

Minuutes for the Students' Council Meeting of the Students' Association of MacEwan University June 19, 2024 at 6:00pm in the Council Chamber

Voting Members:

Gabriel Ambutong, President
Abby Beka, Councillor
Darcy Hoogers, Vice President Academic
Delaney Huhtala, Councillor
Ian Kamenwa, Councillor
Mayank Kaushik, Councillor
Joseph A. La Torre, Vice President Governance
and Finance
Katherine MacDonald, Councillor
Aleace Moom, Vice President Student Life
Maade Okai, Councillor
Nhi Phan, Councillor
Nathan Poon, Councillor
Alric Reid, Vice President External

Inder Singh, Councillor Alem Tesfay, Councillor Joehn Torres, Councillor Chioma Uzor, Councillor Sonia Yusuf, Councillor Layal Zidan, Councillor

SAMU Officials and Council Support:

Timothy Jobs, Chair Darryl Kostash, General Manager Alan Honey, Governance Advisor Karan Singh, Admin Support

Meeting called to order at 6:00pm.

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 JUNE 19, 2024

TORRES/SINGH

CARRIED

2.2 MOTION TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF MAY 15, 2024

KAUSHIK/UZOR

CARRIED

- 3. Presentations
- 4. For Information
 - 4.1. Reports
 - 4.1.1.President
 - 4.1.2. Vice President Academic

GFC application reminder.

- 4.1.3. Vice President External
- 4.1.4. Vice President Governance & Finance
- 4.1.5. Vice President Student Life
- 4.2. Executive Committee Minutes

Minutes of May 8, 13, 15, 22, 23, 29, and June 5, 2024 provided.

5. Question Period

5.1. Written Questions

MacDonald – For VPA – I would like to thank you for all the dedication that you have shown in your new role. As you continue your first term with the council, an important issue has come to our attention. Accounting business students are experiencing difficulties enrolling in certain classes, as spaces fill up rapidly, leading to increased anxiety and stress. Has this issue been previously addressed? Could you please share any measures that have been implemented to accommodate these students and alleviate their enrollment challenges?

Vpa - Excellent question; thank you for bringing this to my attention. I did some research and could not determine if this particular issue has been directly addressed as part of SAMU's advocacy. That said, I sit on multiple MacEwan committees where the topic of enrollment is frequently discussed, such as the committee for Academic Standards, Curriculum, & the Calendar—I can raise this issue to MacEwan administration there.

As for measures to accommodate and alleviate enrollment challenges, I encourage students to reach out to <u>SAMU's Student Advocacy Centre</u> for support. Additionally, students can reach out to the <u>School of Business's academic advisor</u> for further guidance.

Thank you again for your question—I look forward to seeing you at this week's Student Council meeting.

5.2. Oral Questions

Topics Include: city affordable housing; university affordable housing; strategic plan with respect to the new business building; council representation with respect to MacEwan population;

- 6. In Camera Period
- 7. Motions & Business Orders of the Day
- 8. Consultation
- 9. Evaluation
- 10. Recognition
- 11. Adjournment

MOTION TO ADJOURN

TORRES

CARRIED

Next Meeting Date: July 17, 2024 Meeting adjourned at 6:13 pm