

Agenda for the Students' Council Meeting of the Students' Association of MacEwan University May 21, 2025 at 6:00pm in the Council Chamber

**Voting Members:** 

Tolu Dare, Councillor
Aryan Dutta, Councillor
Aidan Fisher, Councillor
Chistian Galera, Councillor
Cierra Jacobs, Councillor
Alem Tesfay, Vice President Student Life
Moselle Namoc, Councillor
Maade Okai, Councillor
Nathan Poon, President
Israel Reyes, Councillor
Andrei Santiago, Vice President Governance
and Finance
Joehn Torres, Councillor

Vincent Trinh, Councillor
Chioma Uzor, Vice President Academic
Wilfrid Youbi Fansi, Vice President External
Layal Zidan, Councillor
vacant, Councillor
vacant, Councillor
vacant, 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

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2. Approvals

2.1 MOTION TO APPROVE THE AGENDA FOR MAY 21, 2025

2.2 MOTION TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF APRIL 16, 2025

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4.	For Information	1	
	4.1. Reports		
	4.1.1. Presi	dent	
	4.1.2. Vice I	President Academic	
	4.1.3. Vice I	President External	
	4.1.4. Vice I	President Governance & Finance	
	4.1.5. Vice I	President Student Life	
	4.1.6.		
	4.2. Executiv	ve Committee Minutes	
	Minutes of Ap	oril 9, 16, 23, and May 1, 2025 provided.	
5.	Question Perio	d	
	5.1. Written Qu	estions	
	5.2. Oral Quest	ions	
	Topics include:		
6.	In Camera Peri	od	
	MOTION TO	GO IN CAMERA	
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	Favour:		
	Oppose:		

3. Presentations

7.2.

- 8. Consultation
  - 8.1.
- 9. Evaluation
  - 9.1. Evaluation Form
- 10. Recognition
- 11. Adjournment *MOTION TO ADJOURN*

Next Meeting Date: June 18, 2025 Meeting adjourned at pm



Minutes for the Students' Council Meeting of the Students' Association of MacEwan University April 16, 2025 at 6:00pm in the Council Chamber

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Tolu Dare, Councillor
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Aidan Fisher, Councillor
vacant, Councillor
Chistian Galera, Councillor
Darcy Hoogers, Vice President Academic
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Joseph A. La Torre, Vice President Governance
and Finance
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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, Vice President External

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2. Approvals

2.1 MOTION TO APPROVE THE AGENDA FOR APRIL 16, 2025

**UZOR/TORRES** 

**CARRIED** 

2.2 MOTION TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF MARCH 19, 2025

**ZIDAN/FISHER** 

**CARRIED** 

- 3. Presentations
- 4. For Information
  - 4.1. Reports
  - 4.1.1. President

Mayor's office meeting update; Housing survey;

- 4.1.2. Vice President Academic
- 4.1.3. Vice President Governance & Finance
- 4.1.4. Vice President Student Life
- 4.1.5. SCOC Recommendation re CRO (in camera)
- 4.1.6. Executive Committee
- 4.1.7. Finance Committee
- 4.1.8. Governance Committee
- 4.1.9. Students' Council Operations Committee
- 4.1.10. Strategy and Engagement Committee

PD session - conflict awareness session;

- 4.1.11. Chief Returning Officer
- 4.2. Executive Committee Minutes

Minutes of March 12 and 26, 2025 provided.

- 5. Question Period
  - 5.1. Written Questions
  - 5.2. Oral Questions

Topics include: elections; PAWSS; MLA meetings;

6. In Camera Period

MOTION TO GO IN CAMERA

JACOBS/VPSL

**CARRIED** 

6.1. Chief Returning Officer (VPGF)

MOTION TO GO OUT OF CAMERA

VPA/UZOR

**CARRIED** 

- 7. Motions & Business Orders of the Day
  - 7.1. SAMU Operating Budget Policy

MOTION TO APPROVE THE SAMU OPERATING BUDGET POLICY ON THE RECOMMENDATION OF THE GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE

**VPGF/DUTTA** 

Favour: Vpa, Dare, Okai, Torres, Uzor, Zidan, Jacobs, Vpsl, Reyes, Galera, Poon, Trinh, Namoc, Glasgow, Dutta, Fisher, Pres, Vpgf

#### **CARRIED**

### 7.2. Finance Policy

MOTION TO APPROVE THE FINANCE POLICY ON THE RECOMMENDATION OF THE

**FINANCE COMMITTEE** 

#### **VPGF/FISHER**

Favour: Vpa, Dare, Okai, Torres, Uzor, Zidan, Jacobs, Vpsl, Reyes, Galera, Poon, Trinh, Namoc, Glasgow, Dutta, Fisher, Pres, Vpgf

#### **CARRIED**

### 7.3. Roles and Responsibilities of Elected Representatives Policy

MOTION TO APPROVE THE ROLE AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF ELECTED

REPRESENTATIVES POLICY, EFFECTIVE MAY 1, 2025, ON THE RECOMMENDATION OF THE GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE

#### NAMOC/GLASGOW

Favour: Vpa, Dare, Okai, Torres, Uzor, Zidan, Jacobs, Vpsl, Reyes, Galera, Poon, Trinh, Namoc, Glasgow, Dutta, Fisher, Pres, Vpgf

#### **CARRIED**

### 7.4. Governance Transition Policy

MOTION TO APPROVE THE GOVERNANCE TRANSITION POLICY, EFFECTIVE MAY 1,

2025, ON THE RECOMMENDATION OF THE GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE

#### JACOBS/ZIDAN

Favour: Vpa, Dare, Okai, Torres, Uzor, Zidan, Jacobs, Vpsl, Reyes, Galera, Poon, Trinh, Namoc, Glasgow, Dutta, Fisher, Pres, Vpgf

#### **CARRIED**

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

MOTION TO APPROVE THE ROLE AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF

TO APPROVE THE ROLE AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE CHIEF RETURNING OFFICER POLICY ON THE RECOMMENDATION OF THE

STUDENTS' COUNCIL OPERATIONS COMMITTEE

#### **VPGF/UZOR**

Favour: Vpa, Dare, Okai, Torres, Uzor, Zidan, Jacobs, Vpsl, Reyes, Galera, Poon, Trinh, Namoc, Glasgow, Dutta, Fisher, Pres, Vpgf

#### **CARRIED**

### 7.6. Committee Appointment – Audit Committee

Nominees: Galera

MOTION TO APPOINT COUNCILLOR GALERA TO THE AUDIT COMMITTEE
EFFECTIVE MAY 1. 2025

#### **VPGF/PRES**

Favour: Vpa, Dare, Okai, Torres, Uzor, Zidan, Jacobs, Vpsl, Reyes, Galera, Poon, Trinh, Namoc, Glasgow, Dutta, Fisher, Pres, Vpgf

### **CARRIED**

#### 7.7. Committee Appointment – Strategy and Engagement Committee

Nominees: Galera

MOTION TO APPOINT COUNCILLOR GLASGOW TO THE STRATEGY AND

**ENGAGEMENT COMMITTEE EFFECTIVE MAY 1, 2025** 

#### VPGF/VPA

Favour: Vpa, Dare, Okai, Torres, Uzor, Zidan, Jacobs, Vpsl, Reyes, Galera, Poon, Trinh, Namoc, Glasgow, Dutta, Fisher, Pres, Vpgf

#### **CARRIED**

### 7.8. Committee Appointment – Students' Council Operations Committee

Nominees: Galera, Trinh, Namoc, Reyes

MOTION TO APPOINT COUNCILLORS TRINH AND NAMOC TO THE STUDENTS'

COUNCIL OPERATIONS COMMITTEE EFFECTIVE MAY 1, 2025

#### VPGF/ZIDAN

Favour: Vpa, Dare, Okai, Torres, Uzor, Zidan, Jacobs, Vpsl, Reyes, Galera, Poon, Trinh, Namoc, Glasgow, Dutta, Fisher, Pres, Vpgf

#### **CARRIED**

### 7.9. Chief Returning Officer Reappointment

MOTION TO APPROVE THE REAPPOINTMENT OF JOSH STOCK AS CHIEF

RETURNING OFFICER FOR A TERM OF MAY 1, 2025 – APRIL 30, 2026 ON THE RECOMMENDATION OF THE STUDENTS' COUNCIL OPERATIONS

COMMITTEE

#### DARE/DUTTA

Favour: Vpa, Dare, Okai, Torres, Uzor, Zidan, Jacobs, Vpsl, Reyes, Galera, Poon, Trinh, Namoc, Glasgow, Dutta, Fisher, Pres, Vpgf

#### **CARRIED**

- 8. Consultation
- 9. Evaluation
- 10. Recognition
- 11. Adjournment

MOTION TO ADJOURN

**VPSL** 

#### **CARRIED**

Next Meeting Date: April 26, 2025 Meeting adjourned at 6:59pm



## **Students' Council Report**

## **President**

May 21<sup>st</sup>, 2025

Dear Council,

On behalf of the new Executive Committee, I would like to say how excited we all are to work with you this year. It is truly an honour to represent the student body alongside a Council of inspirational leaders. While EC is getting settled into our new roles, please do not hesitate to ask any questions or reach out via email if you require any clarification/further information.

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

Here's my report on from the President portfolio from May 1st to May 14th.

## **Executive Summary**

- Executive Committee (EC) Transition and Retreat
- Canadian Alliance of Students' Associations (CASA) Foundations Week –
   Ottawa

### **EC** Transition and Retreat

On May 1<sup>st</sup>, 2025, the new EC entered office. Over the course of the past month, with the help of support staff, the incoming EC team has undergone rigorous training to ensure that we can be effective stewards of student advocacy throughout the rest of the



year. A part of this was the Banff EC Retreat, where Executives underwent extensive training and team-bonding, while getting to meet staff and learning the intricacies of student advocacy, marking the start of our EC terms.

## CASA Foundations - May 11-17, 2025

The Vice-President (VP) External and I have traveled to Ottawa to partake in CASA Foundations. The Foundations conference is the first conference in the CASA cycle that introduces newly-elected Student Leaders from across the country into the CASA environment.

In the conference, we had the opportunity to network and meet with Student Leaders from around Canada, and begin to learn the foundations of spearheading federal advocacy, serving as a strong professional development opportunity for AdvoWeek in November in Ottawa.

We have not nominated ourselves for a Board of Directors position as we are entering an observer year with CASA. As we are entering an observer year with CASA, the VP External and I will continue to assess the culture and environment of CASA with regards to future years of membership.

## **Closing Remarks**

As always, please do not hesitate to reach out if you have any questions. We are all excited to work with you this year and would like to get to know you better. Please reach out if you would like to grab a coffee or have a discussion. Our goal as an EC team is to ensure that SC is informed as much as possible to make informed decisions.

Warm regards,

Nathan Poon

SAMU President 2025/26

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## **Students' Council Report**

## **Vice-President Academic**

May 21<sup>st</sup>, 2025

Council! It feels great to be able to communicate with you at this end. I am gradually getting situated in this new position with grace. I can't wait to work with you all this year in this capacity!

Welcome to my first report of the year from May 1st to May 21st!

## **Executive Summary**

- First General Faculties Council Meeting
- Academic Schedule Changes
- Deferred Exam Fee Update
- Suspension of Public Relations Diploma

### **Student Voice**

The Student Voice is amplified by SAMU.

## **General Faculties Council (GFC) Meeting**

Strat Point 2.4., 3.2



On May 5<sup>th</sup>, I attended my first GFC meeting within my line of work. The President's report mainly focused on details of the Mintz Panel.

The GFC Executive Committee Report introduced the AI Systems Governance Policy, a non-policy policy in which its approach is to significantly develop the use of AI systems with the hope that it will become more commonplace in the future.

The Committee of Academic Standards, Curriculum, and the Calendar produced an update on the 2026/27 Academic Calendar which follows the decision to retain Fall reading break. The options outlined by the committee included the possibility of starting the Fall term early starting the 2026/27 academic year and a much shorter grading period. *More information on this is outlined in the Committee on Academic Standards, Curriculum, and the Calendar.* 

The council also outlined changes to the Psychiatric Nursing Admissions process such as the removal of Spoken English Language requirement. As well as the introduction of the Art History minor, and the proposal to the name change of the University Preparation Program to Academic Upgrading for easier search on the ALIS website.

### **Academic Calendar Advisory Subcommittee**

Strat Point 2.4

I attended the Academic Calendar Subcommittee which also contained information about the 2026/27 Academic schedule change. Important components of the item outlined the possibility of starting the Fall New Student Orientation (NSO) on September 1<sup>st</sup>, 2026, and maintaining an 8-day exam period from the original 9 days. As well as some edits to the nomenclature.

This meeting was a pleasure to attend; the members of the subcommittee were relatively welcoming.



### Meeting with the Dean of Nursing

Strat Point 2.4

On May 14<sup>th</sup> I met with the Dean of Nursing, Christy Raymond, about our intentions at this time. It was a great casual discussion about the Faculty of Nursing, and I've learned a lot about the learning culture, their existing support, and what we would like to work on this term!

## **Student Supports**

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Committee on Academic Standards, Curriculum and the Calendar (ASCC) 2026/2027 Academic Calendar Changes

*Strat Point 2.4, 3.2* 

I attended the Committee on Academic Standards, Curriculum, and the Calendar meeting where details of the Academic Schedule changes were discussed in more depth with the hopes of an early start date. In the meeting we considered a longer exam period which could result in the possibility of a shorter grading period, returning final grades after Christmas, and an effect on students' mental health. In deliberation, the committee seemed to be on board with starting the Fall semester as early as September 2<sup>nd</sup> following keeping the Fall Reading Break, instead of timing the first day of classes to begin just after Labour Day.

With these changes in mind, it may result in a shorter break between the Spring/Summer and Fall semesters. These changes are set to be discussed in more depth at the next General Faculties Meeting.

**Deferred Exam Fee Update** 



Strat Point 3.1

A review was brought forward by Student Affairs to ASCC to discuss changes to the Student Assessments Policy and Deferrals procedure which also included an amazing change to the Deferred Exam Fee (DEF)! Within the revisions deliberated to the procedure, it was also stated that the fee for deferred exams is now eliminated following the recent reduction to \$50/exam. I would like to commend my predecessor, Darcy Hoogers, for setting the ground running and creating the blueprint for this amazing win!

Committee on Academic Planning and Quality Assurance (APQA)

**Program Suspension: Public Relations Diploma** 

Strat Point 3.2

Following the implementation of the Public Relations major within the faculty of communications, the Committee on Academic Planning and Quality Assurance (APQA) have delivered a motion to suspend the Public Relations diploma due to a reduction in enrollment by students. It is expected to be suspended for enrollment during the 2026/27 academic year. It was noted that the program will be given a three-year suspension to allow for adequate time for part-time and full-time students enrolled in the program before termination occurs.

New Minor: Urban Wellness minor, Indigegogy minor, and Financial Economics

Stream

Strat Point 3.2

Also deliberated in this meeting were the approval of two new minors and a new academic stream: The Urban Wellness minor, Indigegogy minor, and a Financial Economics Stream in the Economics Major and honours curriculum. The Financial Economics stream is expected to be available starting Fall 2026.



### **Closing Remarks**

These first two weeks in the office have been both amazing and busy even if I only got to spend five days there (if you haven't noticed there is some serious construction going on in the SAMU office). But everything is going amazingly nonetheless, and I cannot wait to see what this year brings!

Do not be afraid to ask me questions! I encourage council to always ask strategic questions on the agenda based on the information provided. If you want to just come talk to me, let me know and I'll book in a time for us to "hang out".

It's starting to get sunny outside so make the most of it!  $<3 \pm 1$ 

Warmly,

Chioma V. Uzor (she/her)
2025/2026 VP Academic, SAMU
savpacademic@macewan.ca



## **Students' Council Report**

## **Vice-President External**

Date of Meeting May 21, 2025

Howdy Council! Hopefully my first report provides ample information and insight into our current advocacy efforts. Insert current event here: (Good job/better luck next time Oilers).

## Canadian Alliance of Students' Association (CASA) Foundations

1.1

The President and I are currently at the CASA Foundations for 2025-2026 year, thus our current absence. As per Student Councils last motion we have left the organisation of CASA and are entering an observer role. While we are at foundations, we still have a vote in the upcoming board election this week. We will stay vigilant and ensure we elect competent leaders to uphold good advocacy regardless of our status with CASA. In pursuance of Student Councils direction, we will gather appropriate information from CASA future direction and skills from workshops to better serve the student population.

### **Executive Retreat**



1.2

We have concluded our official transfer of powers and have returned from Banff without incident. While not one for the outdoors, your Vice President External is feeling enlightened by the information provided and ready to serve students.

### **ESA Chair**

1.3

On April 25<sup>th</sup> the President and I attended an ESA meeting where we were able to reintroduce ourselves and the announcement of Elections was made for Chair and Vice Chair. I have already drafted my Letter of Intent for the position of Chair to fulfill my mandate to students and be in a strong position to advocate on SAMU's behalf for municipal issues regarding Transit safety, Housing availability and affordability. Along with EAA there will be a strategy put into place for strategies we can implement should I be elected. Within such a position I will be poised to ensure that all mandates are carried out without distraction. Once able we hope to submit the letter and proceed with planning for next steps should I be elected. May 28<sup>th</sup> is the due date for the intent letter, and we are well prepared for submission.

## **Advocacy Planning**

1.4

We have commenced advocacy planning for the upcoming year, and we will have our plans to present to council at the next meeting to ensure that the student voice is well represented through our efforts.

All in all, it looks like there are many opportunities for advocacy efforts in the upcoming year. Hopefully everyone is in good spirits, and you can picture me sitting in my seat



smiling at you all. If you have any further questions regarding any efforts or anything in general don't hesitate to stop by or shoot me an email:

Why don't eggs tell jokes? They might crack up!

Wishing I was there,

Wilfrid Youbi Fansi







## **Students' Council Report**

## **Vice President Governance & Finance**

May 21<sup>st</sup>, 2025

Greetings Council! :D

Andrei here, officially stepping in! I am incredibly grateful and feel privileged to be in this role, and I'm excited to be sharing my very first report to council. I'm confident that working alongside you guys over the next 12 months will be both very rewarding and impactful as we continuously advocate for the needs of the student body and represent them here at MacEwan University.

Written below is my report from April 26<sup>th</sup> to May 14<sup>th</sup>. Without any further ado, let's get started!

## **Executive Summary**

- Students' Council Operations Committee Interview Working Group Update
- School of Business Associate Dean Hiring Committee
- Gallivan Fee Guidance Renewal
- Meeting with MacEwan VP Finance and Administration & CFO
- Transition Training with GAST and Outgoing VPGF VPGF Portfolio

## **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.

### Students' Council Operations Committee Interview Working Group Update

Before taking office as the current VPGF, my outgoing EC chaired the Students' Council Operations Committee's (henceforth, SCOC) Interview Working Group to fill the current vacancies on Students' Council (please refer to Councillor Tolu's In-Camera report for more details, which will be further discussed during the Students' Council meeting). During my [technical] first day in office on May 5<sup>th</sup>, 2025, SCOC held a meeting to deliberate on who we believe are the strongest candidates for SC. Due to the highly confidential nature of this subject, I will only further comment on this during the In-Camera session of the SC meeting.

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

## **School of Business Associate Dean Hiring Committee**

Please refer to the Executive Committee minutes and Briefing Note from May 7<sup>th</sup>, 2025, for more details. To make this short and concise, I was appointed to sit on this Committee based on the Governance Advocacy Support Team's recommendation and my meeting the qualifications of being a student within the School of Business. Due to the highly confidential nature of this matter, I can only report on the fact that we had multiple rounds of interviews with candidates on May 13<sup>th</sup>, 2025, and that we will have our deliberation soon regarding the appointment of the new Associate Dean.



## **Student Supports**

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

- 3.1 Develop and deliver initiatives that are inclusive and are responsive to student needs.
- 3.2 Evaluate and assess student supports to remain relevant and accountable for students.
- 3.4 Enhance relationships with external organizations to leverage resources and supplement new and existing initiatives.

### Gallivan Guidance Fee Renewal

On May 8<sup>th</sup>, 2025, I, along with the General Manager, Governance Advisor, and Senior Finance Manager, met with Sean Gallivan, Client Relations Specialist at Gallivan Student Health & Wellness, to discuss the upcoming Health & Dental Plan Renewal for the 2025-26 academic year. We were provided with a comprehensive breakdown of the proposed Student Fee for the upcoming year based on historical health and dental claims data as well as future forecasts of enrollment and claims on a Rolling 12-month basis.

3.3 Strengthen collaborations and partnerships with MacEwan University to expand supports and resources for students.

### Meeting with MacEwan VP Finance and Administration & CFO

On May 14<sup>th</sup>, 2025, I had a 1-on-1 introductory meeting with my MacEwan counterpart, Maureen Lomas, VP Finance and Administration & CFO. We discussed potential avenues for collaboration within the year ahead [such as the Tuition and Fees Consultation]. I also spoke with Maureen regarding the scope of her portfolio within MacEwan and expressed my genuine interest in working closely with her in the following year to tackle student affordability through various initiatives.



## **Strengthening SAMU Operations**

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

- 4.1 Review SAMU governance structures and make improvements to reduce duplication of efforts and delays in decision-making processes.
- 4.2 Document main policies and processes to support business continuity and transitions in leadership and staff.
- 4.5 Foster a professional and supportive work environment that lives the organizational values and delivers a culture of excellence.

## Transition Training with GAST and Outgoing VPGF - VPGF Portfolio

During my transition, both before and after officially taking office, the current Executive Committee went through lots of training in order to prepare us for the scope of responsibility within our diverse roles and portfolios. The President can provide a more detailed breakdown of the training that we received together as a group and individually from our outgoing ECs.

Throughout this time, the outgoing VPGF provided me with lots of guidance and support when it came to familiarizing myself with the role, learning the day-to-day responsibilities and expectations, and overall, setting myself up for success throughout the year ahead.



## **Closing Remarks**

I just want to take a moment to reiterate how genuinely excited I am to be working with all of you this year! Getting to know the members of the council during the transition period has been both very fun and engaging, and I'm really looking forward to continuing to strengthen those connections with you as the year progresses. One of my priorities for this year is to help foster a council culture that is open, engaging, and informative, where everyone feels comfortable sharing their thoughts and unique perspectives on the important matters we face. Additionally, I do recognize that the year ahead will come with its fair share of challenges, but I'm confident that it will also be very much rewarding. I am thrilled to navigate this journey with all of you, and I know that through collaboration, we will be able to achieve lots of great wins this year. I can feel it. As I continue settling into my role, please go easy on me XD. There are still lots for me to learn and opportunities for further development, and I value any constructive feedback you're willing to share, so please, don't hesitate to reach out to let me know!

Thank you for taking the time to read my report. If you have any other questions, comments, or concerns, please feel free to contact me at the email address below. This is everything for now... or is it?

The Highest of Regards,

Andrei Santiago (he/him)

VP Governance and Finance, SAMU 2025/2026

savpoperations@macewan.ca



## **Students' Council Report**

**Vice-President Student Life** 

**April 21st, 2025** 

Hello Council,

It's an absolute pleasure and privilege to work with y'all this year, I am excited on the great things we will embark on. The last few weeks have been very fruitful, and I am grateful to have great support to help me move into this role. I hope you enjoy reading my report below from May 5<sup>th</sup>- May 15<sup>th</sup>.

## **Executive Summary**

- GFC Meeting
- Meeting with Various counterparts
- Advocacy Planning with GAST and EC
- Meetings with Darrel on SAMU contracts

## **Student Experience & Engagement**

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### **Student Voice**

2.4 Foster positive relationships with MacEwan University to better serve students

The VPA and I attended a GFC meeting right after the retreat, on the Monday following it. During the meeting, many topics were discussed, which the VPA will also cover in their agenda. However, one point that stood out to me was the increased student representation on committees related to the GFC. I encourage any student or councilor reading this to look into these opportunities.

Another topic worth mentioning was the discussion around starting the fall term earlier. It was a very informative conversation. For example, we learned that the exam period is nine days long, and that marketing is prioritized to be shortened from five days to three once every seven years. All of these factors are being considered as the GFC continues to deliberate at the committee level. However, as of now, no decisions have been *made*.

## **Student Supports**

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

3.3 Strengthen collaborations and partnerships with MacEwan University to expand supports and resources for students.

I had the opportunity to meet with various MacEwan staff that I will be working with throughout the year staff from MacEwan students affairs, MacEwan international. MacEwan Sustainability. Most of these meeting were simply meet and greets but it is exciting to hear some of the great conversation



## **Strengthening SAMU Operations**

4.3 Diversify revenue streams to reduce reliance on student fees.

### Meeting / Initiative / Project

Strat Bullet Point (ex. 4.1)

In addition to the support, I've been receiving from the outgoing members and GAST, Darrel has also been a great resource for accessing information. One of the topics I inquired about was our current deal with Coca-Cola, specifically its inclusivity aspect. Some students involved in student groups and leadership roles are already aware of the limitations this deal imposes on them. As a former member of a student group, I also experienced the constraints related to this exclusive agreement with Coca-Cola. There's still a lot to learn and work through, but the information I've gathered, and will continue to gather will help shape my advocacy efforts.

### **Closing Remarks**

Overall, this agenda is brief because I officially started this role less than 15 days before submitting this report. However, even in that short time, I've had the opportunity to meet many amazing people at MacEwan and attend a GFC meeting. I'm also very grateful to the GAST team and the two outgoing executives who are temporarily working part-time to help with transition. So thank you Joseph (former VPGF) and Gabriel (former President) for helping me learn more about SAMU and my transformative role within it.



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VP Student Life, SAMU 2025/2026

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Minutes for the Executive Committee Meeting of the Students' Association of MacEwan University April 9, 2025 @ 2:00pm

**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

1. Call to Order: 2:00pm

2. Treaty 6 Land Recognition

Alan Honey, Governance Advisor (Recording Secretary)

In Attendance:
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 Approval of Agenda: VPSL/VPGF CARRIED

4. Approval of Minutes for: March 26, 2025

VPGF/VPSL CARRIED

	TOPIC	DISCUSSION	ACTION/MOTION
1.	Election	PRES – opportunity to provide thoughts/feedback on our recent election.	
	Maintenance	GM - After seeing success with how the furniture under the stairs has been received, by students and groups that use it for programs etc. The team has requested that we add more soft seating there to accommodate more people using the area.  GM - This request will cover computers that are due to be lifecycle replaced as per our directive along with new computers for new positions, and Videographer equipment that is requested by the Marketing Team now	MOTION  TO APPROVE AN EXPENSE OF UP TO \$31,000.00 FROM THE MAINTENANCE FUND FOR PROJECT 25-24.25 UNDER MAIN STAIRS PART 2  VPGF/VPSL CARRIED
2.	Fund	that we will have 2 Videographers.	MOTION

GM - This request will cover computers that we currently don't have for the griff and also give them more camera equipment that they have requested along with other office tech they will need when they move into their new office.    TO APPROVE A EXPENSE OF UP TO \$126,000.00 of FROM THE MAINTENANCE FUND FOR PROJECT 26-24.25 COMPUTER REFRESHINEW POSITIONS & VIDEOGRAPHER EQUIPMENT   VPGF/VPSL CARRIED		T		1
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	8.			
	9.	President's Report		

10	CM Papart	EC Transition. Ponoka breakfast gift card update. MacEwan policy input opportunity. Office summer plan update. The griff lease review update. Federal election voting happening in our building next week.	
10.	GM Report	HR update.	
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11.	Recognition		

5. Adjournment Time: 3:09pm



Minutes for the Executive Committee Meeting of the Students' Association of MacEwan University April 16, 2025 @ 2:00pm

**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

1. Call to Order: 2:00pm

2. Treaty 6 Land Recognition

Alan Honey, Governance Advisor (Recording Secretary)

In Attendance:
Shannon Marshall, Executive Coordinator
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 Approval of Agenda: VPGF/VPSL CARRIED

4. Approval of Minutes for: April 9, 2025

VPSL/VPGF CARRIED

	TOPIC	DISCUSSION	ACTION/MOTION
1.	Legacy Wall Signature Plaque		
			MOTION
			TO APPROVE THE YOUNG ORTHODOX TEWAHEDO CHRISTIAN STUDENTS STUDENT GROUP
2.	Student Groups		VPSL/VPGF CARRIED

3.	BOG Statement  – Student Concern	Vpgf – we received a concern from a student about our BOG protest statement. Would like feedback on how to respond. Also would like to discuss creating a process for releasing statements in the future.  Vpsl – re-evaluate statement to take into account the other students on campus who were affected by the protest.  Vpgf – don't think removing the statement is appropriate, but not sure what re-evaluating would be.  Pres – don't think removing statement is appropriate.  Vpsl – try to support the students who were disturbed by the protest.  Pres – need to respond to student with empathy.  Vpa – no need to remove statement & acknowledge student concerns.  RM – do a call out to students who have been affected to find out what they need.  Vpgf – do callout asap.	Action: Vpgf to respond to student.  GAST to organize callout to students by end of week April 25, 2025.
4.	Outstanding Action Items	TPG. 40 comocit desp.	
5.	VP Student Life's Report		
6.	VP Academic's Report		
7.	VP Governance & Finance Report		
8.	President's Report	Mayor's office meeting update.  MacEwan President meeting update.	
9.	GM Report	Ponoka update. The griff lease update. Outgoing EC reminder. HR update.	
10.	Recognition		

## 5. Adjournment Time: 2:37 pm



Minutes for the Executive Committee Meeting of the Students' Association of MacEwan University April 23, 2025 @ 2:00pm

**Voting Members:** 

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

Resource Officials: Darryl Kostash, General Manager

1. Call to Order: 2:02pm

2. Treaty 6 Land Recognition

Alan Honey, Governance Advisor (Recording Secretary)

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Approval of Agenda: VPSL/VPGF CARRIED

Approval of Minutes for: April 16, 2025
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	TOPIC	DISCUSSION	ACTION/MOTION
			MOTION
			TO APPROVE THE APPROVAL AUTHORITY PROCEDURE ON THE RECOMMENDATION OF THE PROCEDURE SUB- COMMITTEE
1.	Approval Authority procedure		VPGF/VPSL CARRIED
	Committee		MOTION
2.	Appointment –		

	SAL		TO APPOINT ENOLIA AJAGUN TO THE GOVERNANCE INVESTIGATIONS & REINSTATEMENT COMMITTEE FOR A TERM ENDING OCTOBER 31, 2025  VPGF/VPSL CARRIED
3.	Maintenance Fund		MOTION  TO APPROVE AN EXPENSE OF UP TO \$85,000.00 FROM THE MAINTENANCE FUND FOR PROJECT 28-24.25 GRIFF FFE AND OFFICE SET UP FOR THE PURCHASE OF FURNITURE, FIXTURES, AND EQUIPMENT FOR THE NEW GRIFF OFFICE  VPGF/VPSL CARRIED
4.	Outstanding Action Items		
	VP Academic's		
5.	Report VP Governance	tabled	
	& Finance		
6.	Report		
7.	VP Student Life's Report		
	President's	Vpe transition meeting with Lara	
8.	Report	Pres transition meeting with Alumni office.	
9.	GM Report	SGs updates. Staff meeting tomorrow & p/t awards.	
10.	Recognition		

5. Adjournment Time: 2:16pm



Minutes for the Executive Committee Meeting of the Students' Association of MacEwan University May 1, 2025 @ 3:45pm

**Voting Members:** 

Nathan Poon, President Chioma Uzor, VP Academic Wilfrid Youbi Fansi, VP External Andrei Santiago, VP Governance & Finance Alem Tesfay, VP Student Life

Resource Officials: Darryl Kostash, General Manager

1. Call to Order: 3:46pm

2. Treaty 7 Land Recognition

Alan Honey, Governance Advisor (Recording Secretary)

In Attendance:
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Manager
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 Approval of Agenda: VPGF/VPSL CARRIED

4. Approval of Minutes for: April 23, 2025

VPA/VPE CARRIED

TOPIC		DISCUSSION	ACTION/MOTION
			MOTION
1	Committee Appointments	*Strategy and Engagement Committee requires one Exec other than the VPSL	TO APPOINT NATHAN POON TO THE ALUMNI ADVISORY COUNCIL CONVOCATION PLANNING COMMITTEE, STUDENT TECHNOLOGY FEE COMMITTEE CHANCELLOR SPEAKER SERIES STEERING COMMITTEE FOR A TERM ENDING APRIL 30, 2026

		VPA/VPGF
		CARRIED
		MOTION
		TO APPOINT CHIOMA UZOR
		TO THE GENERAL
		FACULTIES COUNCIL
		(GFC), GFC EXECUTIVE COUNCIL, GENERAL
		FACULTIES COUNCIL-
		COUNCIL ON STUDENT
		AFFAIRS, GFC ACADEMIC
		STANDARDS CURRICULUM
		AND CALENDAR, ACADEMIC
		CALENDAR ADVISORY
		SUBCOMMITTEE GFC
		ACADEMIC PLANNING &
		QUALITY ASSURANCE, GFC
		COMMITTEE ON TEACHING
		& LEARNING, GFC
		COMMITTEE ON
		SCHOLARLY
		ACTIVITY, MACEWAN
		LIBRARY COUNCIL DISTINGUISHED TEACHING
		AWARD (DTA),
		DISTINGUISHED
		RESEARCHER AWARD
		(DRA), PRESIDENT'S MEDAL
		AWARD (PMA), STUDENT
		SYSTEM'S JOINT
		OPERATIONS COMMITTEE
		(SSJOC), EMERGING
		TECHNOLOGY
		COMMITTEE, MACEWAN
		ACADEMIC ADVISING
		STEERING
		COMMITTEE, STUDENT TECHNOLOGY FEE
		COMMITTEE, AND
		MÊSKANÂS GOVERNANCE
		COMMITTEE FOR A TERM
		ENDING APRIL 30, 2026
		VPGF/VPE
		CARRIED
		MOTION
		TO ARROW THE SECOND
		TO APPOINT WILFRID YOUBI FANSI TO THE STUDENT
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TECHNOLOGY FEE COMMITTEE

FOR A TERM ENDING APRIL 30, 2026

VPA/VPGF CARRIED

### **MOTION**

TO APPOINT ANDREI
SANTIAGO TO THE SAMU
BUILDING OPERATIONS
COMMITTEE, AND STUDENT
TECHNOLOGY FEE
COMMITTEE, AND THE
STRATEGY AND
ENGAGEMENT COMMITTEE

FOR A TERM ENDING APRIL 30, 2026

VPA/VPE CARRIED

#### **MOTION**

TO APPOINT ALEM TESFAY TO THE SEXUAL VIOLENCE **PREVENTION AND EDUCATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE** (SVPEAC), GENERAL **FACULTIES COUNCIL, GENERAL FACULTIES COUNCIL-COUNCIL ON STUDENT AFFAIRS, STUDENT TECHNOLOGY FEE** COMMITTEE, COALITION FOR HARM REDUCTION @ **MACEWAN UNIVERSITY, AND STUDENT SYSTEMS JOINT OPERATIONS COMMITTEE** FOR A TERM ENDING APRIL 30, 2026

VPE/VPA CARRIED

	Outstanding		
2.	Action Items		
	VP Academic's		
3.	Report		
	VP External's		
4.	Report	Met with MacEwan counterpart & training going well.	
	VP Governance		
	& Finance		
5.	Report		
	VP Student		
6.	Life's Report		
	President's		
7.	Report		
8.	GM Report	Building update.	
9.	Recognition		

# 5. Adjournment **VPA**

CARRIED

Time: 4:24pm

## STUDENTS' COUNCIL MEETING SUBMISSION

	AGENDA ITEM INFORMATION			
Meeting Date		Submitted By		
May 21, 2025		Councillor Dare, Students' Cou	uncil Operation Committee member	
Agenda Item Title	Councillor \	/acancies		
Action Requested		⊠Motion	Consultation Item	
		AGENDA ITEM DET	AILS	
Motion Title		opoint,, ber 31, 2025	and as Councillors for a term	
Background Information	reads "In the for appointr"  The Student (2) vacant is the council recommend appointment. The SCOC cours was comported to council.  After the interest the Student free from both The commits.	te case of a Councillor vacancy, anent.  Its' Council Operations Committed toositions initially. However, durations opened - making three vacant three (3) candidates out out.  I three (3) candidates out out.  I three (4) candidates out out.  I three cand for an and the committee of the purpose of the grand then report back to SCOC of their understanding of students.  I their understanding of students and focused solely on the candidates and focused solely on the stee believes we have complete	Students' Council will solicit a qualified Member see (SCOC) received four (4) applications for two ing the recruitment process, a new vacancy on cies available. With this the SCOC decided to of the four (4) candidates that applied for nittee called the Interview Working Group which nance (Joseph La Torre), Councillor Dare, and roup was to conduct interviews with all the The interviews consisted of questioning each nts' advocacy and what they aim to achieve on included on which candidates to recommend to onses of each candidate. The discussions were candidate's experience and interview answers. It is discussion to the process of identifying good candidates in Council entrusted the committee in doing so.	

	We ask for you to focus on whether you agree or disagree with the recommendations and if you have any questions about the process that was used by SCOC in making these recommendations please ask during the In-Camera Period.
Alternative Considerations	Not accept some, or all, of SCOC's recommendations and restart the recruitment process.
Risk Management Considerations	N/A
Strategic Alignment	Attached Strategic Alignment Checklist is complete
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	Notify candidates of Council's decision.
Review History	n/a

## 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		N/A	Consistent
Student Experience & Engagement			
The overall student experience is enhanced by the opportunities provided by SAMU.			$\boxtimes$
1.1 Put the finishing touches on the SAMU building, enhancing the safe and intentional spaces for students to gather, relax and study.		$\boxtimes$	
1.2 Increase student awareness of SAMU and its opportunities through strong communications and engaging marketing and brand		$\boxtimes$	
1.3 Increase student engagement by offering relevant and meaningful			
events, programs, services, volunteer activities and employment opportunities for students			
1.4 Support Student Groups by offering networking opportunities, meeting space,			
outreach support and online platforms			
Student Voice			
The Student Voice is amplified by SAMU.		Ш	
2.1 Develop an Advocacy Plan and implement processes to strengthen SAMU's advocacy program.		$\boxtimes$	
2.2 Enhance awareness and interest in SAMU's democratic processes through education and encouraging student participation			
2.3 Continue to build collaborative relationships with other Student Associations and organizations to enhance the collective student voice with all government levels		$\boxtimes$	
2.4 Foster positive relationships with MacEwan University to better serve students		$\boxtimes$	
Student Supports			
Student supports provided by SAMU are responsive to unique and evolving needs.		$\boxtimes$	
3.1 Develop and deliver initiatives that are inclusive and are responsive to all student needs.		$\boxtimes$	
3.2 Evaluate and assess student supports to remain relevant and accountable to students		$\boxtimes$	
3.3 Strengthen collaborations and partnerships with MacEwan University to expand supports and resources for students.		$\boxtimes$	
3.4 Enhance relationships with external organizations to leverage resources and supplement new and existing initiatives		$\boxtimes$	
Strengthening SAMU Operations			
SAMU is an innovative and sustainable organization with an engaging work environment.			$\boxtimes$
4.1 Review SAMU governance structures and make improvements to reduce duplication of efforts and delays in decision-making processes.		$\boxtimes$	
4.2 Document main policies and processes to support business continuity and transitions in leadership and staff.		$\boxtimes$	
4.3 Diversify revenue streams to reduce reliance on student fees.		$\boxtimes$	
4.4 Act as financial and environmental stewards and implement effective practices to enhance sustainability.			$\boxtimes$
4.5 Foster a professional and supportive work environment that lives the organizational values and delivers a culture of excellence.		$\boxtimes$	