



**Voting Members:**

Gabriel Ambutong, Councillor  
 Abby Beka, Councillor  
 Jayden Depeel, Councillor  
 Freja Cartujano, Councillor  
 Myles Dykes, President  
 Cierra Jacobs, Councillor  
**Joseph A. La Torre, Councillor**  
 Mary-Excel Okey-Nwaka, Councillor  
 Nhi Phan, Councillor  
 Rayyah Sempala, Councillor  
 Justine Tan, 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  
 Sonia Yusuf, Councillor  
 Layal Zidan, Councillor  
 vacant, Councillor

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

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 NOVEMBER 16, 2022  
 BEKA/AMBUTONG**

**MOTION TO AMEND THE AGENDA TO STRIKE 3.1 AND ADD A 5 MINUTE RECESS  
 AFTER 7.1**

**PRES/VPO**

**CARRIED**

**CARRIED**

**2.2 MOTION TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF OCTOBER 19, 2022**

**TESFAY/AMBUTONG**

**CARRIED**

### 3. Presentations

### 4. For Information

#### 4.1. Reports

##### 4.1.1. President

National Philanthropy Day update.

##### 4.1.2. Vice President Academic

As presented.

##### 4.1.3. Vice President External

As presented.

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

As presented.

##### 4.1.5. Vice President Student Life

Addictions Awareness Week; Mental Health Week; Anti Racism Week

##### 4.1.6. Appointment Advisory Committee (in camera)

##### 4.1.7. Chief Returning Officer

Importance of data collection before making decisions on supplied recommendations.

#### 4.2. Executive Committee Minutes

Minutes of October 5, 7, 12, 13, 19, & 26, 2022 provided.

### 5. Question Period

#### 5.1. Written Questions

*Zidan - To all student councillors: how were you engaged with students during campaigning period? What campaigning methods have you used?*

Cartujano - This year, I had a more passive campaigning strategy due to many constraints like time. I also had an Instagram campaign, although the consensus I reached was mainly friends and friends of friends. Either way, it worked for me! I could have put in much more effort, but I am only human.

Yusuf - My campaigning method involved a old, small incentive of stickers by lisa frank, but while luring students in I explained my goals in a brief, light hearted conversation, to show a sense of calm, that my eco related goals were very attainable and that when dealing with a councillor to remember we are also still students and are not trying to change the world just building a better environment for the next generation of students.

La Torre - I was engaged with students mostly through discord and my personal and school networks on campus-- such as the MacEwan Ambassadors, First-Year Mentorship, Students Groups and friends. Regarding campaigning, I sent out emails and messages to all of the above groups, had posters and distributed business cards.

Phan - I find that engaging directly with my classmates either before classes or after classes can bring meaningful conversations. However, it's easy for them to mislead the discussion via operational matter, thus, it becomes important to distinguish what SAMU offered versus matters that is out of scope. I talked to about 20 individuals for approximately 15 minute each. The initialization of conversation also happened during student group meet ups and International Students Thanksgiving Event.

Tan - During my campaigning period, I posted my campaign posters around campus .I also engaged with the students by personally reaching out to them in the hallways and classrooms. Letting them know about the student council election and the importance of their voice in SAMU as well as a brief information on how SAMU works.

Tesfay - This year I commissioned a student to create me a website where people can find my platform, my social medias, and overall learn about me on a more personal level as well. In conjunction with postcards I gave out, I also had a word puzzle that is based on the services SAMU offers. [https://afroalem.github.io/?fbclid=PAAabM\\_pRyNkZORG90iFOudl\\_C1ubyzlELPhBip1SHLXTT4w\\_n58wudEo-Hgo](https://afroalem.github.io/?fbclid=PAAabM_pRyNkZORG90iFOudl_C1ubyzlELPhBip1SHLXTT4w_n58wudEo-Hgo)

Jacobs - I engaged with students personally by approaching friends and classmates and asking them if they were aware of the election and if they had time, explained it and answered further questions. I followed up with everyone I talked to either via text or in person on the voting days. My campaigning methodology included postering and word of mouth.

Okey-Nwaka - During the campaigning period, I used the hustling methods, campaign communication, and campaign advertising. Hustling method: I walked up to people smiling and told them to please vote for me and the other councillors. I basically told them what the student council's role is and advised them to tell friends to vote. Another method was the campaign advertisement. For campaign advertisements, I used posters, flyers and friends.

Depeel - I engaged with students and told them about the student governance structure and why it is important to the student experience. I also encouraged a few to apply for appointments or run next year.

Sempala - Thank you for your question Zidan, I think it is the first question that has been addressed to us in this way. For my campaign I decided to focus more on the interpersonal since I had a lot of work. This included talking to my classmates, club members and also friends.

*Phan – to Vpa: Student Research Engagement (SRE): As I was awared from talking to some students, research projects seems limited in MacEwan. There are many interested in participating, yet not enough projects for them to take on. How do you ensure that the SRE will fullfil students' need?*

Vpa – Great question. SREs are an important factor to the health of academic research on campus because they allow students to demonstrate and improve their skills. Unfortunately, there appears to be a disconnect with SREs not in lack of projects but a lack of students putting forward projects to work on. Furthermore, there is lopsided interest in research projects across faculties. For example, there may be many more research project proposals from students in the Faculty of Arts & Sciences compared to the School of Business. Our partners at MacEwan and I have put forward this research fair project to address this issue by demonstrating that student lead research is tenable and networking with mentors is do-able. I've already received several applications from students to participate so I'm looking forward to seeing it progress.

*Phan – to Vpa: UDL Symposium: Can you provide a source for the UDL meeting that include the advantages to faculty, instructors and students as well?*

Vpa – UDL is a great methodology to make students expert learners. In broad strokes, UDL allows students to participate with class material in a variety of ways, each of which is more applicable to different learners. Furthermore, by testing methods that work across different subjects instructors can determine stronger strategies for their department. While there is interest across departments, we've only begun to work towards a network for instructors to share information. I'll link you to a source on UDL and if you'd like to learn more, I'd be happy to discuss it with you.  
(UDL Guide: <https://taylorinstitute.ucalgary.ca/resources/universal-design-learning-higher-education>)

*Phan – to Vpa: Textbook Cost Indicator: Through your conversations with Shelagh Holm, whom had experience impleting the TCI at UofA, has any new concerns or insights come up?*

Vpa – While Shelagh Holm and I haven't had our official meeting yet, several possible road bumps have been highlighted by the Committee on Teaching and Learning members: how to get sessional faculty to utilize the program, how to get books/OERs from publishers if they are unwilling to sell certain textbooks to the Library, how to increase the use of the course outline service (used to

distribute material to instructors), who will update the list, ect. While these questions may have varying degrees of difficulty, I've received broad support from the faculty, strong operational support from the library, and direct supports with the individual that worked on implementing the same project at the U of A. I'm looking forward to pushing forward with rolling out this project next year.

*Phan – to Vpsl: Do students that goes to Ponoka Campus pay the same SAMU fees as students here in Downtown Campus, consider there are many programs occurred in person here?*

Vpo – Hi Councillor Phan, I will take this question instead of the VPSL. In regards to Ponoka campus SAMU fees they pay for the SAMU Membership fee, the Health and Dental Fee, the mylegalplan fee and the global education fee which funds our Student Refugee. The Health and Dental and mylegalplan fees have an opt out option the exact same as those individuals on campus. The global education fee is applied to the account if the students take 9+ credits. These students do not pay the building levy or the u-pass as they are not on campus. They pay full membership fees as they have access to many of our services online, the advocacy work that we do on behalf of all students, and we are looking into ways to promote our services down there. At the start of my first term BFC had reviewed Ponoka campus fees to review what they were being charged and the recommendation from that committee was determined to be instead of reducing fees we should look at our programs and services and see how they can be integrated at the campus down there. Due to Covid-19 we were told that we were unable to come down to that campus because it is in a hospital, so our trip down to Ponoka was used to start building the relationship down there and really get a sense of what their campus looks like and what their needs are.

*Phan – to Vpsl: Student Mental Health Working Group SMHWG meeting: Would it possible for SC to access the data and results? Do you have any follow up regarding the new hired psychologist for MacEwan Wellness Centre?*

Vpsl – I will connect with Wellness and Psychological Services (WPS) about sharing the data and results of the survey and be in touch. At the moment, I do not have any follow-up regarding the newly hired psychologist at Wellness and Psychological Services; however, I will connect with WPS if there are any additional questions about the position or role specifically. Please let me know!

*Phan – to Vpsl: HCA National Standard Discussion group: Since you mentioned MacEwan is in the infancy stages of implementing the NS, What are some initial steps that we should take and does this require collab between SAMU and MacEwan?*

Vpsl – There are a number of initial steps that can be taken in order to begin engaging with and implementing the National Standard with MacEwan, and many of these recommendations and resources are from the Mental Health Commission of Canada mentioned in my report (e.g., CORE, Starter Kit: For the National Standard of Canada for Mental Health and Well-Being for Post-Secondary Students, etc.). Throughout the process, I believe that it is important and paramount for MacEwan to collaborate and consult with SAMU, so there will be an ongoing relationship as MacEwan begins to change the current state of mental health on campus.

*Phan - I notices in the link you shares mentions CORE community (The Centre for Outreach, Resources, and Engagement), would that be something we are looking into?*

Vpsl - Yes, I recently learned about the CORE community from the Mental Health Commission of Canada, and I am excited to engage for better campus mental health outcomes for all.

*Phan – to Pres: Love to see more photos in reports! About the ESA meeting with Councillors Paquette, Cartmell, you mentions the city's priorities this year will focus on affordability and safe transit. Is that housing affordability or something else? Would the budget goes into developing the West Line LRT/fixing Valey Line LRT? If not, where does those priorities fit in students' need?*

Pres – Thank you, I'm glad Council is enjoying the photos! We'll try and continue including them. Regarding the meetings with City Councillors Paquette and Cartmell, affordability and safe transit are mutual priorities for both students and Council. Housing affordability is part of the conversation, and the way it will be manifesting in the upcoming year is through the discussion and review of zoning bylaws. Zoning bylaws are regulations for the use of land, and have historically favoured single-dwelling family homes that have created more expensive housing. From the student perspective, we have supported mixed-used residential (such as apartments over commercial business) as it helps prevent urban sprawl (which effects city infrastructure) and aids creating more affordable housing.

The funding for the LRT projects has already been allocated through the city's capital budget as well as federal and provincial funds. As the LRT is an infrastructure investment, the funds would originate from the city's capital budget. For the Valley Line LRT, the costs that are being incurred due to the fractures in structure supports are the responsibility of the contractor rather than the city.

*Phan – to Vpe: CASA Advocacy Videos: I am excited to view these videos. When do we expect NAC(National Advocacy Committee) to release those?*

Vpe – Unfortunately, these videos are not going to be released publicly. However, as they are related to the very important work of my portfolio, I am happy to send them to you afterwards, or you can come by my office in early December and I can show them to you or anyone else who is interested! But technically, these are only made for the people who are going to Advocacy week this year.

*Vpo - Campaigning is not used in the procedure but is defined in policy, Can you expand on what you mean regarding clearly defining what campaigning means as described in suggestion #3?*

CRO - Thank you for the question. Yes, you are correct - this is provided in the *Elections and Referenda* policy. You can disregard Suggestion #3

## **5.2. Oral Questions**

Topics include: Public Interest Alberta meeting; Textbook Cost Indicator Program; Students for Consent Culture organization.

## **6. In Camera Period**

**MOTION TO GO IN CAMERA**

**PHAN/TAN**

**CARRIED**

### **6.1 Councillor Vacancy Appointment**

**MOTION TO GO OUT OF CAMERA**

**BEKA/JACOBS**

**CARRIED**

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

### **7.1. Councillor Vacancy Appointment**

**MOTION TO APPOINT JAKOB CARDINAL AS A COUNCILLOR FOR A TERM ENDING OCTOBER 31, 2023**

**VPE/VPO**

Favour: Ambutong, Beka, Cartujano, Depeel, Pres, Jacobs, La Torre, Okey-Nwaka, Phan, Sempala, Tan, Tesfay, Vpsl, Vpa, Vpo, Vpe, Yusuf, Zidan

**Carried**

**7.2. Appointment Advisory Committee**

Candidates: Cardinal, Beka.

***MOTION TO APPOINT COUNCILLOR BEKA TO THE APPOINTMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE  
VPO/LA TORRE***

Favour: Ambutong, Beka, Cardinal, Cartujano, Depeel, Pres, Jacobs, La Torre, Okey-Nwaka, Phan, Sempala, Tan, Tesfay, Vpsl, Vpa, Vpo, Vpe, Yusuf, Zidan

***CARRIED***

**7.3. Audit Committee**

Candidates: Cartujano, Jacobs, Depeel.

***MOTION TO APPOINT COUNCILLORS CARTUJANO, JACOBS, AND ZIDAN TO THE AUDIT  
COMMITTEE***

***VPO/PRES***

Favour: Ambuting, Beka, Cardinal, Cartujano, Depeel, Pres, Jacobs, La Torre, Okey-Nwaka, Phan, Sempala, Tan, Tesfay, Vpsl, Vpa, Vpo, Vpe, Yusuf, Zidan

***CARRIED***

**7.4. Bylaws and Policy Committee**

Candidates: La Torre, Sempala.

***MOTION TO APPOINT COUNCILLORS LA TORRE AND SEMPALA TO THE BYLAWS AND  
POLICY COMMITTEE***

***VPO/JACOBS***

Favour: Ambuting, Beka, Cardinal, Cartujano, Depeel, Pres, Jacobs, La Torre, Okey-Nwaka, Phan, Sempala, Tan, Tesfay, Vpsl, Vpa, Vpo, Vpe, Yusuf, Zidan

***CARRIED***

**7.5. Budget and Finance Committee**

Candidates: Zidan, Phan, La Torre, Depeel, Yusuf.

***MOTION TO APPOINT COUNCILLORS PHAN AND DEPEEL TO THE BUDGET AND FINANCE  
COMMITTEE***

***VPO/VPE***

Favour: Ambuting, Beka, Cardinal, Cartujano, Depeel, Pres, Jacobs, La Torre, Okey-Nwaka, Phan, Sempala, Tan, Tesfay, Vpsl, Vpa, Vpo, Vpe, Yusuf, Zidan

***CARRIED***

**7.6. Governance Remuneration Advisory Committee**

Candidates: Yusuf, Tan.

***MOTION TO APPOINT COUNCILLOR YUSUF TO THE GOVERNANCE REMUNERATION  
ADVISORY COMMITTEE***

***VPO/JACOBS***

Favour: Ambuting, Beka, Cardinal, Cartujano, Depeel, Pres, Jacobs, La Torre, Okey-Nwaka, Phan, Sempala, Tan, Tesfay, Vpsl, Vpa, Vpo, Vpe, Yusuf, Zidan

***CARRIED***

### **7.7. Leadership and Review Committee**

Candidates: Zidan, Phan, La Torre, Tan, Ambutong, Cardinal, Beka

#### ***MOTION TO APPOINT COUNCILLORS AMBUTONG AND CARDINAL TO THE LEADERSHIP REVIEW COMMITTEE***

##### ***VPO/PHAN***

Favour: Ambuting, Beka, Cardinal, Cartujano, Depeel, Pres, Jacobs, La Torre, Okey-Nwaka, Phan, Sempala, Tan, Tesfay, Vpsl, Vpa, Vpo, Vpe, Yusuf, Zidan

***CARRIED***

### **7.8. Health and Dental Sub-Committee**

Candidates: Cartujano, Tan, Yusuf

#### ***MOTION TO APPOINT COUNCILLOR TAN TO THE HEALTH AND DENTAL SUB-COMMITTEE***

##### ***VPO/JACOBS***

Favour: Ambuting, Beka, Cardinal, Cartujano, Depeel, Pres, Jacobs, La Torre, Okey-Nwaka, Phan, Sempala, Tan, Tesfay, Vpsl, Vpa, Vpo, Vpe, Yusuf, Zidan

***CARRIED***

### **7.9. Awards Sub-Committee**

Candidates: Tan, Tesfay, Yusuf.

#### ***MOTION TO APPOINT COUNCILLORS TEFAY AND TAN TO THE AWARDS SUB-COMMITTEE***

##### ***VPO/LA TORRE***

Favour: Ambuting, Beka, Cardinal, Cartujano, Depeel, Pres, Jacobs, La Torre, Okey-Nwaka, Phan, Sempala, Tan, Tesfay, Vpsl, Vpa, Vpo, Vpe, Yusuf, Zidan

***CARRIED***

### **7.10. Student Voice on Violence Elimination Sub-Committee**

Candidates: Phan, Jacobs, Zidan, Sempala, Okey-Nwaka

#### ***MOTION TO APPOINT COUNCILLORS JACOBS AND OKEY-NWAKA TO THE STUDENT VOICE ON VIOLENCE ELIMINATION SUB-COMMITTEE***

##### ***VPO/TAN***

Favour: Ambuting, Beka, Cardinal, Cartujano, Depeel, Pres, Jacobs, La Torre, Okey-Nwaka, Phan, Sempala, Tan, Tesfay, Vpsl, Vpa, Vpo, Vpe, Yusuf, Zidan

***CARRIED***

### **7.11. Student Groups policy**

#### ***MOTION TO APPROVE THE STUDENT GROUPS POLICY***

##### ***VPO/JACOBS***

Favour: Ambuting, Beka, Cardinal, Cartujano, Depeel, Pres, Jacobs, La Torre, Okey-Nwaka, Phan, Sempala, Tan, Tesfay, Vpsl, Vpa, Vpo, Vpe, Yusuf, Zidan

***CARRIED***

**8. Consultation**

**9. Evaluation**

**10. Recognition**

**11. Adjournment**

***MOTION TO ADJOURN***

***YUSUF***

***CARRIED***

Next Meeting Date: December 21, 2022

Meeting adjourned at 8:06pm.