



**STUDENTS' ASSOCIATION
OF MACEWAN UNIVERSITY**

**Agenda for the Students' Council Meeting of the
Students' Association of MacEwan University
February 19, 2025 at 6:00pm in the Council Chamber**

Voting Members:

Gabriel Ambutong, President
Tolu Dare, Councillor
Aryan Dutta, Councillor
Aidan Fisher, Councillor
vacant, 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
Loyal 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 pm.

<Intros>

1. Treaty 6 Land Recognition

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2. Approvals

2.1 MOTION

TO APPROVE THE AGENDA FOR FEBRUARY 19, 2025

2.2 MOTION

TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF JANUARY 15 AND 29, 2024

3. Presentations

3.1. Umbrella Organizations

3.2.

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. Town Hall (VPGF)

4.1.6. Students' Council Operations Committee (In Camera)

4.1.7. Governance Investigations and Reinstatement Committee (In Camera)

4.1.8.

4.2. Executive Committee Minutes

Minutes of January 8, 15, 22, & 29 2024 provided.

5. Question Period

5.1. Written Questions

5.2. Oral Questions

Topics include:

6. In Camera Period

6.1. Councillor Vacancy

MOTION TO GO IN CAMERA

6.2. Councillor Reinstatement

MOTION TO GO OUT OF CAMERA

6.3.

7. Motions & Business Orders of the Day

7.1. Councillor Vacancy

***MOTION TO APPOINT _____ AS A COUNCILLOR FOR A TERM ENDING
OCTOBER 31, 2025***

UZOR/

Favour:

Oppose:

7.2. Councillor Reinstatement

***MOTION TO REINSTATE CORNELIUS GLASGOW AS A COUNCILLOR FOR A TERM ENDING
OCTOBER 31, 2025***

Favour:

Oppose:

7.3. SAMU Fees Policy

***MOTION TO APPROVE THE SAMU FEES POLICY, EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2025, ON THE
RECOMMENDATION OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE***

VPGF/

Favour:

Oppose:

7.4. Unbudgeted Expense

***MOTION TO APPROVE AN UNBUDGETED EXPENDITURE OF \$59,984.31 FROM G/L
519000***

VPGF/

Favour:

Oppose:

7.5.

8. Consultation

8.1.

9. Evaluation

9.1.

10. Recognition

11. Adjournment

MOTION TO ADJOURN

Next Meeting Date: March 19, 2025

Meeting adjourned at pm



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

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Aidan Fisher, Councillor
Cornelius Glasgow, Councillor
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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.



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Maade Okai, Councillor (virtual)
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Israel Reyes, Councillor
Joehn Torres, Councillor

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2.1 MOTION

TO APPROVE THE AGENDA FOR JANUARY 29, 2025

DUTTA/ZIDAN

CARRIED

3. Question Period

3.1. Written Questions

3.2. Oral Questions

Topics include: SAMU Fee membership freeze rationale, sustainability and contingency. Compliance with PSLA.

4. Motions & Business Orders of the Day

4.1. SAMU Fees Policy

MOTION

***TO APPROVE THE SAMU FEES POLICY, EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2025, ON THE
RECOMMENDATION OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE***

VPGF/UZOR

Favour: Dare, Dutta, Fischer, Jacobs, Namoc, Okai, Poon, Reyes, Torres, Trinh, Uzor, President, VPA, VPGF, VPSL

CARRIED

4.2. SAMU Fees Policy – Annual Membership Fee Increase

MOTION TO DISREGARD CLAUSE 4.3 OF THE SAMU FEES POLICY FOR THE 2025-2026 FISCAL YEAR

VPGF/JACOBS

Favour: Dare, Dutta, Fischer, Jacobs, Namoc, Okai, Poon, Reyes, Torres, Trinh, Uzor, President, VPA, VPGF, VPSL

CARRIED

5. Consultation

6. Evaluation

7. Recognition

8. Adjournment

MOTION TO ADJOURN

ZIDAN

CARRIED

Next Meeting Date: February 19, 2025

Meeting adjourned at 6:18pm.



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Students' Council Report

President

February 19th, 2025

Council,

There have been no significant decisions or items of strategic relevance to Students' Council to report on from the President portfolio during January 15th to February 12th.

*Note: I encourage Councillors to ask **strategic** questions or raise systemic concerns impacting students outside of reported items.

Closing Remarks

I appreciate you taking the time to read my report. I try to ensure that I only report on high-level items that are relevant to the Students' Council. If you have any questions or concerns, please reach out. I am always happy to clarify or elaborate either virtually or in-person. Thank you!

Kind regards,

Gabriel Ambutong (He/Him)

SAMU President 2024-2025



Students' Council Report

Vice-President Academic

February 19, 2024

Who brought the cold?

The classic, Canadian arrangement of multiple layers of winterwear constitutes our current fashion. We engage in the tradition of shedding layers as we navigate across rooms and buildings with waning degrees of warmth. This practice alone is exhausting; who has the energy to study afterwards?

Nonetheless, we persist. Reading Week is almost here—our welcome respite from (some) academic responsibilities.

As you read this report, I encourage you to reflect on the changes you've seen from the past semester to this. What have you noticed around campus? How is your student experience across semesters? We are in an era of rapid change—take a moment to appreciate the strides you've made in your own personal journey.

While change can be intimidating, I hope this report indicates that there is always room to change and improve the student experience at MacEwan.

Executive Summary

- General Faculties Council: new majors approved; deferred exam fee update
- Open Educational Resources: Faculty panel



Student Experience & Engagement

The overall student experience is enhanced by the opportunities provided by SAMU

Adventures in Open Textbook Publishing: Faculty Panel

1.3 & 3.3 – Increase student engagement by offering relevant and meaningful events, programs, services, volunteer activities and employment opportunities for students; Strengthen collaborations and partnerships with MacEwan University to expand supports and resources for students.

Growing and fostering a strong culture of using, developing, and applying open educational resources (OERs) has been a focus of mine for the past term. Through conversations with the MacEwan Library's leadership, SAMU is working in collaboration with the Library to promote and bring student awareness for a new event, Adventures in Open Textbook Publishing: Faculty Panel.

This panel includes a selection of MacEwan faculty who have authored and published open textbooks, some of which worked with students to develop open texts. The panel will be on March 3, 2pm – 4pm.

As open textbook publishing benefits students through reducing educators' reliance on for-profit textbook publishers, I encourage students to attend and contribute to the open textbook momentum at MacEwan. Plus, there's food!

[Visit this link if you are interested in attending.](#) Registration is required to ensure that there's enough food for everyone.

Student Voice

The Student Voice is amplified by SAMU.

General Faculties Council – February 10, 2025

2.4 – Foster positive relationships with MacEwan University to better serve students.



This past General Faculties Council (GFC) meeting brought numerous developments of interest to students. Two new majors were approved: Data Science and Public Relations. The Data Science major is housed within the Bachelor of Science degree, whereas the Public Relations major is part of the Bachelor of Communication Studies degree.

In addition to new majors, an update from the Council on Student Affairs (COSA) was presented. Comprehensive policy revisions are underway within the Deferred Exam policy. A major, positive change coming for Fall 2025 is the removal of the Deferred Exam Fee, reducing the fee from \$50/exam to \$0/exam.

While I welcome the removal of the Deferred Exam Fee, consultations are ongoing regarding more specific details of the Deferred Exam policy. The VPSL and I are currently engaging in this process, ensuring that student needs are adequately represented within this policy.

Closing Remarks

Noting the changes across campus, be sure to take time for yourself to rest, relax, meditate, exercise, read, craft, or do another activity apart from your studies. It's easy to get caught up in change, but centering yourself is just as important.

However, I welcome any and all strategic questions about changes we're seeing on campus, related to the Vice President Academic portfolio. Feel free to email me at savpacademic@macewan.ca or visit me anytime.

Best regards,

Darcy



Students' Council Report

Vice President Governance & Finance

February 19th, 2025

Greetings Council!

I hope you are all doing well as we head into the chillier parts of Fall that lead into Winter.

Below you can find my report from January 10th – February 12th.

Executive Summary

- SCOC Meetings
- Finance Committee Meetings
- Governance Committee Meeting
- Student Leadership Week: Executive Committee

Student Experience & Engagement

The overall student experience is enhanced by the opportunities provided by SAMU.

Student Voice

The Student Voice is amplified by SAMU.

2.2 Enhance awareness and interest in SAMU's democratic processes through education and encouraging student participation.



Student Leadership Week: Executive Committee:

This is an event to promote the Executive Committee to students and give them an opportunity to meet with an EC member and ask any questions. For this event, we had two days of tabling to promote the event, and a day blocked off solely for EC to meet with interested students with a lunch mixer. Overall, we had 8 interested students sign up for individual meetings that spoke to different EC members.

Student Supports

Student supports provided by SAMU are responsive to unique and evolving needs.

Strengthening SAMU Operations

SAMU is an innovative and sustainable organization with an engaging work environment.

4.4 Act as financial and environmental stewards and implement effective practices to enhance sustainability.

4.5 Foster a professional and supportive work environment that lives the organizational values and delivers a culture of excellence.



SCOC Meetings:

SCOC met multiple times last month. The Interview Working Group met four times to interview and deliberate on who to recommend to SCOC to fill the SC vacancy. Then, SCOC as a whole met once more to discuss the working group's recommendation official recommend a candidate to Council. Furthermore, we discussed the Executive Committee's Remuneration. After considering other student association's remuneration and consulting with our Senior Finance Manager, the committee went along with increasing remuneration by Consumer Price Index (CPI) calculated from December 1st to November 30th of last year, which is 2.8%.

Governance Committee Meeting:

The committee met twice to first discuss the work plan and review SAMU's governance structure. The second time was to review the Roles and Responsibilities of Elected Representatives and Governance Transition policies. The few changes discussed for the Roles and Responsibilities of Elected Representatives were centered around the expectations of online training modules, such as the deadline to complete them and how much is considered completed. The committee decided to recommend the policy to Council with changes in the March meeting. For the Governance Transition policy, there are still a few changes we discussed that need more consultation and input before recommending to Council.

Finance Committee Meetings:

The committee met twice, both discussing changes to the SAMU Fees Policy. The first meeting was to discuss the addition of the SAMU Affiliates to the policy and pausing the increase of SAMU Fees by CPI, which is 2.8% for the next fiscal year. The changes went to a special meeting where the policy was approved. In addition, with the understanding that affordability is a persistent challenge all students face, there was a recommendation from the General Manager and the Senior Finance Manager to reduce



the SAMU Fee during the Spring/Summer because there are fewer SAMU offerings during that time. Another recommendation was to reduce the SAMU Fee for Ponoka students because they do not have the same access to SAMU programming and services that city center students have. Please see the SAMU Fees Policy Submission for further information.

Closing Remarks

Thank you for reading my report.

Please do not hesitate to email me or set up a meeting if you have any further questions or if you would like me to elaborate on anything.

Kind Regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'J. La Torre' in a cursive, flowing script.

Joseph A. La Torre, (He/Him)

VP Governance and Finance, SAMU 2024/2025

savpoperations@macewan.ca



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Students' Council Report

Vice President Student Life

02-19-2025

Greetings Council!

Hope you are all having a lovely February so far trekking through the final winter months. I am ready for spring and warm weather, and I am sure most of you are as well.

For the VPSL portfolio there is nothing relevant to report to council however, I am waiting to receive some clarity on the changes of the Pets Assisting with Student Success (PAWSS) program and will provide an update verbally.

Please don't hesitate to submit strategic questions regardless of my absence report. Looking forward to seeing you all at our next meeting.

The student's voice informs the student experience, and I always welcome yours! Please don't hesitate to contact me via email at savpstudentlife@macewan.ca

Cheers,

Aleace Moom (she/her)

VP Student Life, SAMU 2024/2025

Students' Council Report

Town Hall "Food for Thought" 2025

February 19th, 2025

Hello Council,

As per policy, a report is to be submitted to Students' Council for the town hall. This report is a summary of the event in its entirety.

Event Summary

For Town Hall, we had Students' Council engage with the student body by tabling in the Lookout. Each table had a different topic, an assortment of handbills related to the table's topic, and a printout of information on the topic for Councillors to reference when engaging with students.

Regarding the event format, students would enter the Lookout and receive a passport handbill, which requires them to go to 3/5 tables to obtain 3 stamps to be eligible to receive a Vietnamese sub and be entered to win 1 of 5 \$50 grocery gift cards. Furthermore, there was a post-Town Hall survey that students could scan at the Feedback table to provide us with feedback.

Town Hall had 5 topics with Councillors stationed at 4/5 tables and the topics were:

- Fees, Health and Dental, U-Pass
- SAMU Governance, External Advocacy
- Academics, Online Learning
- Programs & Services, Student Groups, and Events
- Feedback Table

There were no Councillors stationed at the Feedback table because we thought it best to have an EC member be there to receive students' feedback and address any of their

concerns. The 4 tables each had an Executive or one nearby and 3-4 Councillors who were given information of their topic.

Analytics

- 213 students attended the event: a 28.6% decrease from last year's Town Hall, with 274 students attending.

Post-Town Hall Feedback Survey

This year, we had a post-Town Hall feedback form where we surveyed students on a few things:

- Feedback on which topic students found was most relevant.
- How well students feel represented by Students' Council.
- What issues students are currently facing.

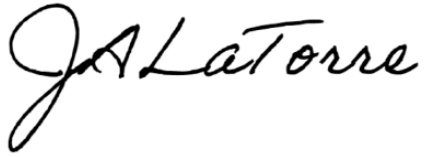
There were not enough students who filled out the survey to report on.

Closing Remarks

Overall, I think this event was successful. Although there were fewer students in attendance compared to last year, 200+ students still attended and engaged with their elected representatives. Furthermore, from the feedback I heard from Councillors and some students, the opportunity for students to learn and ask questions about SAMU and engage with their elected representatives was enjoyable.

Lastly, I would like to thank Councillors and the Executive Committee for all their hard work and dedication to learning about your assigned topics and engaging with students.

Kind Regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "JALaTorre". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, looping initial "J" and a long, sweeping underline.

Joseph A. La Torre, (He/Him)

VP Governance and Finance, SAMU 2024/2025

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Larissa Williams, Internal Advocacy Advisor
Parvin Sedighi, External and Stakeholder Relations
Manager
Emily Lukacs, External Advocacy Advisor

Resource Officials:

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3. Approval of Agenda:
**VPGF/VPA
CARRIED**
4. Approval of Minutes for: December 18, 2024
**VPA/VPSL
CARRIED**

TOPIC		DISCUSSION	ACTION/MOTION
1.	Quarterly Finance update	Presentation from Cam Whiting.	
2.	CASA		
3.	Student Groups	Vpa – no issue approving the group but need to be conscious of the actions/events the group will hold. Vpsl – agreed. Gm – please look at mandate – need to ensure that group is aware of what is allowed as a SG. Vpa – need more clarity by what they mean by some of the statements within their mandate and how they plan to achieve their goals. Need better definition of their mandate.	MOTION TO APPROVE THE REVOLUTIONARY COMMUNISTS OF MACEWAN STUDENT GROUP VPSL/VPA CARRIED

		ESRM – we have rules in place if the group takes part in anything not allowed. Pres – have SG department be explicit in expectations/rules SGs must follow	
4.	SAMU & GFC Membership	ESRM – have previously discussed replacing Pres with Vpsl on GFC. Would like to define how we will move forward as we've begun planning for the new execs coming in. Vpa – still see value in the Pres remaining as a member of GFC. Vpa/Pres at GFC & advocate for another seat that Vpsl would take. Vpgf – see value to both arguments. Pres – support recommendation for Vpsl to take role on. *decision to replace Pres with Vpsl at GFC.	
5.	Outstanding Action Items		
6.	VP Academic's Report		
7.	VP Governance & Finance Report		
8.	VP Student Life's Report		
9.	President's Report		MOTION TO GO IN CAMERA VPSL/VPGF CARRIED MOTION TO GO OUT OF CAMERA VPGF/VPA CARRIED
10.	GM Report	Excited to be back. SCE agreement update. Received federal grant. Building updates. Budget update. Will meet with MacEwan VPs re. SAMU building. KW/SAMU update.	
11.	Recognition		

5. Adjournment
Time: 3:06pm



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3. Approval of Agenda:
**VPGF/VPSL
CARRIED**
4. Approval of Minutes for: January 8, 2025
**VPSL/VPGF
CARRIED**

TOPIC		DISCUSSION	ACTION/MOTION
1.	Student Groups	MacEwan PreMed Prep Network	MOTION TO APPROVE THE MACEWAN PREMED PREP NETWORK STUDENT GROUP VPSL/VPGF CARRIED
2.	SAL appointment		MOTION TO APPOINT SOPHIA COLBOURNE TO THE FACULTY OF ARTS AND

			SCIENCE COUNCIL FOR A TERM ENDING JUNE 30, 2025 VPSL/VPGF CARRIED
3.	Outstanding Action Items		
4.	VP Student Life's Report	SGs update. Getting to know new Councillors.	
5.	VP Academic's Report	Tabled.	
6.	VP Governance & Finance Report	SCOC update. Finance Committee update. Tech Fee update. the griff interview.	
7.	President's Report		
8.	GM Report	SG update. the griff space update. Budget update.	
9.	Recognition		

5. Adjournment
Time: 2:21pm.



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3. Approval of Agenda:
**VPSL/VPA
CARRIED**
4. Approval of Minutes for: January 15, 2025
**VPA/VPGF
CARRIED**

TOPIC	DISCUSSION	ACTION/MOTION
1. SAL Appointment		MOTION TO APPOINT BEN SMITH TO THE FACULTY OF FINE ARTS AND COMMUNICATION ASSOCIATE DEAN APPOINTMENT/REAPPOINTMENT COMMITTEE AND TO APPROVE AN EXPENSE OF UP TO \$585.00 FROM G/L 524500 – EXECUTIVE PROJECTS TO PROVIDE AN HONORARIUM TO BEN SMITH

			<p>FOR SERVING ON THIS COMMITTEE</p> <p>VPA/VPSL CARRIED</p>
2.	Student Groups		<p>MOTION</p> <p>TO APPROVE THE MACEWAN GLEE CLUB</p> <p>VPSL/VPGF CARRIED</p>
3.	Umbrella Organization Membership		<p>MOTION</p> <p>TO GO IN CAMERA</p> <p>VPGF/VPA CARRIED</p> <p>MOTION</p> <p>TO GO OUT OF CAMERA</p> <p>VPA/VPSL CARRIED</p>
4.	Exec Projects		<p>MOTION</p> <p>TO APPROVE AN EXPENSE OF UP TO \$800.00 FROM G/L 523000 TO PROVIDE HONOURARIUMS TO STUDENTS TAKING PART IN THE FOOD INSECURITY FOCUS GROUPS</p> <p>VPSL/VPGF CARRIED</p>
5.	Student Concern	*Megan will join this meeting at 2:30pm.	<p>MOTION</p> <p>TO GO IN CAMERA</p> <p>VPSL/VPA CARRIED</p> <p>MOTION</p> <p>TO GO OUT OF CAMERA</p> <p>VPSL/VPA CARRIED</p>

6.	Remuneration of Elected Reps Policy – Appendix A consultation	Vpgf – looking for feedback from EC on proposed changes to appendix.	
7.			
8.			MOTION TO TAKE A 5 MINUTE RECESS VPSL/VPA CARRIED
9.	Outstanding Action Items		
10.	VP Academic's Report	International student study permit caps. Speaking at Student Research Day.	
11.	VP Governance & Finance Report	SCOC update re. councillor appointment.	
12.	VP Student Life's Report	Mental Health Week. KW update.	
13.	President's Report		MOTION TO GO IN CAMERA VPA/VPGF CARRIED MOTION TO GO OUT OF CAMERA VPSL/VPGF CARRIED
14.	GM Report	Tabled.	
15.	Recognition		

5. Adjournment
Time: 3:38pm



Voting Members:

Gabriel Ambutong, President
Darcy Hoogers, VP Academic
vacant, VP External
Joseph A. La Torre, VP Governance & Finance
Aleace Moom, VP Student Life

Resource Officials:

Darryl Kostash, General Manager
Alan Honey, Governance Advisor (Recording Secretary)

In Attendance:

Shannon Marshall, Executive Coordinator
Larissa Williams, Internal Advocacy Advisor
Parvin Sedighi, External and Stakeholder Relations
Manager
Emily Lukacs, External Advocacy Advisor
Megan Viens, Direc

1. Call to Order: 2:00pm
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CARRIED**
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TOPIC		DISCUSSION	ACTION/MOTION
1.	SC Presentation		MOTION TO APPROVE AN UMBRELLA ORGANIZATION PRESENTATION AT THE FEBRUARY 19, 2025 STUDENTS' COUNCIL MEETING VPGF/VPSL CARRIED
2.	Student Groups		MOTION

			TO APPROVE THE KINESIOLOGY CLUB VPSL/VPA CARRIED
3.	Outstanding Action Items		
4.	VP Governance & Finance Report	Town Hall update.	
5.	VP Student Life's Report	CSGD meeting update. OUR consultation update (re student experience). SVPEC update.	
6.	VP Academic's Report	COSA meeting update.	
7.	President's Report		
8.	GM Report		MOTION TO GO IN CAMERA VPSL/VPA CARRIED MOTION TO GO OUT OF CAMERA VPA/VPGF CARRIED
9.	Recognition		

5. Adjournment
Time: 2:44pm



STUDENTS' COUNCIL MEETING SUBMISSION

AGENDA ITEM INFORMATION

Meeting Date	Submitted By
February 19, 2025	Chioma Uzor, Councillor, Students' Council Operation Committee member

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

AGENDA ITEM DETAILS

Motion Title	Motion to appoint _____ as a Councillor for a term ending October 31, 2025
Background Information	<p>Students' Council currently has 1 vacancy and it's important to fill that seat. The Students' Council Operations Committee (SCOC) began the recruitment process in late November 2024. We've received 4 applications and interviewed 3 candidates. One candidate withdrew their application the night before their interview date.</p> <p>SCOC met in early January and we created a sub-group of committee members composed of VP Governance and Finance, Councillor Poon, & Councillor Uzor to conduct interviews with the candidates. Interviews were completed in mid-January and then SCOC met to review the results of those interviews and were unanimous in recommending one of the candidates to Council being the candidate presented to you. The interview group conducted the interviews by asking each of the candidates the same questions about students advocacy and what they aim to achieve on council.</p> <p>Please remember, Students' Council has delegated the responsibility of recruiting and interviewing candidates, and has tasked the committee with providing a recommendation about who to appoint for consideration by Students' Council.</p> <p>The committee believes we have completed the process of identifying a good candidate in a fair & impartial way.</p> <p>If you have any questions I encourage you to ask them during the In-Camera Period. I also recommend that the focus of your questions should be about the PROCESS that was used in SCOC making a recommendation and less about individual candidates themselves.</p>

Alternative Considerations	N/A - Per SAMU Bylaw 42, Students' Council solicits a qualified member to fill vacancies.
Risk Management Considerations	N/A
Strategic Alignment	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <i>Attached Strategic Alignment Checklist is complete</i>
Implications	Students' Council seats will be filled and the work of Council can be fulfilled. There are more voices present to attest to the student experience on campus.
Related Documents	Committees policy - committee TORs.
Follow Up Action	
Review History	n/a

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STUDENTS' COUNCIL MEETING SUBMISSION

AGENDA ITEM INFORMATION

Meeting Date	Submitted By
February 19, 2025	Joseph A. La Torre, Vice President Governance & Finance

Agenda Title	Item
	SAMU Fees Policy
Action Requested	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Motion <input type="checkbox"/> Consultation Item

AGENDA ITEM DETAILS

Motion Title	Motion to approve the SAMU Fees policy, effective July 1, 2025, on the recommendation of the Finance Committee
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Background Information	<p>At a recent Finance Committee meeting affordability for students was brought up again. From that discussion, the General Manager and Finance Manager provided two recommendations that the Finance Committee reviewed and are recommending to Students' Council for approval.</p> <p>The first change was to recommend a reduction of the SAMU Membership Fee in the Spring/Summer academic term. This reduced fee was based on the idea that SAMU does not provided the same level of programs and services during this time (ie. we mainly focus on services, advocacy, and student groups), so students' should pay a reduced fee in line with the reduced level of programs and services. Therefore, a fee of 50% of the regular membership fee was agreed on.</p> <p>The second change was to recommend a reduction of the SAMU Membership Fee for Ponoka students. MacEwan University has students enrolled at a site in Ponoka, Alberta. While SAMU has done it's best to provide services for these students it's not possible to provide them with our full range of programs and services. SAMU has the ability to advocate for these students (EC's advo work & SAMU's Advocacy Centre) and they do currently take advantage of Student Groups. Because of these limits the recommended fee for these students is \$2.50 per credit per academic term.</p> <p>We believe these reductions are more fair and equitable for the identified students.</p> <p>Our General Manager believes that these changes will not affect SAMU's ability to continue providing top value to our student members.</p>
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Alternative Considerations	
Risk Management Considerations	
Strategic Alignment	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <i>Attached Strategic Alignment Checklist is complete</i>
Implications	
Related Documents	
Follow Up Action	VPGF to notify MacEwan University of updated fees.
Review History	

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SAMU Fees

Rationale

The operations of SAMU are partially funded by fees levied on its membership as per the Post-Secondary Learning Act (Alberta). A policy is needed to define what these fees are and how they are assessed and collected.

Definitions

An **academic term** is a period of time in which classes are held. MacEwan University has three academic terms: Fall (September – December), Winter (January – April), and Spring/Summer (May – August).

Expectations

General

- 1 SAMU Membership Fees and Affiliate Fees are collected by the Office of the University Registrar.
- 2 SAMU fees are reviewed annually.
- 3 This policy may only be amended by Special Resolution.

General Membership Fees

- 4 SAMU assesses a membership fee to students enrolled in undergraduate credit courses at MacEwan University on a per credit basis.
 - 4.1 SAMU Members are assessed to a maximum of fifteen credits per academic term.
 - 4.1.1 Part-time students who are given full-time student status with MacEwan University will be assessed based on a credit count of 9 credits per academic term.
 - 4.2 The SAMU membership fee is \$13.50 per credit in both the Fall and Winter academic terms, and \$6.75 per credit in the Spring/Summer academic term.
 - 4.2.1 The SAMU membership fee is \$2.50 per credit for those students whose classes only take place at the MacEwan University Ponoka Site.
 - 4.3 The SAMU membership fee will increase yearly by the annual average of Alberta's CPI from December 1 to November 30 of the previous year.
 - 4.3.1 If the annual average of the CPI results in a negative number, it will be regarded as a zero percent increase.

SAMU Affiliate Fees

- 5 SAMU assesses an affiliate fee to students enrolled in non-undergraduate credit courses at MacEwan University.

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5.1 Students enrolled in the University Prep. Program are assessed a fee of \$57.52 if taking one course, \$115.05 if taking two courses, and \$172.05 if taking three courses, per academic term.

5.2 Students enrolled in the English as an Additional Language (EAL) program are assessed a fee of \$57.52 if taking one course, \$115.05 if taking two courses, and \$172.05 if taking three courses, per academic term.

5.3 Students enrolled in the School of Continuing Education International program will be assessed a fee of \$517.71 per year.

5.4 The SAMU Affiliate Fee will increase yearly by the annual average of Alberta's CPI from December 1 to November 30 of the previous year.

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Dedicated Fees

6 Additional fees assessed to students must be established by referendum.

Fact Sheet**Approvals:**

First Approval: April 6, 2009
Last Approval: June 16, 2021

Date of Last Review: April 9, 2021

Related Documents and Forms:**Source and Updates:**

ITEM#: UNKNOWN DATE – Policy Format created, designated Policy 26
2011-08-16-6.11 – Updated expectation 6.1
2011-03-21-5.3 – Policy updated to reflect name change of SC Policy 27.
2012-05-16-5.3 – “Executive Council” updated to “Executive Committee”
2012-11-12-6.5 – Committees updated to follow Policy 25, Committees Policy

September 5, 2013: *SAMU Fees* approved by Students' Council motion 2013-09-04-6.1. Policy updated to new format. Source material Students' Council Policy 26 – SA Fees.

October 21, 2015: *SAMU Fees* approved by Students' Council motion 2015-10-21-6.2 on the recommendation of the Bylaws and Policy Committee. Secondary Student Membership Fee increases from \$3.50/credit to \$3.85/credit beginning in the 2016/17 academic year, then increases to \$4.24/credit in the 2017/18 academic year, and then to \$4.66/credit in the 2018/19 academic year.

September 20, 2017: *SAMU Fees* approved by Students' Council motion 2017-09-20-7.4. Distance students reference removed.

January 23, 2019: *SAMU Fees* approved by Students' Council motion 2019-01-23-7.1 on the recommendation of the Budget and Finance Committee to take effect July 1, 2019. Changes include: students assessed SAMU Fee up to fifteen credits, increased from nine credits; SAMU membership fee decreased from \$13.00/credit to \$11.75/credit; future SAMU Fee will increase annually by Alberta's average CPI from previous year.

July 1, 2020: SAMU fees for 2020-2021 updated to \$11.95 based on a CPI increase of 1.7%.

June 16, 2021: *SAMU Fees* approved by Students' Council motion 2021-06-16-7.2 on the recommendation of the Budget and Finance Committee. Updated to identify that students enrolled part-time who are considered full-time by MacEwan University will be assessed SAMU Fees at a nine credit rate.

July 1, 2021: SAMU membership fees for 2021-2022 updated to \$12.09/credit based on a CPI of 1.2%.

July 1, 2022: SAMU membership fee for 2022-2023 Updated to \$12.66/credit based on a CPI of 4.7%.



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Policy

July 1, 2023: SAMU membership fee for 2023-2024 updated to \$13.50/credit based on a CPI of 6.6%.

July 1, 2024: SAMU Membership fee frozen at the current rate for the 2024-2025 fiscal year based on Students' Council motion 2024-01-17-7.1.



STUDENTS' COUNCIL MEETING SUBMISSION

AGENDA ITEM INFORMATION

Meeting Date	Submitted By
February 19, 2025	Joseph A. La Torre, Vice President Governance & Finance

Agenda Title	Item	Unbudgeted Expense
Action Requested	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Motion	<input type="checkbox"/> Consultation Item

AGENDA ITEM DETAILS

Motion Title	Motion to approve an unbudgeted expenditure of \$59,984.31 from G/L 519000
Background Information	<p>SAMU recently applied for and received two grants from Food Banks Canada. The grants are to be used to hire a termed contractor to review and complete Food Banks Canada's Standards of Excellence program. This contractor will work through the Standards of Excellence Program so that SAMU can take advantage of best practices and benefits of implementing their standards. The two grants total \$59,984.31.</p> <p>Under our current Procedure, spending these funds is technically an 'unbudgeted expenditure' as it's defined as "any expenditure from a budget line that was not contemplated when the budget was approved or that was contemplated but now exceeds the approved budget line". While the Executive Committee and the General Manager have the authority to approve unbudgeted expenditures, this amount exceeds the amount they are able to approve so it must be brought to Students' Council.</p> <p>Because SAMU did not originally budget for both receiving and spending these funds Students' Council has the authourity to approve the expenditure.</p> <p>The funds can only be used to implement the original grant intent.</p> <p>Implementing best practices will improve SAMU's foodbank (The Pantry) program and provide a better chance of receiving grants in the future.</p>
Alternative Considerations	

Risk Management Considerations	
Strategic Alignment	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <i>Attached Strategic Alignment Checklist is complete</i>
Implications	
Related Documents	
Follow Up Action	SAMU Operations will use the funds for their intended purpose.
Review History	

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