STUDENTS' ASSOCIATION OF MACEWAN UNIVERSITY

**Agenda for the Students' Council Meeting of the
Students' Association of MacEwan University**
November 16, 2021 at 6:00pm via Zoom

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Voting Members:

Gabriel Ambutong, Councillor
Abby Beka, Councillor
Freja Cartujano, Councillor
Thomas Cross-Trush, Vice President Student Life
Myles Dykes, President
Cassey Fallis, Vice President Academic
Nhi Phan, Councillor
Asif Siddiqui, Councillor
Alem Tesfay, Councillor
Elaine Tran, Councillor
Larissa Williams, Vice President Operations
and Finance
Matt Yanish, Vice President External
Joseph A. La Torre, Councillor

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SAMU Officials and Council Support:
Timothy Jobs, Chair
Alan Honey, Governance Advisor
Samantha Callaghan, Administrative Coordinator

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Meeting called to order at.

<Intros>

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 (Cree) and Michif (Métis), and meeting place for many Indigenous peoples including the Nakawe (Saulteaux), Siksika (Blackfoot), Nakota Sioux (Stoney) and other nations.

2. **Approvals**
    2.1 MOTION   TO APPROVE THE AGENDA FOR NOVEMBER 16, 2021

3. **For Information**
    3.1. **Reports**
       3.1.1. **Appointment Advisory Committee (In Camera)**

4. **Question Period**
    4.1. **Written Questions**

    4.2. **Oral Questions**

5. **In Camera Period**
   5.1 Students' Council Vacancies

   MOTION   TO GO IN CAMERA

   PRES/

   MOTION   TO GO OUT OF CAMERA

6. **Motions & Business Orders of the Day**
   6.1. Students' Council Vacancies (x4)

   MOTION   TO APPOINT _____, _____, _____, & _____ AS A COUNCILLOR
   *   EFFECTIVE NOVEMBER 17, 2021 FOR A TERM ENDING OCTOBER 31, 2022*

   PRES/

   Favour:

   Oppose:

   6.2.
7. **Evaluation**

8. **Recognition**
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9. **Adjournment**
MOTION   TO ADJOURN

Next Meeting Date: November 17, 2021

Meeting adjourned at

AGENDA ITEM INFORMATION	
Meeting Date	**Submitted By**
11/16/21	Myles Dykes, President

Agenda Item Title	Students' Council Vacancies (x4)	
Action Requested	☑ **Motion**	☐ **Consultation Item**

AGENDA ITEM DETAILS	
Motion Title	Motion to appoint _____ as a Councillor effective November 17, 2021 for a term ending October 31, 2022.
Background Information	Students' Council currently has 6 vacancies and it is imperative that we begin the process of filling those seats. The Appointment Advisory Committee(AAC) began the recruitment process on October 15, 2021. At this point in time we have received and interviewed 4 applicants. A report will be provided during the In Camera session for council members to review.
Alternative Considerations	There are no alternative considerations. Per SAMU Bylaw 33, Students' Council solicits a qualified member to fill vacancies. The responsibility to find the candidates has been taken on by the AAC, as authority was delegated by the Committees Policy.
Risk Management Considerations	There are no risks to appointing vacancies.
Strategic Alignment	☑ Check this box if in alignment with Strategic Plan
Implications	Students' Council seats will be filled and the work of Council can be fulfilled. There are more voices present to attest to the student experience on campus.
Related Documents	N/A
Follow Up Action	Students' Councillor Training for Appointments
Review History	N/A

If you require more writing space for an item please include it on a separate sheet. Remember to attach that document to this when submitting.

<div align="center"><u>**Strategic Alignment Checklist**</u></div>

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.	☐	☐	✔
1.1 Put the finishing touches on the SAMU building, enhancing the safe and intentional spaces for students to gather, relax and study.	☐	✔	☐
1.2 Increase student awareness of SAMU and its opportunities through strong communications and engaging marketing and brand	☐	✔	☐
1.3 Increase student engagement by offering relevant and meaningful events, programs, services, volunteer activities and employment opportunities for students	☐	☐	✔
1.4 Support Student Groups by offering networking opportunities, meeting space, outreach support and online platforms	☐	✔	☐
Student Voice			
The Student Voice is amplified by SAMU.	☐	☐	☐
2.1 Develop an Advocacy Plan and implement processes to strengthen SAMU's advocacy program.	☐	✔	☐
2.2 Enhance awareness and interest in SAMU's democratic processes through education and encouraging student participation	☐	☐	✔
2.3 Continue to build collaborative relationships with other Student Associations and organizations to enhance the collective student voice with all government levels	☐	✔	☐
2.4 Foster positive relationships with MacEwan University to better serve students	☐	✔	☐
Student Supports			
Student supports provided by SAMU are responsive to unique and evolving needs.	☐	✔	☐
3.1 Develop and deliver initiatives that are inclusive and are responsive to all student needs.	☐	✔	☐
3.2 Evaluate and assess student supports to remain relevant and accountable to students	☐	✔	☐
3.3 Strengthen collaborations and partnerships with MacEwan University to expand supports and resources for students.	☐	✔	☐
3.4 Enhance relationships with external organizations to leverage resources and supplement new and existing initiatives	☐	✔	☐
Strengthening SAMU Operations			
SAMU is an innovative and sustainable organization with an engaging work environment.	☐	☐	✔
4.1 Review SAMU governance structures and make improvements to reduce duplication of efforts and delays in decision-making processes.	☐	✔	☐
4.2 Document main policies and processes to support business continuity and transitions in leadership and staff.	☐	✔	☐
4.3 Diversify revenue streams to reduce reliance on student fees.	☐	✔	☐
4.4 Act as financial and environmental stewards and implement effective practices to enhance sustainability.	☐	☐	✔
4.5 Foster a professional and supportive work environment that lives the organizational values and delivers a culture of excellence.	☐	✔	☐