



STUDENTS' ASSOCIATION OF MACEWAN UNIVERSITY

**Minutes for the Students' Council Meeting of the
Students' Association of MacEwan University
January 15, 2025 at 6:00pm in the Council Chamber**

Voting Members:

Gabriel Ambutong, President
Tolu Dare, Councillor
Aryan Dutta, Councillor
Aidan Fisher, Councillor
Cornelius Glasgow, Councillor
Darcy Hoogers, Vice President Academic
Cierra Jacobs, Councillor
Joseph A. La Torre, Vice President Governance
and Finance
Aleace Moom, Vice President Student Life
Moselle Namoc, Councillor
Maade Okai, Councillor
Nathan Poon, Councillor
Israel Reyes, Councillor

Joehn Torres, Councillor
Vincent Trinh, Councillor
Chioma Uzor, Councillor
Layal Zidan, Councillor
vacant, Councillor
vacant, Vice President External

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 6:0pm.

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 15, 2025

UZOR/TORRES

CARRIED

2.2 MOTION

TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF DECEMBER 18, 2024

DUTTA/OKAI

CARRIED

3. Presentations

4. For Information

4.1. Reports

4.1.1. President

4.1.2. Vice President Academic

4.1.3. Vice President Governance & Finance

4.1.4. Vice President Student Life

4.1.5. Audit Committee – Q2

4.1.6. Executive Committee – Q2

Updated info provided.

4.1.7. Finance Committee – Q2

4.1.8. Governance Committee – Q2

4.1.9. Students' Council Operations Committee – Q2

4.1.10. Strategy and Engagement Committee – Q2

4.1.11. Students' Council Operations Committee Workplan

4.1.12. Tuition and Fees (VPGF)

4.2. Executive Committee Minutes

Minutes of December 11 and 18, 2024 provided.

5. Question Period

5.1. Written Questions

Uzor – For VPSL: I appreciate the initiative towards the “Are You Eating Good?” survey that was conducted last semester. How will the results of this survey help support SAMU’s mission toward food security in the future?

VPSL – Thank you councillor Uzor for your question. The eating good survey response rate was low and unfortunately did not get as many responses as we would've liked. The survey results did show that costs and time to cook were the biggest concerns for students. We are hoping to conduct a focus group this term to receive more information and from that better advocate for students regarding food insecurity.

Trinh - For VPGF: Is there any insight into why there is now a rate of cost seen in the U-Pass fee? Compared to the flat \$180 rate we had, there is now an included rate. While the rate only goes up by \$2.50 per year, if the pattern continues for future referendum's then this would only add extra pressure to the affordability crisis students continue to face.

VPGF – The cost was determined by the negotiations that we, along with other student associations, had with ETS and current inflation rates. In these negotiations, we had proposals that included a rollback, freeze, and differing cost variations considering affordability, security & safety, ridership, infrastructure & accessibility, which speak to the value of the UPASS. However, in a negotiation, all parties must agree to the deal, and us student representatives at the table determined that this was the best deal we could possibly get for students with all the above conditions considered.

5.2. Oral Questions

Topics include: U-Pass referendum; ETS safety;

6. In Camera Period

7. Motions & Business Orders of the Day

7.1. U-Pass Referendum Question

**MOTION TO APPROVE THE 2025 U-PASS REFERENDUM QUESTION TO BE
INCLUDED IN THE MARCH 2025 ELECTIONS**

VPGF/JACOBS

Favour: PRES, Dare, Zidan, Jacobs, Okai, Torres, Poon, Uzor, Namoc, Dutta, Reyes, Glasgow,
Fisher, Trinh, VPA, VPSL, VPGF

CARRIED

8. Consultation

9. Evaluation

10. Recognition

11. Adjournment

MOTION TO ADJOURN

JACOBS

Next Meeting Date: February 19, 2025

Meeting adjourned at 6:23pm.