



STUDENTS' ASSOCIATION OF MACEWAN UNIVERSITY

**Minutes for the Students' Council Meeting of the
Students' Association of MacEwan University
January 17, 2024 at 6:00pm in the Council Chamber**

Voting Members:

Gabriel Ambutong, President
Abby Beka, Councillor
Jakob Cardinal, Vice President External
Delaney Huhtala, Councillor
Cierra Jacobs, Vice President Student Life
Ian Kamenwa, Councillor
Mayank Kaushik, Councillor
Joseph A. La Torre, Vice President Governance
and Finance
Katherine MacDonald, Councillor
Maade Okai, Councillor
Nhi Phan, Councillor
Nathan Poon, Councillor
Inder Singh, Councillor
Alem Tesfay, Councillor

Joehn Torres, Councillor
Chioma Uzor, Councillor
Stephan Vasquez, Vice President Academic
Sonia Yusuf, Councillor
Layal Zidan, Councillor

SAMU Officials and Council Support:

Timothy Jobs, Chair
Darryl Kostash, General Manager
Alan Honey, Governance Advisor
Afroz Adam, 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 JANUARY 17, 2024

ZIDAN/UZOR

CARRIED

2.2 MOTION

TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF DECEMBER 20, 2023

KAUSHIK/TORRES

CARRIED

3. Presentations

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 Governance & Finance

4.1.5. Vice President Student Life

Mental health & wellbeing course available.

4.1.6. Executive Committee

4.1.7. Students' Council Operations Committee

4.1.8. Governance Committee

4.1.9. Strategy and Engagement Committee

Teambuilding update provided.

4.1.10. Finance Committee

4.1.11. Audit Committee

4.2. Executive Committee Minutes

Minutes of December 13, 2023 and January 3, 2024 provided.

5. Question Period

5.1. Written Questions

Zidan - Did the executives took part in other activities during NSO?

Pres - Yes, the executives promoted SAMU governance by tabling in building 9.

Zidan - I know that the point of meet SAMU day is to make students aware of SAMU, its services and etc. but is there any feedback or data collected from meet SAMU

Pres - I spoke with our operations team, and they mentioned that the only data we collect during NSO are entries for the tuition draw. We do not collect feedback from students during NSO. Feedback used to inform our advocacy is typically gathered from surveys.

5.2. Oral Questions

Topics Include: Affordability survey; ConEd students; CASA Campaign re. accessible education; Waiving of gym fee for semester; student affordability; Mental Health Week Planning Committee; OER Workshop cancellation; Textbook Transparency Project; CAUS survey; government officials who will be on campus this term;

*Okai enters @ 6:05pm.

6. In Camera Period

7. Motions & Business Orders of the Day

7.1. SAMU Fees Policy

MOTION TO DISREGARD CLAUSE 4.3 OF THE SAMU FEES POLICY FOR THE 2024-2025 FISCAL YEAR

VPGF/ZIDAN

Favour: Beka, Torres, Uzor, Okai, Kamenwa, Vpa, Phan, Pres, Yusuf, Poon, Vpe, Kaushik, Huhtala, MacDonald, Singh, Tesfay, Vpgf, Vpsl, Zidan

CARRIED

7.2. Remuneration of Elected Representatives Policy

**MOTION TO APPROVE THE REMUNERATION OF ELECTED REPRESENTATIVES POLICY
ON THE RECOMMENDATION OF THE STUDENTS' COUNCIL OPERATIONS
COMMITTEE**

VPSL/HUHTALA

Favour: Beka, Torres, Uzor, Okai, Kamenwa, Vpa, Phan, Pres, Yusuf, Poon, Vpe, Kaushik, Huhtala, MacDonald, Singh, Tesfay, Vpgf, Vpsl, Zidan

CARRIED

7.3. Governing Documents Policy

**MOTION TO APPROVE THE GOVERNING DOCUMENTS POLICY ON THE
RECOMMENDATION OF THE GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE**

VPGF/UZOR

Favour: Beka, Torres, Uzor, Okai, Kamenwa, Vpa, Phan, Pres, Yusuf, Poon, Vpe, Kaushik, Huhtala, MacDonald, Singh, Tesfay, Vpgf, Vpsl, Zidan

CARRIED

7.4. Honourary Membership Policy

**MOTION TO APPROVE THE HONOURARY MEMBERSHIP POLICY ON THE
RECOMMENDATION OF THE GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE**

VPGF/VPSL

Favour: Beka, Torres, Uzor, Okai, Kamenwa, Vpa, Phan, Pres, Yusuf, Poon, Vpe, Kaushik, Huhtala, MacDonald, Singh, Tesfay, Vpgf, Vpsl, Zidan

CARRIED

7.5. Town Halls Policy

**MOTION TO APPROVE THE TOWN HALLS POLICY ON THE RECOMMENDATION OF THE
GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE**

VPGF/SINGH

Favour: Beka, Torres, Uzor, Okai, Kamenwa, Vpa, Phan, Pres, Yusuf, Poon, Vpe, Kaushik, Huhtala, MacDonald, Singh, Tesfay, Vpgf, Vpsl, Zidan

CARRIED

7.6. Policies Policy

MOTION TO RETIRE THE POLICIES POLICY

VPGF/ZIDAN

Favour: Beka, Torres, Uzor, Okai, Kamenwa, Vpa, Phan, Pres, Yusuf, Poon, Vpe, Kaushik, Huhtala, MacDonald, Singh, Tesfay, Vpgf, Vpsl, Zidan

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8. Consultation

9. Evaluation

10. Recognition

11. Adjournment

MOTION TO ADJOURN

ZIDAN

CARRIED

Next Meeting Date: February 21, 2024

Meeting adjourned at 6:45pm.