



**STUDENTS' ASSOCIATION
OF MACEWAN UNIVERSITY**

**Agenda for the Students' Council Meeting of the
Students' Association of MacEwan University
August 17, 2022 at 6:00pm in The Lookout**

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
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

Absent:

Alex Hominiuk, Councillor

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 AUGUST 17, 2022

2.2 MOTION

TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF JULY 20, 2022

3. Presentations

3.1. Student Advocacy Centre

Pres -

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.

4.2. Executive Committee Minutes

Minutes of July 6, 13, and 20, 2022 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.

8. Consultation

8.1 EC Workplan

Pres -

9. Evaluation

9.1.

10. Recognition

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11. Adjournment

MOTION TO ADJOURN

Next Meeting Date: September 21, 2022

Meeting adjourned at



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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

Favour: Ambutong, Beka, Vpa, Vpsl, Depeel, Pres, Gable, Hominiuk, Kotelniski, La Torre, Phan, Semotiuk, Sempala, Siddiqui, Tesfay, Vpo, Vpe

CARRIED

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

VPO/SEMOTIUK

Favour: Ambutong, Beka, Vpa, Vpsl, Depeel, Pres, Gable, Hominiuk, Kotelniski, La Torre, Phan, Semotiuk, Sempala, Siddiqui, Tesfay, Vpo, Vpe

CARRIED

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

VPO/PRES

Favour: Ambutong, Beka, Vpa, Vpsl, Depeel, Pres, Gable, Hominiuk, Kotelniski, La Torre, Phan, Semotiuk, Sempala, Siddiqui, Tesfay, Vpo, Vpe

CARRIED

CARRIED

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

Favour: Ambutong, Beka, Vpa, Vpsl, Depeel, Pres, Gable, Hominiuk, Kotelniski, La Torre, Phan, Semotiuk, Sempala, Siddiqui, Tesfay, Vpo, Vpe

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 \$5,804,00 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

Favour: Ambutong, Beka, Vpa, Vpsl, Depeel, Pres, Gable, Hominiuk, Kotelniski, La Torre, Phan, Semotiuk, Sempala, Siddiqui, Tesfay, Vpo, Vpe

CARRIED

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

Students' Council Report

President

August 2022

Dear Council,

Please see below for my report between July 14 and August 11, 2022.

Executive Summary

- Executive Committee Planning: our team is hard at work planning for our projects that will occur throughout the year. Because we report on outcomes, there is nothing to update Council on as of this moment.
- Member of Parliament (MP) Meetings: the Advocacy team has been hosting MPs on our campus to discuss our federal advocacy priorities and build our relationship with Edmonton-area MPs.

Important Meetings Attended

CAUS Board Meeting

Decision(s) Made: Approval of Priorities Document 2022/23, CAUS Counterpart dates selected

Our CAUS Board this year has moved to meet on a less frequent basis to about one meeting a month, as we're finding it the best use of time. At the last board meeting, we were introduced to the CAUS summer students, approved the Priorities Document 2022/23, and selected a date for CAUS counterparts. Since initial discussions had in May at the CAUS Changeover conference, the CAUS team has been drafting our priorities document which was approved with the following priorities: increasing affordability of post-secondary education, ending gender and domestic violence, developing digital infrastructure, funding reconciliation and Indigenous centres, supporting campus mental health, and increasing work-integrated learning opportunities. For more info on this, please see attached the CAUS Priorities. As for the Counterparts conference, the purpose is to come together to network and share relevant information.

MP Desjarlais Meeting

Decision(s) Made: N/A

The Advocacy Coordinator and I recently met with Blake Desjarlais, MP for Edmonton-Griesbach as well as the NDP's Critic for Post-secondary Education to voice the priorities of MacEwan students. We had great discussion regarding our federal advocacy priorities, such as

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Submitted August 13, 2022

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maintaining the Canada Student Grant at \$6K beyond 2022, the federal government leading a strategy on mental health, funding youth-based organizations that provide Truth and Reconciliation education, and eliminating a separate work permit for international students. We look forward to meeting with other Edmonton-area MPs to discuss the issues that matter to students!

Projects/Initiatives

Edmonton Student Alliance

Strategic Alignment: Student Voice

Over the course of this past month, I worked to prepare for the first meeting of the Edmonton Student Alliance. This included drafting the agenda, an Annual Plan that lays out projects for the year, and an updated Priorities document with language updates. The first meeting was held the first week of August, and while we didn't make quorum, we were able to have extensive discussion.

Other

SAMU Media Relations Training

Strategic Alignment: Student Voice

The Executive Committee, Advocacy Coordinator, and Marketing team came together for a full day of comprehensive media training with communication consultant Shawna Randolph. She possesses an extensive background in media relations, from 14 years in television journalism and an additional 14 years as the City of Edmonton's media training specialist. The morning was spent learning about media overall, such as what moves it and how we can engage with it. For the afternoon, EC took turns practising media scrums about possible contentious issues our SA could face and receiving feedback on how we could improve our skills as a spokesperson.

Closing Remarks

As we're once again preparing to return to campus, I've been thinking about the role of Students' Council in cultivating the student experience. Not only are you the stewards of an organization entrusted to us by our nearly 15,000 students, but you're leaders within our MacEwan community. It's such an immense privilege that we hold these roles that we can



create tangible change in the lives of the students we represent. Be incredibly proud of that! And more than that, I encourage you all to embrace your roles as leaders; whether that's as a Student Groups leader, a MacEwan Ambassador, or anything in between!

Regards,

Myles Dykes (he/him),
SAMU President 2022-2023
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Students' Council Report

VP Academic

August 8th, 2022

Dear Council,

I hope you all are doing well as we enjoy these last weeks of summer. This coming fall will bring forward so many new initiatives and projects that I'm excited to commence. Specifically, taking the first steps to generate support for both the Textbook cost-indicator program and the Universal Design for Learning Symposium in the winter. Please see below for my report between July and August 2022.

Executive Summary

- General Faculties Council Student-at-Large Appointments
- Meeting with the Deans
- 'Let's Get Committed' committee participation initiative
- Indigenous Learners Circle Planning

Projects/Initiatives

General Faculties Council Student-at-Large

Strategic Alignment: Student Voice (2.2)

As a part of our committee appointing objectives this year, we've found two successful candidates to join as members for the General faculties Council. With more eyes on the agenda items, we can intercept and analyze more data with more attention. While GFC is manageable with one member, having more members prevents us from missing upcoming policy that may greatly impact students. To keep in-line with the increased workload, specifically the pre-sessions before GFC meetings, their remuneration was increased from \$15/meeting to \$60/meeting. Having engaged and active student voices on GFC is instrumental in keeping the spirit and vitality of student rep intact. I'm looking forward to working with both candidates in the upcoming months!

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Meetings with the Deans

Strategic Alignment: Student Voice (2.4)

After liaising with the UASU President a few weeks ago we've received a rough roadmap for the upcoming process of increasing textbook affordability with the Textbook Cost-Indicator program. One of the key details outlined by the UASU Pres was the need for a 'Faculty Champion', essentially a respected, prominent, and active faculty member to advocate with me on this project. As an opening salvo, we've begun contacting Deans across departments to better facilitate relations both for this project and to build general goodwill with our counterparts in the institution. Finding common ground with leaders in our community will hopefully bring SAMU and the faculty one step closer in cooperation.

'Let's Get Committed' Committee Participation Initiative

Strategic Alignment: Student Experience & Engagement (1.2 & 1.3) & Student Voice (2.2)

To facilitate increased participation with Grant MacEwan committees the marketing department and I have been working on several advertising campaigns to inform students about the opportunities available to them. As the COVID-19 pandemic still lingers we are hoping to still grow student engagement in a safe and resourceful way. The initiative seeks to spread information via handbills, ads, and volunteers over the next few months. I'm looking forward to seeing it in action as well as new faces in student engagement.

Indigenous Learners Circle Planning

Strategic Alignment: Student Supports (3.1)

Indigenous students face elevated barriers to education, such as lack of housing, lack of support, higher levels of student debt, separation from traditional support, and many other factors. These confounding factors impact mental health, quality of life, and education outcomes. Currently MacEwan lacks data on demographics on these students. To counter this problem, we're working on a project to implement a forum for indigenous students to engage with student leaders as well as better understand their barriers to education and how to possibly overcome them. While we're in the early stages of implementing this program, we're working on



identifying possible barriers to engagement, possible partners to liaise with, what method of forum will be best, and several other factors. I'm looking forward to making good on our promise to promote and foster initiative that support equity, diversity, and inclusion.

Closing Remarks

Now that the fall semester is on the horizon, I'm excited to getting to work more closely on projects. While the summer lull was nice, it feels good to rev the engine and hit the road on our initiatives. I hope all you folks continue to enjoy the summer!

Cheers,

Stephan Vasquez

VP Academic, SAMU 2022/2023

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Students' Council Report

Vice President Operations and Finance

August 17, 2022

Greetings Council, as we gear up to back to school it is exciting to consider that we are still looking to be fully back in person! I can't believe how quickly time is flying by. My report is going to be a little shorter than normal as I have taken advantage of the fleeting summer moments and took some vacation time during this reporting period. So, without further ado, please see below for my report detailing the events that occurred from July 13th to August 10th 2022.

Executive Summary

- GPIT Update
- UPass Meeting
- Councillor Feedback Avenues

Important Meetings Attended

SAMU x Kingsgate Legal

Decision Made: Rescind the Conduct Policy at the July SC Meeting, break the Conduct Policy as was presented up into various documents.

As Council is aware at the July Meeting there was supposed to be a motion on the table regarding the approval of an Elected Representatives Code of Conduct policy that was rescinded based on the feedback from this meeting with Legal. Legal's main piece of feedback was to break up the policy into multiple documents.

U-Pass Meeting

Decision Made: continue to monitor the pilot exemptions within the contract for usage

This U-Pass Meeting saw the review of all the pilot exemptions that were added to the contract this year. The added exemptions include the Senior Category, AISH Category and the Long-Distance Category. All the pilot exemptions were within reason, though all the municipalities and SA's/SU's are going to review the pilot exemptions after this year after we have a hopefully full year of normal activity.

Projects/Initiatives

Governance Project Implementation Team (GPIT) Update

Strengthening SAMU Operations

After the presentation to Council, the GPIT team is still working hard on the implementation of the Governance Review. Position Descriptions have been wrapped up with the consultation to Council on the Councillor role, there is still work to go with the Conduct policy as addressed above in the meeting with legal, which has been taking up the majority of my time. Essentially what I have been working on is 7 different documents related to Conduct of Elected Representatives that will be coming to you in a package for approval* after being reviewed by legal one more time the documents include:

- Elected Representatives Code of Conduct Policy
- Elected Representatives Code of Conduct Acknowledgement Form
- Elected Representatives Disciplinary Action Policy
- Elected Representatives Code of Conduct Complaint Procedure
- Elected Representatives Code of Conduct Complaint Form
- Executive Committee Performance Procedure (name still up in the air)
- Governance Investigations Committee Terms of Reference revamp to align with new conduct processes



*Please note procedures will be approved by the Executive Committee, not Council, but will come forward for information so Council can see the whole process.

Other Items

Councillor Feedback Avenues

Council Operations

Councillors, the Executive Committee would like you to know that if you have any comments, thoughts or ideas regarding the initiatives or values that you campaigned on, or any of the Executive Committee initiatives, please feel free to reach out to any of us via email, if there is something specific you have in mind that you think we should be doing for students please feel free to contact any of us as we can always throw your idea on our EC Agenda where we can discuss the idea with our operational staff and determine the viability of your idea. We love hearing from you and are open to discussing your ideas!

Closing Remarks

As we are gearing up to go back to school, I am so excited for the beginning of the school year and having a lively campus again. Please keep an eye out on your emails for any potential opportunities to get involved with the back-to-school festivities on SAMU's end. And as always, please feel free to reach out to me with questions, comments, or ideas.

Cheers,

Larissa Williams, (she/her)
VP Operations and Finance, SAMU 2022/2023
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Students' Council Report

VP Student Life

August 17, 2022

According to Taylor Swift, "August slipped away into a moment in time." With September on the horizon, I look forward to continuing to work with all of you in the upcoming academic year! Below is an account of my activities from July 15th to August 17th, 2022.

Executive Summary

- Office of Human Rights, Diversity and Equity (OHRDE) Equity, Diversity and Inclusion (EDI) Education and Engagement Officer Hiring Committee
- United Way Downtown Collaboration (DTC) Activities
- Students for Consent Culture Canada (SFCC) Speaker Series
- GovWeek Preliminary Planning

Important Meetings Attended

Office of Human Rights, Diversity and Equity (OHRDE) Equity, Diversity and Inclusion (EDI) Education and Engagement Officer Hiring Committee

Decision Made: A successful candidate has been secured as the incoming EDI Officer

Last month, I was asked to sit on a hiring committee for an EDI Education and Engagement Officer position with the OHRDE. The new EDI Officer position will primarily serve as a liaison with faculty and staff in various departments/units to coordinate awareness initiatives and education activities. After several interviews, one candidate was selected successfully, and I look forward to meeting and working with them in the future.

United Way Downtown Collaboration (DTC) Activities

Strategic Alignment: Student Voice, Student Supports

In my role as VP Student Life, I am active on a number of committees, including the



MacEwan United Way Committee. I also recently joined the DTC, which is a year-round, multi-partner, volunteer-led committee who cares about the social issues impacting the downtown community and focuses efforts on building stronger citizens to reshape the future of downtown Edmonton. So far, my involvement has been via volunteerism with events and initiatives, namely the #BeatTheHeat bottle drive, Tools for Schools packing school supplies, and #ChalkTheBlock social media content creation. To learn more about the DTC, [check out our website.](#)

Students for Consent Culture (SFCC) Speaker Series

Strategic Alignment: Student Voice, Student Supports

SFCC is a national organization dedicated to support anti-sexual violence activism and advocacy across post-secondary campuses. I attended their July speaker series called Beyond Consent: The Gap Between Policy and Practice. The speaker series connected student leaders passionate about anti-sexual violence advocacy and engagement on current gaps in sexual violence policies, how harm reduction can be facilitated in policy, and where we need to go beyond policy as we work towards consent culture on campus. To learn more about SFCC, [check out their website.](#)

Projects/Initiatives

GovWeek Preliminary Planning

Strategic Alignment: Student Experience and Engagement, Student Voice, Student Supports

With the academic semester forthcoming, SAMU is eager and excited for in-person events and initiatives, including GovWeek which is planned for September 20-22, 2022. Currently, we are mapping out and planning what the week will look like, and there will be several opportunities for Students' Councillors to become involved throughout the week. Stay tuned!

Closing Remarks

As always, thank you for reading through my entire report and soak up as much sunshine as you can! The student experience is informed by the student voice, and I always welcome



yours! Please do not hesitate to contact me via email at savpstudentlife@macewan.ca or schedule an appointment.

Cheers,

Elaine Tran
VP Student Life, SAMU 2022/2023
savpstudentlife@macewan.ca



**Minutes for the Executive Committee Meeting of the
Students' Association of MacEwan University
July 6, 2022 @ 2:00pm**

Voting Members:

Myles Dykes, President
Stephan Vasquez, VP Academic
Matt Yanish, VP External
Larissa Williams, VP Operations & Finance
Elaine Tran, VP Student Life

Resource Officials:

Darryl Kostash, Acting General Manager
Alan Honey, Governance Advisor

Recording Secretary:

Alan Honey, Governance Advisor

1. Call to Order: 2:06pm

2. Approval of Agenda:

**VPA/VPE
CARRIED**

3. Approval of Minutes for: June 28, 2022

**VPO/VPSL
CARRIED**

TOPIC		DISCUSSION	ACTION/MOTION
1.	July SC Meeting	GA - Tim will not be at July SC meeting - he will assign the role to someone, likely longest serving member of SC.	MOTION TO APPROVE A GOVERNANCE REVIEW IMPLEMENTATION PLAN PRESENTATION AT THE JULY SC MEETING VPSL/VPO CARRIED
2.	EC Conference Planning	Pres - discuss SUDS, and any other potential conference travel. Look at opportunity cost. Vpsl - CMHA national conference, although it's cancelled this year. Leaders Hall. No loss for me otherwise. Vpa - OER, UDL opportunities. Vpo - not much out there & have already attended some. Leaders Hall. * Vpe provides some background they received about the SUDS conference. * General discussion about pros & cons of attending. - session to gameplan ahead of attendance is needed if we go.	Action: GA to register EC for conference. GA to contact re accommodations. GA to book flights. Vpo to research re. report writing after conferences & standardized process.

3.	Council Feedback - Discord	<p>Vpsl - received email from councillor wondering about having our own discord server.</p> <p>Vpa - don't recommend we use discord. Too many potential problems & unsafe. Too difficult to moderate. No accountability.</p> <p>Vpsl - reached out to Student Experience to potentially work with them.</p> <p>Vpo - use Student Experience discord - already a SAMU channel. Don't believe we have the capacity for this.</p> <p>Gm - think it's a bad idea to use & we don't have capacity for it.</p> <p>*Not a direction we want to go.</p>	<p>Action:</p> <p>Vpsl to reply to councillor and meet with Student Experience.</p> <p>Vpo to report to SC re. feedback avenues.</p>
4.	Sub-Committee Reports	<p>Vpo - quarterly sub-committee reports are due this month: H&DSC & PSC updates.</p> <p>Vpa - ASC update.</p> <p>Vpsl - GASC & SVOVE update.</p>	
5.	VP External's report	tabled	
6.	VP Operations and Finance's Report	tabled	
7.	VP Student Life's Report	tabled	
8.	President's Report	tabled	
9.	VP Academic's Report	tabled	
10.	General Manager's Report	HR update.	
11.	Recognition		

4. Adjournment

Time: 4:02pm



Voting Members:

Myles Dykes, President
Stephan Vasquez, VP Academic
Matt Yanish, VP External
Larissa Williams, VP Operations & Finance
Elaine Tran, VP Student Life

Resource Officials:
Darryl Kostash, Acting General Manager
Alan Honey, Governance Advisor

Recording Secretary:
Alan Honey, Governance Advisor

1. Call to Order: 1:04pm

2. Approval of Agenda:

**VPO/VPSL
CARRIED**

3. Approval of Minutes for: July 6, 2022

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TOPIC	DISCUSSION	ACTION/MOTION
1. EC Workplan	Pres - will include this with the EC quarterly update going to SC. Normally the workplan goes to SC in December and then an update is provided in April before EC members leave office. Looking for feedback anyone might have.	MOTION TO APPROVE THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE 2022/23 WORKPLAN VPO/VPA CARRIED
2. Project Planning template	Pres - this is an internal facing document to ensure we're moving forward with clear expectations and is resourced properly. *Presentation from Parvin Sedighi on Project Planning.	Action: Have Project Updates on next EC agenda.
3. GPIT Update	Vpo - <i>Conduct</i> policy & SC Handbook Vpo - looking for feedback from EC members today. Please review the SC handbook and provide any feedback you have.	MOTION TO RECOMMEND THE RECISSION OF THE CONDUCT POLICY AND APPROVAL OF THE ELECTED REPRESENTATIVES CODE OF CONDUCT POLICY AND ALL OF ITS SUPPORTING

			DOCUMENTS TO STUDENTS' COUNCIL
			VPO/VPE CARRIED
4.	<i>University Governance Representation procedure</i>	<p>Vpa - update to match remuneration for GFC members to that of BOG rep. Position being revamped to have more pre/post meeting work. There will be increased reading required so more effort will be required. Think this change will make the position more attractive to students. This will affect our current budget since it's already been approved for the budget year.</p> <p>Vpsl - hope this helps make people take it more seriously.</p>	MOTION TO APPROVE THE UNIVERSITY GOVERNANCE REPRESENTATION PROCEDURE VPA/VPE CARRIED
5.	Service Opportunities	Vpsl - received email from SPC wondering if we're interested in partnering.	Action: Vpsl to refer SPC to Maria.
6.	FYE Discord	<p>Vpsl - met to discuss revamping it. Wondering if it's something we're interested in to help build our presence.</p> <p>Vpa - much less liability with this. Provide opportunity to talk to students.</p> <p>Vpo - we're already on this (Pres, Vpo) with channels. Just figure out how we use it. Is it for execs to engage with students? Does M&C take some of this on?</p> <p>Vpa - channel could be locked and only open at certain times to control inflow of questions.</p>	Action: Add Discord to next meeting agenda.
7.	MCCRF	Vpe -	MOTION TO APPROVE THE MISSING CREDIT CARD RECEIPT FORM FOR MATTHEW YANISH DATED JUNE 13, 2022 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$74.75 VPA/VPSL CARRIED MOTION TO APPROVE THE MISSING CREDIT CARD RECEIPT FORM FOR MATTHEW YANISH DATED JUNE 2, 2022 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$131.81 VPO/VPA CARRIED MOTION TO APPROVE THE MISSING CREDIT CARD RECEIPT FORM FOR MATTHEW

			<p>YANISH DATED JUNE 2, 2022 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$102.80</p> <p>VPSL/VPA CARRIED</p> <p>MOTION</p> <p>TO APPROVE THE MISSING CREDIT CARD RECEIPT FORM FOR MATTHEW YANISH DATED JUNE 2, 2022 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$25.20</p> <p>VPO/VPA CARRIED</p>
8.	VP External's report	CASA members relations officer meeting. CASA update. CAUS update. Transitioning vice-chair role.	
9.	VP Operations and Finance's Report	Gov Review update. Gov Week planning. Meet SAMU week planning. EC workplan. SC meeting planning. Met with Gallivan.	
10.	VP Student Life's Report	SC BBQ update. Met with KingsU re restorative justice approaches. SRP update. United Way committee update. Met with VP Student Affairs at SAMRU.	
11.	President's Report	ESA update. Alberta Presidents Caucus update. CAUS board update. GPIT work. Checkins with EC.	
12.	VP Academic's Report	UDL update. Met re Meskanas (Moodle). GFC work.	
13.	General Manager's Report	Chachi's update. SC chamber camera update. Groups area update. Gallivan meeting. Insurance update. Fall Fest update. SAC update. Cell upgrade at MacEwan update. HR update. Covid plan update.	
14.	Recognition		

4. Adjournment

Time: 3:45pm



**Minutes for the Executive Committee Meeting of the
Students' Association of MacEwan University
July 20, 2022 @ 2:00pm**

Voting Members:

Myles Dykes, President
Stephan Vasquez, VP Academic
Matt Yanish, VP External
Larissa Williams, VP Operations & Finance
Elaine Tran, VP Student Life

Resource Officials:

Darryl Kostash, Acting General Manager
Alan Honey, Governance Advisor

Recording Secretary:

Alan Honey, Governance Advisor

1. Call to Order: 2:10pm

2. Approval of Agenda:

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3. Approval of Minutes for: July 13, 2022

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TOPIC	DISCUSSION	ACTION/MOTION
1. Project Updates	<p>Pres - how do we want to go about project updates individually? Want to e sure we're keeping each other informed. Standing topic? Integrating into reporting? Vpsl - do it by milestone(s). Vpo - standalone item on agenda that's only used for milestones & feedback. Vpo - report on milestones hit throughout the project? Pres - project updates reserved for info sharing, not for feedback. Gm - include milestones & landmines. Vpo - midyear retreat - expectation of winter project sheets being done. Vpsl - be good to have some kind of checklist of things to report on.</p>	<p>Action: Exec to submit Winter project plans by mid-year retreat.</p> <p>Pres to create tool to determine when project reporting to be done and what project reporting is required.</p> <p>EC members to submit fall project plans for August 24 EC meeting.</p>
2. Discord	<p>Vpsl - Denise will make a channel for us and set us up. Vpo - mainly a platform for EC to connect with students, not M&C.</p>	<p>Action: Execs to create individual accounts.</p>
3. MCCRF	<p>Vpo - receipt is packed away for office construction currently.</p>	<p>MOTION</p> <p>TO APPROVE THE MISSING CREDIT CARD RECEIPT FORM FOR LARISSA WILLIAMS DATED JUNE 15, 2022, IN THE AMOUNT OF \$68.00</p> <p>VPSL/VPA CARRIED</p>

4.	SCE Membership Update	<p>Vpo - ongoing issue since November - their membership is not defined. This is for your information on where we are with this. *Next steps provided.</p> <p>MOVE TO GO IN CAMERA VPE/VPO CARRIED</p> <p>MOTION TO GO OUT OF CAMERA VPE/VPO CARRIED</p>	
5.	Upcoming Flex	Pres - will be gaining flex due to upcoming conferences - should have a plan on how to manage it appropriately.	Action: Vpo to update flex sheets for all EC re. upcoming conferences.
6.	SC Meeting	*update provided re. potential agenda changes for tonight's SC meeting.	
7.	Student Research	<p>Vpa - just had a meeting - discussed how to get students involved in research at MacEwan. We talked about a research expo of some kind to introduce to the student body. Wondering if there's anything we could offer in support? Pres - caution that he may be trying to pass things on to you. Think they have staff that could be doing this. Vpsl - wondering why you're being asked to do this. They should have all the info about what research is going on at MacEwan. Maybe aim for Winter? Pres - how would it tie in with Student Research Day? Vpo - don't see how it belongs to us or how the responsibility should be on you to do it. Should be MacEwan's responsibility. You could help with amplifying the info to students. Pres - not in line with our strat plan. Vpsl - they have capacity with their employees to take this on. Vpe - is it something we could host in The Lookout? Provide that as an opportunity for SAMU to help. Gm - can use the room if the date works. Encourage that they should use their staff.</p>	
8.	VP External's report	<p>MacEwan meetings update. Scheduled some social events for us. PoliStrat update. GOTV strategy work.</p>	
9.	VP Operations and Finance's Report	<p>EC organization. Met with Legal re. Code of Conduct. ConEd meeting. U-Pass meeting update. SC meeting prep. GovWeek update - Vpsl will take it over.</p>	
10.	VP Student Life's Report	<p>SC BBQ update. SVAW planning.</p>	

		Hiring update re. OHR. United Way volunteering.	
11.	President's Report	ESA update. City budget consultation meeting update. Supporting VPs. Meetings with MacEwan depts. SC prep.	
12.	VP Academic's Report	Textbook cost research. SRP committee update. Recruiting students for committees. Working with a student concern.	
13.	General Manager's Report	HR update. Jaime currently in office. Insurance update. Travel update. SG update. Building update re. a theft. New faculty orientation update.	
14.	Recognition		

4. Adjournment

Time: 4:45pm



STUDENTS' COUNCIL MEETING SUBMISSION

AGENDA ITEM INFORMATION

Meeting Date	Submitted By
August 8, 2022	Myles Dykes, President

Agenda Item Title	Executive Committee Workplan
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Action Requested	<input type="checkbox"/> Motion	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Consultation Item
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AGENDA ITEM DETAILS

Motion Title	N/A
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Background Information	<p>At the beginning of the 2022/23 Executive Committee year, the VP Operations & Finance, Advocacy Coordinator and I worked to refine our priority articulation process to aid in determining what projects meet the needs of students. The themes embedded into the Executive election platforms were used to create the overarching priorities for our Executive Committee workplan. The four priorities are as follows:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Opportunities for Students 2. Financial and Mental Wellness 3. Inclusion and Accessibility 4. Accountable Leadership to Students <p>Once the priorities were established, our committee looked at projects in campaign platforms, those named in the Strategic Plan, as well as projects that have been identified within the past year. We worked to ensure unanimous consensus for our priorities and our projects, and while there were hard conversations to be had, I'm incredibly proud of how our team handled it. Projects were then assigned a lead based on fit with portfolio and their overall capacity given other duties. You will notice that the VP Student Life has more projects assigned to her, which is largely due to the scope of the role in engaging students.</p> <p>Also included in the Executive Committee workplan are the responsibilities assigned in Bylaws, Policies and Procedures, which includes but is not limited to training the new Students Council, training our successors, and evaluating the performance of the General Manager.</p> <p>We're asking for the feedback of Council on the workplan to ensure that we're staying accountable to elected student leadership while also meeting the current needs of students. Some of the questions to consider with the workplan are the following:</p>
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	<p>Are the priorities presented reflective of the current needs of our students? Do the projects make progress in advancing the overall priority? Are we using our resources in the best way? Do you believe our workplan is sustainable?</p>
Alternative Considerations	N/A
Risk Management Considerations	N/A
Strategic Alignment	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <i>Attached Strategic Alignment Checklist is complete</i>
Implications	Executive Committee will move forward with implementing the Workplan if no significant concerns are raised.
Related Documents	Executive Committee Workplan 2022/23
Follow Up Action	Executive Committee meets to discuss feedback of Students' Council and if it's feasible to integrate applicable feedback into the Workplan
Review History	N/A

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 checked="" 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 checked="" 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 checked="" 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/>
1.4 Support Student Groups by offering networking opportunities, meeting space, outreach support and online platforms	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Student Voice			
The Student Voice is amplified by SAMU.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
2.1 Develop an Advocacy Plan and implement processes to strengthen SAMU's advocacy program.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" 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 checked="" 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/>
2.4 Foster positive relationships with MacEwan University to better serve students	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Student Supports			
Student supports provided by SAMU are responsive to unique and evolving needs.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/>
3.2 Evaluate and assess student supports to remain relevant and accountable to students	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
3.3 Strengthen collaborations and partnerships with MacEwan University to expand supports and resources for students.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Strengthening SAMU Operations			
SAMU is an innovative and sustainable organization with an engaging work environment.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" 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 checked="" 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/>
4.3 Diversify revenue streams to reduce reliance on student fees.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" 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 checked="" 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/>

Executive Committee Work Plan 2022-2023
For Information to Students Council

Chaired By:	Myles Dykes, President
Members:	Stephan Vasquez, Vice President Academic Matt Yanish, Vice President External Larissa Williams, Vice President Operations and Finance Elaine Tran, Vice President Student Life
Mandate:	The Executive Committee ensures that Students' Council's policies are implemented, is responsible for overseeing the General Manager, helps develop the strategic direction of SAMU, and acts faithfully on behalf of Students' Council.
Approved by Committee:	
Received by Council:	July 20th, 2022



Theme: Inclusion and Accessibility

Initiative	Universal Design for Learning Event	
EC Lead(s)	Vice President Academic	
Strat Plan Alignment	Student Supports	3.2 Evaluate and assess student supports to remain relevant and accountable to students.

Objective	To gather individuals who support UDL to discuss various ways to implement it in the classroom, and discuss how we at MacEwan can adopt more UDL frameworks and	
Key Details	More details to come Projected Event Date: January 12, 2023	
Status	INITIAL STAGES	
Initiative	Indigenous Leaders Circle	
EC Lead(s)	Vice President Student Life	
Strat Plan Alignment	Student Supports	3.1 Develop and deliver initiatives that are inclusive and are responsive to all student needs
Objective	Create a welcoming space for Indigenous students to share their experiences in post-secondary	
Key Details	Work with community partners to establish a circle. Space would be facilitated by and for Indigenous students. SAMU would provide funds to compensate individuals and pay for lunch to encourage participation Projected Event Date: TBD	
Status	INITIAL STAGES	
Initiative	Supports for Students with Dependants / Family Friendly Spaces	
EC Lead(s)	Vice President Student Life	
Strat Plan Alignment	Student Supports	3.3 Strengthen collaborations and partnerships with MacEwan University to expand supports and resources for students

Objective	Increase family-friendly spaces for students with dependents.
Key Details	In preliminary conversations with Early Learning MacEwan (ELM)
Status	INITIAL STAGES

Theme: Financial and Wellness Supports	
Initiative	Affordable Housing Symposium
EC Lead(s)	Vice President External
Strat Plan Alignment	Student Supports 3.4 Enhance relationships with external organizations to leverage resources and supplement new and existing initiatives.
Objective	For SAMU to host an event for policy experts, politicians, students, and members of the downtown community to come together and discuss ways that we can better support Edmonton's students now, and future-proof our student housing.
Key Details	<p>The housing market is becoming less and less accessible across Canada, and this is an opportunity to work with the municipal gov to discuss ways we can stop the same thing from happening in edmonton. This could be more broad depending on who we might partner with.</p> <p>Projected Event Date: October 20, 2022</p>
Status	INITIAL STAGES
Initiative	Textbook Cost Indicator Program

EC Lead(s)	Vice President Academic	
Strat Plan Alignment	Student Supports	3.3 Strengthen collaborations and partnerships with MacEwan University to expand supports and resources for students 2.4 Foster positive relationships with MacEwan University to better serve students.
Objective	Lower textbook costs by market pressures. Give students more flexibility.	
Key Details	The Cost Indicator program would have professors list a range for textbook costs for their class. This would allow students to 'shop around' between classes for a lower cost and avoid surprises that could impact their student loan budget. Additionally, listing open educational resources could be included. These additions would create market pressures to lower textbook costs.	
Status	INITIAL STAGES	
Initiative	Period Products in SAMU/MacEwan Bathrooms	
EC Lead(s)	Vice President Student Life	
Strat Plan Alignment	Student Supports	3.1 Develop and deliver initiatives that are inclusive and are responsive to all student needs
Objective	Provide access to period products to students who menstruate in bathrooms	
Key Details	The Office of Human Rights, Diversity and Equity (OHRDE) in collaboration with MacEwan has provided period products in some bathrooms across MacEwan since December 2021 but we are looking to get period products in more bathrooms, including SAMU ones, across campus	
Status	INITIAL STAGES	

Theme: Opportunities for Students

Initiative	Holiday Market	
EC Lead(s)	Vice President Student Life	
Strat Plan Alignment	Student Experience & Engagement	1.3 Increase student engagement by offering relevant and meaningful events, programs, services, volunteer activities and employment opportunities for students.
Objective	Continue to build momentum from last year's Holiday Market to showcase alumni and student small businesses.	
Key Details	More details to come Projected Event Date: December 6-9th 2022	
Status	INITIAL STAGES	
Initiative	Anti-Racism Week	
EC Lead(s)	Vice President Student Life	
Strat Plan Alignment	Student Experience & Engagement	1.3 Increase student engagement by offering relevant and meaningful events, programs, services, volunteer activities and employment opportunities for students.
Objective	Continue to build momentum from last year's Anti-Racism Week, with an aim to amplify BIPOC perspectives and voices (e.g., BIPOC art showcase, BIPOC music, anti-racist research, etc.).	
Key Details	More details to come Projected Event Date: November 14-16th 2022	
Status	INITIAL STAGES	
Initiative	Student Leadership Week	
EC Lead(s)	Vice President Student Life, Vice President External, Vice President Operations & Finance	

Strat Plan Alignment	Student Voice	2.2 Enhance awareness and interest in SAMU's democratic processes through education and encouraging student participation 1.3 Increase student engagement by offering relevant and meaningful events, programs, services, volunteer activities and employment opportunities for students.
Objective	Dedicate a week to empower and encourage students to become more active and engaged on campus (within SAMU and MacEwan).	
Key Details	More details to come Projected Event Date: February 6-10th 2023	
Status	INITIAL STAGES	

Theme: Student Governance and Accountability		
Initiative	GovWeek	
EC Lead(s)	Vice President Operations and Finance, Vice President Student Life	
Strat Plan Alignment	Student Voice	2.2 Enhance awareness and interest in SAMU's democratic processes through education and encouraging student participation
Objective	Reduce Barriers and the misconceptions of Student Governance and hopefully have more individuals run for Students' Council.	
Key Details	A three day event in which students engage with governance and learn how to run for students council, what governance is and how these opportunities will sharpen and grow their skill sets and may shape their future careers. Projected Event Dates: September 20-22 2022	
Status	IN PROGRESS	

Initiative	Governance Review Implementation	
EC Lead(s)	Vice President Operations & Finance, President	
Strat Plan Alignment	Strengthening SAMU Operations	4.1 Review SAMU governance structures and make improvements to reduce duplication of efforts and delays in decision-making processes.
Objective	Implement the Governance Review Recommendations	
Key Details	SAMU underwent a governance review where we were provided recommendations to improve our governance processes. Currently a team is in place to do the work behind the implementation of the review and bring the forward the proposed changes to Council.	
Status	IN PROGRESS	
Initiative	General Manager Hiring	
EC Lead(s)	President, Vice President Operations & Finance	
Strat Plan Alignment	Strengthening SAMU Operations	4.2 Document main policies and processes to support business continuity and transitions in leadership and staff.
Objective	Get a GM in office before EC changeover	
Key Details	Review GM contract, Go through the hiring process, Get a GM, Orientation for GM, Evaluation, Performance Review.	
Status	IN PROGRESS	
Initiative	Executive Transition	
EC Lead(s)	President, Vice President Operations & Finance	

Strat Plan Alignment	Strengthening SAMU Operations	4.2 Document main policies and processes to support business continuity and transitions in leadership and staff. 4.5 Foster a professional and supportive work environment that lives the organizational values and delivers a culture of excellence.
Objective	Onboard and ensure the success of the new Executive Committee and prepare for the next year	
Key Details	Onboarding and supporting the new EC from May to Nov, ends with mid-year retreat. Begin EC transition planning in February and commence in late March after EC elections are official.	
Status	ONGOING	
Initiative	Students Council Training	
EC Lead(s)	President, Vice President Operations and Finance	
Strat Plan Alignment	Strengthening SAMU Operations	4.2 Document main policies and processes to support business continuity and transitions in leadership and staff. 4.5 Foster a professional and supportive work environment that lives the organizational values and delivers a culture of excellence.
Objective	Ensure that members of our governing board are knowledgeable about governance and SAMU	
Key Details	Planning for the official Students Council Training will begin in September and continue until execution in late October	
Status	INITIAL STAGES	
Initiative	SAMU 2023/24 Budget	
EC Lead(s)	Vice President Operations & Finance	
Strat Plan Alignment	Strengthening SAMU Operations	4.2 Document main policies and processes to support business continuity and transitions in leadership and staff. 4.4 Act as financial and environmental stewards and implement effective practices to enhance

	sustainability.
Objective	Prepare the department 12 budget for the next fiscal year and oversee the whole budget process for the annual budget submission to Council for Approval
Key Details	The budgeting process for the next fiscal year will begin around November/December of 2022
Status	INITIAL STAGES

Update from 2021/22 Executive Committee Work Plan	
Initiative	Governance Review
EC Lead(s)	President, Vice President Operations & Finance
Key Details	An external review will be conducted on our current governance structures and provide recommendations for improvement, as the last full review was done in 2012
Previous Status	IN PROGRESS
Current Status	COMPLETED
Initiative	Consultation Framework

EC Lead(s)	President
Key Details	Creation of clear and mutually understood rules of engagement between SAMU and MacEwan when being consulted on things like tuition and fees, as well as make an effort to solidify communication norms for operational staff (such as email or gray gallery debacle)
Previous Status	INITIAL STAGES
Current Status	IN PROGRESS
Initiative	Charter of Student Rights
EC Lead(s)	Vice President Academic
Key Details	<p>Comprehensive and easily accessible document that concisely summarizes the student rights that are in MacEwan's policies and procedures.</p> <p>This has been delegated to the SAMU staff in the Student Advocacy Centre as they were already working on this document for students.</p>
Previous Status	INITIAL STAGES
Current Status	DELEGATED
Initiative	Student Art Merchandising Undertaking
EC Lead(s)	Vice President External
Key Details	Provide an outlet for student artists to get art out for publicity. This has been delegated to SAMU staff within the artworks programming.

Previous Status	ON HOLD
Current Status	DELEGATED
Initiative	SAMU Official Positions
EC Lead(s)	Vice President Operations & Finance, President
Key Details	Determine specifically & practically what an official position process, threshold & outcomes would look like for SAMU. This will continue to be evaluated as we look at the implementation of the Governance Review
Previous Status	ON HOLD
Current Status	ON HOLD
Initiative	How to Adult 101
EC Lead(s)	Vice President Student Life
Key Details	To provide educational sessions on job preparedness and things not taught in the classroom. May include interview skills, workplace norms, other tips and tricks. This initiative has been canceled due to the changeover in the portfolio
Previous Status	ON HOLD
Current Status	CANCELED