



**Voting Members:**

Gabriel Ambutong, Councillor  
 Abby Beka, Councillor  
 Stephan Vasquez, Vice President Academic  
 Freja Cartujano, Councillor  
 Elaine Tran, Vice President Student Life  
 Jayden Depeel, Councillor  
 Myles Dykes, President  
 Jordan Gable, Councillor  
 Alex Hominiuk, Councillor  
 Lisa Kotelniski, Councillor  
 Joseph A. La Torre, Councillor  
 Nhi Phan, Councillor  
 Kendell Semotiuk, Councillor  
 Rayyah Sempala, Councillor

Asif Siddiqui, Councillor  
 Alem Tesfay, Councillor  
 vacant, Councillor  
 Larissa Williams, Vice President Operations  
 and Finance  
 Matt Yanish, Vice President External

*SAMU Officials and Council Support:*  
 Timothy Jobs, Chair  
 Alan Honey, Governance Advisor

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 JULY 20, 2022  
 LA TORRE/SEMOTIUK**

**MOTION TO EXTEND THE TIME LIMIT FOR THE PRESENTATION FROM 30  
 MINUTES TO 60 MINUTES**

**VPO/PRES**

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**CARRIED**

**MOTION TO STRIKE 7.2 ELECTED REPRESENTATIVES CODE OF CONDUCT  
 POLICY**

**VPO/SEMOTIUK**

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**CARRIED**

**MOTION TO ADD 8.1 STUDENTS' COUNCILLOR POSITION DESCRIPTIONS AND STRIKE 4.1.13 STUDENTS' COUNCILLOR POSITION DESCRIPTIONS**

**VPO/PRES**

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**CARRIED**

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**2.2 MOTION TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF JUNE 15, 2022**

**VPO/KOTELNISKI**

**CARRIED**

### **3. Presentations**

#### **3.1. Governance Review Implementation Plan presentation**

**MOTION TO TAKE A FIVE-MINUTE RECESS**

**VPO/SEMOTIUK**

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**CARRIED**

### **4. For Information**

#### **4.1. Reports**

##### **4.1.1. President**

Reminder that SC will make final decision on all recommendations as we move forward.

##### **4.1.2. Vice President Academic**

Student participation with research at MacEwan - looking for any feedback you may have.

##### **4.1.3. Vice President External**

##### **4.1.4. Vice President Operations & Finance**

Reach out to me if you have any questions or concerns as we go through this process.

##### **4.1.5. Vice President Student Life**

Reminder at next SC meeting there is a focus group prior to the meeting if you'd like to attend.

##### **4.1.6. Appointments Advisory Committee**

Pres - as presented.

##### **4.1.7. Budget and Finance Committee**

Vpo - as presented.

##### **4.1.8. Bylaws and Policy Committee**

Vpo - as presented.

##### **4.1.9. Executive Committee**

Pres - as presented

#### **4.1.10. Governance Remuneration Advisory Committee**

Vpo - as presented.

#### **4.1.11. Leadership and Review Committee**

Vpsl - SC BBQ reminder next month.

#### **4.1.12. Executive Committee Position Descriptions**

#### **4.1.13. Students' Council Handbook**

#### **4.2. Executive Committee Minutes**

Minutes of June 1, 16, and 28, 2022 provided.

### **5. Question Period**

#### **5.1. Written Questions**

Cartujano - For Vpa, could you elaborate on how the cost indicator program impacted other universities, besides saving money? How would this program be used if it's ready? Would it be readily available like the MacEwan Bookstore booklist feature or entirely different?

Vpa - Open educational resources seek to reduce or eliminate the cost barriers to education that lower income and financially strained students may encounter. While this program is mainly economic its side effects would be reducing finance-induced stress. In the wake of COVID-19 and other world events reducing stress in minor ways will hopefully help.

When the program is ready it would introduce a function on the class registration website that highlights classes that include OERs. This would increase student and faculty awareness in the program and thus enrollment rates in classes that partake. A secondary bonus would be that market pressures induced by this program would slightly reduce the cost of other textbooks in non-OER classes as they begin to compete.

La Torre - VPA: Which universities successfully implemented the Textbook Cost Indicator program? What was the overall student feedback with this program implemented? The university bookstore's feedback?

Vpa - Several universities across Canada and the United States of America have implemented similar programs. These include the University of Alberta, University of Toronto, University of Calgary, Kwantlen Polytechnic University in British Columbia, West Hills College Lemoore in California, Middlesex College in New Jersey, the University of Texas Arlington, and many more. Success for these programs can be measured by the number of unique courses, class sections, instructors, and estimated savings on a term-by-term basis. From a glance, the U of A's program has:

- unique courses with ZTC (Zero textbook cost) courses increased from 632 in Fall 2021 to 1047 in Winter 2022.

- Class selections with ZTC class selections increased from 758 in Fall 2021 to 1364 in Winter 2022.

- Instructors teaching a ZTC class increased from 507 in Fall 2021 to 766 in Winter 2022.

- Savings for students taking ZTC classes increased from \$3,225,000 in Fall 2021 to \$5,804,000 in Winter 2022.

As we are in the initial planning phase of our Textbook-cost Indicator Program we're beginning to collaborate with potential info-sharers and stakeholders. When feedback is available, I'd be happy to report on it.

La Torre - VPO: Are there any potential changes that will occur to our current student plan after the meeting with Gallivan?

Vpo - Thanks for the question, as a student your plan will expire at the end of August therefore there will be no changes in the current plan. In regards to the plan for the upcoming academic year, at this point the General Manager and myself are waiting to hear back from Gallivan in regards to some questions we had posed around some of their new service enhancements. The plan itself will not change though there may be some enhancements to the mywellenss plan for the upcoming year, depending on when we get the information back from Gallivan and the time it will take to go through the health and dental committee to executive committee for final approval.

Tesfay - VPOF: I'm glad to hear that the information in the councilor handbook is going to be easier to consume, and it's amazing that you guys were able to reduce it by more than 40 pages while still keeping the important information. My question is, when will this change be implemented?

Vpo - Thanks for the question, as is every year the handbook will come into effect for the new Council year. The one submitted for information is dated for the Council 2022/23 year. There may still be a few tweaks and edits to the one submitted before it comes into full effect but the body of it will remain. The handbooks' purpose is to guide Councillors and provide them with information on governance. The previous edition of the handbook was more broadly about governance in general while we have parred this one down to focus specifically on governance in SAMU and how Councillors can be most effective on Council. Note that this is not the nomination package and all the dates of Council events, and such are not written into this handbook, though that may definitely be something that may be added closer to the start of the new Council year!

## **5.2. Oral Questions**

Topics include: LCGSRP; textbook initiative; SC Handbook; SC photos;

## **6. In Camera Period**

## **7. Motions & Business Orders of the Day**

### **7.1. Bylaw Interpretation**

**MOTION TO INTERPRET BYLAW CLAUSE 64 TO READ THAT A CONSULTATION AT A TOWN HALL MEETING MUST OCCUR BEFORE THE TWO READINGS AT STUDENTS' COUNCIL OCCUR**

**VPO/PHAN**

**MOTION TO AMEND THE MOTION TO ADD "AT LEAST ONE OF" DIRECTLY AFTER "BEFORE"**

**SIDDIQUI/HOMINIUK**

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**CARRIED**

### **7.2. Official Reporting Mechanisms to SAMU Membership policy**

**MOTION TO APPROVE THE OFFICIAL REPORTING MECHANISMS TO SAMU MEMBERSHIP POLICY ON THE RECOMMENDATION OF THE BYLAWS AND POLICY COMMITTEE**

**VPO/SIDDIQUI**

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7.3.

**8. Consultation**

**8.1 Students' Councillor Position Descriptions**

Vpo - Looking for feedback from Council on these draft SC position descriptions.

**9. Evaluation**

**10. Recognition**

**11. Adjournment**

***MOTION TO ADJOURN***

***SEMOTIUK***

***CARRIED***

Next Meeting Date: August 17, 2022

Meeting adjourned at: 7:54pm