



**Agenda for the Students' Council Meeting of the
Students' Association of MacEwan University
October 2, 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
vacant, 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
Caitlin Yambao, 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 OCTOBER 2, 2024

3. For Information

3.1. Reports

3.1.1. Students' Council Operations Committee (In camera)

4. In Camera Period

4.1. VP External Vacancy

MOTION TO GO IN CAMERA

VPGF/

5. Motions & Business Orders of the Day

5.1. Committees Policy

WHEREAS, THE VICE PRESIDENT EXTERNAL OF SAMU ROLE IS CURRENTLY VACANT.

WHEREAS, SAMU BYLAW 71 STATES THAT "IN THE CASE OF AN EXECUTIVE VACANCY OR EXTENDED LEAVE OF ABSENCE DURING THE TERM, STUDENTS' COUNCIL MAY APPOINT A QUALIFIED MEMBER TO ACT IN THE INTERIM, OR DIVIDE RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE POSITION."

MOTION TO APPROVE THE SAMU VICE PRESIDENT EXTERNAL'S WORKLOAD BE REDISIBUTED TO THE OTHER SAMU EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEMBERS, AND FOR EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE TO REPORT BACK TO STUDENTS' COUNCIL, AT THE NEXT REGULARLY SCHEDULED STUDENTS' COUNCIL MEETING, ON HOW THE WORKLOAD HAS BEEN REDISTRIBUTED.

VPGF/

Favour:

Oppose:

5.2.

6. Evaluation

6.1. [Evaluation Form](#)

7. Recognition

8. Adjournment

MOTION TO ADJOURN

Next Meeting Date: October 16, 2024

Meeting adjourned at pm



STUDENTS' COUNCIL MEETING SUBMISSION

AGENDA ITEM INFORMATION

Meeting Date	Submitted By
October 2, 2024	Joseph A. La Torre, VP Governance and Finance

Agenda Title	Item	VP External Vacancy
Action Requested	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Motion	<input type="checkbox"/> Consultation Item

AGENDA ITEM DETAILS

Motion Title	<p>Whereas, the Vice President External of SAMU role is currently vacant.</p> <p>Whereas, SAMU Bylaw 71 states that "In the case of an Executive vacancy or extended leave of absence during the term, Students' Council may appoint a qualified Member to act in the interim, or divide responsibilities of the position."</p> <p>Motion to approve the SAMU Vice President External's workload be redisuibuted to the other SAMU Executive Committee members, and for Executive Committee to report back to Students' Council, at the next regularly scheduled Students' Council meeting, on how the workload has been redistributed.</p>
Background Information	<p>The VP External role became vacant when Alric Reid resigned from the position. Based on SCOC's recommendation, and after consultation with the General Manager and support staff, we believe the best way to move forward is a redistribution of the VPE's workload for the rest of the 2024-2025 Elected term. Due to the timeline and workload for both SAMU Executives and support staff to orient someone new into the vacant position we do not believe we would be setting a new person up for success in the role, and could also bring a liability onto SAMU, if we were to fill the role with someone who doesn't meet a very high bar for eligibility.</p>
Alternative Considerations	<p>Students' Council could task the Students' Council Operations Committee (SCOC) with continuing the search for a candidate to fill the vacancy.</p>
Risk Management Considerations	<p>The responsibilities of the SAMU Vice President External will be covered for the rest of the year with minimal disruption to SAMU business</p>
Strategic Alignment	<input type="checkbox"/> <i>Attached Strategic Alignment Checklist is complete</i>

Implications	The responsibilities of the SAMU Vice President External will be covered for the rest of the year with minimal disruption to SAMU business
Related Documents	
Follow Up Action	
Review History	

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 checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input 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 type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
2.1 Develop an Advocacy Plan and implement processes to strengthen SAMU's advocacy program.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" 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 checked="" 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
2.4 Foster positive relationships with MacEwan University to better serve students	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
3.2 Evaluate and assess student supports to remain relevant and accountable to students	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" 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 checked="" 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 checked="" 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 checked="" 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
4.3 Diversify revenue streams to reduce reliance on student fees.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
4.4 Act as financial and environmental stewards and implement effective practices to enhance sustainability.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/>