



# STUDENTS' ASSOCIATION OF MACEWAN UNIVERSITY

## Agenda for the Students' Council Meeting of the Students' Association of MacEwan University December 17, 2025 at 6:00pm in the Council Chamber

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### Voting Members:

Dalya Abougoush, Councillor  
Shina Adeshina, Councillor  
Olad Ayodeji, Councillor  
Anna Campmans, Councillor  
Tolu Dare, Councillor  
Chistian Galera, Councillor  
Jean Pierre Moreno, Councillor  
Moselle Namoc, Councillor  
Maade Okai, Councillor  
Nathan Poon, President (absent)  
Elizabeth Russell, Councillor  
Kris Ravelo, Councillor  
Andrei Santiago, Vice President Governance

and Finance  
Alem Tesfay, Vice President Student Life  
Vincent Trinh, Councillor  
Chioma Uzor, Vice President Academic  
Shanna Villasenor, Councillor  
Liam Wilson, Councillor  
Wilfrid Youbi Fansi, Vice President External (absent)

### **SAMU Officials and Council Support:**

Tim Jobs, Chair  
Darryl Kostash, General Manager  
Alan Honey, Governance Advisor  
Caitlin Yambao, Admin Support

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Meeting called to order at 6:00pm.

<Intros>

### 1. Treaty 6 Land Recognition

We would like to acknowledge that this meeting of the Students' Association of MacEwan University is taking place on the traditional territories of the people of the Treaty 6 region in Central Alberta.

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### 2. Approvals

#### 2.1 MOTION

**TO APPROVE THE AGENDA FOR DECEMBER 17, 2025**

#### 2.2 MOTION

**TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF NOVEMBER 19, 2025**

**3. Presentations**

3.1.

**4. For Information**

**4.1. Reports**

4.1.1. President

4.1.2. Vice President Academic

4.1.3. Vice President External

4.1.4. Vice President Governance & Finance

4.1.5. Vice President Student Life

4.1.6. Governance Committee Workplan (Chair: VPGF)

4.1.7. Finance Committee Workplan (Chair: VPGF)

4.1.8. Audit Committee Workplan (Chair: Councillor Russell)

4.1.9. Executive Committee Workplan (Chair: Pres)

4.1.10. Students' Council Operations Committee (Chair: VPGF)

**4.2. Executive Committee Minutes**

Minutes of November 5, 13, 19, 26, and December 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.

**8. Consultation**

8.1.

**9. Evaluation**

9.1.

**Recognition**

**10. Adjournment**

***MOTION TO ADJOURN***

Next Meeting Date: January 21, 2026

Meeting adjourned at pm.



**Minutes for the Students' Council Meeting of the  
Students' Association of MacEwan University  
November 19, 2025 at 6:00pm in the Council Chamber**

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**2. Approvals**

**2.1 MOTION**

**TO APPROVE THE AGENDA FOR NOVEMBER 19, 2025**

**GALERA/NAMOC**

**CARRIED**

**2.2 MOTION**

**TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF OCTOBER 15, 2025**

**OKAI/TRINH**

**CARRIED**

### 3. Presentations

3.1. Kihew Waciston Knowledge Keeper

### 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

Dept 12 budgeting update. T&F meeting. Convocation. MacEwan budget allocations. Digital IDs. Tech fee.

##### 4.1.5. Vice President Student Life

##### 4.1.6. Chief Returning Officer

#### 4.2. Executive Committee Minutes

Minutes of October 1, 8, 15, 22, and 29, 2025 provided.

### 5. Question Period

#### 5.1. Written Questions

Villasenor - For President: In your conversations at the MacEwan Means Business dinner, you highlighted issues like youth unemployment, food insecurity, and the rising cost of living. From a student-advocacy perspective, how do you see these insights shaping our broader priorities this year, particularly around improving affordability and reducing barriers for students at MacEwan?

Pres - Thank you for your question, Councillor Villasenor.

This is a wonderful question! Our focus from an advocacy perspective at SAMU is always amplifying the student voice to relevant stakeholders. Our advocacy priorities determine who we talk to and approach, not necessarily the other way around (gained insights *generally* don't affect our advocacy priorities, as we advocate based on what we hear from students, not from stakeholders). Affordability in terms of cost of education and cost of living are key priorities for SAMU this year, and our work on this advocacy includes the conversations highlighted in my report.

Villasenor - For VP External: In your conversations with the Minister of Technology and Innovation about potentially digitizing the part-time student funding platform, how do you see this advocacy advancing accessibility for students, especially those who face financial or scheduling barriers?

VPE - To clarify the conversation we had was brief and a more extensive conversation was had at a previous date with the deputy minister in this portfolio earlier this year. The current method of PDF submission can overcomplicate and slow down the process for many students who take part time studies. If the part-time funding were to be streamlined, students would have one less barrier to accessing funds efficiently and being priced out of education.

Villasenor - For VP Academic: Were any cost-related academic concerns raised with the Provost, such as course materials or lab fees, that Council should be aware of?

VPA – Thank you for your question, Councillor Villasenor.

At the meeting with the Provost, no cost-related academic concerns were brought up as most of the financial related advocacy is currently happening at the tuition and fees table which is a process

overseen by the VPGF. We have included asks per the VPGF's report regarding the cost of educational materials.

Moreno - For President: In your report, you mentioned engaging with multiple provincial and municipal stakeholders through events such as the State of the Province, Small Business Week functions, and the Chamber of Commerce dinner. Could you share any specific follow-up actions or commitments from these conversations that may directly impact SAMU's advocacy on student affordability and employment?

Pres - Thank you for your question, Councillor Moreno.

In terms of follow-ups, as these events are in public settings, our main goal is to be able to continue these conversations in a private setting or through appropriate channels for communication to be able to share more about the student experience, and the troubles that students are facing which can be addressed through a municipal, provincial, or federal lens, which is led by the Vice President External. Similar to Councillor Villasenor's question, follow-up actions and commitments would *generally* not impact SAMU's advocacy, as our advocacy is shaped based on what we hear from students, and not the other way around.

In terms of commitments and outcomes, these are all ongoing conversations, and we will report to Council when they are made by government stakeholders.

Moreno - For VPSL: Your report highlights ongoing collaboration with Athletics on student surveys and event promotion. Could you expand on how SAMU plans to measure the success of these collaborations, and whether there are plans to use similar strategies with other campus departments to strengthen overall student engagement?

VPSL - Thank you for your question, Councillor Moreno. The Athletics Survey is an initiative under my work plan to enhance campus engagement through athletics. As VPSL, I would measure success through the awareness the survey generates about our MacEwan Athletics teams and games, as well as the feedback we receive. This feedback can provide valuable insights to both SAMU and MacEwan on the barriers that prevent students from attending games.

Regarding similar strategies with other departments, that is certainly something we can explore. Additionally, the Spring Student Survey may present another opportunity to gauge student interests and identify broader engagement challenges.

Trinh - For President: In your appointment to the Strategy and Stakeholder Relations committee, what exactly does that mean for your work? Can you elaborate on how your work will be translated to your position in this committee.

Pres - Thank you for your question, Councillor Trinh.

The Strategy and Stakeholder Relations Committee provides oversight on MacEwan's strategic framework including the strategic plan and recommends the approval of the annual report. The Committee monitors the university's relations and reputation and reviews any honorific and philanthropic naming proposals. At the Board I am viewed as just a student member, not the SAMU President, therefore a lot of this work doesn't translate directly into my day to day responsibilities as SAMU President. My role within this committee is similar to my role on the Board of Governors, which is to speak to the student experience on campus and ensure that the student voice is heard on decisions that impact students a part of this community.

Trinh - For VPA or VPGF: I don't want to sound like a broken record since this has already been discussed in the last 2 meetings, but does SAMU have a plan going forward to address the issues surrounding Digital IDs and to get more communication on Digital IDs from MacEwan. It seems to me that a lot of students are still confused about Digital IDs and the context as to why MacEwan decided to swap to a digital format.

VPGF - Thank you for the question, Councillor Trinh.

Over my previous meeting with the VPFA, and as noted in my previous monthly report to Council, I have informed her about the current and potential issues that students are facing with MacEwan's swap to a digital format for the student ID. While we have not yet received a follow-up from her office, I will provide an update as soon as one becomes available. In the meantime, I strongly encourage you to have students reach out to us via email so we can track the problem from an organizational standpoint.

Ravelo - For President: Regarding the conversations with Joseph Schow (Minister of Jobs, Economy, Trade, and Immigration) or MLA Jackie Armstrong-Homeniuk, did either of these involve communicating housing affordability (e.g. overall direction or strategy re: SAMU's housing survey)?

Pres - Thank you for your question, Councillor Ravelo.

The SAMU Housing Survey is still ongoing, so it is not possible to draw statistical conclusions from the quantitative data. Rather, we can draw from previous data (such as the Annual Spring Survey) in providing us with what students at MacEwan are facing with regards to housing.

While we are able to advocate towards MLAs regarding the rising cost of housing, it is important to note that these conversations are more applicable to the jurisdiction of the Minister of Advanced Education and the Minister of Assisted Living and Social Services at a provincial level, and the municipal and federal governments.

With MLA Armstrong-Homeniuk, I was able to draw those on our statistical factors and discuss how students are inundated with the cost of living, with a stronger focus on youth unemployment, as the ministry they are related to has introduced the Alberta Youth Employment Incentive program (Jobs, Economy, Trade, and Immigration (JETI) Ministry), and how the broader record-level youth unemployment rates are affecting everyday students. Due to time constraints with Minister Schow, we were only able to discuss the newly implemented Alberta Youth Employment Incentive program, which falls under his ministry.

Ravelo - For VPSL: Could you please provide further insight on Consent Action Week (CAW) regarding the overall feedback and student engagement/turnout?

VPSL – Thank you for the question, Councillor Ravelo. From the discussion at the Sexual Violence Prevention, Education and Response Committee (SVPEAC) meeting, I recall hearing that there was some success with several of the events held during Consent Action Week (CAW) outside of the Dodgeball Tournament. I've reached out to the coordinator who shared that information with me and will follow up once I receive more details.

From my end, I provided feedback on the CAW Dodgeball Tournament. While I believed it was a creative approach to spreading awareness, I shared concerns over the timing of the event and the impact it had on turnout. For context, the Dodgeball Tournament, organized by the CAW committee, also served as a fundraiser for the Sexual Assault Center of Edmonton (SACE). It was a great initiative; however, it took place between 10:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. on a weekday when students are usually in classes.

Russell – Why is the report missing for VP Governance and Finance?

VPGF - Thank you for the question, Councillor Russell.

I apologize for the absence of my monthly report in the sent-out agenda. Last week, the Executive Committee was out of the city for our annual retreat. The training that takes place during the retreat involves rigorous, full-day sessions, which unfortunately impacted my capacity to complete and submit the report on time. Additionally, as per my email, I had some personal matters that needed to

be addressed as well that further limited my ability to get the report in on time. I appreciate your understanding, and I will do my best to not let this happen again.

Russell - What insights did the President gather from his conversation with MLA Jackie Armstrong-Homeniuk?

Pres – Thank you for your question, Councillor Russell.

That is a wonderful question. When speaking to MLAs who don't carry a specific ministerial portfolio that generally don't affect post-secondary education as a whole (an example of a ministerial portfolio that does is the Minister of Advanced Education), the most important factor is being able to speak to the student experience, which they may not be used to hearing in their day-to-day work. With this, I was able to provide MLA Armstrong-Homeniuk with deep insights as to how students are struggling with the cost of living, food insecurity, and youth unemployment.

As MLA Armstrong-Homeniuk's role falls under the JETI Ministry, youth unemployment and the introduction of the Alberta Youth Employment Program wage subsidy was the most pertinent discussion we had, where I was able to share how students are deeply concerned about the record-levels of youth unemployment in Alberta, and what steps could be taken or what programs could be implemented/reimplemented to address this concern.

Russell – What insights did the VP External receive about tackling unemployment during his conversation with Minister Schow?

VPE - As the focus of the session was small businesses there were no new developments regarding unemployment since any current knowledge is speculation on the government's part as to causes of youth unemployment specifically. The minister reiterated his belief that small businesses should be hiring on youth and the earlier introduction of the 8 million dollar Alberta Youth Employment Incentive but no strategy was presented going forward.

Wilson – PRESIDENT: Given the vital importance of having an Ombudsman for independent investigations against faculty misconduct, I think that there should be a strong sense of urgency in reestablishing such an office. Does the President have any updates on his progress so far?

Pres – Thank you for your question, Councillor Wilson.

SAMU has taken swift and immediate steps in addressing the absence of an Ombudsman when it was removed during the COVID-19 pandemic, including the implementation of our Student Advocacy Centre, which we are continuing to hear from students to be incredibly effective in assisting students in confidential academic and non-academic matters.

As outlined in the EC Workplan under Student Initiatives and Programs Advocacy, efforts related to exploring funding and advocacy for a re-established Ombuds Office are underway. These discussions with MacEwan are still in the early stages, and we do not yet have milestone updates to share.

While this is the case, it is important to recognize that university-established Ombudspersons are in fact **not** independent of the university, and fall under its budget and governing structure. In contrast, SAMU's Student Advocacy Centre remains structurally independent from MacEwan, allowing us to provide students with a supportive and impartial space to address both academic and non-academic matters.

Wilson - VP EXTERNAL: Can the VP External please expand on the proposal to digitise part-time student aid? Why is it not already digitised if full-time student aid is? If there is an issue with feasibility, is it a logistical or political concern? Streamlining student aid, for part-time as well as full time students, is aligned with the SAMU strategic plan and so I think this would be important to continue working on.

VPE – While I wouldn't be able to speculate on the current reasons for why the government has not implemented an online platform for Part time funding, I will say, based on my conversations with ministers, that this is something that would be addressed under the red tape reduction committee. Often, processes may have areas where issues are highlighted and not addressed for a myriad of reasons and the red tape reduction committee usually uses their own discretion as to pick what to address first with an ever-growing list of issues. In this case I will keep advocating for more efficient processes to allow for more students to reach the funds they need.

## **5.2. Oral Questions**

Topics include: Work integrated learning policy.; Bachelor Action Plan; Student Charter; WAGS; digital IDs; committee workplans; proposed tuition and fees increase; MacEwan Athletics survey;

## **6. In Camera Period**

### **7. Motions & Business Orders of the Day**

#### **7.1. Audit Committee**

Nominees: Okai, Galera, Adeshina, Russell, Ayodeji, Namoc

**MOTION TO APPOINT COUNCILLORS GALERA, RUSSELL, AND NAMOC TO THE AUDIT COMMITTEE**

**VPGF/VPA**

Favour: Abougoush, Adeshina, Ayodeji, Campmans, Dare, Galera, Moreno, Namoc, Okai, Russell, Ravelo, VPGF, VPSL, Trinh, VPA, Villasenor, Wilson

**CARRIED**

#### **7.2. Finance Committee**

Nominees: Wilson, Villasenor,

**MOTION TO APPOINT COUNCILLORS WILSON AND VILLASENOR TO THE FINANCE COMMITTEE**

**VPGF/MORENO**

Favour: Abougoush, Adeshina, Ayodeji, Campmans, Dare, Galera, Moreno, Namoc, Okai, Russell, Ravelo, VPGF, VPSL, Trinh, VPA, Villasenor, Wilson

**CARRIED**

#### **7.3. Governance Committee**

Nominees: Trinh, Ravelo, Wilson, Galera, Abougoush, Villasenor, Namoc, Dare

**MOTION TO APPOINT COUNCILLORS RAVELO AND GALERA TO THE GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE**

**VPGF/CAMPMANS**

Favour: Abougoush, Adeshina, Ayodeji, Campmans, Dare, Galera, Moreno, Namoc, Okai, Russell, Ravelo, VPGF, VPSL, Trinh, VPA, Villasenor, Wilson

**CARRIED**

#### **7.4. Students' Council Operations Committee**

Nominees: Trinh, Okai, Galera, Russell, Campmans, Ayodeji, Dare, Namoc, Abougoush

**MOTION TO APPOINT COUNCILLORS OKAI, TRINH, CAMPMANS, AND AYODEJI TO THE STUDENTS' COUNCIL OPERATIONS COMMITTEE**

**VPGF/MORENO**

Favour: Abougoush, Adeshina, Ayodeji, Campmans, Dare, Galera, Moreno, Namoc, Okai, Russell, Ravelo, VPGF, VPSL, Trinh, VPA, Villasenor, Wilson

**CARRIED**

**7.5. Strategy and Engagement Committee**

Nominees: Abougoush, Dare, Wilson, Namoc

**MOTION TO APPOINT COUNCILLORS ABOUGOUSH, DARE, AND NAMOC TO THE STRATEGY AND ENGAGEMENT COMMITTEE**

**VPGF/OKAI**

Favour: Abougoush, Adeshina, Ayodeji, Campmans, Dare, Galera, Moreno, Namoc, Okai, Russell, Ravelo, VPGF, VPSL, Trinh, VPA, Villasenor, Wilson

**CARRIED**

**8. Consultation**

**9. Evaluation**

**10. Recognition**

**11. Adjournment**

**MOTION TO ADJOURN**

**VILLASENOR**

**CARRIED**

Next Meeting Date: December 17, 2025

Meeting adjourned at 7:15pm.



## Students' Council Report

### President

December 17<sup>th</sup>, 2025

Dear Council,

I hope everyone is staying warm, and that you are all having a wonderful finals season. We are nearing the holiday break, so I hope you are able to have lots of rest during it!

Here's my report on from the President portfolio from November 12<sup>th</sup>, 2025 to December 10<sup>th</sup>, 2025.

### **Executive Summary**

- SAMU Retreat
- Canadian Alliance of Students' Associations (CASA) Advocacy Week
- kihêw waciston (KW) Winter Solstice Pipe Ceremony

#### SAMU Retreat

Earlier this month, SAMU's EC and Governance & Advocacy Supports Team (GAST) held its annual midyear retreat. The retreat served as a point to look at and assess SAMU's current environment, and how we can improve in our advocacy in the future. One of the most pivotal discussions was looking at and discussing how we can refine EC's Workplan to better serve students. I encourage you to look at the updated EC Workplan attached.

President Report to Students' Council

Submitted: December 11<sup>th</sup>, 2025

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We also discussed Department 12 budget consultations, which is the governance budget, internal and external advocacy updates, how we can advance meaningful Indigenous student representation, MacEwan budget allocation discussions, discussions around EC supports, and held an EC meeting. Overall the retreat served as a strong professional development opportunity, while offering laser-focused sessions intended to further our advocacy efforts to better reflect students' needs.

### CASA Advocacy Week

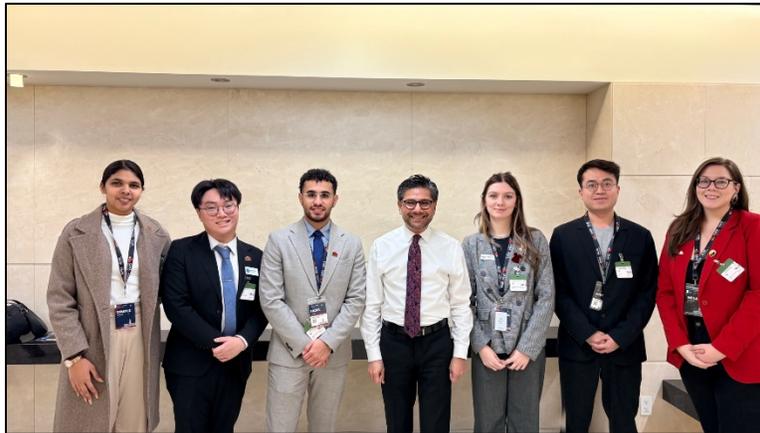
Last month, your VP External and I went to Ottawa to represent SAMU and MacEwan students during CASA's Advocacy Week as Observers, in line with March's SC motion to report back to SC upon completion of the observer year. CASA's Advocacy Week annually serves as a pivotal week of CASA, as it is the time that student leaders from across the country come together to advocate for students.



*SAMU's President (Nathan Poon) and VP External (Wilfrid Youbi Fansi) at Parliament Hill in Ottawa*



In line with CASA's Advocacy Document, we lobbied to MPs regarding increased amounts to the Canada Student Grants program and loans, Build Canada Homes federal allocations for student housing, increased research funding, prioritizing international students in entry programs, and mandating apprenticeship hours within federal worksite initiatives.



*SAMU's President (Nathan Poon) with other student leaders after meeting with MP Yasir Naqvi*



*SAMU's President (Nathan Poon) with other student leaders after meeting with MP Rachael Thomas*

We also had the opportunity to attend CASA's Advocacy Week reception, Reception on the Hill, where we had the chance to speak to numerous MPs from across the country about pressing issues that students face.



*SAMU's President (Nathan Poon) and VP External (Wilfrid Youbi Fansi) with MP Greg McLean at CASA's Reception on the Hill*



*SAMU's President (Nathan Poon) and VP External (Wilfrid Youbi Fansi) and other student leaders with MP Leslie Church at CASA's Reception on the Hill*



As per March's SC motion, EC will provide a more comprehensive report on CASA's progress upon completion of our Observer Year with CASA.

kihêw waciston (KW) Winter Solstice Pipe Ceremony

Your VPA, VPGF, VPSL, and I attended KW's Winter Solstice Pipe Ceremony on December 8<sup>th</sup>, participating in an opportunity to learn Indigenous practices and teachings. The ceremony was led by Elder Tom Snow, who shared guidance and cultural protocols that helped deepen our understanding and appreciation of this important tradition.

## **Closing Remarks**

Thank you for taking the time to read my report. Remember to get an appropriate amount of rest throughout finals season! If you have any questions, please always feel free to send me an email.

Warm regards,

Nathan Poon

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Nathan Poon'.

President, Students' Association of MacEwan University 2025/26



## Students' Council Report

### Vice-President Academic

**December 17, 2025**

It's beginning to look a lot like Christmas! Welcome to your final report of the semester everyone! I hope that finals season was kind to you. You made it, the end of the first semester is taking its close. I hope the most rewarding 7 hour "nap" meets you in your future.

Here is my report from November 8<sup>th</sup> – December 10<sup>th</sup>!

### **Executive Summary**

- **General Faculties Council Meetings**
  - Committee on Teaching and Learning
  - 1 on 1 w/ Craig Monk
  - General Faculties Council Executive Committee Meeting
- General Faculties Council
- Academic Technologies Subcommittee Meeting
- Library Council Meeting
- Centre for Teaching and Learning Unit Review Kick-off

### **Student Voice**

*The Student Voice is amplified by SAMU.*



## **GENERAL FACULTIES COUNCIL MEETINGS**

*Strat point 2.4*

### **Committee on Teaching and Learning**

On November 17<sup>th</sup>, I attended the Committee on Teaching and Learning. In this meeting we reviewed the workplan for the Student Course Feedback Survey. All the members of the committee had the opportunity to apply feedback into what changes they would like to see in order to have the review kick-off smoothly. A general discussion about student consultation arose when discussing focus groups which was then followed up with the provost at our 1 on 1.

To close the meeting, we approve the Self-study Committee Terms of Reference for the unit review of Centre for Teaching and Learning.

### **1 on 1 with Craig Monk**

*Strat Point 2.4 ,3.1*

On November 20<sup>th</sup>, I had a productive discussion with the Provost, Dr. Craig Monk. Our meeting involved a general discussion about student consultation surrounding the Student Feedback Form (*covered in Committee on Teaching and Learning*). We also went over Mintz Panel follow-up questions as well as MacEwan's approach to waitlist management.

### **General Faculties Council Executive Committee**

On November 24<sup>th</sup>, I attended the GFC EC meeting. This meeting was very informative as the group discussed valuable information to the student experience. The meeting consisted of items that are included in the GFC agenda that was set up for approval.

### **General Faculties Council – December 1**

On December 1<sup>st</sup>, I attended the GFC meeting with my amazing GFC representatives.



At this meeting, important details from each report were reviewed. In the Presidents' report, Dr. Annette Trimbee went over convocation and the Mintz Report.

Within the Provost's report, Dr. Craig Monk went over space on campus, the launch of UWill, changes to external grant application. We then went into the approved GFC agenda which consisted of the recession of the Student Appeals Policy, Appointment of a GFC Member to the Committee of Scholarly Activity, overview of the 2026/27 Budget, presentation of Information Protection and IT Topics. If you have any further questions about what was discussed at GFC feel free to see me at my office!

## **Student Supports**

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

### **Academic Technologies Subcommittee Meeting – December 2**

*Strat Point 3.3, 2.4*

The Academic Technologies Subcommittee discussed various reviews and working groups to better navigate MacEwan's Technological atmosphere. We went over the AI Competency Framework Working Group, AI Workforce Readiness, an AI Sandbox, and AI impact on skills. Faculty access to data on meskanas was also looked at.

### **Library Council Meeting – December 4**

*Strat Point 2.4, 3.1, 3.3*

Brief check-in by the Library Council. We went over the Dean's report which consisted of the Critical AI Literacy Librarian application, Library Action Plan review, and a message from the provost concerning the 2026/27 Budget. In the Associate Dean's Report, Dr. Eva Revitt went over a website review that will allow students to see events on the website. New Book Display guidelines were discussed as new business.

### **Centre for Teaching and Learning Unit Review Kick-off**

*Strat Point 3.3, 2.4*



Various departments at MacEwan are required to do a Unit Review to evaluate the unit. This time around, the Centre for Teaching and Learning is conducting their Unit Review. I have been asked to attend the Centre for Teaching and Learning on their Self-Study group to help discuss ways to approach the unit review. On December 8<sup>th</sup>, we had begun the kick-off meeting for the project by going over the framework!

### **Closing Remarks**

You're done! **Congratulations on closing this semester strong.** It wasn't easy, so remember to give yourself credit and congratulate yourself for the work you've done. Do yourself a favour and pat yourself on the back, you did it!

It's almost Christmas! I hope you all have an amazing time with family and friends. If you don't celebrate, I hope you take the break **ALLL INNN.** You deserved it. See you in January!

**❄️❄️Have a lovely winter break and stay warm!❄️❄️**

Warmly as always,

Chioma V. Uzor (she/her)

2025/2026 VP Academic, SAMU

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## Students' Council Report

### Vice-President External

### Date of Meeting December 17<sup>th</sup>, 2025

It's report time once more! Hopefully, this report provides all the necessary information on advocacy efforts. Insert current event here: (I think, therefore I am).

#### **CASA AdvoWeek**

##### 1.1

From November 15<sup>th</sup> to 22<sup>nd</sup>, the president and I traveled to Ottawa to participate in CASA's (Canadian Alliance of Student Associations) Advocacy Week in our capacity as observers. The week consisted of meetings with federal policymakers and shapers to advance their [Advocacy Priorities](#). On my end, I had advocacy meetings with MP Kerry Diotte and MP Kody Blois. During the week, we attended Question Period and engaged with politicians, including Finance Minister François-Philippe Champagne, MP Leslie Church, and MP Greg McLean. As part of our commitment to the council throughout the week of advocacy, we continued auditing the organisation of CASA as a whole, providing an accurate account of where the organisation currently stands, as we are no longer members.





## **Minister McDougall (Advanced Education Minister) Visit**

### 1.2

On November 24th, the Minister of Advanced Education visited MacEwan, and part of the visit included a tour of our Student Association building. During our brief meeting, the minister signalled his appreciation of the recommendations brought up during the Mintz Panel and his desire to maximise the value of advanced education as a whole with limited resources overall. The tour encompassed the many aspects of our building and the unique ways we utilise our spaces to serve students. The minister appreciated the various initiatives conducted by the organisation and was receptive to the inquiries we had regarding the ongoing developments surrounding post-secondary education and their impact on students.



## **Expert Panel on Post-Secondary Institution Funding and Alberta's Competitiveness (Mintz Panel)**

### 1.3

On November 25th, I participated in the Expert Panel on Post-Secondary Institution Funding and Alberta's Competitiveness (Mintz Panel), hosted by Deputy Minister Shannon Marchand. The [Mintz Report](#) contained many recommendations that impact the lives of students. *The panel examined funding allocations, federal immigration policy impacts on Alberta's post-secondary institutions, administrative and regulatory burdens, and the overall competitiveness of Alberta's post-secondary system.* Upon the conclusion of this report, the government met with student leaders online across Alberta



to address inquiries about how the recommendations would be implemented. As a summary, here are the recommendations presented within the report:

### **Recommendation 1 – New Funding Model**

The DM outlined the Panel's proposed funding model with three components:

1. Enrolment-Based Funding with programs that would be organized into clusters, based on program cost, labour-market demand, government priority, and student return on investment. Government would subsidize seats in higher-priority/higher-cost clusters at a higher rate than those in lower-cost/lower-demand clusters.
2. Performance-Based Funding intended to reward excellence in teaching and student experience, research, and community impact
3. Base Operating Funding to cover staffing and administration, facilities and infrastructure, IT and student services, and other core operating costs.

### **Recommendation 2 – Targeted, Time-Limited Funding**

The DM reported that the Panel recommended separate, targeted, time-limited funding for three areas:

- attracting top research talent
- supporting innovation and technology development
- providing incentives and support for institutional collaboration

### **Recommendation 3 – Apprenticeship & Skills Trades**

The DM emphasized the Panel's recognition of the importance of trades and apprenticeship:

- Apprenticeship should remain a priority for provincial funding.
- Base grants should reflect the higher overhead associated with many trades programs.
- Program performance and outcomes should be evaluated and rewarded.



- Apprenticeship funding should reflect actual program costs, and with early commitments to help institutions plan.

#### **Recommendation 4 – Capital, IT & Deferred Maintenance**

The DM summarized recommendations on capital and IT:

- Major IT replacements and new IT systems should be funded via dedicated capital/IT envelopes, not simply absorbed into operating grants.
- Funding for deferred maintenance should be allocated on a three-year basis to allow longer-term planning, while acknowledging that adjustments may be required in years two and three.

#### **Recommendation 5 – Tuition Model**

The DM highlighted that the Panel heard strong concerns from students about affordability and tuition stability.

Panel recommendation:

- Replace the annual 2% cap with a program-based model where:
  - Institutions could increase tuition by more than 2% for incoming first-year students, up to a maximum set by government, linked to the program cluster.
  - After the first year, any tuition increases for that student would be capped at 2% per year for the duration of their program.

Intended outcomes:

- provide institutions with additional flexibility to address rising costs
- offer students predictability across the life of their program

#### **Recommendation 6 – Student Financial Aid**



The DM noted the Panel's recommendation that the government should increase non-repayable student assistance (e.g., grants) to reduce reliance on student loans and overall student debt.

### **Recommendations 7–11 – Autonomy, Red Tape, Approvals, Neutrality**

The DM reviewed the remaining recommendations:

•**Recommendation 7 (International Students):**

–advocate with other provinces to the federal government on international student regulations.

–promote Alberta's PSIs internationally to mitigate reputational impacts of recent federal policy changes.

•**Recommendation 8 (Institutional Autonomy):**

–recognize that public PSIs are part of the province's financial statements, reflecting government's oversight (board appointments, deficits approval, etc.).

–review current rules to find where giving institutions more autonomy could help them be more sustainable and efficient, particularly in revenue generation and cutting costs.

•**Recommendation 9 (Red Tape & Administrative Burden):**

–reduce the number and frequency of reporting requirements from Advanced Education and other ministries.

•**Recommendation 10 (New Program Approvals):**



–streamline and accelerate approval processes, especially for programs aligned with high labour-market demand.

**•Recommendation 11 (Institutional Neutrality & Freedom of Expression):**

–ensure all public PSIs recommit to institutional neutrality and uphold The Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms, the Alberta Human Rights Act and freedom of expression and intellectual diversity.

In the interest of relevance, I asked the Deputy Minister whether the government intended to provide an implementation timeline and announce which recommendations it intended to implement. The response was that recommendations would be rolled out in 2026, but the new funding model would not be in place for Budget 2026. Regarding an announcement, the government has no plan to announce the acceptance or rejection of recommendations, as all recommendations are currently on the table for implementation.

On our end, we will continue to assess and determine how the changes will impact MacEwan students on campus and advocate accordingly.

**City of Edmonton Housing Survey Overview with ESA**

**1.4**

On November 26th, the City of Edmonton met with members of the ESA to discuss the results of the Housing survey that is wrapping up in mid-December. The survey was conducted by the city and distributed by the ESA to its various student populations. Within the overview, a distinct need is identified for more resources to reinforce student housing options and address the unique issues students face in their housing searches. The full details surrounding the survey will be released to the public upon its conclusion and the formal report, expected in early 2026.



As for high-level inferences drawn by the city during the survey and focus groups, they are assessed as follows:

**.Verification/Certification Platform**

oVerified landlords and properties

oInstitutional "seal of approval"

**2.Roommate Matching Services**

oStudent-verified platforms

oReduce costs through appropriate matching

**3.Landlord Education**

oInternational student contexts

oAlternative verification systems

**4.Centralised Housing Information Hub**

One place for listings, tenant rights, and emergency resources

**5.Short-term/Transitional Housing**

oFirst-month housing while searching

Reduces pressure and prevents scams

The results of the survey will inform the creation of a Student Housing Action Plan recommendation. As a note, SAMU has conducted our own Housing Survey, and the results of which will aid in future advocacy efforts.

We all float here,

Wilfrid Youbi Fansi





## **Students' Council Report**

### **Vice President Governance & Finance**

**December 17<sup>th</sup>, 2025**

Fellow Council,

Welcome to our final meeting of the Fall term, and the last one for this calendar year. I hope the Finals season has been treating you well. You've got this! Please take a moment to reflect on all the incredible work you and your peers have accomplished over the past few months. As for me, it has been a very busy and exhausting term balancing personal, academic, and professional commitments, but we just have to power through these last couple of days before our well-deserved holiday break.

With this in mind, below is my report covering the period from November 13<sup>th</sup> to December 11<sup>th</sup>. Enjoy.

#### **Executive Summary**

- Student Leadership Week and Town Hall Planning
- SAMU Committee Workplan(s) Updates
- Governance Committee Meeting
- Finance Committee Meeting
- Students' Council Operations Committee Meeting
- Finance, Property, and Investment Committee Meeting
- MacEwan 2026-2027 Budget Proposal Submission
- SAMU Building Operations Committee Meeting
- SAMU 2026-2027 Budget Preparation
- Bylaws, Policies, Procedures, Directives Review Schedule



## **Student Experience & Engagement**

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

*Strat point 1.3, 2.2*

### **Student Leadership Week and Town Hall Planning**

The Vice President Governance & Finance portfolio oversees Student Leadership Week and all associated events in both the Fall and Winter Terms. Similar to the Fall Term, I have met multiple times with the Executive Coordinator and the Events department to review our budget, expenditures, and finalize our plans for the activities within the Winter Student Leadership Week, such as SLW Tabling, EC for a Day, and most importantly, Food 4 Thought, also known as Town Hall. In collaboration with the Governance Advisor, we have coordinated emails to Executive Committee members and Councillors regarding their availability and tabling preferences for these events. I am currently developing detailed talking points and expectations for the entire week, and updated information packages containing all of this information will be shared with all Councillors and EC via comprehensive emails when we return in January. While this process has been very mentally demanding, it has also been very gratifying, and I look forward to seeing these plans come to fruition in the first week of February.

### **Student Voice**

*The Student Voice is amplified by SAMU.*

*Strat point 2.1*

### **SAMU Committee Workplan(s) Update**

During the November Students' Council Meeting, nominations and secret ballot voting were conducted to finalize Councillor memberships for all SAMU Committees. I



would like to once again extend my congratulations to all successful Councillors and look forward to the work that we will accomplish together in the coming year. The priorities for all the Committees I chair this year have been finalized and established, and detailed information for each Committee is provided in the briefing notes below.

*Strat point 2.1*

**Governance Committee Meeting**

The committee met for the first time on December 2<sup>nd</sup> to do a round of introductions, introduce the Terms of Reference for the Committee, and approve the 2025-2026 Workplan for this Committee. I also provided an overview to the new Student at Larges of how Robert's Rules work and how Committee meetings are usually conducted. The Committee's priorities and corresponding timelines have been attached separately in this agenda package.

*Strat point 2.1*

**Finance Committee Meeting**

Similar to the Governance Committee, the committee met for the first time on December 3<sup>rd</sup> to do a round of introductions, introduce the Terms of Reference for the Committee, and approve the 2025-2026 Workplan for this Committee. I also provided an overview to the new Student at Larges of how Robert's Rules work and how Committee meetings are usually conducted. The Student at Larges and Councillors were all very engaged and raised excellent questions pertaining to the function and workload of this Committee during the meeting. The Committee's priorities and corresponding timelines have been attached separately in this agenda package.



*Strat point 2.1*

**Students' Council Operations Committee Meeting**

Similar to all the aforementioned Committees, the Students' Council Operations Committee (hereafter referred to as SCOC) met for the first time on December 8<sup>th</sup> to do a round of introductions, introduce the Terms of Reference for the Committee, and approve the 2025-2026 Workplan for this Committee. Seeing as the membership of this Committee is limited to Councillors, no further introductions to Robert's Rules or the structure of Committee meetings were necessary. After the SCOC Workplan was approved by the Committee, we began looking at the *Remuneration of Elected Representatives Policy* to garner feedback and perspectives on potential changes to this policy. The Committee's priorities and corresponding timelines have been attached separately in this agenda package.

*Strat point 2.4*

**Finance, Property, and Investment Committee Meeting**

On December 4<sup>th</sup>, I attended the quarterly Finance, Property, and Investment Committee Meeting for the Board of Governors in my capacity as a Student Member. The Open Agenda included the approval of an Annual Review to the University's Endowment Earnings Expendable Amount, review of the University's Q2 Financial Report, review of the Outsourced Chief Investment Officer (CIO) Report, and most importantly, the annual review of the Tuition and Mandatory Non-Instructional Fees for the 2026-2027 Academic Year. This recommendation stems from the Annual Tuition and Fees Consultation Process that we took part in with MacEwan from the months of August to Early November. This recommendation to the Board of Governors sees a 2% increase to Domestic Tuition, 10% increase to International Tuition, and 3% increase to Mandatory Non-Instructional Fees, except for the Mental Health Fee, which will



increase by 110% from \$7.15 to \$15.00 as per the University's rationale of "...partially offset[ting] the cost of [the] new mental health software UWill (~\$400K/yr)." SAMU continually recognizes and highlights the importance of student affordability in the overall well-being of our students in our advocacy, so to see this recommendation within the Committee was highly disappointing and deeply concerning. I voted against the motion to approve and recommend this Motion to the Board of Governors and have since engaged in further conversations with the Governance and Advocacy Support Team regarding next steps.

*Strat point 2.1, 2.4*

### **MacEwan 2026-2027 Budget Proposal Submission**

During my November 1-on-1 meeting with my MacEwan counterpart Maureen Powers-Lomas, I highlighted the importance of developing and implementing a consistent year-over-year process for In-Year Allocations and Budget Proposals akin to the Tuition and Fees Consultation process that occurs annually. I further inquired about the possibility of submitting a Budget Proposal for the following Academic Year, noting the importance of still having the ability to highlight student needs despite MacEwan's projected deficits within their budget. Maureen was receptive to the idea, noting that at the time of the meeting, the University is already in the process of preparing their budget for the next academic year. Therefore, I had been working alongside the Internal Advocacy Advisor to create an official Budget Proposal document to MacEwan. During the December 10 EC Meeting, I presented the completed Budget Proposal to the Executive Committee for consultation, to which EC were all in favour of. I submitted the final document to Maureen on December 10<sup>th</sup>. Items discussed within the document in order of importance and relevance include: Allocation of Funds to Food Insecurity Measures on Campus, Scholarship, Awards, and Bursary Support, Allocation of Funds



to Textbook Affordability, Residence Rent Freeze for the 2026-2027 Academic Year, and Return of the Ombudsperson role.

## **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.*

*Strat point 4.4*

### **SAMU Building Operations Committee Meeting**

On December 9<sup>th</sup>, I attended the quarterly SAMU Building Operations Committee, chaired by Darryl Kostash, SAMU's General Manager and Robert Sabulka, AVP Infrastructure, Planning, and Management to MacEwan. We reviewed the Facilities report for SAMU over the last 3 months, updates on the 2024/2025 Maintenance, and discussed Project Updates and Ideas related to the SAMU Building. If you have any questions regarding this matter, I would be happy to redirect you to our General Manager for more information.

*Strat point 4.4*

### **SAMU 2026-2027 Budget Preparation**

The Vice President Governance & Finance portfolio has oversight in regards to the Budgeting process for the next fiscal year. Over the last couple of weeks, I have been busy working along with GAST and other Staff in completing the Department 12 –



Governance's budget template, which I manage and oversee. The other Department Managers are also hard at work in filling out their department's budget for the following year. These templates, along with individual presentations that each Department Manager will prepare, will go towards the Budget Presentations in mid-February, which will be facilitated by the Finance Committee. Further updates will be captured in my reports leading up to the approval of the whole 2026-2027 SAMU Budget.

*Strat point 4.1*

**Bylaws, Policies, Procedures, Directives Review Schedule**

Over the last couple of weeks, I have been developing a review schedule for all SAMU governing documents (a side project, if you may), as captured in some of my Committees' workplans as well. This review schedule will ensure that SAMU's governing documents are reviewed (and amended if necessary) on a regular basis to ensure relevance and continuously improve the existing governance structures of the organization. Furthermore, this document will be very beneficial in streamlining the process of overseeing all SAMU Governing Documents and will greatly benefit myself and my successor during our transition training.



### **Closing Remarks**

Thank you for taking the time to read this [very lengthy] report. I will echo what I have mentioned in my introduction, that I hope that as we head into the holiday break, we hope that it will allow you to reset and recharge as we dive into the Winter Semester.

If you have any written questions pertaining to this report, please submit them to the Governance Advisor, or reach out to me directly through my email below. This is all for now. Peace!

**Kind Regards,**

A handwritten signature in purple ink, appearing to read 'AS', is positioned above the typed name.

**Andrei Santiago (he/him)**

**VP Governance and Finance, SAMU 2025/2026**

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## **Students' Council Report**

### **Vice-President Student Life**

**December 17<sup>th</sup>, 2025**

Greetings everyone,

As the fall semester ends, the campus has been vibrant with holiday markets, Griffins games, and year-end celebrations. Over the past month, I have had the privilege of attending the Winter Solstice Pipe Ceremony at Kihêw Waciston and the Health Campus Alberta Regional Gathering, hosted at MacEwan University. Although my availability was reduced due to scheduled travel and illness, I invite you to read my report for the period of November 12 to December 11.

### **Executive Summary**

- Meeting with my MacEwan Counterpart Allison Drew-Hassling (AVP)



## **Student Voice**

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### Meeting with my Counterpart Allison Drew-Hassling:

The meeting began with a discussion of updates to the policy amendments, including the Code of Conduct Policy, the Student Non-Academic Misconduct Policy, and the Student Academic Misconduct Policy, which were planned to be presented to the Council of Student Affairs (COSA). Allison mentioned to me that there are some delays; however, once ready, the policy changes will be embedded and sent to COSA before being released for online feedback. Additionally, I asked if they could clarify the status of the Advisory Committee, as some of you are aware, one of my priorities is to establish or enhance student voice in decisions that affect student matters. Allison was very receptive to this idea and is working on implementing a formal committee for next term. We also discussed the recent article in The Griff in which we were both featured, regarding the increasing demand for psychological and wellness services on campus. The piece highlights that MacEwan's Wellness and Psychological Services have seen a marked rise in student demand, and the introduction of the Uwill online mental health platform to complement existing resources and support student access to care. It also notes a concurrent increase in the utilization of SAMU's peer support services and connects this trend to broader stressors, such as financial pressures and employment concerns, among students. For those who would like to read more about this, I will link the article below: <https://thegriff.ca/macewan-psychological-and-wellness-services-sees-an-increase-in-student-demand/>



## **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. To the students preparing for presentations or studying for finals, I wish you well and encourage you to get some well-deserved rest during the holiday break. I'll conclude this report with a humorous quote I came across: "There are three stages of man: he believes in Santa Claus; he does not believe in Santa Claus; he is Santa Claus." –Bob Phillips. Happy Holidays!

**Cheers,**

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be the initials 'AT' with a stylized flourish.

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**Governance Committee Workplan 2025-2026**  
**For Information to Students Council**  
**Submitted: December 11<sup>th</sup>, 2025**

<b>Chaired By:</b>	Andrei Santiago, Vice President Governance & Finance			
<b>Committee Members:</b>	Christian Galera, Councillor Kris Ravelo, Councillor Amanda Lou, Student at Large Zainab Oseni, Student at Large			
<b>Committee Mandate:</b>	The Governance Committee ensures the relevance and consistency of SAMU Bylaws and Policies and assists in governance process development.			
<b>Approved by Committee:</b>	December 2, 2025			
<b>Received by Council:</b>	December 17, 2025			
Task	Details	Stakeholders	Timeline	Status
Roles and Responsibilities of Elected Representatives	Review for relevance.	Students' Council	February 2026 – March 2026	Initial Stages
Official Reporting Mechanisms to SAMU Membership	New Strategic Plan; will need approval via this policy when ready.	SAMU	Before July 2026	Initial Stages
Bylaws Review	Preliminary conversations have led to potential changes that require approval.	SAMU	Town Hall – February 4, 2026 Submit Consultation Draft to SC February 4, 2026 1 <sup>st</sup> Students' Council Reading: February 18, 2026 2nd Students' Council Reading: March 18, 2026	Initial Stages
Students' Council Meetings / Attendance Policy	Review policy.	Students' Council	Winter Term – Summer Term	Initial Stages

Roles and Responsibilities of the Chief Returning Officer	Review CRO Honorarium Amount.	Students' Council	February 2026 – March 2026	Initial Stages
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**Finance Committee Workplan 2025-2026**  
**For Information to Students Council**  
**Submitted: December 11<sup>th</sup>, 2025**

<b>Chaired By:</b>	Andrei Santiago, Vice President Governance & Finance			
<b>Committee Members:</b>	Nathan Poon, President Alem Tesfay, Vice President Student Life Shanna Villasenor, Councillor Liam Wilson, Councillor Tarik Unal, Student at Large Ayanali Shaban, Student at Large			
<b>Committee Mandate:</b>	The 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.			
<b>Approved by Committee:</b>	December 3, 2025			
<b>Received by Council:</b>	December 17, 2025			
Task	Details	Stakeholders	Timeline	Status
Annual Budget	Finance Committee oversees the construction of the annual SAMU budget and recommends it to Students' Council for Approval. Includes potential Finance Training / Budgeting workshop.	SAMU SAMU Members SAMU Affiliates Students' Council	Budget Training - TBD Budget Presentations – February 17 – 20, 2026 March SC Meeting	Initial Stages
Annual Review of Finance Policy	Finance Committee reviews this policy annually; Discuss potential investments avenues.	Students' Council SAMU Finance	February 2026 – March 2026	Initial Stages
Annual Review of SAMU Fees Policy	Finance Committee reviews this policy annually. consider: Clarity with MacEwan Staff exclusions, SAMU Fees with CPI	SAMU Finance SAMU Members SAMU Affiliates Students Council	February 2026 – March 2026	Initial Stages

**Audit Committee Workplan 2026-2027  
For Information to Students Council  
Submitted: December 17, 2025**

<b>Chaired By:</b>	Elizabeth Russell, Councillor			
<b>Committee Members:</b>	<p>Voting Members: Nikhil Duggal (Student-at-Large), Christian Galera (Councillor), Moselle Namoc (Councillor), Elizabeth Russell (Councillor), Angela Zeballos (Student-at-Large)</p> <p>Resource Officials: Cam Whiting (Senior Finance Manager), Michelle Malin (Associate Professor, MacEwan University)</p>			
<b>Committee Mandate:</b>	Audit Committee assists Students' Council in fulfilling its financial oversight responsibilities.			
<b>Approved by Committee:</b>	December 3, 2025			
<b>Received by Council:</b>	December 17, 2025			
<b>Task</b>	<b>Details</b>	<b>Stakeholders</b>	<b>Timeline</b>	<b>Status</b>
Training	Audit Committee (AC) will receive training	AC Students' Council (SC)	January 2025	Ongoing
Quarterly Meetings	AC will meet quarterly to monitor, evaluate, advise, and make recommendations on matters affecting external, internal, or special audits; policies and practices related to internal controls; and compliance with legal, statutory, and regulatory requirements.	AC SC	<p>Q2 review – February 2026</p> <p>Q3 review – April 2026</p> <p>Q4 review – August 2026</p> <p>SAMU Audit &amp; Q1 review – October 2026</p>	Ongoing

## Executive Committee Work Plan 2025-2026 For Information to Students Council

<b>Chaired By:</b>	Nathan Poon, President
<b>Members:</b>	Chioma Uzor, Vice President Academic Wilfrid Youbi Fansi, Vice President External Andrei Santiago, Vice President Governance & Finance Alem Tesfay, Vice President Student Life
<b>Mandate:</b>	The Executive Committee ensures that Students' Council's policies are implemented, is responsible for overseeing the General Manager, helps develop the strategic direction of SAMU, and acts faithfully on behalf of Students' Council.
<b>Approved by Committee:</b>	December 10, 2025
<b>Received by Council:</b>	December 17 <sup>th</sup> 2025

### WORK PLAN UPDATES

At the Executive Committee Retreat, EC reviewed and refined their workplan, project changes included objective changes or the change in scope. Some projects were cancelled, and some were added to better capture the work executives are doing.

Updates within each portfolio are as follows:

**Pres:** food insecurity project received an objective refresh to focus on tangible asks. Sustainable in year allocation process: cancelled, as the scope of the project is being worked on within the VPGF portfolio. External Stakeholder Partnerships received a slightly refined objective targeting what areas we are looking to partner with. Student Initiatives and Programs Advocacy received an expansion of the objectives, widening the scope to provide different lenses to conduct advocacy to, including external advocacy pathways.

**VPA:** No changes to the scope or objectives of the previous projects.

**VPE:** Increased Newcomer Supports Through Coordination at the Municipal Level, was previously titled: Increased Connection of Newcomer Supports to MacEwan International, change in scope and objectives to broaden the scope of advocacy. Student affordability in Housing, previously titled: Provincial Advocacy on Rent Control and Regulation of Landlords changed scope and objective as the ask for rent control is something that has been shut down explicitly by the provincial government.

**VPGF:** In-Year Allocation and Budget Advocacy, previously titled Educational Affordability Advocacy, has a change in objective as the original objective included Scholarship Awards and Bursaries Advocacy, that has now been separated out and made its own project. Mandatory Non Instructional Fee Advocacy changed slightly in objective, adding the clause about waiving the tech fee for the upcoming year as a part of the tuition and fees process.

**VPSL:** Advocating for PD Opportunities, previously titled Adulting 101, has a change in title to better reflect the spirit of the project. Enhancing Athletics Awareness, previously titled Enhancing Athletics' Campus Culture, has received a change in title to better reflect scope of the project.

### ADVOCACY

<b>Topic</b>	Food Insecurity
<b>EC Lead</b>	President
<b>Current Impact to Students</b>	External factors outside of students' control, such as inflation and the rising cost of living have inundated MacEwan students and the post-secondary sector across Alberta and Canada. As per the Spring Annual Survey and student focus groups, food insecurity remains a significant issue across the student body. Students who face financial concerns often sacrifice eating as a means to sustain the cost of their education, resulting in weaker physical and mental health.
<b>Objective</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Advocate for more initiatives on campus to tackle food insecurity including but not limited to, the inclusion of more university-led food pop-up markets and cooking classes in the 2025/26 and 2026/27 academic years,</li> <li style="padding-left: 40px;">- working with other non-profits and private sector to support food security initiatives (?)</li> <li>- the inclusion of a permanent, sustainable, affordable food option, akin to the University of Calgary and University of Victoria's food programs, all while continuing to pursue and measure student feedback with quantitative and qualitative data.</li> </ul>
<b>Strategic Alignment</b>	Student Voice: 2.1, 2.4 Student Supports: 3.3, 3.4
<b>Status</b>	Ongoing
<b>Topic</b>	Sustainable In-Year Allocation Process
<b>EC Lead</b>	President
<b>Current Impact to Students</b>	Students continue to be inundated with the rising cost of living and the rising cost of education. Coupled with external factors such as rampant inflation, many students at MacEwan have entered an affordability crisis, establishing a sustainable in-year allocation process will ensure that when MacEwan has surpluses SAMU can have a say in how in-year surpluses are spent.
<b>Objective</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Establish a consistent in-year allocation process with MacEwan</li> </ul>
<b>Strategic Alignment</b>	Student Voice: 2.1, 2.4 Student Supports: 3.1, 3.3
<b>Status</b>	Cancelled
<b>Topic</b>	External Stakeholder Partnerships
<b>EC Lead</b>	President
<b>Current Impact to Students</b>	As we have ceased our membership with the Council of Alberta University Students (CAUS) and have entered an observer year with the Canadian Alliance of Students' Associations (CASA), it is crucial to build sustainable avenues for advocacy. It is imperative that we build

	and further relationships with External Stakeholders at a municipal, provincial, and federal level, as well as other Students' Associations, and organizations to expand advocacy efforts.
<b>Objective</b>	- Strengthening external partnerships with other Students' Associations and the non-profit sector to expand advocacy efforts
<b>Strategic Alignment</b>	Student Voice: 2.1, 2.3, 2.4 Student Supports 3.3, 3.4
<b>Status</b>	Ongoing
<b>Topic</b>	Student Initiatives and Programs Advocacy
<b>EC Lead</b>	President
<b>Current Impact to Students</b>	Cuts to provincial university funding pre-COVID and stagnant operating grant funding have led to a variety of programs and student initiative funding being either underfunded or cut by the university. An example of this is the removal of MacEwan University's Ombudsman Office, or the removal/set-back of key student initiative funding.
<b>Objective</b>	- Advocate to MacEwan University for funding to support pre-existing program infrastructure such as the MacEwan Omsbuds Office, - Advocate for more financial and grant supports from MacEwan University for student initiatives, - Advocate for an increase in provincial operating grant funding
<b>Strategic Alignment</b>	Student Voice: 2.4 Student Supports: 3.3
<b>Status</b>	Initial Stages
<b>Topic</b>	Open Educational Resources Advocacy
<b>EC Lead</b>	Vice President Academic
<b>Current Impact to Students</b>	In 2025, rising textbook tariffs increase costs by 5–20%, making it harder for low-income students to afford required materials. Many prioritize essential expenses like rent and groceries over buying textbooks. Lack of awareness about free Open Educational Resources (OERs) further limits access to affordable options.
<b>Objective</b>	- Ensure open and clear communication of affordable textbook options to students - Advocating for a learning materials fund similar to the textbook affordability award offered in Winter 2025 semester - MacEwan Library expands its OER database while streamlining the process for instructors to upload, customize, and create OERs. - Automatic textbook billing is dropped; MacEwan University retreats from implementing additional forms of automated textbook billing
<b>Strategic Alignment</b>	Student Voice: 2.4 Student Supports: 3.1, 3.3, 3.4
<b>Status</b>	Ongoing
<b>Topic</b>	Student Charter / Accessible Student Rights Advocacy
<b>EC Lead</b>	Vice President Academic

<b>Current Impact to Students</b>	As MacEwan's campus grows, students may face challenges requiring dispute resolution. Easy access to their rights is essential but often lacking. Many students are unsure who to contact or whether their rights are being upheld. The current website is cluttered and difficult to navigate. This confusion can lead students to give up before resolving their issues.
<b>Objective</b>	Gain support through various committees, and ultimately have MacEwan adopt the Guideline of Rights as a policy. Make these changes accessible for students to find on the MacEwan Website
<b>Strategic Alignment</b>	Student Voice: 2.1, 2.4 Student Supports: 3.2, 3.3, 3.4
<b>Status</b>	Ongoing
<b>Topic</b>	Course Scheduling and Requirements Advocacy
<b>EC Lead</b>	Vice President Academic
<b>Current Impact to Students</b>	Students struggle to declare majors/minors on time due to full courses and unclear alternatives like visiting other institutions. Academic advising is inconsistent, leading students to seek help elsewhere. This results in missed opportunities and delayed graduation, often requiring an extra semester to complete required courses.
<b>Objective</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Changes to the visiting student system, allowing late-stage students to take courses at other institutions with priority</li> <li>- Clear communication to students regarding visiting student requirements</li> </ul>
<b>Strategic Alignment</b>	Student Voice: 2.1, 2.4 Student Supports: 3.1, 3.2, 3.3
<b>Status</b>	Initial Stages
<b>Topic</b>	Provincial Student Affordability Advocacy
<b>EC Lead</b>	Vice President External
<b>Current Impact to Students</b>	Students are facing an affordability crisis and need additional non repayable funding like grants or increased access to monies during the school year as cost of living grows in tandem with tuition.
<b>Objective</b>	Increase student financial aid including non-repayable grants and increase base funding for student aid
<b>Strategic Alignment</b>	Student Voice: 2.3 Student Supports: 3.4
<b>Status</b>	Ongoing
<b>Topic</b>	Increased Newcomer Supports Through Coordination at the Municipal Level
<b>EC Lead</b>	Vice President External
<b>Current Impact to Students</b>	Newcomers or international students are often dropped into the country with no support and are not adequately informed of options available to them for supports within university to connect them with municipal supports
<b>Objective</b>	Ensuring Newcomers get the support they need when they need it with welcome packages and events to gain connections early on.

Strategic Alignment	Student Voice: 2.4 Student Supports: 3.1, 3.2, 3.3
Status	Ongoing
Topic	Expansion of Work Placement Programs for Students
EC Lead	Vice President External
Current Impact to Students	Students are unable to find work that is applicable to their degree. They find little in options for summer work that goes towards experience for work after graduation.
Objective	- Advocate for diversified allocations to summer job program through province so students can more easily find work opportunities
Strategic Alignment	Student Voice: 2.3 Student Supports: 3.1, 3.2,
Status	Ongoing
Topic	Student Affordability in Housing
EC Lead	Vice President External
Current Impact to Students	Students that are in the midst of the Affordability crisis worry about rent costs in addition
Objective	- Create an advocacy package to detail potential implementations of basic rent control solutions or expanded social housing program so students can find affordable and appropriate housing in areas that are accessible to university without worrying about slum lords or bad faith landlords
Strategic Alignment	Student Voice: 2.3 Student Supports 3.1
Status	Ongoing
Topic	Municipal Election Debate/Forum
EC Lead	Vice President External
Current Impact to Students	Leading up to a municipal election there is a current disconnect between elected officials and constituents. Lack of awareness of municipal impacts on a student's day to day.
Objective	- Present students with a chance to bring questions to elected officials and opportunity to network with other officials who attend the event. - encourage voting in municipal election
Strategic Alignment	Student Voice: 2.3
Status	Completed
Topic	In-Year Allocation and Budget Advocacy

<b>EC Lead</b>	Vice President Governance & Finance
<b>Current Impact to Students</b>	Rising living costs and tuition fees are major barriers to students' access to post-secondary education. This leads to food insecurity, financial instability, and reduced academic performance. The combined effects of these hurdles are detrimental to students' physical and mental health.
<b>Objective</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Submitting In-Year Allocation and Budget Proposals that meet student need and help alleviate the cost of education.</li> <li>- Developing a sustainable in-year allocation and budget proposal process in collaboration with MacEwan University</li> </ul>
<b>Strategic Alignment</b>	<p style="text-align: center;">Student Voice: 2.1 Student Supports: 3.1, 3.3</p>
<b>Status</b>	Ongoing
<b>Topic</b>	Mandatory Non-Instructional Fee (MNIF) Advocacy
<b>EC Lead</b>	Vice President Governance & Finance
<b>Current Impact to Students</b>	Students are paying Mandatory Non-Instructional Fees that students are not able to completely take advantage of for varying reasons, and with the current affordability crisis, it is imperative to have certain fees be reduced, waived, or eliminated completely in the essence of student affordability.
<b>Objective</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Waiving of the Tech Fee for the upcoming academic year</li> <li>- Removal of the Tech fee for all students and allocating the remaining funds to other student-centered initiatives</li> <li>- Evaluate MNIF's from a service provided for cost of service perspective and push to improve quality of services for students, or a reduction in the cost of service.</li> </ul>
<b>Strategic Alignment</b>	<p style="text-align: center;">Student Voice: 2.4 Student Supports: 3.2, 3.3</p>
<b>Status</b>	Ongoing
<b>Topic</b>	Scholarships, Awards and Bursaries (SAB's) Advocacy
<b>EC Lead</b>	Vice President Governance & Finance
<b>Current Impact to Students</b>	Scholarships, Awards, and Bursaries are one of the key financial supports that students have access to in their academic journey. Given that these SAB's are provided on the basis of academic excellence, community service, and financial need, greater emphasis should be placed on rewarding excellence through various means to ensure that our students can be successful and well supported in their academic journey.
<b>Objective</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Red tape reduction for the bursary application processes to address and alleviate student concerns</li> <li>- Push for more funds to be allocated to scholarships, awards and bursaries.</li> </ul>
<b>Strategic Alignment</b>	Student Supports 3.1, 3.3
<b>Status</b>	Initial Stages
<b>Topic</b>	Student Housing Affordability

EC Lead	Vice President Student Life
Current Impact to Students	Due to increased demand, MacEwan Residence recently limited housing to MacEwan students, causing wait times for placement. With rising downtown housing costs, students face higher rents, longer commutes, or poor-quality living conditions. These factors negatively affect their overall student experience.
Objective	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Advocate to explore partnerships and housing strategies with internal and external stakeholders</li> <li>- Explore the creation of a grant or bursary program for students struggling with affordable housing <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Advocate for residency rent freeze</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
Strategic Alignment	Student Support: 3.1, 3.4
Status	Initial Stages
Topic	Enhancing Athletics Awareness
EC Lead	Vice President Student Life
Current Impact to Students	Low attendance at Griffins games reflects weak student support for athletics at MacEwan, impacting team morale and school spirit. This decline in campus culture can deter recruits and contributes to underperformance. The result may be reduced enrollment, transfers, or and overall student retention
Objective	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Measure and Identify barriers to participation in athletics on campus, work to address and mitigate these barriers through internal and External Advocacy</li> </ul>
Strategic Alignment	Student Experience and Engagement: 1.3
Status	Ongoing
Topic	Advocating for PD Opportunities
EC Lead	Vice President Student Life
Current Impact to Students	Many students face a gap between what they currently know and what they are expected to know when it comes to essential aspects of adulthood. These areas include cooking, taxes, driver's education, personal finance, and public speaking—skills that are crucial for independence but often not formally taught.
Objective	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Advocate for MacEwan to host a series of events or workshops that address student need in good life skills to have <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Explore opportunities within SAMU to bridge some of these gaps identified by students</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
Strategic Alignment	Student Experience and Engagement: 1.3 Student Supports: 3.1, 3.3, 3.4
Status	Ongoing
Topic	SAMU Grant Funding
EC Lead	Vice President Student Life

<b>Current Impact to Students</b>	There has been a significant increase in the student body, however, that increase in the student body should be reflected in the dollar amount and number of grants such as Personal Development Grant (PD) and Events grant. The more PD grants there are, the more opportunities there will be for students to attend conferences and educational opportunities. The increase in Events Grant will allow more student groups to host events giving less strain on the 60/40 annual funding allocation model
<b>Objective</b>	- To meet where students are at: more PD grants, higher amount for PD grants and amendments to the Grants and awards Procedure
<b>Strategic Alignment</b>	Student Supports 3.1
<b>Status</b>	Ongoing

### GOVERNANCE OVERSIGHT

<b>Topic</b>	Strategic Plan
<b>EC Lead</b>	Vice President Governance & Finance
<b>Strategic Alignment</b>	Strengthening SAMU Operations: 4.1, 4.5
<b>Objective</b>	SAMU's strategic plan expires June 2026, and a new strategic plan needs to be in the works to replace the current plan.
<b>Key Details</b>	Lead predominately by the General Manager with Executive Oversight and student leader input.
<b>Status</b>	Initial Stages

<b>Topic</b>	SC Training & Refresher
<b>EC Lead</b>	Vice President Governance & Finance
<b>Strategic Alignment</b>	Strengthening SAMU Operations: 4.2, 4.5
<b>Objective</b>	Required per policy, it ensures that members of our governing board are knowledgeable about governance and SAMU
<b>Key Details</b>	Lead and planned predominately by operational staff with Executive Oversight Dates: September 25 2025 (Completed) April 25 2026
<b>Status</b>	Ongoing

<b>Topic</b>	SAMU 2026/27 Budget
<b>EC Lead</b>	Vice President Governance & Finance
<b>Strategic Alignment</b>	Strengthening SAMU Operations: 4.2, 4.4
<b>Objective</b>	Prepare the department 12 budget for the next fiscal year and oversee the whole budget process for the annual

	budget submission to Council for Approval
Key Details	The budgeting process for the next fiscal year will begin around November/December of 2025
Status	Ongoing
Topic	Town Hall
EC Lead	Vice President Governance & Finance
Strategic Alignment	Student Voice: 2.2
Objective	Required by policy it provides Elected Representatives the ability to connect with students on a variety of topics
Key Details	Date: February 4 <sup>th</sup> 2026
Status	Ongoing

**Students' Council Operations Committee Workplan 2025-2026**  
**For Information to Students Council**  
**Submitted: December 11<sup>th</sup>, 2025**

<b>Chaired By:</b>	Andrei Santiago, Vice President Governance & Finance			
<b>Committee Members:</b>	Olad Ayodeji, Councillor Anna Campmans, Councillor Maade Okai, Councillor Vincent Trinh, Councillor			
<b>Committee Mandate:</b>	The 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.			
<b>Approved by Committee:</b>	December 8, 2025			
<b>Received by Council:</b>	December 17, 2025			
<b>Task</b>	<b>Details</b>	<b>Stakeholders</b>	<b>Timeline</b>	<b>Status</b>
Remuneration of Elected Representatives Policy	Biannual review as per policy; consider: Appendix A, Appendix B.	Students' Council Executive Committee	January 2026 – February 2026, July 2026 – August 2026	Initial Stages
Chief Returning Officer (CRO) Appointment	Appointment of the 2026/27 Chief Returning Officer for the SC elections in the Fall and EC elections in the Winter.	Students' Council Executive Committee Election Candidates	March 2026 – April 2026	Initial Stages
Chief Returning Officer (CRO) Review Discussion	Seeing as this was postponed last year, there is an opportunity to revisit discussions regarding the evaluation of the Chief Returning Officer. Consider: Remuneration, workload, availability during elections.	Students' Council Executive Committee Election Candidates	January 2026 – February 2026, ideally before the appointment of the CRO in March 2026 – April 2026.	Initial Stages
Students' Council Chair Appointment	Appointment of the 2026/27 Students' Council chair.	Students' Council Executive Committee	March 2026 – April 2026	Initial Stages

Students' Council Chair Review Discussion	Discussion on the evaluation of the current Students' Council chair.	Students' Council Executive Committee	March 2026 – April 2026	Initial Stages
Evaluation Form Review	Review the current Students' Council Evaluation Form and determine points of improvement.	Students' Council Executive Committee	Winter Term – Summer Term	Initial Stages
Review of Students Council Operations	Reviewing Students' Council meeting minutes and evaluation forms to determine the effectiveness and of Students' Council.	Students' Council Executive Committee	Typically once every 3 months, reviewing 3 Students' Council minutes and evaluations at a time	Ongoing
Councillor Appointments	Interviewing and appointing SAMU members for Students' Council vacancies.	Students' Council Executive Committee	As required	Ongoing



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**In Attendance:**

Shannon Marshall, Executive Coordinator  
Parvin Sedighi, External and Stakeholder Relations  
Manager  
Emily Lukacs, External Advocacy Advisor

**Resource Officials:**

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

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3. Approval of Agenda:  
**VPGF/VPSL  
CARRIED**
4. Approval of Minutes for: October 29, 2025  
**VPGF/VPSL  
CARRIED**

TOPIC		DISCUSSION	ACTION/MOTION
1.	Student Groups	Vpsl – looking to hear from GM & supports, but currently in favour of approving.  Gm – focus on mandate of SG, not on what the SG will do day to day. The SG department focuses on approvals of their events/activities.	<b>MOTION</b>  <b>TO APPROVE THE MOTIONBALL STUDENT GROUP</b>  <b>VPSL/VPGF CARRIED</b>
2.	VP External's Report	Mayoral swearing in ceremony. City housing survey update. Transit survey coming.	
3.	VP Governance & Finance's Report	T&F consultation response update. Budget presentation @ retreat update. Committee workplan brainstorming.	

4.	VP Student's Life's Report	Met with Chandelle. Met with MacEwan Athletics. UWill meeting tomorrow.	
5.	VP Academic's Report	Textbook Affordability Project Steering Committee. Grants Adjudication Committee update. Committee on Academic Curriculum, Standards, and Calendar. Committee on Academic Planning & ...	
6.	President's Report	Mayoral swearing in ceremony. Meeting with new students' councillors. Met with Pres. Trimby. ESA post-election meeting. Advo week prep.	
7.	GM Report	AMICCUS-C conference update.	<b>MOTION</b> <b>TO GO IN CAMERA</b> <b>VPA/VPGF</b> <b>CARRIED</b> <b>MOTION</b> <b>TO GO OUT OF CAMERA</b> <b>VPGF/VPA</b> <b>CARRIED</b>
8.	Recognition		

5. Adjournment

Time: 3:01pm



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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: 1:33pm
2. Treaty 7 Land Recognition

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3. Approval of Agenda:

**VPA/VPSL  
CARRIED**

4. Approval of Minutes for: November 5, 2025

**VPSL/VPA  
CARRIED**

TOPIC		DISCUSSION	ACTION/MOTION
1.	SC Presentation	Pres -	<b>TO APPROVE A KW KNOWLEDGE KEEPER PRESENTATION (SMUDGE &amp; BLESSING) AT THE NOVEMBER 19 STUDENTS' COUNCIL MEETING</b>  <b>VPGF/VPSL CARRIED</b>
2.	Student Groups	The Soiree Vpe – don't see a distinction from Latte & Literature.	

		<p>Pres – agree, identical mandate to one that exists already.  Vpsl – see replication with the L&amp;L club mandate.  Vpgf – agree with what was said.  Vpa – seems like a sub-committee of L&amp;L club.</p> <p>The Lego Club  Vpsl – no issue with mandate. Support approval.</p> <p>MacEwan University Next Generation</p> <p>Vpe – don't agree with change. Update mandate and resubmit with new name.  Vpgf – support change.  Vpa – support change.  Pres – support name change, although mandate should be updated.</p>	<p>Action: Vpsl to let Erika know that club needs mandate update to reflect the description of the club. (cc GM)</p> <p><b>MOTION</b></p> <p><b>TO APPROVE THE LEGO CLUB</b></p> <p><b>VPSL/VPGF CARRIED</b></p> <p>Action:  Bring back to December 3 meeting.</p> <p>Vpsl/Gm to gather feedback from SG manager on name/mandate change.</p>
3.	MCCRF	<p>Vpa – did not get Deville receipt when taking Craig for coffee.</p>	<p><b>MOTION</b></p> <p><b>TO APPROVE CHIOMA UZOR'S MISSING CREDIT CARD RECEIPT FORM IN THE AMOUNT OF \$12.88 FOR A PURCHASE ON OCTOBER 23, 2025</b></p> <p><b>VPGF/VPSL CARRIED</b></p> <p><b>MOTION</b></p> <p><b>TO RESCIND MOTION 2025-11-13-3</b></p> <p><b>VPGF/VPSL CARRIED</b></p> <p><b>MOTION</b></p> <p><b>TO APPROVE CHIOMA UZOR'S MISSING CREDIT CARD RECEIPT FORM IN THE AMOUNT OF \$12.88 FOR A PURCHASE ON OCTOBER 23, 2025</b></p> <p><b>VPGF/VPSL ABSTAIN: VPA</b></p>

			<b>CARRIED</b>
4.	Committee Representation	<p>Committee Representation</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• AVP Student Experience and Development <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Based on Timelines we might want to open it up to a Councillor (former or current, or a SAL)</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Centre for Teaching and Learning Self Study Committee <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ VPA invited to sit on it.</li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p>IAA – 2 hiring committees coming up. First item is a discussion for this team.</p>	<p>Action: IAA - For AVP – reach out to former/current councillors to fill spot.</p> <p><b>MOTION</b></p> <p><b>TO APPOINT CHIOMA UZOR TO THE CENTRE FOR TEACHING AND LEARNING SELF STUDY COMMITTEE</b></p> <p><b>VPGF/VPSL</b> <b>ABSTAIN: VPA</b> <b>CARRIED</b></p>
5.	VP Governance & Finance's Report	Visa packages.	
6.	VP Student's Life's Report	OSVPER focus group. U-Will working group. Interview with the griff.	
7.	VP Academic's Report	Teaching awards adjudication orientation. Academic Calendar Advisory Sub-Committee update. OSVPER focus group.	
8.	VP External's Report	ESA update.	
9.	President's Report	MacEwan Means Business event update.	
10.	GM Report	Building update. Acting GM for next week - Megan.	
11.	Recognition		

5. Adjournment

Time: 2:57pm



**Minutes for the Executive Committee Meeting of the  
Students' Association of MacEwan University  
November 19, 2025 @ 2:00pm**

**Voting Members:**

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

**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: 3:08pm
2. Treaty 6 Land Recognition

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3. Approval of Agenda:  
**VPGF/VPA  
CARRIED**
4. Approval of Minutes for: November 13, 2025  
**VPA/VPGF  
CARRIED**

TOPIC		DISCUSSION	ACTION/MOTION
1.	U-Will	Vpsl –	<b>MOTION</b>  <b>TO GO IN CAMERA</b>  <b>VPA/VPGF CARRIED</b>  <b>MOTION</b>  <b>TO GO OUT OF CAMERA</b>  <b>VPA/VPGF CARRIED</b>

2.	Student Groups	Vpa/Vpgf – The Soiree: still seems like a version of Latte & Lit club.	Action:  Bring back to Dec 3 EC meeting.  Vpsl to bring back feedback about mandate to Erika.
3.	Outstanding Action Items		
4.	VP Student's Life's Report	GAASC meeting. CSGD meeting. HCA tour facilitation this Friday.	
5.	VP Academic's Report	Committee on T&L meeting update.	
6.	VP External's Report	tabled	
7.	VP Governance & Finance's Report	T&F meeting update. Fall Convocation attendance as member of BOG. One on one meeting with Maureen. EC mid-year retreat.	
8.	President's Report	tabled	
9.	GM Report	tabled	
10.	Recognition		

5. Adjournment

Time: 3:51pm



**Minutes for the Executive Committee Meeting of the  
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November 26, 2025 @ 2:00pm**

**Voting Members:**

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

Darryl Kostash, General Manager  
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**In Attendance:**

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**Resource Officials:**

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3. Approval of Agenda:  
**VPGF/VPE  
 CARRIED**
4. Approval of Minutes for: November 19, 2025  
**VPGF/VPE  
 CARRIED**

TOPIC		DISCUSSION	ACTION/MOTION
1.	AVP Student Experience and Development	Vpa – 2 applications have been provided for consideration.	<b>MOTION  TO APPOINT OLAD AYODEJI TO THE AVP STUDENT EXPERIENCE AND DEVELOPMENT HIRING PANEL  VPA/VPE CARRIED</b>
2.	Outstanding Action Items		
3.			

4.			
5.	VP Academic's Report	Provost meeting update. Zero cost textbook program update. Charter ask update. GFC EC update.	
6.	VP External's Report	CASA Advo Week update. Minister of Advanced Ed visit. ESA meeting update.	
7.	VP Governance & Finance's Report	Committees update. Budgeting update.	
8.	VP Student's Life's Report	Tabled.	
9.	President's Report	Tabled.	
10.	GM Report	HR update. Building update. Security update.	
11.	Recognition		

5. Adjournment  
**VPGF**  
**CARRIED**

Time: 3:08pm



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3. Approval of Agenda:  
**VPA/VPSL  
CARRIED**
4. Approval of Minutes for: November 26, 2025  
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TOPIC		DISCUSSION	ACTION/MOTION
1.	Student Groups	<p>Next Generation of Medicine</p> <p>MacEwan Connect</p> <p>The Soiree</p>	<p><b>MOTION</b></p> <p><b>TO APPROVE THE STUDENT GROUP NAME CHANGE OF "MACEWAN UNIVERSITY NEXT GENERATION" TO "NEXT GENERATION OF MEDICINE"</b></p> <p><b>VPSL/VPGF CARRIED</b></p>

			<p><b>MOTION</b></p> <p><b>TO APPROVE THE MACEWAN CONNECT STUDENT GROUP</b></p> <p><b>VPSL/VPA CARRIED</b></p> <p><b>MOTION</b></p> <p><b>TO APPROVE THE SOIREE STUDENT GROUP</b></p> <p><b>VPSL/VPGF CARRIED</b></p>
2.	KW Pipe Ceremony	<p>December 8, 11am-1pm. EC/GAST attendance.</p> <p>Exec Coordinator – open pipe ceremony next Monday. Would like to know who would like to attend with me?</p> <p>Attending: Vpa, Pres, Vpgf,</p>	
3.	President Trimbee's Holiday Party	<p>ESRM - the desired outcome is a list of EC who is available to drop in for that.</p> <p>Attending: Pres, Vpa, Vpgf, Vpsl</p>	<p>Action:</p> <p>Exec Coordinator to RSVP on behalf of EC.</p>
4.	UWill Consultation		<p>Action:</p> <p>Table to December 10 EC meeting.</p>
5.	AVP Student Experience and Development Honarium	<p>VPA – previously appointed a student to this. Would like to provide them an honourarium to the student in recognition of their time.</p>	<p><b>MOTION</b></p> <p><b>TO APPROVE AN EXPENSE OF UP TO \$875.00, FROM G/L 524100, TO PROVIDE AN HONOURARIUM TO OLAD AYODEJI FOR SITTING ON THE AVP STUDENT EXPERIENCE AND DEVELOPMENT HIRING PANEL</b></p> <p><b>VPA/VPSL CARRIED</b></p>
6.	Outstanding Action Items		
7.	VP Academic's Report	<p>TAP Steering Committee update.</p> <p>GFC committee meeting.</p> <p>Academic Technologies Sub-Committee update.</p>	

8.	VP External's Report		
9.	VP Governance & Finance's Report	Student Leadership Week update. Budgeting update. Creating review schedule for Governing docs. Creating workplans for committees. GovCom & Finance Committee meetings.	
10.	VP Student's Life's Report	HCA Regional gathering update. Bill 29 & student athletes.	
11.	President's Report	EC Retreat. CASA Advo Week. Sustainable affordable food options update.	
12.	GM Report	HR updates. Budgeting. Building updates.	
13.	Recognition		

5. Adjournment

Time: 3:03pm