

Agenda for the Students' Council Meeting of the Students' Association of MacEwan University August 20, 2025 at 6:00pm in the Council Chamber

Voting Members:

Olad Ayodeji, Councillor
Tolu Dare, Councillor
Jencel Diaz, Councillor
Aryan Dutta, Councillor
vacant, 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
Seun Sadare, 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

SAMU Officials and Council Support:

Tim 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 AUGUST 20, 2025

2.2 MOTION TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF JULY 16, 2025

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4.	For Information	1
	4.1. Reports	
	4.1.1. Presi	dent
	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. Executiv	ve Committee Minutes
	Minutes of Ju	lly 9, 16, 23, 30, and August 6, 2025 provided.
5.	Question Perio	d
	5.1. Written Qu	uestions
	5.2. Oral Ques	tions
	Topics include:	
6.	In Camera Peri	od
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7.	Motions & Bus 7.1. Finance	iness Orders of the Day
		Committee
	Nominees:	
	MOTION	TO APPOINT COUNCILLOR TO THE FINANCE COMMITTEE
		FOR A TERM ENDING OCTOBER 31, 2025
	VPGF/	
	Favour:	
	Oppose:	
	7.2. Student	s' Council Operations Committee
	Nominees:	
	MOTION TO	APPOINT COUNCILLOR TO THE STUDENTS' COUNCIL OPERATIONS
	WOTION TO	COMMITTEE FOR A TERM ENDING OCTOBER 31, 2025
	VPGF/	
	Favour:	

3. Presentations

Oppose:

7.3.

- 8. Consultation
 - 8.1.
- 9. Evaluation
 - 9.1.
- 10. Recognition
- 11. Adjournment

MOTION TO ADJOURN

Next Meeting Date: September 17, 2025

Meeting adjourned at pm



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

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2. Approvals

2.1 MOTION TO APPROVE THE AGENDA FOR JULY 16, 2025

TORRES/OKAI

CARRIED

2.2 MOTION TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF JUNE 18, 2025

FISHER/TORRES

CARRIED

- 3. Presentations
- 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. Governance Investigations & Reinstatement Committee (In Camera)
 - 4.1.7. Executive Committee Workplan
 - 4.1.8. Audit Committee
 - 4.1.9. Strategy and Engagement Committee
 - 4.1.10. Finance Committee
 - 4.1.11. Governance Committee
 - 4.1.12. Students' Council Operations Committee
 - 4.2. Executive Committee Minutes

Minutes of June 11, 18, and 25, 2025 provided.

5. Question Period

5.1. Written Questions

Trinh - For VPSL: Could you elaborate more on what you learned in your HCA meeting. Specifically of "Mental Resilience" and how that helps you deepen your understanding of Student well-being. Will you (and by extension The Council) be able to use that knowledge to help Students' Mental health?

VPSL – Thank you for the question, Councillor Trinh. It would be a pleasure to elaborate on what I learned at HCA!

The biggest takeaway for me was the topic of **mental resilience**. This was reinforced by the keynote speaker, **Dr. Michael Ungar**, a globally recognized social work scholar and leading researcher in the field of social and psychological resilience. Not only did Dr. Ungar deliver the keynote, but he also facilitated a concurrent session that focused specifically for students.

In that session, based on my notes, Dr. Ungar highlighted key factors that contribute to mental resilience, which included: **Structure**, a sense of control, accountability, belonging/culture, love for others, positive thinking, supportive relationships, a strong identity, rights and responsibilities, basic needs, and financial and physical wellbeing. He went in-depth on these points, which helped me better understand what it truly takes to foster student wellbeing.

During his keynote, Dr. Ungar also addressed **internal and external factors** of resilience and explained that resilience exists on a **scale**. Importantly, he emphasized five collective pathways to building a successful educational institution:

Persistence, resistance, recovery, adaptation, and transformation.

After the session, I had the opportunity to speak with Dr. Ungar about my own journey with mental resilience, including some of the strategies I've been promoting to fellow students. I was happy to hear that some of my personal philosophies on mental resilience had some validity.

Another important concurrent session I attended which was closely tied to one of my own priorities as Vice President Student Life was focused on **support for student athletes**. The session, titled "It's

100% Mental Health: Unmasking the Hidden Opponent in a Student Athlete's Journey", explored the mental health challenges faced by three student athletes and how they overcame those barriers.

Whether it's the pressure of the sport itself, stress from coaches, or the emotional toll of transitioning out of athletics, this session gave me a new perspective. I found it incredibly eye-opening and informative. I also shared these insights with my counterpart from MacEwan's administration, who agreed on the importance of prioritizing mental health for student athletes, particularly those who are moving on from competitive sport.

I hope this answers your question, and if you want to learn more about my experience at HCA, please feel free to reach out. I may more notes and take-ways from my time at the summit.

Cheers,

5.2. Oral Questions

Topics include: engagement with the student body through other means than athletics; mental health advocacy; advocacy based on survey results; Dean of Library meeting goals;

6. In Camera Period

6.1. Councillor Reinstatement

MOTION TO GO IN CAMERA

TORRES/VPA

CARRIED

MOTION TO GO OUT OF CAMERA

TORRES/FISHER

CARRIED

- 7. Motions & Business Orders of the Day
 - 7.1. Councillor Reinstatement

MOTION TO REINSTATE SEUN SADARE AS A COUNCILLOR, EFFECTIVE JULY 17, 2025, FOR A TERM ENDING OCTOBER 31, 2025

VPGF/VPA

Favour: Pres, Fisher, Namoc, Trinh, Okai, Jacobs, Zidan, Dare, Vpsl, Vpa, Vpgf, Diaz, Ayodeji, Reyes, Torres, Galera

Oppose:

CARRIED

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

MOTION TO ADJOURN

TORRES

CARRIED

Next Meeting Date: August 20, 2025

Meeting adjourned at 6:27pm



Students' Council Report

President

August 14th, 2025

Dear Council,

I hope everyone is having a splendid August! It is the final month before the new wave of students come to MacEwan! Hopefully you are enjoying your last summer month.

Here's my report on from the President portfolio from July 10th to August 14th.

Executive Summary

- Canadian Alliance of Students' Associations' (CASA) Policy and Strategy
 Conference
- Premier's Pancake Breakfast

CASA Policy and Strategy Conference

Your Vice-President External and I attended the CASA Policy and Strategy Conference hosted by the Students' Association of Mount Royal University, where we, along with CASA member schools, deliberated and decided on CASA's priorities for the year within the context of federal advocacy. It was the final CASA conference where we were members, and have now officially entered into Observer Status.

President's Report to Students' Council

Submitted: August 14th, 2025

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Premier's Pancake Breakfast

Your EC attended the Premier's Pancake Breakfast, which served as an opening event for K-Days, where we met with various government stakeholders at a municipal, provincial, and federal level. As we have never attended this before, it was mainly an experimental advocacy initiative, and I am proud to report that it was a success, allowing EC to connect with a plethora of individuals that are imperative to student advocacy, including the Premier herself.

Closing Remarks

Please reach out to us if you have any questions! We are excited to see all of your faces again.

Warm regards,

Nathan Poon

SAMU President 2025/26



Students' Council Report

Vice-President Academic

August 20th, 2025

Contrary to my previous report, has anyone noticed how fast it's gotten chilly or is it just me? Anyways, it means that Fall is knocking on the door and with that is everyone's favourite time of year, **the start of the Fall semester!** While I could use a little bit of sunshine, I am very excited to see the school populated once again next month. Here is my report from July 10th – August 13th.

Executive Summary

- IDP Collaboration Meeting
- Website Experience Discussion

Student Voice

The Student Voice is amplified by SAMU.

IDP Collaboration Meeting

Strat Point 2.4 3.1 3.3

I met Lindsey and Kealey, both actors for the school of Social Work, for a brief meeting on IDP opportunities and potential for SAMU to collaborate on these events. The meeting involved discussions surrounding interdisciplinary learning, food security, and the ways we can communicate the varying ways that students can honour food security. This project is still in the early stages and any updates will be communicated to council!



Website Experience Discussion w/ Sara Fraser

Strat Point 2.4 3.3

The new Web Content Strategist at MacEwan's Web Services, Sara Fraser, reached out to talk about any changes that can be made to MacEwan's website in terms of navigation. The meeting was particularly introductory as we discussed how we were both getting integrated into our roles. However, we managed to discuss some components of the Academic Schedule and how students can access the courses they're required for their majors. We set plans to meet again in the future and delve into MacEwan's website accessibility.

Closing Remarks

The semester is creeping close! I hope you all had an amazing summer no matter how that looks like. I look forward to seeing all of you in the hallways and engaging in some dreadful small-talk!

I highly encourage council to ask me questions! If you would like to come talk to me instead and (hopefully) avoid any small-talk, let me know and I'll definitely book a time for us to have a chat!

The -BER months are among us!



Warmly,

Chioma V. Uzor (she/her) 2025/2026 VP Academic, SAMU

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Students' Council Report

Vice-President External

Date of Meeting August 20th, 2025

It's report time! Hopefully this report serves to provide all the information on advocacy efforts. Insert current event here: (We live in a society).

Premier's Pancake Breakfast

1.1

On Friday 18th your Executive team went to Klondike Park to do some advocacy work at the Premier's Pancake Breakfast. During the course of the morning, I had interactions with many mayoral candidates further setting up municipal forum efforts. As the name suggests your EC team did have face time with Dannielle Smith and such interactions are key in ensuring that all members of our team are seen by our elected representatives and know that in any future follow ups. In order to ensure the Municipal Forum goes smoothly contacts were made with potential candidates to confirm posible attendance.

Additionally, Amanda Erickson, and Raynesh Ram from The Griff were in attendance to ask the importance of EC attendance to events such as these.

Griff Article





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CASA PolStrat

1.2

From July 21st-July 25th your President and I went to Calgary to participate in CASA PolStrat where working committees are voted upon and workplans are approved for the upcoming year. No different from how our own Executive committee submits project plans to the Student Council for approval, board members in CASA must do the same. During the conference, members were presented with CASA's future plans for how they will navigate organisation. As of the conclusion of this conference SAMU has officially



entered observer status and we will continue to report of items of note within organisation.

ESA Advocacy Priorities

1.3

On July 29th ESA convened to decide the priority umbrellas that specific policy would arise from. After healthy discussion and contribution from members the following priorities were decided upon:

Housing

Transit

Civic Engagement

Newcomer Support

Affordability

Student Employment

While all these topics align with issues that students at our institution are facing, affordability, newcomer support, transit, and housing are points that were especially pushed on our end.

Our next meetings will be creating specific policy points we would like to advocate to the municipality.



Downtown Student Housing Incentive

1.4

On August 13th the City Executive Committee convened to approve the DSHI (Downtown Student Housing Incentive) to be brought to city council. The DSHI is part of the Housing accelerator fund and is a 15 million dollar allocation the city set aside to pay out 30,000\$ per student unit created with 500 student units being within grant scope.

I attended the City Hall in order to ensure MacEwan Students voices were heard and spoke to the committee.

The student units must all be at or below the Average market rental rate as determined by Edmonton.(AMRR rates) Priority will be provided to developors that pledge to make units that are catered to student living and go above and beyond.

Liam Newbigging, from CBC interviewed me regarding the student perspective on the initiative.

CBC Link

We all float here,

Wilfrid Youbi Fansi







Students' Council Report

Vice President Governance & Finance

August 20th, 2025

Good day Council!

To those of you who are taking summer classes, we hope your final exams are going smoothly! As I begin to receive more and more student emails, it's becoming clear that September is fast approaching, and the first students to arrive here on campus will be our students at Residence (where EC will be able to meet them during our tabling sessions for the Residence Move in Fair). There's always something special about the energy that comes with Fall term. No matter how busy or exhausting it gets this time of year, it's a time that I always look forward to and appreciate.

On that note, provided below is my report for the periods of July 11th to August 14th.

Executive Summary

- MNIF Planning, T & F Prep, and Tuition & Fees Consultation Meeting #1
- Meeting with New Board of Governors Chair Scott Kashuba
- We are YEG Metro KDays Reception Attendance and Advocacy
- Procedure Sub-Committee Relevant Updates

Student Experience & Engagement

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



Student Voice

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Strat point 2.1, 2.4

MNIF Planning, T & F Prep, and Tuition & Fees Consultation Meeting #1

Over the course of 2 meetings on July 22nd and 24th, the Internal Advocacy Advisor and I finalized my plan of attack when it comes to one of my more time sensitive projects, which is the MNIF advocacy. The urgency of this project comes from its connection to our structured annual Tuition and Fees Consultation process with MacEwan, which typically runs from the beginning of August all the way to the end of November before the results are presented in the December Board of Governors meeting for approval. My meetings with the IAA allowed us to hash out the finer details pertaining to the fees that I would like to tackle this year, such as the Student Tech Fee and the Sports and Wellness Fee.

After 3 prep meetings and lots of background readings and knowledge building, the President, our support staff, and I were able to deliver our key messaging to the MacEwan Executive Council. We were successful in providing SAMU's principles and assumptions to the MacEwan Executive Council on August 7th at the Governor's Boardroom. This meeting served as a valuable opportunity for both parties to get a clearer understanding of each other's positions and to start off the Tuition and Fees Consultation Process.



Strat point 2.4

Meeting with New Board of Governors Chair Scott Kashuba

On August 14th, the President and I had the opportunity to meet with the new Board of Governors Chair Scott Kasuba for a formal 1-on-1 meeting to get to know each other more personally [beyond our initial introduction at the Spring Convocation], and most importantly, to see which Board of Governors committees the President and I should sit in for the start of the new Board cycle.

Student Supports

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

Strat Points 3.4

We are YEG Metro KDays Reception Attendance and Advocacy

On July 17th, the President and I attended the We are YEG Metro KDays Reception as Student Members on the Board of Governors. The event was a great opportunity to network with fellow student leaders, Faculty, and other Board Members in attendance. The highlight of this evening was our interaction with our Edmonton Centre MP, the Honourable Eleanor Olszewski, in which we were able to briefly introduce ourselves and bring attention and awareness to several issues that continuously affect our student population, such as food affordability, housing, and mental health concerns.

Strengthening SAMU Operations

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



Strat Points 4.1, 4.2

Procedure Sub-Committee Relevant Updates

As many of you already know, the VPGF typically reports on the Procedure Sub-Committee (PSC) only to EC (see minutes attached). However, recent updates to the Elections and Referenda Procedures are especially relevant for those considering future SC or EC elections, and so I've attached this for Council's awareness. These changes stem from the CRO's EC Election Report, which included suggestions for improvement.

After several PSC meetings and considerable debate, a motion to approve the updated procedures was brought to EC on June 25th but was sent back for revisions based on EC feedback. Following another PSC meeting and further refinement, EC revisited the motion and officially approved the updated procedures on July 30th.

Highlights of the changes include:

- Definitions of Campaign expenses
- Definition of Campaign materials
- SAMU Student Groups may no longer endorse a candidate or campaign, but members can still endorse as individuals.
- Increased campaign expense limits
- Improved procedures and measures re. outstanding fines
- Campaign poster requirements
- Removal of CRO approval for physical/digital campaign materials

I will have a copy of the updated Elections and Referenda procedure in the SC meeting and will be happy to answer any questions or concerns you guys might have.



Closing Remarks

Thank you once again for taking the time to read my report. I can't believe we're already 1/3 of the way done with our terms! As we approach the beginning of the Fall term, our workload will surely get heavier from here on out, so we thank you for what an incredible summer it has been here at SAMU. Otherwise, if you have any questions or concerns, please reach out and I will try to get back to you as soon as I can. Thanks:)



Much love,

Andrei Santiago (he/him)

VP Governance and Finance, SAMU 2025/2026

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Students' Council Report

Vice-President Student Life

August 20th, 2025

Hey friends,

I can't believe it has already been four months in this role! I feel like summer has been flying by; however, as I reflect, I am truly blessed with the opportunities I have encountered throughout the many months, both in my work and personal life. From attending Edmonton unlimited workshops, participating and completing the Spartan race, or presenting in front of my peers in my capstone class, to engaging with students from all around campus, I am grateful to be in a position that allows me to have the capacity to share positivity around me. That said, I welcome you to read my report, which includes some exciting updates, essential conversations and things I have been working on. I hope you enjoy reading my July 10th- August 14th report.

Executive Summary

- Health Campus Alberta Summit Update (HCA)
- Meeting with my counterpart Chandelle Rimmer (AVP)
- Follow up meeting with Faizal Jiwani (Ubuntu)
- Meetings with Darryl (GM)



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Health Campus Alberta (HCA):

As I mentioned in my previous reports, I attended the HCA summit in June, where I got to engage with other universities and learn about student mental resilience. During the summit, I got a chance to speak with a few of the coordinators regarding MacEwan student involvement in the planning committee, since this year, there has been little to no MacEwan representation. I am glad to share that HCA now has two student positions open, and these are paid positions which include Community Engagement Assistant and Event Assistant! The application deadline is September 5, 2025, so if you are interested in being a part of HCA, please apply as soon as possible! We're Hiring! - Healthy Campus Alberta (application link)

Another exciting update is that Krysti Macdonald, a coordinator and project lead from HCA, contacted me, interested in hosting the Edmonton Regional Gathering planned in November at our SAMU building. Unfortunately, the dates she gave me conflict with another event happening at the lookout; however, we are currently exploring different options, which include MacEwan's event spaces, and if that is not successful (knock on wood), Kyrsi is also open to exploring an even change date for the Gathering. I will provide further updates as we move forward to exploring both options.



Meeting with my Counterpart Chandelle Rimmer:

During August, I had a productive meeting with my MacEwan counterpart, Chandelle Rimmer, the interim associate Vice-President (AVP). The meeting focused on enhancing student experience and development, with discussions covering services and departments under her portfolio, which include career services, student life, Office of Human Rights, etc. She also spoke about her upcoming year's priorities, which include improving student retention, strengthening communication, and integrating technology to better prepare students for success. Mentorship opportunities were also highlighted, including SAMU's potential mentorship initiatives, the Flight Path program, the Community NEST program, and cohort-based activities, along with how SAMU could support promoting these programs.

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Follow up meeting on Ubuntu (BIPOC Mentorship):

Near the end of July, I had the pleasure of meeting with Faizal Jiwani from Ubuntu, a community-based nonprofit initiative focusing on equity, education and workforce development. During the meeting, we discussed many topics ranging from the barriers students face when applying for jobs to the importance of differentiating from other candidates and how the Ubuntu workshops aim to tackle these barriers through educational workshops that integrate employers and students in a meaningful and safe environment for recruitment. After our meeting, Faizal emailed me more information on the types of workshops and resources Ubuntu hosts, which I have attached below. This



potential collaboration is still an ongoing discussion; however, if you are a student group or a student interested, please feel free to contact me.

Networking to Break Barriers

- Overcome personal & ethnic barriers
- Importance of collaboration and networking to get a job
- Communicating with more confidence
- Practicing!!!

Differentiating Yourself

- Importance to differentiate your experiences
- · Communicating your life experiences as a strength in business
- Practicing!!!

Ubuntu Certificate Program

- Beginning to find your personal purpose
- Optimism, Donating, Volunteering, Environmental Footprint, Feedback
- Ubuntu employer partners will prioritize certificate applicants

Strengthening SAMU Operations

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Meeting with Darryl (GM):

Each month, I meet with our general manager, Darryl, about ideas to improve student experience. Darryl is a great idea filter, and he challenges me to think about factors like long-term costs and liability to the organization. This month's meeting topic was the Smart or Grab N' Go vending machine, like the new machine installed in building eight during the winter semester. For those that didn't see it, it's essentially a smart vending

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machine that opens like a fridge where you can tap your payment card to open the door to grab whatever food or snacks you want, and with the cameras and sensors, the machine will charge you based on what you take. Super cool idea, but my first thought was what if SAMU had a similar machine in the SAMU building where students can purchase affordable foods and snacks (cup noodles, oatmeal, protein bars, juice boxes, cereal). Although Darryl thought it was a good idea, he challenged me with some good questions regarding the costs of running a vending machine, the space it would occupy, since space is getting increasingly limited, and the overall liability. I will conduct my own environmental scan on this matter and assess the feasibility of having an affordable Grab N' Go machine in the SAMU building.

Closing Remarks

To the council and whoever is reading this, thank you for taking the time to go through my report. If anything in this report brings you questions, please feel free to ask them. Fall is nearing, but that doesn't mean you can't make the most out of summer, so go outside, join a running club, walk in the fresh air, and check out some lakes and mountains! As these months have passed, I'm more confident about this role, and I thank the Governance Advocacy Support Team (GAST) and SAMU staff again for their support in helping me become the best VPSL I can be. As I conclude this report, I will leave you with this quote from David Goggins:" How you think about a problem is more important than the problem itself. So always think positively!"



Cheers,



Alem D. Tesfay

VP Student Life, SAMU 2025/2026

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

Voting Members:

Nathan Poon, President (absent) 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: 2:00pm

2. Treaty 6 Land Recognition

Alan Honey, Governance Advisor (absent)

In Attendance:

Shannon Marshall, Executive Coordinator

Larissa Williams, Internal Advocacy Advisor (Recording

Secretary)

Parvin Sedighi, External and Stakeholder Relations

Manager

Emily Lukacs, External Advocacy Advisor

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3. Approval of Agenda: **VPA/VPSL**

CARRIED

4. Approval of Minutes for: June 25, 2025

VPA/VPSL CARRIED

	TOPIC	DISCUSSION	ACTION/MOTION
1.	Investments	Whiting – recommendation: continue to hold \$ in our bank account for now while the interest rate is good.	Decision to continue status quo keeping \$ in savings account.
	Maintenance Fund Request	VPGF – require additional \$ for project.	MOTION TO APPROVE UP TO AN ADDITIONAL \$75,000 FROM THE MAINTENANCE FUND FOR PROJECT 4-24.25 3RD FLOOR OFFICE FLOOR FILL-IN FOR A TOTAL OF UP TO \$575,000.

1			VPGF/VPA
			CARRIED
			MOTION
			TO APPROVE THE 2025-2026
			EC WORKPLAN
	Workplan		VPE/VPSL
2.	Approval	IAA – compiled workplan for you and sent out last week.	CARRIED
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			TO APPROVE THE STUDENT
			GROUP NAME CHANGE OF
			"ETHICAL HACKING CLUB -
			CLUB.EH" TO
			"CYBERSECURITY CLUB -
			CLUB.EH"
			OLOB.LII
			VPSL/VPA
3.	Student Groups		CARRIED
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1	Outstanding		
4.	Action Items		MOTION
			MOTION
			TO TAKE A 2 MINUTE
			RECESS
	VP External's		VPA/VPSL
5.	Report	Stampede Advo update.	CARRIED
		Engaging with young adults interview – housing, affordability,	
		transit.	
		Attended Library picnic.	
		Improv training.	
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1	VP Governance	U-Pass.	
	& Finance	U-Pass. H&D initiative.	
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11.	Recognition	

5. Adjournment Time: 3:31pm



Minutes for the Executive Committee Meeting of the Students' Association of MacEwan University July 16, 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

1. Call to Order: 2:02pm

2. Treaty 6 Land Recognition

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

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3. Approval of Agenda: **VPE/VPGF**

CARRIED

4. Approval of Minutes for: July 9, 2025

VPGF/VPSL CARRIED

,	TOPIC	DISCUSSION	ACTION/MOTION
			MOTION
			TO APPOINT BRITTNEY CUSIAC TO THE NON- ACADEMIC STUDENT APPEAL PANEL TO OCCUR BY JULY 30, 2025
	Student Appeal		VPA/VPGF
1.	Panel Appointment		CARRIED
	Uber ride receipts/Visa	Vpgf – ensure we do better tracking of our Uber rides so we can provide Cam proper information about where the rides	
2.	packages	should be billed to.	

		Vpgf – ensure we get our visas in within the proper timelines and if you have any questions please ask for assistance.	
3.	EC Norms	Rm – will share EC norms right after this meeting. Recommend reviewing them at EC meetings this summer to ensure they're working properly or identify if changes are needed.	
			MOTION
			TO TAKE A 10 MINUTE RECESS
			PRES/VPA CARRIED
		Vpgf – want to identify our plan of attack for this event. RM – extended opportunity to non-external roles on EC as well. Expectation that we will leave here at 8:30am sharp. If you aren't here when we leave we will not be waiting for	Action: EC to meet at SAMU to be ready to leave at 8:30am on Friday July 18, 2025
4.	Premiers Breakfast	anyone.	
5.	EC Engagement	Vpe -	
	Outstanding Action		
6.	Items		
		K Days reception	
		Advo Campfire. Tuition and fees research.	
		Q4 budget review.	
	VP Governance &	Committee reports.	
7.	Finance Report	PSC met.	
0	VP Student Life's	Trying to meet with WAG.	
8.	Report VP Academic's	MacEwan Sustainability.	
9.	Report		
1	VP External's	Chamber of Commerce meeting.	
10.	Report	Student leadership event coming up for 2 execs.	
11.	President's Report	Chamber of Commerce meeting.	
		Accounting software update.	
12.	GM Report	Building updates.	
13.	Recognition		

5. Adjournment Time: 3:25pm



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

Voting Members:

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

Resource Officials:

Darryl Kostash, General Manager

Call to Order: 2:00 pm

1. Treaty 6 Land Recognition

Alan Honey, Governance Advisor (absent)

In Attendance:

Shannon Marshall, Executive Coordinator

Larissa Williams, Internal Advocacy Advisor (Recording

Secretary)

Parvin Sedighi, External and Stakeholder Relations

Manager

Emily Lukacs, External Advocacy Advisor

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 Approval of Agenda VPGF/VPSL CARRIED

3. Approval of Minutes for: July 16, 2025

VPSL/VPGF CARRIED

	TOPIC	DISCUSSION	ACTION/MOTION
			MOTION
			TO APPOINT ALEM TESFAY TO THE HONORARY DOCTORATE SELECTION COMMITTEE FOR A TERM ENDING APRIL 30 TH , 2026
	Honorary Doctorate		VPA/VPGF CARRIED
1.	Selection Committee Appointment	VPA - GFC Student needs to sit on the committee, due to VPA workload committee may be best served by the VPSL.	Abstain: VPSL

2.	Outstanding Action Items	
3.	VP Governance & Finance Report	Board of Governors KDay's Event EC attended Premiers Pancake Breakfast PSC Meeting. MNIF Advocacy Planning
4.	VP Student Life's Report	Meeting with previous PAWSS Director Meeting with external community members
5.	VP Academic's Report	Premier's Pancake Breakfast
6.	VP External's Report	tabled
7.	President's Report	tabled
8.	GM Report	Building Construction Updates HR Update Griff Building Update
9.	Recognition	

4. Adjournment Time: 2:33pm



Minutes for the Executive Committee Meeting of the Students' Association of MacEwan University July 30, 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

Call to Order: 2:09pm

1. Treaty 6 Land Recognition

Alan Honey, Governance Advisor (absent)

In Attendance:

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2. Approval of Agenda:

VPA/VPGF CARRIED

AMENDMENT TO AGENDA ADD TOPIC 4 VPE/VPGF CARRIED

AMENDMENT TO AGENDA ADD TOPIC 5 VPGF/VPA CARRIED

3. Approval of Minutes for: July 23, 2025

VPSL/VPGF CARRIED

TOPIC		DISCUSSION	ACTION/MOTION
1.	Elections and Referenda Procedure	Vpsl – clarification on the student group not being able to endorse but executives can endorse candidates	MOTION

		OM that is time	
		GM – that is true.	TO APPROVE THE
		VPA – are part time staff members allowed to endorse people in the elections? Should they not be included in the impartiality clause	TO APPROVE THE ELECTIONS AND REFERENDA PROCEDURE ON THE RECOMMENDATION OF THE PROCEDURE SUB-
		GM – we send an email out to everyone, so it would be fair to add that into the clause	COMMITTEE
		EC Supports the decision and the clause was updated.	VPGF/VPA CARRIED
		Vpsl – What is a normally accessible resource to all students? Per clause 17.1	
		Pres - the CRO will determine and interpret that clause, but typically things that are available to all students,	
		Vpsl – question on the removal of the postering clauses	
		Pres – recommendation of the CRO to adapt this to help regulate CRO	
			MOTION
		Vpgf - looking to do a feasibility report to expand the third floor for more potential office area	TO APPROVE AN EXPENSE OF UP TO \$5,775 FROM THE MAINTENANCE FUND FOR PROJECT 1-25.26 EAST- CENTRAL INFILL FEASIBILITY STUDY
	Maintenance	Vpsl – what is the expected timeline for the report	VPGF/VPA CARRIED
2.	Fund Request	Gm – could be a couple months	CARRIED
3.	Conference Report	For Information provided by the VPSL	
4.	Student Leadership Orientation	Vpe – student leadership orientation with the minister is happening at the end of August, it conflicts with the tuition and fees consultation, so the proposal is to send another VP, recommending the VPA to go with the VPE.	Action Item GAST to prepare the trip details for VPA and VPE
	Alumni Development	Vpgf – next week we are meeting with the alumni development	
5.	Meeting	avp as a heads up, will report back next week.	
6.	Outstanding Action Items		
J.	VP Governance	MNIF Planning	
	& Finance	Tuition and Fees Prep Meeting	
7.	Report	PSC Meeting	
	VD Student	Orientation Preparations HCA conference report	
8.	VP Student Life's Report	Meeting with external stakeholder	
J	VP Academic's	Advocacy Planning	
9.	Report	Upcoming meetings	
	VP External's	ESA Meeting	
10.	Report	CASA Poli-Strat Conference	

	President's	
11.	Report	CASA Poli-Strat Conference
		Building Updates
		Audit Update
12.	GM Report	HR Update
13.	Recognition	

4. Adjournment Time: 3:36pm



Minutes for the Executive Committee Meeting of the Students' Association of MacEwan University August 6, 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

1. Call to Order: 2:00pm

2. Treaty 6 Land Recognition

Alan Honey, Governance Advisor (Recording Secretary)

In Attendance:

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Manager

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3. Approval of Agenda:

VPA/VPGF CARRIED

4. Approval of Minutes for: July 30, 2025

VPSL/VPA CARRIED

	TOPIC	DISCUSSION	ACTION/MOTION
			MOTION:
			TO APPROVE THE STUDENT GROUPS PROCEDURE ON THE RECOMMENDATION OF THE PROCEDURE SUBCOMMITTEE
1.	Student Groups Procedure	Vpgf – briefing note provided.	VPGF/VPSL CARRIED
2.	Grants	Vpgf -briefing note provided.	MOTION:

	Procedure		
	Trecedule		TO APPROVE THE GRANTS PROCEDURE ON THE RECOMMENDATION OF THE PROCEDURE SUB- COMMITTEE
			VPGF/VPA CARRIED
0	HOURE	Pres – RM/GM recommended to bring this to EC. Org presented to CASA and then sent email to us. RM – believe we'd be better off partnering with local organizations with respect to student housing. Pres – do we need to respond to the email? RM – worth responding that we're not interested. VPE – good intentions, but don't believe there's anything	Action: RM to work with Pres to draft
3.	HOUSE	tangible from the company at this time. RM – can redirect students when there's a duplication of	response by next EC meeting.
	Student Crowns	another group. Can ask them to resubmit after distinguishing themselves from current groups. GM – can reject group, or ask for more info/changes before we move forward. VPE – there are options within groups to distinguish themselves	Action: GM to provide feedback to SG
4.	Student Groups Outstanding	from other groups so we don't have duplicity.	Manager.
5.	Action Items		
	VP Governance		
6	& Finance	Credit card work.	
6.	Report VP Student	Tuition & fees prep.	
7.	Life's Report		
8.	VP Academic's Report	Appeal meeting. Met with Sarah Fraser – introductions. Meeting re potential spirit bear project.	
	VP External's		
9.	Report	Mayoral forum update.	
10.	President's Report	Tuition and fees prep. Met with MacEwan president. Introduction to p/t staff yesterday.	
			MOTION
			TO GO IN CAMERA
			VPGF/VPA CARRIED
			MOTION
			TO GO OUT OF CAMERA
		Renovation update.	VPANACE
11.	GM Report	Audit update. HR update.	VPA/VPGF CARRIED
12.	Recognition		

5. Adjournment Time: 3:13pm

STUDENTS' COUNCIL MEETING SUBMISSION

AGENDA ITEM INFORMATION						
Meeting Date		Submitted By				
August 20, 2025		Andrei Santiago, Vice President Governance & Finance				
Agenda Item Title		Finance Committee Students' Council Operations Committee				
Action Requested		✓ Motion Consultation Item				
		AGENDA ITEM DI	ETAILS			
Motion Title	Motion to ap October 31,	•	_ to the Finance Committee for a term ending			
	Motion to appoint Councillor to the Students' Council Operations Committee for a term ending Ocotber 31, 2025					
Background Information	_	was created on each of th m Students' Council.	ese committees when former Councillor Fisher			
	These 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.					
	The TORs fo	r the committees are attache	ed.			
Alternative Considerations	Do nothing	and stay with vacancies.				
Risk Management Considerations						
Strategic Alignment	\(\times\) Attache	d Strategic Alignment Check	list 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.		\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			
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		\boxtimes	
Student Voice			
The Student Voice is amplified by SAMU.			
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		\boxtimes	
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			
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.			
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.			
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	

Finance Committee

Mandate

1. Finance Committee assists Students' Council in fulfilling its financial oversight responsibilities through budgetary deliberations, reviewing SAMU fees and monitoring the financial well-being of the organization.

Roles of Committee

- 2. Finance Committee reviews and recommends the annual SAMU Operating budget to Students' Council for approval
- 3. Finance Committee monitors, evaluates, advises, and makes recommendations on policies and practices related to internal financial controls.
- 4. Finance Committee provides recommendations regarding new or current SAMU fees.
- 5. Finance Committee monitors and recommends changes to the SAMU Membership Fee.
- 6. Finance Committee reviews the quarterly financial statements of the organization, reviewing any allocation adjustments over a 5% variance.
- 7. Finance Committee monitors the financial well-being of SAMU.

Composition

- 8. The voting members of Finance Committee are the President, the Vice President Operations and Finance, the Vice President Student Life, two Councillors and two students-at-large.
 - 8.1. Preference will be given to students-at-large with financial experience.
- 9. The resource officials of Finance Committee are the General Manager and a full-time staff member of the Finance Department
- 10. Any Member of Students' Council is entitled to attend a committee meeting in a non-voting capacity.

Committee Operations

- 11. The Vice President Operations and Finance serves as Chair of Finance Committee
- 12. Meetings of the Finance Committee are held at least quarterly.
- 13. The Committee Chair may call additional meetings as required.



Students' Council Operations Committee

Mandate

1. Students' Council Operations Committee advises and reviews Students' Council, interviews and vets candidates for appointments made by Students' Council, and annually reviews the remuneration and compensation provided to Councillors, Executives, and other Students' Council appointments performing governance roles at SAMU.

Roles of Committee

- 2. Students' Council Operations Committee reviews Students' Council's decisions in relation to their adherence to SAMU Bylaws and Policies.
 - **2.1.** Students' Council Operations Committee may call a re-vote on a decision where it deems the decision was a violation of Bylaws or Policies.
 - **2.2.** Members of Students' Council may request a review of a decision in relation to its adherence to Bylaws and Policies.
 - **2.2.1.** Requests must be made in writing to the Chair of Students' Council Operations Committee within 10 business days of the disputed decision.
 - **2.2.2.** Students' Council Operations Committee will have 30 days to respond in writing to Students' Council with its decision.
- **3.** Students' Council Operations Committee reports on the effectiveness and progress of Students' Council.

Students' Council Appointments

- **4.** The committee reviews all applications for appointments made by Students' Council and ensures candidates considered for appointment meet the criteria for positions laid out in SAMU's bylaws and policies.
- **5.** The committee develops additional criteria for appointed positions consistent with SAMU's bylaws and policies.
- **6.** The committee interviews all appropriate candidates for positions appointed by Students' Council.
- **7.** The committee provides candidates with further information regarding the position upon request.
- **8.** The committee provides written recommendations on all vacancies.



9. The committee communicates to all candidates regarding the outcome of Students' Council appointments.

Governance Appointments

- **10.** Students' Council Operations Committee provides recommendations to Students' Council on the appointment of the Chair of Students' Council
- **11.** Students' Council Operations Committee reviews the performance of the Chair of Students' Council.
- **12.** Students' Council Operations Committee provides recommendations to Students' Council on the appointment of the Chief Returning Officer of SAMU.

Governance Remuneration

- **13.** Students' Council Operations Committee decides on the remuneration and compensation of Councillors and Executives,
- **14.** Students' Council Operations Committee seeks relevant internal and external data related to remuneration and compensation, including:
 - **14.1.** the current and future financial capacity of SAMU to support new levels of remuneration;
 - **14.2.** remuneration and compensation offered at other comparable Alberta-based students' associations/unions;
 - 14.3. the effectiveness of the current level of remuneration in securing representatives; and
 - 14.4. the fairness of remuneration based on factors such as workload, time commitment, etc.
- **15.** Students' Council Operations Committee reviews Executive wages as per Remuneration of Elected Representatives.

Composition

- **16.** The voting members of Students' Council Operations Committee are the Vice President Governance and Finance and four Councillors.
 - **16.1.** Regarding Executive Remuneration another Executive may replace the Vice President Governance and Finance as a voting member if the Vice President Governance and Finance plans to run in the upcoming Executive election.
 - **16.1.1.** The Executive who may become a voting member in place of the Vice President Governance and Finance must be an individual not running in the upcoming Executive election.
- 17. The resource official of Students' Council Operations Committee is the Governance Advisor.





17.1. A full-time staff member of the Finance Department serves as an additional resource to the committee during remuneration discussions.

Committee Operations

- **18.** The committee appointment deliberations and recommendations are confidential.
- 19. Meetings of Students' Council Operations Committee are held at least twice per quarter.
- **20.** The Committee Chair may call additional meetings as required.