



**STUDENTS' ASSOCIATION
OF MACEWAN UNIVERSITY**

**Agenda for the Students' Council Meeting of the
Students' Association of MacEwan University
April 4, 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
, Admin Support

Meeting called to order at.

<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 APRIL 4, 2024

3. For Information

3.1. Reports

3.1.1. Students' Council Operations Committee (In Camera)

3.1.2.

4. In Camera Period

4.1 VP External and VP Student Life Appointments

MOTION TO GO IN CAMERA

VPGF/

MOTION TO GO OUT OF CAMERA

5. Motions & Business Orders of the Day

5.1. Vice President Student Life Appointment

***MOTION TO APPOINT _____ AS VICE PRESIDENT STUDENT LIFE FOR A TERM OF
MAY 1, 2024 TO APRIL 30, 2025***

VPGF/

Favour:

Oppose:

5.2. Vice President External Appointment

***MOTION TO APPOINT _____ AS VICE PRESIDENT EXTERNAL FOR A TERM OF
MAY 1, 2024 TO APRIL 30, 2025***

VPGF/

Favour:

Oppose:

5.3.

6. Evaluation

6.1. Students' Council Evaluations Form

7. Recognition

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8. Adjournment

MOTION TO ADJOURN

Next Meeting Date: April 17, 2024

Meeting adjourned at



STUDENTS' COUNCIL MEETING SUBMISSION

AGENDA ITEM INFORMATION

Meeting Date	Submitted By	
April 4th, 2024	Joseph A. La Torre, Vice President Governance and Finance	
Agenda Title	Item	
	Vice President Student Life and Vice President External Appointment	
Action Requested	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Motion	<input type="checkbox"/> Consultation Item

AGENDA ITEM DETAILS

Motion Title	<p>Motion to appoint _____ as Vice President Student Life for a term of May 1st, 2024 to April 30th, 2025</p> <p>Motion to appoint _____ as Vice President External for a term of May 1st, 2024 to April 30th, 2025</p>
Background Information	<p>Upon completion of voting in the 2024 Executive Committee election, the process began to fill the Vice President External and Vice President Student Life vacancies. The positions were posted on the morning of Friday March 15th, 2024, and remained open until the afternoon of Friday March 22nd, 2024.</p> <p>The Students' Council Operations Committee (SCOC), consisting of the Vice President Governance & Finance (VPGF) and Councillor Huhtala (unfortunatley Councillor Poon was unable to attend due to being away in New York with the UN Club), began interviewing candidates as applications were received. SCOC interviewed two candidates for each of the vacancies, totalling to four candidates in total. After the last interview, SCOC officially met to deliberate considering only the candidates' cover letters and interviews. As a result, SCOC made a decision to recommend two candidates that will be presented to Council during the In-Camera portion of the agenda.</p> <p>Note: Because a number of candidates already have existing relationships with SAMU and it's staff/Executives, the committee has based their recommendations solely on the candidate's cover letter and the interview itself, and have consciously tried to remove personal knowledge or relationship from the process to mitigate any perceived conflict or bias.</p>

	As a reminder, Students' Council has tasked and empowered the Students' Council Operations Committee with the responsibility of providing recommendations on appointments made by Council. SCOC believes we've completed a fair and transparent appointment process, and their provided recommendations have been thoroughly and carefully considered before being provided to Council.
Alternative Considerations	Not make an appointment and continue search for someone to fill the vacancy.
Risk Management Considerations	
Strategic Alignment	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <i>Attached Strategic Alignment Checklist is complete</i>
Implications	Completing the appointment at this time ensures the successful candidate(s) can begin transitioning into their role.
Related Documents	
Follow Up Action	Begin transition with newly appointed representative and outgoing Executive.
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 checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
2.1 Develop an Advocacy Plan and implement processes to strengthen SAMU's advocacy program.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input 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 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 type="checkbox"/>
2.4 Foster positive relationships with MacEwan University to better serve students	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Student Supports			
Student supports provided by SAMU are responsive to unique and evolving needs.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input 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 type="checkbox"/>
3.2 Evaluate and assess student supports to remain relevant and accountable to students	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input 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 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 type="checkbox"/>
Strengthening SAMU Operations			
SAMU is an innovative and sustainable organization with an engaging work environment.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input 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 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 type="checkbox"/>
4.3 Diversify revenue streams to reduce reliance on student fees.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input 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 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 type="checkbox"/>