



STUDENTS' ASSOCIATION OF MACEWAN UNIVERSITY

Agenda for the Students' Council Meeting of the Students' Association of MacEwan University June 18, 2025 at 6:00pm in the Council Chamber

Voting Members:

Olad Ayodeji, Councillor
Tolu Dare, Councillor
Jencel Diaz, 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
vacant, 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
Loyal 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.

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2. Approvals

2.1 MOTION

TO APPROVE THE AGENDA FOR JUNE 18, 2025

2.2 MOTION

TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF APRIL 26 AND MAY 21, 2025

3. Presentations

3.1.

4. For Information

4.1. Reports

4.1.1. President

4.1.2. Vice President Academic

4.1.3. Vice President External

4.1.4. Vice President Governance & Finance

4.1.5. Vice President Student Life

4.1.6.

4.2. Executive Committee Minutes

Minutes of May 7, 21, 28, and June 4, 2025 provided.

5. Question Period

5.1. Written Questions

5.2. Oral Questions

Topics include:

6. In Camera Period

6.1.

7. Motions & Business Orders of the Day

7.1. Strategy and Engagement Committee

**MOTION TO APPOINT COUNCILLOR _____ TO THE STRATEGY AND
ENGAGEMENT COMMITTEE FOR A TERM ENDING OCTOBER 31, 2025**

VPGF/

Favour:

Oppose:

7.2.

8. Consultation

8.1.

9. Evaluation

9.1.

10. Recognition

11. Adjournment

MOTION TO ADJOURN

Next Meeting Date: July 16, 2025

Meeting adjourned at pm



STUDENTS' ASSOCIATION OF MACEWAN UNIVERSITY

**Minutes for the Students' Council Meeting of the
Students' Association of MacEwan University
April 26, 2025 at 2:30pm in the Council Chamber**

Voting Members:

Gabriel Ambutong, President
Tolu Dare, Councillor
Aryan Dutta, Councillor
Aidan Fisher, Councillor
Christian Galera 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, Vice President External

SAMU Officials and Council Support:

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2. Approvals

2.1 MOTION

TO APPROVE THE AGENDA FOR APRIL 26, 2025

UZOR/VPSL

CARRIED

3. Presentations

3.1. Canadian Alliance of Student Associations

4. Question Period

4.1. Written Questions

4.2. Oral Questions

5. In Camera Period

5.1. CASA Membership

MOTION TO GO IN CAMERA

PRES/FISHER

CARRIED

MOTION TO GO OUT OF CAMERA

PRES/UZOR

CARRIED

6. Motions & Business Orders of the Day

6.1. CASA Membership Withdrawal

MOTION TO ADOPT STUDENTS' COUNCIL RESOLUTION #2025-04-26-1

PRES/DUTTA

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

CARRIED

7. Consultation

8. Evaluation

9. Recognition

10. Adjournment

MOTION TO ADJOURN

DUTTA

CARRIED

Next Meeting Date: May 21, 2025

Meeting adjourned at 3:12pm



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Tolu Dare, Councillor
Aryan Dutta, Councillor
Aidan Fisher, Councillor (absent)
Chistian Galera, Councillor
Cierra Jacobs, Councillor
Alem Tesfay, Vice President Student Life
Moselle Namoc, Councillor
Maade Okai, Councillor
Nathan Poon, President
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2. Approvals

2.1 MOTION

TO APPROVE THE AGENDA FOR MAY 21, 2025

ZIDAN/JACOBS

CARRIED

2.2 MOTION

TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF APRIL 16, 2025

OKAI/ZIDAN

CARRIED

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5.1. Written Questions

5.2. Oral Questions

Topics include: academic start date; coke contract on campus; SoB Associate Dean hiring; H&D fee; GFC meeting – Mintz panel;

6. In Camera Period

MOTION TO GO IN CAMERA

TORRES/OKAI

CARRIED

6.1. Councillor Vacancies

MOTION TO GO OUT OF CAMERA

JACOBS/VPE

CARRIED

7. Motions & Business Orders of the Day

7.1. Councillor Vacancies

MOTION TO APPOINT OLAD AYODEJI, JENCEL DIAZ, AND SEUN SADARE AS COUNCILLORS FOR A TERM ENDING OCTOBER 31, 2025

DARE/JACOBS

Favour: Okai, Vpsl, Vpe, Vpa, Vpgf, Pres, Trinh, Dutta, Zidan, Jacobs, Dare, Galera, Reyes, Torres, Namoc

CARRIED

8. Consultation

9. Evaluation

10. Recognition

11. Adjournment

MOTION TO ADJOURN

DUTTA

CARRIED

Next Meeting Date: June 18, 2025

Meeting adjourned at 6:26pm



Students' Council Report

President

June 18th, 2025

Dear Council,

I hope everyone is enjoying the warm weather. The Executive Committee (EC) has been hard at work over the past month ensuring that we are well-suited to represent the student body in the upcoming academic year. Please feel free to ask any written or oral questions.

Here's my report on from the President portfolio from May 14th to June 11th.

Executive Summary

- EC Advocacy Planning
- Alberta Electoral Boundaries Commission
- One-on-one with MacEwan University President
- Edmonton Student Alliance AGM

EC Advocacy Planning

EC has been hard at work over the past month working with the GAST team to produce our workplans for the year, and what our priorities are and entail. In examining our feedback from students through the Spring Annual Survey, we will continue to advocate

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as student leaders relating to common issues such as affordability, food insecurity, and many others. I encourage Councillors to review our workplan at the July SC meeting agenda when it becomes available, and to ask questions related to our priorities.

Alberta Electoral Boundaries Commission

I had the opportunity to speak at the Alberta Electoral Boundaries Commission on June 3rd. The Commission is tasked with assigning two new MLA seats for the next provincial election, and I had the opportunity to speak to the Commission and advocate for the allocation of those seats in the Edmonton region. As MacEwan University's student population is set to grow to 30,000 by 2030, and seeing how Edmonton has grown by 125,000 people over the past 3 years, it is in the best interest of students to have equal representation across provincial ridings.

One-on-one with MacEwan University President

I met with President Trimbee, and we discussed our upcoming priorities for the year. Much like SAMU, MacEwan is very busy over the summer, and they are planning their work for the upcoming year. Topics included affordability, food insecurity, and how we can collaborate with MacEwan to best serve the student body on an advocacy front.

Edmonton Student Alliance (ESA) Annual General Meeting (AGM)

I had the opportunity to attend the ESA's AGM at the University of Alberta's Students' Union Building, where I supported our Vice-President External in my capacity as a primary delegate. The VP-External will discuss more in his report.

Closing Remarks



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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



Students' Council Report

Vice-President Academic

June 18, 2025

One month already! It went a lot quicker than expected but I'm excited to see what will be next for me. Big shoutout to the new councilors, welcome to the team! We are excited to work with you all and see how we can collaborate this year. Without further delay, here is my report from May 22nd to June 10th!

Executive Summary

- General Faculties Council
- Textbook Affordability Session
- 1 on 1 w/ Dean of Arts and Science
- Council on Student Affairs

Student Voice

The Student Voice is amplified by SAMU.

General Faculties Council Meeting

Strat Point 2.4., 3.2



On June 9th, the last General Faculties meeting of the academic year was held. Items that were discussed in the meeting included the Bachelor of Social Work program review which focused on increased access to mental health support for Social Work students.

The committee on Academic Standards, Curriculum, and the Calendar had highlighted the change from the University Preparation program name to Academic Upgrading in response to decreased attention to the program when appealing to students whose aim is to do academic upgrading.

The 2026-2027 Academic Schedule has been approved by the council, conclusively. The calendar will maintain reading week, Day of Truth and Reconciliation, and a longer exam period with the reduced likelihood that exams will occur on weekends.

Council on Student Affairs

Strat Point 2.4

Flightpath: A First-Year Success Program

The Council on Student Affairs (CoSA) met to discuss the data collected from the pilot year of Flightpath: A First-Year Success program. The first year demonstrated substantial feedback from students such as a 98.8% recommendation by students to recommend the First-Year Readiness Quiz to students. 1205 students completed the Online Orientation Course, and 54% of students completed the quiz. However, there were some leads to lacking student engagement especially in the Community Nest Leader program.

Enhancing Student Engagement in Academic Governance

We also had been given the opportunity to share our perspectives on how General Faculties Council can better introduce students to Academic Governance and be better supported. Most specifically how the Student Orientation can enhance student engagement and better introduce students to the framework of academic governance.

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Submitted June 12, 2025



1 On 1 with the Dean of Arts and Science

Strat Point 2.4

On June 10th I met Dr. Melike Schalomon, the Dean of Arts and Science to discuss her goals for the upcoming year, though she informed me she is on administrative leave this upcoming year and will have Dr. Kevin Friesen acting as Interim Dean. Because of this we discussed more on what she was currently working on, and no plans of collaboration was discussed.

Student Supports

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

Textbook Affordability Session

Strat Point 3.2, 3.3, 3.4

On June 3rd, I attended a Textbook Affordability session that was hosted by the library and led by a representative of the Scholarly Publishing and Academic Resources Coalition (SPARC). Accompanied with me was the President (Nathan Poon) and the Vice President Student Life (Alem Tesfay). In attendance were various library council members, librarians, and a library representative from the University of Alberta. Together we engaged in insightful discussion about the Inclusive Access Model, the benefits of Open Educational Resources, and the effects that Equitable Access models can have on postsecondary students.

Closing Remarks

We had two days of sunlight and now we are in a period of gloominess. However, I hope it is sunny by the time you get to read this report!



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I highly encourage council to ask me questions! If you would like to come and talk to me instead, let me know and I'll book a time for us to have a chat!

If April showers bring May flowers, what does June bring?

Warmly,

Chioma V. Uzor (she/her)

2025/2026 VP Academic, SAMU

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Students' Council Report

Vice-President External

Date of Meeting June 18th, 2025

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

ESA (Edmonton Students Alliance)

1.1

On May 28th the EAA, President and I attended The ESA for a meeting consisting of a vote for Chair and Vice Chair. For the chair position I had initially run but lost to the VP Operations Finance of UASU Nathan Thiessen who was sworn in as chair. After the Chair the election for Vice Chair commenced, and Norquest and Nait were the initial candidates. I decided it would be best to run from the floor and then succeeded in the election for Vice Chair. Hopefully when I come to you next, I can present an overview of the areas we will be advocating for at a municipal level. I would like to reiterate our advocacy efforts will not be hindered by my position and I will be working utilising all our resources we can adequately fight for students.



Zoning Bylaw Review

1.2

On Tuesday June 3rd the EAA and I attended the City Halls review for the Rezoning Bylaw review to express student's support of the bylaw and to voice support of the ongoing implementation of the bylaw to expedite development of housing in priority growth areas in the city. Our Presence at City Hall showed those attending and councilors to maintain momentum and keep developing housing in our inner city.

After speaking I was interviewed by CTV and Global News regarding what students wanted in terms of housing

CTV Interview

Global News Interview

Proposed changes mentioned by admin for consideration:

Max building length from 30m to 25m.

Change to limit total entrance on side of building to 4 to reduce side yard activity.

Increase sidestep back to 1.9 from 1.5 to allow ample side yard space, (space on property when you have doors on the side of your home).

Introduce covered front door for front facade or choice from two frontal designs (To combat front housing being unidentifiable)

Changes introduced June 30 would apply to applications after July 14 if accepted by the City Council.

Electoral Boundary Commision

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1.3

On Tuesday 3rd our President spoke at the Electoral boundaries commission regarding the importance of students in consideration of redrawing voting boundaries.

[Link to Commission information](#)

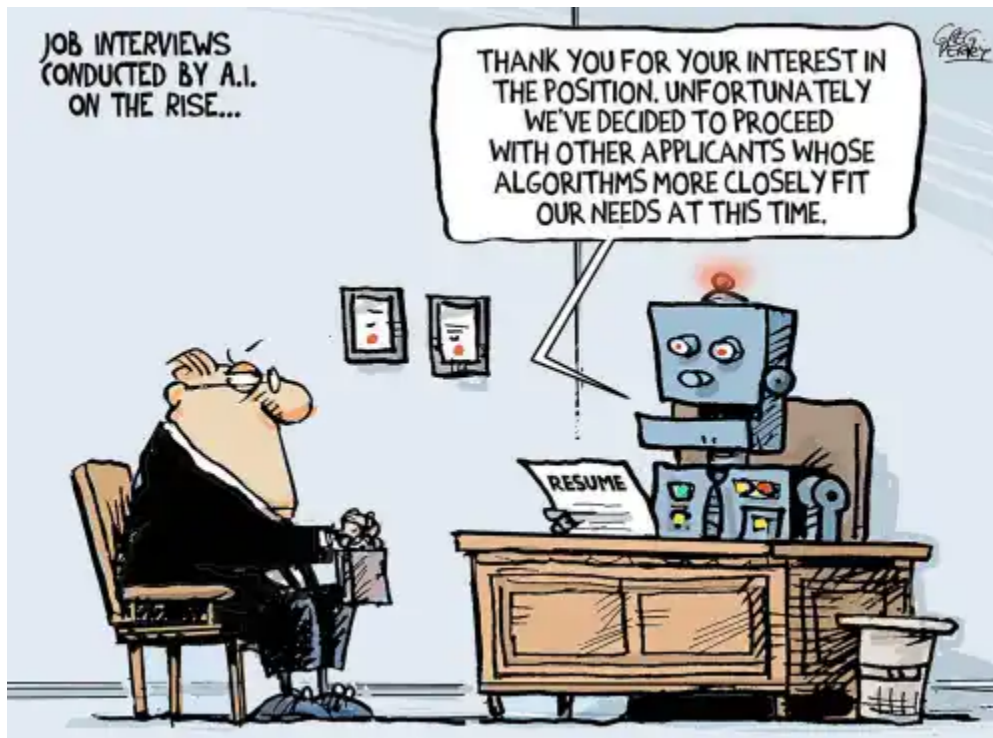
OEG Meeting

1.4

On June 4th the GM, President and I met online with Ryan from OEG (Oilers Entertainment Group) the discussions mostly consisted of operational items, but points of note that we wanted from meeting was the slim chance of discussing future development projects around MacEwan or better future relations.

[Link to article regarding OEG housing](#)

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



(I will include one political cartoon with every report)

Wilfrid Youbi Fansi



Students' Council Report

Vice-President Student Life

June 18th, 2025

Hello folks,

I hope your spring is wrapping up well. The last few weeks have flown by for me, and I am sure other EC members have felt similar. This month included advocacy planning/proposals, meeting with relevant stakeholders and learning more about SAMU and MacEwan. I hope you enjoy reading my May 20th- June 10th report.

Executive Summary

- General Faculties Council (GFC) + Council of Student Affairs (COSA) Meeting
- CHARM (The Coalition for Harm Reduction at MacEwan) meeting
- Grants and Award Subcommittee (GAASC) Meetings
- Meetings with Darryl (GM)
- Textbook Affordability Session



Student Voice

The Student Voice is amplified by SAMU

General Faculties Council (GFC) + Council of Student Affairs (COSA) Meeting:

The Vice President Academic (VPA), student members (Ayodeji, Zidan), and I attended the final GFC at the beginning of this month. This meeting was unique since there was a closed section of the meeting in addition to the open section, which the public could attend. Regarding the content of the meeting, VPA will report most of the aspects of the meeting. Something I wanted to touch on was the Provost's report, which stated the high tenure acceptance rate for professors and the appointment of 47 instructors, which can be an indication that MacEwan is in a better position as an institution compared to other post secondaries cutting down instead of onboarding more staff.

The VPA and I also attended the final COSA meeting of the year, which happened to be our first meeting. The contents of the COSA meeting, a committee we are a part of, were also reported during the GFC meeting, and the big takeaways from that meeting were the flight path program presentation and the interest in a different approach to student orientation for GFC.

Student Supports

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CHARM (The Coalition for Harm Reduction at MacEwan) meeting:

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I had my first CHARM meeting at the end of May. This meeting was organized and chaired by Sydney Bennell, a great resource on campus regarding health education and student wellness. Many great things were discussed in the meeting; however, the biggest takeaway for me was the three part-time positions that will be available under the CHARM umbrella. These three positions aren't necessarily student positions, but they are open to hiring students as long as they have a background in health promotion. This is great news for students because three potential student jobs will be available. One of the things I want to advocate for throughout my term is more student jobs because it will be highly beneficial to the vibrancy of the MacEwan culture. This can also tie into work-integrated learning, which will set the student up for success in their field. Once I get further information, I will gladly share it; however, for now, it seems to be at the early stages of formulation.

Grants and Award Subcommittee (GAASC) Meetings:

Some of you may know, but for those who don't, I am the Chair of GAASC, and as chair, one of my roles is to go over student group applications (reported by the student's group manager) to present to EC for approval. I want to take this moment to congratulate the following student groups: Next Generation, Operation Free Thinkers, Students for MEDLIFE at MacEwan University and Women in Law Club. Thank you to all the students who took the initiative to create a student group; as a co-founder of a student group in the past, I know it isn't an easy feat.

Textbook Affordability Session:

The president, Vice president of Academics, and I were invited by the Associate Dean of the Library, Robyn Hall, to participate in the Textbook Affordability Session. Haily



from SPARC (a nonprofit advocacy organization that supports open systems for research and education) presented on navigating inclusive access. I appreciated this presentation because, as a student who has struggled with textbook access in the past, the contents of the presentation and discussion really resonated with me, and I'm sure most students on campus share similar views on textbook pricing on campus. If this interests you, check out the slides that were provided to us after the meeting. Learning about the business behind textbook companies and how they operate was informative and disturbing. My report would be twice as long if I reported on the notes I took in the session, so here are the Slides:

https://docs.google.com/presentation/u/0/d/19B2_g86Wa7XFIXp3JQqQ9GXKNho8COA1/mobilepresent#slide=id.p1 for those interested in the topic. This topic hits home for me, so if you have further questions, please get in touch with me.

Strengthening SAMU Operations

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

Meeting with Darryl (GM):

I often have meetings with our general manager, Darryl, because he's a great filter for ideas, and one of the ideas I brought up to Darryl was the addition of an expansion of the student market. Some of you reading may know that there is a holiday and spring awakening market that SAMU organizes. I was looking into adding an additional market during either the summer or fall season. As I spoke with Darryl, I realized this can be very beneficial to students if it was tailored to student groups; however, as of now, this is just an idea because it still has many filters it has to go through, one of them being



the budget (which is already set for 2025-2026). I will revisit this again in November when the future budget discussion begins.

Closing Remarks

Thank you for taking the time to read my report. I will be at a Health Campus Alberta on June 17-18, so I will, unfortunately, be away for the Students' Council meeting. Please feel free to submit written questions to me, and I will also note that the EC team should be able to answer most of the things I reported on except the meeting with CHARM and the GM. To those reading, whether you are a councillor, student or MacEwan staff/admin, I would also encourage you to take advantage of other forms of asking me questions, too, like email, telegram, and office meetings (whichever works best for you). That being said, I hope you enjoy reading my report! I want to conclude this by saying thank you to the Governance Advocacy Support Team (GAST) and SAMU staff for their support.

Cheers,

Alem D. Tesfay

VP Student Life, SAMU 2025/2026

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**Minutes for the Executive Committee Meeting of the
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May 7, 2025 @ 2:00pm**

Voting Members:

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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

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

1. Call to Order: 2:01pm
2. Treaty 6 Land Recognition

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3. Approval of Agenda:
**VPSL/VPGF
CARRIED**
4. Approval of Minutes for: May 1, 2025
**VPGF/VPSL
CARRIED**

TOPIC		DISCUSSION	ACTION/MOTION
1.	Norms	<p>Office communication – please use Outlook and/or Teams for office communication. (Telegram should only be used during retreats)</p> <p>Out of office – if you are not coming in due to illness or are coming in late please notify your team (ie. EC & GAST) via Teams/Outlook, and also notify the reception desk (samuadmin@macewan.ca) by email that you are away.</p> <p>Office hours – please define your office hours. Please choose 8:30am-4:30pm OR 9:00am-5:00pm and stick to these throughout your elected term.</p>	<p>Action: GA to book a session to discuss norms.</p>

		<p>Vacation or conference – if you are planning to be away from the office for vacation or to attend a conference please notify the reception desk (samuadmin@macewan.ca) via email prior to leaving. Also let EC/GAST know when you're scheduled to be away via Teams.</p> <p>Out of Office notification – when you are going to be Out of Office ensure you set up an Out of Office notification in Outlook.</p> <p>Time off in Lieu (TOIL) – TOIL cannot have a negative balance. TOIL can only be accumulated when required for business purposes (ie. only if you cannot flex your day).</p> <p>Arrival for meetings/event – you should arrive to meetings/event at least 5 minutes ahead of the start time.</p> <p>BambooHR – update BambooHR within xx hours/days of an absence or if accumulating TOIL hours.</p> <p>Executive Committee (EC) meetings – submit agenda items to Alan (via email) by noon on the day prior to the scheduled meeting at minimum.</p>	
2.	Appointment	<p>VPA/IAA –</p> <p>*Executive Committee motion 2025-03-26-5: "TO APPOINT JOEHN TORRES TO THE SCHOOL OF BUSINESS ASSOCIATE DEAN HIRING COMMITTEE"</p>	<p>MOTION</p> <p>TO RESCIND EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MOTION 2025-03-26-5</p> <p>VPE/VPGF CARRIED</p> <p>MOTION</p> <p>TO APPOINT ANDREI SANTIAGO TO THE ASSOCIATE DEAN OF BUSINESS HIRING COMMITTEE FOR A TERM ENDING MAY 30, 2025</p> <p>VPSL/VPE CARRIED</p> <p>MOTION</p> <p>TO APPOINT DARCY HOOGEERS AS THE VP ACADEMIC DESIGNATE FOR THE ACADEMIC APPEAL PANEL OCCURRING ON MAY 9, 2025</p> <p>VPGF/VPSL CARRIED</p>

			MOTION TO APPROVE THE UPDATED MANDATE FOR THE TOWERS COLLECTIVE STUDENT GROUP VPSL/VPGF CARRIED
3.	Student Groups	VPSL -	
			MOTION TO GO IN CAMERA VPGF/VPSL CARRIED MOTION TO GO OUT OF CAMERA VPGF/VPSL CARRIED Action: RM to present draft response to president by end of day tomorrow.
4.	Student Inquiries re Global Conflict	Pres – since our discussion this morning we’ve received emails re. suspension of PSA.	
5.	Outstanding Action Items		
6.	VP External’s Report	CASA meetings update.	
7.	VP Governance & Finance Report	Reading policy/procedure/etc. SCOC update re appointments. Transition.	
8.	VP Student Life’s Report		
9.	VP Academic’s Report	Tabled	
10.	President’s Report	Onboarding week – transition/CASA.	
11.	GM Report	SG issue. HR update. Building update.	
12.	Recognition		

5. Adjournment
Time: 2:52pm



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

1. Call to Order: 2:00pm
2. Treaty 6 Land Recognition

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3. Approval of Agenda:

VPA/VPGF

CARRIED

4. Approval of Minutes for: May 7, 2025

VPGF/VPSL

CARRIED

TOPIC		DISCUSSION	ACTION/MOTION
1.	Student Group Mandates	tabled	
2.	GFC Appointment	VPA – terms coming to an end so want to appoint 4 new reps. My recommendations are provided.	MOTION TO APPOINT MANOJNA TUMMA, OLAD AYODEJI, MILAN REGIMI AND VINCENT TRINH AS GENERAL FACULTIES COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVES FOR A TERM OF JULY 1ST 2025 TO JUNE 30TH 2026 VPA/VPSL

			CARRIED
3.	CAUS Membership fees		MOTION TO GO IN CAMERA VPGF/VPE CARRIED MOTION TO GO OUT OF CAMERA VPE/VPGF CARRIED
4.	Outstanding Action Items		
5.	VP Governance & Finance Report		
6.	VP Student Life's Report		
7.	VP Academic's Report		
8.	VP External's Report	ESA update.	
9.	President's Report	CASA update.	
10.	GM Report	SG update. HR update. Building update.	
11.	Recognition		

5. Adjournment
Time: 3:28pm



**Minutes for the Executive Committee Meeting of the
Students' Association of MacEwan University
May 28, 2025 @ 2:00pm**

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

Alan Honey, Governance Advisor (Recording Secretary)

In Attendance:
Shannon Marshall, Executive Coordinator
Larissa Williams, Internal Advocacy Advisor
Parvin Sedighi, External and Stakeholder Relations
Manager
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- 3. Approval of Agenda:
**VPA/VPGF
CARRIED**
- 4. Approval of Minutes for: May 21, 2025
**VPGF/VPA
CARRIED**

TOPIC		DISCUSSION	ACTION/MOTION
1.	Financials – quarterly update		
			MOTION TO APPROVE THE UPDATED MANDATE FOR THE MACEWAN SEVA STUDENT GROUP VPSL/VPGF CARRIED
2.	Student Group Mandates	Vpsl -	MOTION

			<p>TO APPROVE THE UPDATED MANDATE FOR THE CHILD AND YOUTH CARE CLUB</p> <p>VPSL/VPA CARRIED</p> <p>MOTION</p> <p>TO APPROVE THE UPDATED MANDATE FOR THE TOWERS COLLECTIVE STUDENT GROUP</p> <p>VPSL/VPA CARRIED</p>
3.	Diplomat Consulting	Pres – received invite from Diplomat Consulting to attend an event. Looking for feedback on direction.	<p>MOTION</p> <p>TO GO IN CAMERA</p> <p>VPA/VPE CARRIED</p> <p>Action: Pres to reply to email.</p>
4.	CAUS Membership Fee		<p>MOTION</p> <p>TO GO OUT OF CAMERA</p> <p>VPE/VPSL CARRIED</p>
5.	Outstanding Action Items		
6.	VP Student Life's Report		
7.	VP Academic's Report		
8.	VP External's Report	ESA update. OEG contact.	
9.	VP Governance & Finance Report	Emailed newly appointed councillors. BOG prep. H&D plan. Procedure work.	
10.	President's Report	ESA meeting. GMUFA meeting.	
11.	GM Report	Tabled.	
12.	Recognition		

5. Adjournment
Time: 3:03pm



**Minutes for the Executive Committee Meeting of the
Students' Association of MacEwan University
June 4, 2025 @ 2:00pm**

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

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

1. Call to Order: 2:10pm
2. Treaty 6 Land Recognition

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3. Approval of Agenda:

**VPE/VPSL
CARRIED**

4. Approval of Minutes for: May 28, 2025

**VPGF/VPA
CARRIED**

TOPIC		DISCUSSION	ACTION/MOTION
1.	PVP Agenda Items	ESRM – EC should decide if we have anything to add to the agenda. Due today.	
			MOTION
			TO APPOINT MEGAN VIENS, ANNETTE KELM, SEB NERA, AND PARVIN SEDIGHI TO THE GRANTS AND AWARDS SUB-COMMITTEE, EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2025, FOR A TERM ENDING JUNE 30, 2026
2.	GAASC Appointments	VPGF -	VPGF/VPA

			CARRIED
			MOTION TO APPROVE AN EXPENSE OF UP TO \$942.00 FROM G/L 524500 FOR STUDENTS' COUNCIL TEAMBUILDING AFTER THE JUNE 18, 2025 COUNCIL MEETING VPGF/VPSL CARRIED
3.	Exec Projects	VPGF – based on \$40/person + tax + gratuity	
4.	Stampede	ESRM – CS is largest Conservative fundraiser in the country. Hope to send a delegation to CS to attend designated mixers, etc. Cost is very high. Looking for feedback from EC since costs are high. Proposal to maybe just sending one exec and one staff member. Do we see value in doing this?	Action: Plan for 4 people (2 exec & 2 staff) to attend CS and GA to book accordingly
5.	Multi Partisan Events	ESRM – struggling with finding opportunities to get meetings with Advanced Ed minister. Gov't prioritizes internal events – looking for direction on EC's comfort with us attending partisan events to get better access to gov't officials. Risk is significant optically even while we are non-partisan. We'll be selective in which events we pursue. * EC open to attending partisan events in order to gain access to gov't officials in advocating for our students.	Action: GAST to provide briefing note on topic at next EC meeting.
6.	H&D	VPGF – will get info about costs for plan enhancements.	Action: EC to provide list of potential enhancements to GM by June 6 GM to provide EC with H&D Feasibility report by June 25, 2025
7.	Outstanding Action Items		
8.	VP Academic's Report	Tabled.	
9.	VP External's Report	Mayoral forum planning. City News re housing zoning.	
10.	VP Governance & Finance Report	H&D work. PSC meeting this week. BOG meeting.	
11.	VP Student Life's Report	MacEwan Athletics update. AVP Student Affairs meeting scheduled. SEC planning.	
12.	President's Report	MacEwan President one on one. Spoke at Electoral Boundaries Commission. Attended Textbook affordability session. Alumni Advisory Council event. BOG meeting. CAUS email response.	

13.	GM Report	Building renos update. AMICCUS-C conference update. OEG Festivals meeting update. HR update. P&S update.	
14.	Recognition		

5. Adjournment
Time: 3:49pm



STUDENTS' COUNCIL MEETING SUBMISSION

AGENDA ITEM INFORMATION

Meeting Date	Submitted By
June 18, 2025	Andrei Santiago, Vice President Governance & Finance

Agenda Title	Item
	Strategy and Engagement Committee Appointment
Action Requested	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Motion <input type="checkbox"/> Consultation Item

AGENDA ITEM DETAILS

Motion Title	Motion to appoint Councillor _____ to the Strategy and Engagement Committee for a term ending October 31, 2025
Background Information	<p>Former Councillor Glasgow was appointed to this committee in April but as he's not a sitting member of Council anymore a vacancy has been created on the Strategy and Engagement Committee.</p> <p>This motions is being brought forward so that the committee will have full membership and be able to continue operating with as many voices around the table as possible.</p> <p>The TOR for the committee is attached.</p>
Alternative Considerations	Do nothing and stay with vacancy.
Risk Management Considerations	
Strategic Alignment	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Attached Strategic Alignment Checklist is complete
Implications	
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 checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input 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 type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" 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 type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" 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 type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Strategy and Engagement Committee

Mandate

1. The Strategy and Engagement Committee (SEC) strives to maximize student engagement with Students' Council, provides leadership development opportunities to members of Students' Council and acts as a consultation body for strategic priorities.

Roles of Committee

2. SEC develops a plan for Student Council to engage with SAMU members.
3. SEC creates opportunities for members of Students' Council to develop leadership skills by:
 - 3.1. researching and implementing professional development opportunities for members of council; and
 - 3.2. developing team building opportunities for Students' Council.
4. Strategy and Engagement Committee may be consulted by Executives on advocacy priorities relating to their portfolios to ensure alignment with Strategic Plan, topics may include but is not limited to:
 - 4.1. External organization advocacy priorities;
 - 4.2. Sexual Violence Prevention advocacy;
 - 4.3. Mental health advocacy;
 - 4.4. Equity, Diversity and Inclusion advocacy; and
 - 4.5. Academic advocacy.
5. Strategy and Engagement Committee may also be consulted about other strategic matters relating to SAMU.

Composition

6. the voting members of Strategy and Engagement Committee are the Vice President Student Life, one Executive, three Councillors, and two Students-At-Large.
7. The resource officials of Strategy and Engagement Committee are the Advocacy Coordinator and the Executive Coordinator.
8. Any member of Students' Council is entitled to attend a committee meeting in a non-voting capacity.



Committee Operations

9. The Vice President Student Life serves as chair of Strategy and Engagement Committee.
10. Meetings of Strategy and Engagement Committee are held at least quarterly.
11. The Committee Chair may call additional meetings as required.