



### **3. Presentations**

#### **3.1. Tuition and Fees Consultation Process**

\*Presentation from Parvin Sedighi, External and Stakeholder Relations Manager

\*Uzor enters at 6:10pm.

### **4. For Information**

#### **4.1. Reports**

##### **4.1.1. President**

As presented.

##### **4.1.2. Vice President Academic**

##### **4.1.3. Vice President External**

As presented.

##### **4.1.4. Vice President Governance & Finance**

As presented.

##### **4.1.5. Vice President Student Life**

Councillor of the Year nominations coming up; Fall Fest signup sheet will be sent out soon.

#### **4.2. Executive Committee Minutes**

Minutes of July 10, 17, 22, 31, and August 7, 2024 provided.

### **5. Question Period**

#### **5.1. Written Questions**

Zidan - To VPA: I am really looking forward to working with everyone in GFC. I wonder if there is any update on the automated bill for the person textbooks since last meeting?

VPA – Thank you for this question, Councillor Zidan. I, too, look forward to working with everyone in GFC.

There have been a few updates regarding automatic textbook billing since our last meeting. As we know, the Bookstore is piloting an opt-in model for automatic textbook billing. Students have to 'opt-in' to for charges to be made on their account. However, the nature of this 'opt-in' pilot is slightly misleading. For instance, students are provided with online educational materials (textbooks) on their first day of class. Then, have until September 17 to 'opt-in' and continue to have access to these materials.

In essence, the 'opt-in' pilot functions as 'opt-to-continue.' Without opting-in to the automatic textbook billing model, students will lose access to the materials (textbook) provided at the start of the semester and will be required to source a textbook through a 3<sup>rd</sup> party (or the Bookstore, if available).

Interestingly, Pearson is the only publisher that the Bookstore is working with for automatic textbook billing. Other publishers were not willing to proceed with an opt-in model.

Unfortunately, most materials provided through automatic textbook billing are on a rental basis. Short term savings may be realized for students; however, these savings lose potency if a textbook is used across multiple classes, or if a student wishes to reference their textbook post-graduation.

As the term progresses, I encourage any student taking part in an automatic textbook billing class to reach out and provide feedback regarding their experience. Student consultation is essential to provide meaningful support amidst the ongoing affordability crisis.

Zidan - To VPA: congrats to councillor Torres! My question to you VPA is if you could provide more information about Allard Chair Working Group?

VPA – Absolutely, Councillor Zidan. The Allard Chair Working Group works to find and select the next [Allard Chair in Business](#). This working group identifies outstanding entrepreneurs in Edmonton who could serve as the next Allard Chair.

Zidan - To VPGF: what expectations were clarified during Tuition/MNF Meetings and outcomes of those future meetings?

VPGF – During the first meeting, we reiterated the agreed upon process we worked on together that follows the Tuition & Fees Framework. The first meeting resolidified those timelines, clarified expectations, and both SAMU and MacEwan requested information and deliverables. Regarding outcomes, prior to meeting two, MacEwan will provide SAMU with the projected 4-year increase of Tuition and MNIFs, as well as the revenue of MNIFs vs the cost of the specific goods and service. Also, during this meeting, SAMU will provide a written submission stating where in-year savings should be allocated.

For meeting three, MacEwan will presents their proposed domestic and international tuition increase(s) as well as any increases to MNIFs with the corresponding updated 4-year and revenue vs. The cost and goods and service that they sent. Then SAMU will be provided with a month to compose their written response.

Lastly, for the final meeting, MacEwan responds to SAMU's submission, and then the final domestic and international tuition and MNIF numbers are shared with the 4-year projections and the revenue of the MNIFs vs the cost of the specific goods and services.

Zidan – To VPSL: HAPPY BELATED BIRTHDAY, and I hope enjoyed your special day! Regarding MHW, the previous executive has reported a low students turn out for winter 2024. Is there any different approaches will be taking to improve that?

VPSL – Thank you so much councillor Zidan! I really appreciate it. Regarding Mental Health Week the low student engagement was flagged as an opportunity for improvement this year and the committee is still working through what those improvements would look like. MHW last year was close to midterms and this year we are hoping to mitigate that by changing the week earlier into the winter semester. I will keep council updated throughout the year on changes and updates that happen.

## 5.2. Oral Questions

Topics include: SAMU office space project; student tech fee.

## 6. In Camera Period

## 7. Motions & Business Orders of the Day

### 7.1. Role and Responsibilities of the Chief Returning Officer Policy

**MOTION TO APPROVE THE ROLE AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE CHIEF RETURNING OFFICER POLICY**

**VPGF/TORRES**

Favour: Poon, Yusuf, Pres, Uzor, Kamenwa, Okai, Torres, Tesfay, Phan, Vpe, Beka, huhtala, Vpsl, Vpgf

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**8. Consultation**

**9. Evaluation**

**9.1. Evaluation Form**

**10. Recognition**

**11. Adjournment**

***MOTION TO ADJOURN***

***UZOR***

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Next Meeting Date: September 18, 2024

Meeting adjourned at 6:51pm.