



STUDENTS' ASSOCIATION OF MACEWAN UNIVERSITY

Minutes 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 (absent)
Jencel Diaz, Councillor
Aryan Dutta, Councillor (absent)
vacant, Councillor
Chistian Galera, Councillor
Cierra Jacobs, Councillor (absent)
Alem Tesfay, Vice President Student Life
Moselle Namoc, Councillor
Maade Okai, Councillor
Nathan Poon, President (absent)
Israel Reyes, Councillor
Seun Sadare, Councillor

Andrei Santiago, Vice President Governance
and Finance
Joehn Torres, Councillor
Vincent Trinh, Councillor
Chioma Uzor, Vice President Academic (absent)
Wilfrid Youbi Fansi, Vice President External (absent)
Layal Zidan, Councillor (absent)

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 6:05pm.

<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.

The Students' Association of MacEwan University is situated in the centre of what we call the city of Edmonton, which is called Amiskwaciy Waskahikan or Beaver Hill House in Nehiyawewin (Cree). This is the traditional home of the Nehiyaw (Cree) and Michif (Métis), and meeting place for many Indigenous peoples including the Nakawe (Saulteaux), Siksika (Blackfoot), Nakota Sioux (Stoney) and other nations.

2. Approvals

2.1 MOTION

TO APPROVE THE AGENDA FOR AUGUST 20, 2025

TORRES/TRINH

CARRIED

2.2 MOTION

TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF JULY 16, 2025

TORRES/DIAZ

CARRIED

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

As presented.

4.1.5. Vice President Student Life

Met with MacEwan U counterpart re accessibility & mental health.

4.2. Executive Committee Minutes

Minutes of July 9, 16, 23, 30, and August 6, 2025 provided.

5. Question Period

5.1. Written Questions

Trinh - For President/VPE - (If either one can answer that would be great). Regarding the CASA meeting that you've attended, do you believe CASA is heading in a good direction with the workplans you covered and if CASA will be in a better position the following year compared to previous years? At least in theory.

Maybe it's a bit too early to give a proper answer but I thought it would be important to ask considering the problems SAMU had working with CASA, and how big CASA was in SC's decision making this year and will be for future years.

Pres – Thanks for your question Councillor Trinh.

It is currently too early to provide feedback on CASA's performance for the year, given that we are only halfway through the conference cycle for the year. As prescribed by the original Students' Council motion in March, we will provide an in-camera report to Council that will outline how CASA has progressed since the motion was made.

Trinh - For VPSL - After reading about your meetup with Chandelle Rimmer, I'm curious if there's any plans to directly involve SAMU into some of MacEwan's own Student programs. More specifically if you or Chandelle plan on having SAMU be integrated with these MacEwan Student programs and if that's a possibility to consider in the future.

While you did mention SAMU promoting these programs, I see a strong opportunity to improve the Student experience at MacEwan if SAMU was more involved in these programs (example: SAMU helping run/lead the NEST program). Perhaps this is something that can be tackled in the future and I was wondering if this was ever in consideration or being worked towards.

Vpsl – Thank you for your question, Councillor Trinh. During my conversation with Chandelle, there were no plans regarding SAMU being directly involved in MacEwan's; however, we did talk about how SAMU could promote some of these services to students to increase awareness. Regarding programs like the NEST program, I don't believe there is an identifiable need for SAMU to be involved operationally, as MacEwan already has that covered. I see a great opportunity for SAMU to be involved in the promotion and feedback process of that service to improve the students in that regard.

5.2. Oral Questions

Topics include: \$5 meals & food affordability; Election procedure updates;

6. In Camera Period

6.1.

7. Motions & Business Orders of the Day

7.1. Finance Committee

Nominees: Galera, Reyes

MOTION TO APPOINT COUNCILLOR REYES TO THE FINANCE COMMITTEE FOR A TERM ENDING OCTOBER 31, 2025

VPGF/OKAI

Favour: VPGF, Diaz, Okai, Ayodeji, Reyes, Sadare, Namoc, Trinh, Torres, Galera, Vpsl

CARRIED

7.2. Students' Council Operations Committee

Nominees: Diaz, Ayodeji, Sadare

MOTION TO APPOINT COUNCILLOR DIAZ TO THE STUDENTS' COUNCIL OPERATIONS COMMITTEE FOR A TERM ENDING OCTOBER 31, 2025

VPGF/SADARE

Favour: VPGF, Diaz, Okai, Ayodeji, Reyes, Sadare, Namoc, Trinh, Torres, Galera, Vpsl

CARRIED

8. Consultation

9. Evaluation

10. Recognition

11. Adjournment

MOTION TO ADJOURN

TORRES

CARRIED

Next Meeting Date: September 17, 2025

Meeting adjourned at 6:36pm