



STUDENTS' ASSOCIATION OF MACEWAN UNIVERSITY

Agenda for the Students' Council Meeting of the Students' Association of MacEwan University September 17, 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
Loyal 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

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 SEPTEMBER 17, 2025

2.2 MOTION

TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF AUGUST 20, 2025

3. Presentations

3.1. 2024-2025 Audited Financials

VPGF -

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 August 13, 20, 27, and September 3, 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. 2024-2025 Audited Financials

MOTION TO ACCEPT THE 2024-2025 AUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

VPGF/

Favour:

Oppose:

7.2. 2024-2025 Councillor of the Year Vote

VPSL -

7.3.

8. Consultation

8.1.

9. Evaluation

9.1.

10. Recognition

11. Adjournment

MOTION TO ADJOURN

Next Meeting Date: October 15, 2025

Meeting adjourned at pm



STUDENTS' ASSOCIATION OF MACEWAN UNIVERSITY

Minutes for the Students' Council Meeting of the Students' Association of MacEwan University August 20 16, 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)
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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
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Meeting called to order at 6:05pm.

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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



Students' Council Report

President

September 11th, 2025

Dear Council,

As students, new and returning, flood the hallways after a quiet summer, on behalf of SAMU's Executive Committee, we hope you are all having a smooth start to the school year.

Here's my report on from the President portfolio from August 14th to September 11th.

Executive Summary

- Edmonton Student Alliance Meeting
- Tuition and Fees Consultation
- MLA Roundtable
- New Student Orientation and Meet SAMU Week
- Downtown Block Party
- Alumni Advisory Council Meeting

Edmonton Student Alliance (ESA) August Meeting



Member schools in the ESA convened to discuss potential policy recommendations that the ESA can set out in the 2025/26 Academic Year. ESA member schools voted to implement a wide array of policy recommendations in the themes of housing, transit, and newcomer supports, among others. If you would like more information on these policy recommendations, please feel free to email the VP External/ESA Vice Chair.

Tuition and Fees Consultation

I supported the Vice President Governance & Finance (VPGF) in our annual Tuition and Fees Consultation with MacEwan University. At our most recent meeting, we were able to share many of the troubles and burdens that students will continue to face in the 2025/26 Academic Year. The VPGF will go more in-depth on their report.

MLA Roundtable

I had the privilege of attending the MLA Roundtable, with MLAs Rakhi Pancholi and David Eggen, which served as an opportunity to engage with provincial voices regarding student issues. This event was led by your Vice President External, and he will go more in-depth on his report.

New Student Orientation (NSO) and Meet SAMU Week

With the arrival of a plethora of new students, I, along with our Executive Committee was able to promote the services, programs, and events that SAMU has to offer for new students at a wide array of NSO events. I had the privilege of speaking at the main Fall NSO in the gym with over 2,000 new students present, and at various departmental NSOs. I, along with other Executives, also participated in Meet SAMU Week, which gave students the opportunity to ask questions directly to us on how SAMU can support students in their academic journey.



Downtown Block Party

SAMU's Executive Committee had the opportunity to attend the Downtown Block Party hosted by MacEwan University and NorQuest College, in conjunction with the Edmonton Downtown Business Association. It was a great opportunity to connect with our MacEwan counterparts, in line with SAMU Strategic Plan Indicator 2.4, and with the Students' Association of NorQuest College (SANQC), in line with SAMU Strategic Plan Indicator 2.3. We also had the chance to reconnect with MLAs David Shepherd and David Eggen, who were present at the event, while being a wonderful opportunity to connect with new students.

Alumni Advisory Council (AAC) Meeting

The AAC met for the first time this academic year to discuss its goals, priorities, and upcoming events. I had the opportunity to share the important work SAMU has been undertaking over the summer, particularly in the areas of advocacy and student engagement.

Closing Remarks

As the weather becomes cooler, and classes start ramping up even more, we are incredibly grateful for the work you all do to advance the student voice. Please reach out if you have any questions, or if you would like to grab a coffee to have a conversation about anything.

Also, Students' Council Election Nominations are now open! I encourage sharing this information with anyone who may be interested.



Warm regards,

Nathan Poon

President, Students' Association of MacEwan University 2025/26



Students' Council Report

Vice-President Academic

September 17th, 2025

I hope the hallways are doing you good! Welcome back to class! The hallways are super packed this year like no other, I'm happy to see so many students roaming our halls during the semester. Definitely a big change from the empty halls all summer. Enjoy my report from August 21st – September 10th!

Executive Summary

- New Student Orientations
- Meetings of the General Faculties Council
- Student Member Orientation Session
- Library Steering Committee Meeting

Student Experience & Engagement

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New Student Orientations

Strat Point 1.2, 1.3

Our students got started on September 2nd where all first year and some returning students attended the New Student Orientation! During the day, EC had scurried around the campus from tabling to orientations. On September 2nd, I attended the School of Social Work Orientation as well as the Theatre Student Orientation.



On September 3rd, I attended the School of Music Returning Student Orientation. All of which I took five minutes to say a few words about SAMU and the resources we offer.

Student Voice

The Student Voice is amplified by SAMU.

Special Meetings of the General Faculties Council

Strat Point 2.4

In the weeks before classes, I attended a series of Special Meetings for the General Faculties Council. These meetings were purposed for last-minute Faculty appointments, Committee Faculty Co-Chairs appointments and discussing the workplan for the year in each committee.

Student Member Orientation Session

Strat Point 2.2, 2.4

I attended the Student Member Orientation, a pilot orientation hosted by GFC, on August 21st. I attended this meeting with the Vice President Student Life and two of our GFC student representatives, Vincent Trinh and Olad Ayodeji. The session was interesting and involved a very insightful outlook of our roles on the General Faculties Council. We are very thankful for GFC for hosting us for this orientation!

Library Steering Committee Meeting

Strat Point 2.4, 3.3

On September 9th, I attended the first Textbook Steering Committee meeting that discussed specific details on the workplan. The workplan involved updates within the library as well as promotional materials that are in development for the Textbook Affordability Program. This was a great opportunity to get to know members of the library council at a closer lens and a great outlet to express suggestions for planning!



Closing Remarks

Happy start of the semester! I hope you all had an amazing summer no matter how that looked like. I want to take this time to tell you all to take it easy. You don't force success; you perform your best when you relax. So, take those days off, prioritize that work-life balance, and do the things you love. Sometimes uni stress can wait! <3

As the semester gets busier, so do I! My schedule is gradually getting more jam-packed with meetings. Council may swing by my office to ask any questions or provide any feedback, but please contact me before coming over so that I can be well prepared for your concern and can fit you into my schedule as well! You can either email me or message me on Telegram.

My brain says it's time to binge *Gilmore Girls* for the billionth time~ 🍂

Warmly (literally),



Chioma V. Uzor (she/her)

2025/2026 VP Academic, SAMU

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Students' Council Report

Vice-President External

Date of Meeting September 17th, 2025

It's report time once more! Hopefully this report serves to provide all the information on advocacy efforts. Insert current event here: (hello world).

Student Leaders Orientation

1.1

On August 21st the External Advocacy Advisor and I attended the 2025 Student Leaders Orientation. The Honourable Myles McDougall the minister of Post Secondary Education was in attendance with the intent of the day to present student leaders with the provincial government current ongoing projects in areas that touch on student lives., the minister of Post Secondary Education, was in attendance the first half of the day. The intent of the day was to present student leaders with the provincial government's ongoing projects.

Items of note:

- The Alberta Government is currently in active consideration of a STEP (Summer Temporary Employment Program) like program no details shared with us as of now.
- New website toolkit aimed at international student learning should be launching late 2025

ESA Meeting



1.2

On August 27th ESA convened for our meeting where we decided upon advocacy asks to bring forward to the City of Edmonton. The members were presented with the various asks from each institution and presented via ran

We finalised our asks and will roll out the full advocacy document in the current weeks.

As for our asks implemented into the final asks:

-For the city to include student representatives in consultation and decision making on grant allocation through the Downtown Student Housing Incentive. This would include on what constitutes student targeted housing, as well as what projects are ultimately approved.

- Re-instituting of the City Wide Welcome Event, in partnership with post-secondary institutions and students' unions and associations in the city, targeting integration supports for students who have moved to Edmonton to attend a post-secondary program.

Downtown Block Party Advocacy

1.3

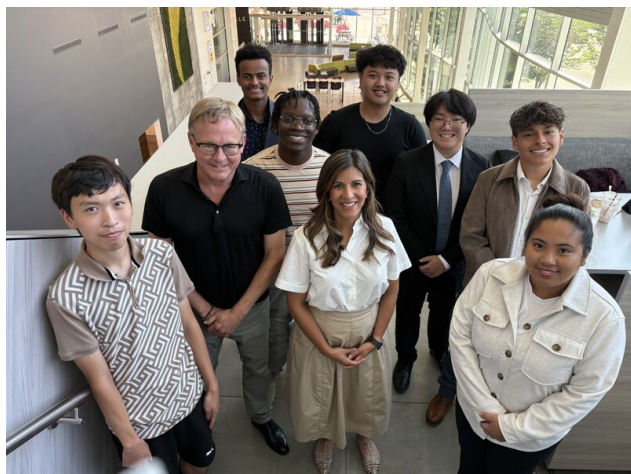
On September 3rd, my fellow executives and I joined MacEwan and its partners in the Downtown Block Party. During the course of the event, I was able to interact with elected officials such as MLA David Shepherd and MLA David Eggen regarding matters of student interests and the legislative season approaches. As for business leaders I was able to briefly discuss with Puneeta McBryan CEO of the Downtown Business Association the upcoming Mayoral forum and its importance to have downtown institutions represented.



NDP Roundtable meeting

1.4

On August 19th, the Executive team, along with councilors, were joined by the NDP with the intent of having a conversation about what student concerns are. The topics of discussion are the biggest issues that impact students. Issues that came up were Employment, Safety, Affordability, and Housing. The conversation was very productive and helpful with the upcoming return to session for the Provincial government in October.



We all float here,

Wilfrid Youbi Fansi





Students' Council Report

Vice President Governance & Finance

September 17th, 2025

We meet again Council!

September has finally arrived, and the energy on campus has been through the roof! The past two weeks have both been very exhausting, yet very rewarding. From meeting first year students at various New Student Orientation sessions, to attending the Block Party and interacting with students at Fall Fest, it's been a very strong and promising start to what I know is going to be a great year ahead.

With that said, provided below is my report for the period of August 15th to September 11th.

Executive Summary

- Tuition & Fees Prep; Tuition & Fees Consultation Meeting #2
- Fall Fest Advocacy Tabling and Student Leadership Week Planning

Student Experience & Engagement

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Student Voice

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September 12th, 2025

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Strat point 2.1, 2.4

Tuition & Fees Prep; Tuition & Fees Consultation Meeting #2

Like our first T & F consultation meeting with MacEwan, we had prepared rigorously in order to effectively highlight SAMU's stance on each individual Mandatory Non-Instructional Fee that MacEwan charges students, which encompasses the Tech Fee, the Mental Health Fee, the Medical Clinic Fee, the Sports and Wellness fee, and the Registrar Fee.

In addition, the President and I were able to speak on the initial needs from the student body, which allowed us to highlight affordability as a major area of concern when it comes students accessing food, housing, and education. We also emphasized our commitment to partnering with the MacEwan administration in order to tackle these issues. Lastly, we were given the opportunity to provide our in-year allocation requests, which included the expansion of food insecurity measures on campus, potential investment into learning material bursaries, improved student housing resources, investment into student wellness supports, and the waiving of locker fees.

Strat point 2.2

Fall Fest Advocacy Tabling and Student Leadership Week Planning

On Friday, September 5th, the Executive Committee, along with other members of Students' Council, conducted tabling at Fall Fest to bring awareness to various student leadership opportunities on campus, such as Students' Council, the Executive Committee, and SAMU and MacEwan committees, with a particular focus on Students' Council nominations and elections. Beyond that, the tabling was a fantastic opportunity for both EC and SC members to connect with new and returning students in a fun, informal environment (while giving pretty sweet freebies away, too!)



On Monday, September 8th, the Executive Coordinator and I began finalizing the planning for Student Leadership Week. On Thursday, September 11th, we met up with the Events department to align our expectations and reconfirm timelines for the EC and SC SLW tabling, the “open” SC Meeting, and the SC Mixer.

Student Supports

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

Strengthening SAMU Operations

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

Closing Remarks

Thank you very much once again for taking the time to read my report. As the year starts to pick up and our schedules get busier, I hope everyone is able to stay on top of their classes! I'll also do my best to keep my reports short and sweet just like this one moving forward. As always, please reach out to me if you have any questions, comments, or concerns, and I will do my best to respond back to you as soon as I can.

Catch you all later,

Andrei Santiago (he/him)

VP Governance and Finance, SAMU 2025/2026

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Students' Council Report

Vice-President Student Life

September 17th, 2025

Greetings everyone,

I hope your summer wrapped up well, it's certainly been an eventful one for me! It was great to see fellow students in different settings over the past few months, whether at the Edmonton Marathon, the EDSA soccer season, or at some of the student group events that ran through the summer. Now that summer has come to an end, I'm excited for what's ahead this semester. I invite you to read my report, which highlights exciting news, important conversations, and the different events I was involved in during the first week of the semester. I hope you enjoy reading my August 14–September 11 report!

Executive Summary

- Health Campus Alberta News! (HCA)
- Meeting with my MacEwan counterparts Chandelle & Allison (AVP)
- First Week on Campus (NSO/ Fall fest/ Block Party/ Pipe ceremony)
- Meetings with Darryl (GM)



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Health Campus Alberta (HCA):

Health Campus Alberta will be hosting this year's Edmonton Regional Gathering at MacEwan University on November 21st!! I'm excited to share this news, as it's something I was really hoping for, and I'm thrilled that HCA chose our campus to host the event. There may also be some new additions to the gathering that will make it even more special for participants. Registration will be opening soon, so keep an eye out for that!

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Meeting with my Counterpart Chandelle Rimmer:

At the end of August, I had another meeting with my MacEwan counterpart, Chandelle Rimmer, the Interim Associate Vice-President (AVP). In this meeting, I shared insights from the 2025 student survey data related to student engagement and feedback on mentorship, with financial support and health and wellness identified as top priorities. I also shared the recommendations from the research firm we hired, based on the Spring survey, and highlighted students' desire for more career-related initiatives such as LinkedIn workshops and networking opportunities. This served as a perfect transition to

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another agenda item I wanted to discuss which was the collaboration with Ubuntu. As mentioned in previous reports, Ubuntu is a community-based nonprofit initiative focused on equity, education, and workforce development. I informed Chandelie about the organization and the various workshops it offers that align with some of the needs students identified in the survey. I also shared that I will be meeting with Faizel (Ubuntu's founder) and the Leadership Education Specialist, Nooshin, to further discuss potential collaboration.

First Week on Campus (NSO/ Fall fest/ Block Party/ KW)

The first week on campus was amazing! In the months leading up to the start of the semester, I made it a goal to attend as many student orientations as possible, and I'm proud to say I achieved that. I attended six orientations, including the Athlete Student Orientation, International Student Orientation, School of Business Orientation, and Indigenous Student Orientation. My goal was to ensure that our first-year students knew who we were and how we could support them throughout their academic journey, and I'm grateful to the different departments for giving me that opportunity.

Another highlight was the Block Party, which I attended alongside the other executives. We had the chance to connect with the MacEwan University admin team and student union members from Norquest College. It was awesome to see such a strong student turnout from both institutions.

As many of you know, the week wrapped up with SAMU's Fall Fest, and this year was definitely one to remember. I had the privilege of introducing the main act, Oliver Tree, who gave a humorous and engaging performance. It was also a pleasure to watch all the other artists perform throughout the day. I'd like to thank the vendors, security staff, volunteers, and SAMU staff for making this the BEST FALL FEST EVER! A special

thank you as well to the students and guests whose energy brought the event to life, and to the event staff for making it all happen.

Last but not least, I had the privilege of attending the Pipe Ceremony at the Kihêw waciston Indigenous Centre (KW), where I participated in both the smudge and pipe ceremonies for new and returning students, facilitated by Knowledge Keeper Tom Snow. I also had the opportunity to connect with students in attendance and share a bit about SAMU and the upcoming student council election. The following day, the entire executive team was given a tour of the KW space, which was an incredible experience.

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Meeting with Darryl (GM):

Each month, I meet with our General Manager, Darryl, to discuss ideas for improving the student experience. As I often mention, Darryl is a great “idea filter”; he challenges me to consider factors like long-term costs and organizational liability, and I always value his perspective, even if we don’t always agree. Between August and September, our conversations covered a range of topics, including the HCA Regional Conference, student groups, and campus services.

As some of you may already know, PAWSS has been rebranded as WAGGS. Along with the new branding, there are some notable changes: *student handlers are no longer included in the program, and cats have been removed.* These updates, along with other



related announcements, were recently shared by the Manager of Student Wellness Services via email.

Before the official announcement, I asked Darryl regarding the feasibility of hosting PAWSS/WAGGS in a dedicated space on SAMU grounds, where students could safely interact with the animals. However, Darryl clarified that even though SAMU is an independent institution from MacEwan, when it comes to building regulations, SAMU must still follow MacEwan's rules, with only a few exceptions (such as food catering).

Closing Remarks

To whoever is reading this, thank you for taking the time to go through my report. If anything in this report raises questions, please don't hesitate to reach out. Since the semester began, things have gotten busier, but I am grateful to be surrounded by such a supportive team. I want to thank the Governance Advocacy Support Team (GAST) and the SAMU staff once again for their guidance in helping me become the best VP SL I can be. I'll conclude this report with a quote from Eleanor Roosevelt: "The future belongs to those who believe in the beauty of their dreams."

Cheers,

Alem D. Tesfay

VP Student Life, SAMU 2025/2026

Vice President report to Students' Council

[9/17/2025]

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**STUDENTS' ASSOCIATION
OF MACEWAN UNIVERSITY**

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**Minutes for the Executive Committee Meeting of the
Students' Association of MacEwan University
August 13, 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 (absent)

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

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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3. Approval of Agenda:
**VPGF/VPSL
CARRIED**
4. Approval of Minutes for: August 6, 2025
**VPGF/VPSL
CARRIED**

TOPIC		DISCUSSION	ACTION/MOTION MOTION
1.	Committee Appointments	IAA – attached all applications, VPA made recommendations about which students to appoint.	TO APPOINT JAIDA DAVOREN AND CAROLYN BOYCHUK TO THE FACULTY OF NURSING COUNCIL, TO APPOINT MEREDITH BLACK AND STEPHANIE CHAN TO THE FACULTY OF FINE ARTS AND COMMUNICATIONS COUNCIL, TO APPOINT KATELYN YAKIELASHEK TO THE FACULTY OF HEALTH

			<p>AND COMMUNITY STUDIES COUNCIL, TO APPOINT RYAN BERNAL TO THE COUNCIL ON STUDENT AFFAIRS, TO APPOINT OLAD AYODEJI TO THE RESEARCH ETHICS BOARD, TO APPOINT JOEHN TORRES, ANNABELLE THOMAS, AXEL SPARKS, MANREET KAUR TO THE SCHOOL OF BUSINESS COUNCIL, AND TO APPOINT ABBEY HENDERSON-TANGUAY TO THE SEXUAL VIOLENCE PREVENTION AND EDUCATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE FOR A TERM ENDING JUNE 30TH 2026.</p> <p>MOTION</p> <p>TO TAKE A 5 MIN RECESS</p> <p>VPGF/VPSL CARRIED</p> <p>VPGF/VPSL CARRIED</p> <p>MOTION</p> <p>TO APPOINT LAYAL ZIDAN AND ARIZA FATIMA TO THE FACULTY OF ARTS AND SCIENCE COUNCIL FOR A TERM ENDING JUNE 30, 2026</p> <p>VPGF/VPSL CARRIED</p>
2.	Student Appeal Panel Appointment	Motion 2025-07-16-1: "to appoint Brittney Cusiatic to the Non-Academic Student Appeal Panel to occur by July 30, 2025"	<p>MOTION</p> <p>TO RESCIND EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MOTION 2025-07-16-1</p> <p>VPGF/VPSL CARRIED</p> <p>MOTION</p>

			<p>TO APPOINT MABEL ADESOPO TO THE NON-ACADEMIC APPEAL PANEL TO OCCUR BY SEPTEMBER 30, 2025</p> <p>VPGF/VPSL CARRIED</p>
3.	Student Groups	<p>HijabiHQ</p> <p>Vpsl – had initial concern with SG description re ‘women-only’ meeting. SG procedure requires inclusivity. Spoke to SG Manager about potentially changing procedure.</p> <p>Vpgf – believe the description isn’t an issue.</p> <p>Pres – as currently written it’s at issue with SAMU’s inclusiveness values. How it’s written should be re-considered.</p> <p>RM – concerned with the language of ‘free-mixing’; name of SG is already exclusionary as not all Muslim women wear hijabis; other concerns with some of the language. Students are empowered to do these things on campus, but not necessarily with SAMU money. Encourage you to seek out clarity prior to approval.</p> <p>Vpa – RM covered comments I have.</p> <p>Vpsl – understand concerns brought forward and can communicate this back to SG manager.</p>	<p>Action:</p> <p>Vpsl to communicate result of conversation to GM.</p>
4.	Maintenance Fund	<p>Maintenance Fund Request 1: GM - for student groups area for changing the layout of SA214M and SA214G.</p> <p>Maintenance Fund Request 2: GM - This request will cover the cost of purchasing a new tech booth that seats 4 people and will act as another meeting room for Staff. This will also upgrade the door to the other tech booth so that it matches our door locking system.</p>	<p>MOTION</p> <p>TO APPROVE AN EXPENSE OF UP TO \$27000.00 FROM THE MAINTENANCE FUND FOR PROJECT 3-25.26 GROUPS 214 M & G FURNITURE SET UP CHANGE</p> <p>VPGF/VPA CARRIED</p> <p>MOTION</p> <p>TO APPROVE AN EXPENSE OF UP TO \$45000.00 FROM THE MAINTENANCE FUND FOR PROJECT 2-25.26 TECH ROOM AND TECH DOOR & LOCK</p> <p>VPGF/VPSL CARRIED</p>

			MOTION
			TO TAKE A 10 MINUTE RECESS
			VPA/VPGF CARRIED
5.	Survey Presentation	<i>Note: this presentation will begin at approx. 2:45pm.</i>	
6.	Outstanding Action Items	tabled	
7.	VP Student Life's Report	tabled	
8.	VP Academic's Report	tabled	
9.	VP External's Report	tabled	
10.	VP Governance & Finance Report	tabled	
11.	President's Report	tabled	
12.	GM Report	tabled	
13.	Recognition		

5. Adjournment
Time: 3:49pm



**Minutes for the Executive Committee Meeting of the
Students' Association of MacEwan University
August 20, 2025 @ 2:00pm**

Voting Members:

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

Resource Officials:

Darryl Kostash, General Manager (absent)

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: 2:02pm
2. 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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3. Approval of Agenda:
**VPA/VPGF
CARRIED**
4. Approval of Minutes for: August 13, 2025
**VPGF/VPSL
CARRIED**

TOPIC		DISCUSSION	ACTION/MOTION
1.	Contingency Fund	Whiting - I would like to add an item to the EC agenda: I would like to transfer \$1.65 million from our Contingency account to our Operating account to cover short-term cash-flow until we get our October fee payment from MacEwan.	MOTION TO APPROVE A TRANSFER OF \$1.65 MILLION FROM THE CONTINGENCY FUND TO THE OPERATING FUND VPGF/VPSL CARRIED
2.	Student Groups	VPSL – applications provided. Helping Hands Club updated their mandate.	MOTION

			TO APPROVE THE MACEWAN HELPING HANDS CLUB VPSL/VPA CARRIED MOTION TO APPROVE THE MINDFUL MOMENTS – DEMENTIA SUPPORT CLUB VPSL/VPGF CARRIED
3.	Appointments		MOTION TO APPOINT AANYA KHERA TO THE SEXUAL VIOLENCE EDUCATION AND ADVISORY COMMITTEE FOR A TERM ENDING JUNE 30TH, 2026 VPA/VPGF CARRIED
4.	Business Cards	Pres – previous EC engaged prospective students for student leadership roles and were able to by coffee for those meetings. VPGF – specially printed business cards won't be too expensive. Estimated total cost would be about \$425, including coffee. (based on on 5 student meetings each). RM – if EC wants to do this we can find the money within current budget lines.	
5.	Forever Canadian	Pres – note that SAMU is a non-partisan org and don't take sides on political issues. If you receive emails please forward to GM & I.	
6.	Outstanding Action Items		
7.	VP Academic's Report		
8.	VP External's Report	tabled	
9.	VP Governance & Finance Report	T&F prep & initial meeting with MacEwan. Met with BOG Chair. Alumni & Development meeting. Finance Committee meeting. NDP roundtable.	
10.	VP Student Life's Report	Met with Allison & Chandelle last week. SEC bbq event planning.	
11.	President's Report	NAITSA meeting. BOG Chair meeting.	
12.	GM Report	Building renos almost complete. Insurance update. Harder to deal with and get for some things. I'll be away next week.	MOTION TO GO IN CAMERA

			VPGF/VPA CARRIED MOTION TO GO OUT OF CAMERA VPSL/VPA CARRIED
13.	Recognition		

5. Adjournment
Time: 3:00pm



**Minutes for the Executive Committee Meeting of the
Students' Association of MacEwan University
August 27, 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 (absent)

Alan Honey, Governance Advisor (Recording Secretary)

In Attendance:

Carl Knowler, Acting General Manager
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: 2:00pm
2. Treaty 6 Land Recognition

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3. Approval of Agenda:
**VPSL/VPA
CARRIED**
4. Approval of Minutes for: August 20, 2025
**VPGF/VPSL
CARRIED**

TOPIC		DISCUSSION	ACTION/MOTION
1.	Student Groups	HijabiHQ Vpsl – SG resubmitted their application for consideration. Have edited their mandate to answer the questions we had.	MOTION TO APPROVE THE HIJABIHQ STUDENT GROUP VPSL/VPA CARRIED
2.	Appointment(s)	Vpa – additional seat for a student on this committee so would like to fill it with another member of GFC.	MOTION TO APPOINT OLAD AYODEJI TO THE GFC COMMITTEE ON TEACHING AND LEARNING

			FOR A TERM ENDING JUNE 30, 2026. VPA/VPGF CARRIED
3.	Outstanding Action Items		
4.	VP External's Report	Housing survey. SLO update. Mayoral forum update.	
5.	VP Governance & Finance Report	T&F meeting update.	
6.	VP Student Life's Report	Mental health resource update.	
7.	VP Academic's Report	GFC meeting updates. GFC training meeting.	
8.	President's Report	BOG social event attendance with VPGF. Career Services networking event. SEC bbq. T&F consultation meeting. Parent & Supporter orientation.	
9.	GM Report	tabled	
10.	Recognition		

5. Adjournment
Time: 2:42pm



**Minutes for the Executive Committee Meeting of the
Students' Association of MacEwan University
September 3, 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 (absent)

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/VPE
CARRIED
4. Approval of Minutes for: August 27, 2025
VPSL/VPE
CARRIED

TOPIC		DISCUSSION	ACTION/MOTION
1.	Student Groups	VPSL -	MOTION TO APPROVE THE STUDENT GROUP NAME OF "MACEWAN TOASTMASTERS CLUB" TO "MACEWAN SPEECH LEADERS" VPSL/VPA

			CARRIED
2.	SC Presentation		MOTION TO APPROVE A SAMU AUDIT PRESENTATION AT THE SEPTEMBER 17, 2025 STUDENTS' COUNCIL MEETING VPA/VPSL CARRIED
3.	Outstanding Action Items		
4.	VP Governance & Finance Report	NSO.	
5.	VP Student Life's Report	Survey on SEC bbq coming. Orientation.	
6.	VP Academic's Report	NSO presentations.	
7.	VP External's Report	Mayoral debate update. Orientation. Block Party.	
8.	President's Report	Block Party. NSO.	
9.	GM Report	H&D. Audit update.	MOTION TO GO IN CAMERA VPGF/VPA CARRIED MOTION TO GO OUT OF CAMERA VPGF/VPA CARRIED
10.	Recognition		

5. Adjournment
Time: 2:48pm



**STUDENTS' ASSOCIATION
OF MACEWAN UNIVERSITY**

STUDENTS' COUNCIL MEETING SUBMISSION

AGENDA ITEM INFORMATION

Meeting Date	Submitted By
September 17th, 2025	Andrei Santiago, Vice President Governance & Finance

Agenda Title	Item
	2024-2025 Audited Financial Statements
Action Requested	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Motion <input type="checkbox"/> Consultation Item

AGENDA ITEM DETAILS

Motion Title	Motion to accept the 2024-2025 Audited Financial Statements
Background Information	SAMU ensures that an audit is completed each fiscal year and that the results of the audit are presented to Students' Council. A motion to accept the audited financial statements will be put on the table at the same meeting that the audit results are presented to council so that it is formally acknowledged that the audit has been completed. As per the Official Reporting Mechanisms to SAMU Membership policy, that requirement is met by this submission.
Alternative Considerations	
Risk Management Considerations	n/a
Strategic Alignment	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Attached Strategic Alignment Checklist is complete
Implications	
Related Documents	Official Reporting Mechanisms to SAMU Membership policy.
Follow Up Action	n/a
Review History	n/a

Strategic Alignment Checklist

Vision: All students benefit from a vibrant student life and a culture of empowerment.

Mission: SAMU builds a positive student experience by creating a place to engage and connect, being a champion for all students and providing opportunities that allow them to get the most out of their educational journey.

Focus Areas	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 checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input 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"/>



**STUDENTS' ASSOCIATION
OF MACEWAN UNIVERSITY**

STUDENTS' COUNCIL MEETING SUBMISSION

AGENDA ITEM INFORMATION

Meeting Date	Submitted By
September 17, 2025	Alem Tesfay, Vice-President Student Life

Agenda Title	Item	2024-2025 Councillor of the Year Vote	
Action Requested	<input type="checkbox"/> Motion	<input type="checkbox"/> Consultation Item	

AGENDA ITEM DETAILS

Motion Title	
Background Information	<p>Each year we recognize a councillor as the Councillor of the Year. A call for nominations went out via email on August 21, 2025 with a deadline of September 8, 2025 to submit.</p> <p>The following councillors were nominated: Moselle Namoc, Joehn Torres,Vincent Trinh, Cierra Jacobs, and Layal Zidan.</p> <p>Attached you'll find the reasons that each councillor was nominated as well as a copy of the Councillor of the Year Award Terms of Reference. Please review all the documents so you are prepared to vote at this Students' Council meeting.</p> <p>We will present the award to the winner at the October 15, 2025 Students' Council meeting.</p>
Alternative Considerations	
Risk Management Considerations	
Strategic Alignment	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <i>Attached Strategic Alignment Checklist is complete</i>
Implications	

Related Documents	Councillor of the Year Award Terms of Reference
Follow Up Action	
Review History	

Strategic Alignment Checklist

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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"/>
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Student Supports			
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3.1 Develop and deliver initiatives that are inclusive and are responsive to all student needs.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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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"/>
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2024-2025 Councillor of the Year Nominees

Councillor Moselle Namoc

- When I think of SAMU Governance, after the executives, I think of Moselle. She has shown passion for governance and representing the students. I often find her looking for opportunities to contribute by joining boards and committees, for that she has my vote! (She didn't ask me to say this, I am just a fan 🍷)
- Councillor Namoc has demonstrated a strong growth in governance-encompassing skills since she has been elected, coming to Students' Council meetings with a unique, passionate, and delicate care for good governance, while asking many thoughtful questions during Question Period for the betterment of the students. I strongly recommend Councillor Namoc for the COTY award.

Councillor Joehn Torres

- He has consistently asked very informative and innovative questions. He has encouraged his fellow Councilors with his enthusiasm!
- I believe I deserve the Councillor of the Year Award because of my consistent dedication and active engagement throughout my time on council. I've been here for a long time, and I make it a point to ask questions during question periods to ensure that student concerns are always brought forward. While team-building events may not be my strongest suit, I make a conscious effort to participate and show up because I value being present and contributing wherever I can. Beyond council, I'm involved in other initiatives across campus, which helps me bring a broader perspective and a deeper understanding of the student experience to my work here. I strive to represent students thoughtfully, turn feedback into meaningful actions, and support initiatives that positively impact our community. I may not fit every stereotype of a "perfect councilor," but my dedication, engagement, and genuine commitment to making a difference reflect the qualities that this award seeks to recognize. I would be honored to receive it and continue serving our student body to the best of my ability.
- Throughout his term, Councillor Torres has always shown dedication to being the voice of Macewan Students in the SC. Ensuring accountability, he pushed for meaningful questions about the reports and presentations of the Executives. These questions helped the council look at things from a different perspective, opening discussions where more information is brought up to place. He also fostered a culture of formality and respect in the council meetings by having an in-depth knowledge of the Roberts Rules of Order. Councillor Torres showed determination in ensuring that the student voice is being heard by staying punctual in all of the SC meetings and actively participating in discussions that



involve further advocacy initiatives for students. Not only did Councillor Torres perform his role perfectly, but he also elevated the standard of what a Student Councillor must be and what it means to represent your fellow students. His dedication and passion for representing the voices of regular Macewan students deserve recognition. Thank you.

Councillor Vincent Trinh

- Vincent, ever since the very beginning, have always had a genuine passion for the betterment of the student body and student interests. Ever since the training day, first meeting, and first team building and going forward, Vincent has showed consistent efforts, asked productive questions, and remained on top of council duties.
- Councilor Trinh has consistently shown up for all SC meetings and Committee meetings with such enthusiasm and passion for his role as a Councilor. Councilor Trinh constantly engages in active discussions amongst the other Student Councilors and is always ready to show his support for his peers. I can definitely see all the effort he puts into being a Councilor, and I am looking forward to see him run again for the next election!

Councillor Cierra Jacobs

- I believe Councillor Cierra Jacobs deserves the title for Councillor of the Year due to how she passionately engages with Councillors and meetings, and her commitment to SAMU's mission. As a new councillor, Cierra brought a warm and encouraging energy that really helped me get adjusted to council. Her engagement during meetings were also strong in that she was strategic and was always in scope of council and topics at hands. The way she acted during meetings really showed me what a good councillor can look like and how councillors can keep others accountable and effective within SAMU. I also wanted to mention her previous position as an Executive. While I wasn't here when she was an executive and it may be considered irrelevant for this award, the fact that she ran and got a position as an executive shows how passionate she is in advocating for students and support the community.
- Councillor Jacobs has shown a deep commitment to good governance by holding EC accountable when needed. Her willingness to speak up, even when it was difficult, set an important example for all of us and strengthened our council's culture of accountability. In Governance Committee, Jacobs contributed thoughtful insight. What stands out most is the way she supported new councillors. Jacobs took the time to reassure them, encourage them to speak up, and reminded them that their voices mattered. She helped create a welcoming environment where people felt comfortable participating and learning.



Councillor Loyal Zidan

- I believe Councillor Zidan has demonstrated an outstanding and ongoing commitment to Students' Council. She consistently comes prepared, engages actively in discussions, and offers thoughtful questions that strengthen both the student voice and our governance practices. Beyond Council meetings, Zidan goes out of her way to support her fellow councillors, offering guidance and assistance that helps uphold the vision of Students' Council. She is approachable and collaborative, regularly consulting with other members of Council to ensure decisions reflect diverse perspectives. Zidan's commitment extends beyond formal meetings—she contributes to committee work and engages with students directly to ensure their concerns and ideas are represented. She has also shown leadership in supporting councillors who are newer to their roles, making sure they feel included and confident in their contributions. Through her dedication, collegiality, and active involvement, Councillor Zidan embodies the values of Students' Council and has played a key role in strengthening both advocacy and governance this year.

Councillor of the Year Terms of Reference

Award Description

This award is presented to an outstanding Councillor, a person who has dedicated their time and energy to support student advocacy efforts, ensure good governance, engage with and consult students and other members of Students' Council, and demonstrate a commitment to the long-term success of SAMU.

One award is available each year. Presentation of the award occurs at the last Students' Council meeting of the elected year and the recipient will be acknowledged at SAMU's annual recognition event.

The successful nominee receives \$250 and a certificate of achievement.

Eligibility

Nominees must be current Councillors.

Criteria

Nominees show board-level engagement.

Nominees sit on one or more of the SAMU Standing Committees and/or Sub-Committees or MacEwan University committees.

Nominees consult with students.

Nominees demonstrate involvement in SAMU beyond Students' Council meetings.

Nominees consult with other members of Students' Council.

Nominees assist Councillors who are new to their roles.

Nomination and Selection

Any Students' Councillor may nominate a Councillor. Nomination forms and the award description are provided to all Students' Councillors. Councillors may not nominate themselves.

Completed nomination forms are submitted to the Governance Advisor.

The final selection decision is made by Students' Council. Students' Councillors determine the recipient by a secret ballot vote, using a rank order system, conducted on the day of the regular September Students' Council meeting. Completed nominations are included in the agenda material for this meeting.

The Governance Advisor communicates the successful Councillor to the Grants and Awards Sub-Committee.