

(Who has been involved in the discussion on the topic at hand so far)



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Strategic Alignment Checklist

Vision: All students benefit from a vibrant student life and a culture of empowerment.

Mission: SAMU builds a positive student experience by creating a place to engage and connect, being a champion for all students and providing opportunities that allow them to get the most out of their educational journey.

Focus Areas	Not consistent	N/A	Consistent
Student Experience & Engagement			
The overall student experience is enhanced by the opportunities provided by SAMU.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
1.1 Put the finishing touches on the SAMU building, enhancing the safe and intentional spaces for students to gather, relax and study.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
1.2 Increase student awareness of SAMU and its opportunities through strong communications and engaging marketing and brand	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
1.3 Increase student engagement by offering relevant and meaningful events, programs, services, volunteer activities and employment opportunities for students	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
1.4 Support Student Groups by offering networking opportunities, meeting space, outreach support and online platforms	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Student Voice			
The Student Voice is amplified by SAMU.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
2.1 Develop an Advocacy Plan and implement processes to strengthen SAMU's advocacy program.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
2.2 Enhance awareness and interest in SAMU's democratic processes through education and encouraging student participation	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
2.3 Continue to build collaborative relationships with other Student Associations and organizations to enhance the collective student voice with all government levels	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
2.4 Foster positive relationships with MacEwan University to better serve students	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Student Supports			
Student supports provided by SAMU are responsive to unique and evolving needs.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
3.1 Develop and deliver initiatives that are inclusive and are responsive to all student needs.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
3.2 Evaluate and assess student supports to remain relevant and accountable to	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

students			
3.3 Strengthen collaborations and partnerships with MacEwan University to expand supports and resources for students.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
3.4 Enhance relationships with external organizations to leverage resources and supplement new and existing initiatives	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Strengthening SAMU Operations			
SAMU is an innovative and sustainable organization with an engaging work environment.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
4.1 Review SAMU governance structures and make improvements to reduce duplication of efforts and delays in decision-making processes.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
4.2 Document main policies and processes to support business continuity and transitions in leadership and staff.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
4.3 Diversify revenue streams to reduce reliance on student fees.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
4.4 Act as financial and environmental stewards and implement effective practices to enhance sustainability.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
4.5 Foster a professional and supportive work environment that lives the organizational values and delivers a culture of excellence.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Fact Sheet

Approvals:

First Approval – October 2, 2013

Last Approval – June 16, 2021

Date of Last Review: June 8, 2021

Related Documents and Forms:

Source and Updates:

October 4, 2013: *Students' Council Meetings* approved by Students' Council motion 2013-10-02-6.1. Source material drawn from *Students' Council Policy 24 – Meeting Procedures*.

August 20, 2014: *Students' Council Meetings* approved by Students' Council motion 2014-08-20-6.8 upon the recommendation of the Bylaws and Policy Committee.

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TYPE OF SUBMISSION <object>(CHECK ONE):
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<object>Submission Title (As it will appear on agenda):
Background Information:
Implications:

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September 16, 2015: *Students' Council Meetings* approved by Students' Council motion 2015-09-16-6.1 on the recommendation of the Bylaws and Policy Committee. Policy updated to include the ability to use secret ballot voting.

October 19, 2016: *Students' Council Meetings* approved by Students' Council motion 2016-10-19-6.1. Changes include addition of Treaty 6 land recognition and publication of Students' Council minutes expectation.

January 17, 2018: *Students' Council Meetings* approved by Students' Council motion 2017-01-17-7.3 on the recommendation of the Bylaws and Policy Committee. 3.2.1 added to record the individual votes of Students' Councillors on motions that take place during the Motions and Business Orders of the Day section of the agenda.

April 18, 2018: *Students' Council Meetings* approved by Students' Council motion 2018-04-17-7.4 on the recommendation of the Bylaws and Policy Committee. Addition of requirement to publish audio recordings and transcripts of Students' Council meetings.

July 15, 2020: *Students' Council Meetings* approved by Students' Council motion 2020-07-15-7.1 on the recommendation of the Bylaws & Policy Committee. Major changes include: the Chair appointing an acting Chair in their absence; clarification of reporting in the For Information section; addition of requirement to publish the agenda package prior to the Students' Council meeting; clarification on additions to or deletions from the agenda process.

June 16, 2021: *Students' Council Meetings* approved by Students' Council motion 2021-06-16-7.4 on the recommendation of the Bylaws and Policy Committee. Major changes include the addition of secret ballot voting for councillor appointments and reinstatements, and the process to be used.