



Voting Members:

Gabriel Ambutong, Councillor
Abby Beka, Councillor
Jayden Depeel, Councillor
Freja Cartujano, Councillor
Myles Dykes, President
Alex Hominiuk, Councillor
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

Elaine Tran, Vice President Student Life
Stephan Vasquez, Vice President Academic
Larissa Williams, Vice President Operations
and Finance
Matt Yanish, Vice President External
vacant, Councillor

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

Meeting called to order at 6:00pm.

<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 SEPTEMBER 21, 2022

PHAN/BEKA

CARRIED

2.2 MOTION

TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF AUGUST 17, 2022

SEMOTIUK/CARTUJANO

CARRIED

3. Presentations

3.1. Audit – MNP

4. For Information

4.1. Reports

4.1.1. President

As presented

4.1.2. Vice President Academic

As presented

4.1.3. Vice President External

Affordable housing;

4.1.4. Vice President Operations & Finance

As presented.

4.1.5. Vice President Student Life

Student Community engagement grant opportunity.

4.1.6. Audited Financials

4.1.7. Student Union Development Summit (SUDS)

4.1.8.

4.2. Executive Committee Minutes

Minutes of August 8, 9, 17, 24, 31, and September 7, 2022 provided.

5. Question Period

5.1. Written Questions

Cartujano - These questions are primarily audit-based, and I feel they'll all be directed to the VPO. Although, any of the executives can have a say in it; it's up to them!

1. Page 4 of audit report in the Health and Dental significant risk area. Could you clarify the IBNR claims? Why are the claims not reported? What are the general claim types for those that were not reported? Is this an error with the external organization for Health and Dental or within the confines of SAMU?

Vpo - IBNR stands for Incurred But Not Reported. These IBNR claims refer to the estimate of the liability from claims that have taken place but have not yet been reported to an insurer. Some claims take more time to process and if they were submitted near the end of the fiscal year there may not be data on the claims yet as it may take some time to process claims. IBNR claims are always a risk when dealing with insurance as you can never be exact with claims being submitted all the time and the potential time it takes to process a claim and if the claim is more complex it might take more time. As SAMU is on a self-funded model for our insurance we mitigate this risk by having not only our ASO fund which is on track to being in good standings financially, we have our own personal SAMU Health and Dental fund that acts as a contingency reserve if for some reason claims are exponentially high and we need to drain our ASO fund and dip into our reserve fund.

If you need further clarification, please ask the auditor!

2. Page 5 of the audit report in the other information area. It signifies a "material misstatement." what is the material of this "other information"? Is it anything significant?

Vpo - MNP concluded that there has been no material misstatement, therefore there is nothing significant but what other information materials they could be talking about would be any sort of publications we do, minutes from our committees, essentially the other information section would be relevant to you all if we were reporting false information financially in other public avenues.

3. Page 6 of the significant adjusted differences. What principal account does the "interest payable" tied to?

Vpo - This is the line the auditors use to balance the statements, I would ask this auditor this question as I am unsure how to explain it.

4. From 2021 to now, the capital assets have decreased. To your knowledge, what caused this decline? (I think it's in the financial statements somewhere. Please, direct me there; I got lost.)

Vpo - Amortization is the reason our net assets are decreasing. Page 10 of the audited financial statements breaks down our amortization rates. If you need more clarification please ask the auditors tonight!

5. How is it that mylegalplan increased in revenue? How are they making money?

Vpo - This previous year was the first year that we had mylegalplan implemented, hence the nil dollar amount the year prior, we count it as revenue in and then expense it out when we pay Gallivan. We also have a different year end from Gallivan, so that as well affects the year end date. If you need further clarification please ask the auditors.

6. Schedule 3:

- Isn't sport and wellness MacEwan jurisdiction? How are we receiving their marketing revenue?

Vpo - Sport and Wellness is MacEwan jurisdiction but for them to run their advertisements in our building, in our newsletters and on our tv's they pay us a fee. So, this is not money directly from the MNIF that students pay, this is the Sport and Wellness Centre paying us to advertise their events, leagues and such in our building and in our newsletters.

- What is SAMU Designated?

Vpo - SAMU Designated is our SAMU branding budget line in our Department 2 budget.

- SAMU has expensed more on sports tickets than gained revenue. What are SAMU's plans for this?

Vpo - Essentially we have to pre-purchase some tickets for the upcoming year that aren't sold during that fiscal year but are sold the next fiscal year. A good example of this is the Oilers tickets we sell. We put a deposit down on the tickets for this upcoming season in the spring, which falls in the last fiscal year, but the Oilers don't begin their season until the end of September. It is important to note that budget wise we were still under budget with that budget line. SAMU does not have any further plans besides to keep selling the tickets. We don't make any profit from those tickets, they are sold at face value to keep costs down for students.

Phan - To President:

1. What benefit does The Business Council of Alberta's presentation bring to the population of students? Are those global issues that Alberta has will bring more job opportunities?
2. What are the SAMU's criteria in selecting partnerships to pursue our Strategic Vision? Do we have a nypartnerships in mind?

Pres - The presentation we received based on the report laid out ways in which the public sector and private sector can collaborate together for innovation. To solve any of the global issues highlighted in

the report, cultivating an educated and healthy labour force will be key. If Alberta wants to meet the moment and create opportunities, we need to lean into the province's areas of competitive advantage. The benefit towards students comes from the economic opportunity the report could produce if buy-in is achieved.

For SAMU, partnerships are a strategy that we have identified in our Strategic Plan to work towards our priority of student experience and engagement. Our current process for partnerships is more organic and is led by shared values and principles, though not tested through any rubric or matrix. The focus of recent partnerships has been with MacEwan, other students' associations, and our provincial advocacy groups.

Phan – VPE: Bravo to our new Student Support Navigator! How will students connect with this person? Are there options to be anonymous?

Vpe - Thank you, I am happy as well! Unfortunately as this position is brand new and we were only just told about it, I have very little info on actually how they will operate and how they will connect with students. If I were to wager a guess, being anonymous would be a bit tricky, as their role would be to connect students to the supports available to them and that would be difficult if they cannot even verify if they are helping a student. I am sure that such an office would exercise the utmost discretion and be good stewards of the sensitive information provided to them by students.

Phan - Will the partnering opportunities with Sarah Chan be extended to Student Council's Professional Development as part of LRC's PD plan?

Vpe - I hope so! She is absolutely top of mind for someone who would be a good fit for the type of professional development that we want to bring to SC, and pending us having the time and her having the desire to do so, I would love for her to engage with SC. This will be something we can certainly talk about at the next LRC meeting.

Phan - to Vpo: SUDS conference: Campaigns Session: What are some of the best practices to have an effective campaign in relation to student government at SAMU?

Vpo - What the executive committee learned was that there were 3 basics of building a campaign, which are strategic communications, mobilization and stakeholder relations. The campaigns session was focused more on initiatives and advocacy campaigns instead of individual campaigns re: elections and such. The workshop also provided a good worksheet for executives in regards to project planning, that we can implement if desired.

La Torre - President: In the "Defining the Decade" report by the Alberta Business Council, were there any aspects in that report concerning university students?

Pres - There are no outright concerns to me, as students were engaged in the consultation process for the report through our provincial advocacy group, CAUS. A long term possible concern I see is that to me, we should be focused on the needs of people rather than the needs of the market. The angle the report takes is that through meeting the needs of the economy we can meet the needs for people as a necessary element.

5.2. Oral Questions

Topics Include: Student Community Engagement Grant; Mental Health Navigator; Committee promotion by SAMU; mentorship.

6. In Camera Period

7. Motions & Business Orders of the Day

7.1. 2021-2022 Audited Financial Statements

***MOTION TO ACCEPT THE 2021-2022 AUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FROM MNP
VPO/PHAN***

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

CARRIED

7.2. 2021-2022 Councillor of the Year Award

8. Consultation

9. Evaluation

10. Recognition

11. Adjournment

MOTION TO ADJOURN

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CARRIED

Next Meeting Date: October 19, 2022

Meeting adjourned at 6:52pm