

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

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 posterizing 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 aware 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 fulfill 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 our 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 occured 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/JOCOBS

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 TESFAY 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.