



STUDENTS' ASSOCIATION OF MACEWAN UNIVERSITY

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

Voting Members:

Gabriel Ambutong, President
Tolu Dare, Councillor
Aryan Dutta, Councillor
Aidan Fisher, Councillor
Christian Galera Councillor
Cornelius Glasgow, Councillor
Darcy Hoogers, Vice President Academic
Cierra Jacobs, Councillor
Joseph A. La Torre, Vice President Governance
and Finance
Aleace Moom, Vice President Student Life
Moselle Namoc, Councillor
Maade Okai, Councillor
Nathan Poon, Councillor

Israel Reyes, Councillor
Joehn Torres, Councillor
Vincent Trinh, Councillor
Chioma Uzor, Councillor
Loyal Zidan, Councillor
vacant, Vice President External

SAMU Officials and Council Support:

Timothy Jobs, Chair
Darryl Kostash, General Manager
Alan Honey, Governance Advisor

Meeting called to order at pm.

<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 APRIL 26, 2025

3. Presentations

3.1. Canadian Alliance of Student Associations

Pres -

4. Question Period

4.1. Written Questions

4.2. Oral Questions

Topics include:

5. In Camera Period

5.1. CASA Membership

Motion to go in camera

Motion to go out of camera

6. Motions & Business Orders of the Day

6.1. CASA Membership Withdrawal

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

PRES/

Favour:

Oppose:

6.2.

7. Consultation

7.1.

8. Evaluation

8.1.

9. Recognition

10. Adjournment

MOTION TO ADJOURN

Next Meeting Date: May 21, 2025

Meeting adjourned at pm



STUDENTS' COUNCIL MEETING SUBMISSION

AGENDA ITEM INFORMATION

Meeting Date	Submitted By
April 26 th , 2025	Gabriel Ambutong, President

Agenda Title	Item
	CASA Membership Withdrawal

Action Requested	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Motion	<input type="checkbox"/> Consultation Item
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AGENDA ITEM DETAILS

Motion Title	Motion to adopt Students' Council Resolution #2025-04-26-1
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Background Information	<p>During the March 19th, 2025 Students' Council meeting, Council formally passed a motion: "To direct the Executive Committee to begin the process of ceasing affiliation with the Canadian Alliance of Student Associations, to then enter an observer year, and to report back to Students' Council upon completion."</p> <p>This submission and its motion is coming to you today as part of fulfilling Council's decision in the March Council meeting, because in the process of ceasing affiliation, there are specific conditions within CASA's Bylaws the Executive Committee must follow to fulfill Council's decision.</p> <p>CASA's Bylaws state: "Where a member intends to withdraw from the Corporation, the member must provide written notice no less than thirty (30) days and no more than ninety (90) days before the date of the member organization's official decision." In other words, a member withdrawing from the Corporation must provide written notice between 30 and 90 days before their organization's official decision.</p> <p>As of March 20th, SAMU provided written notice to CASA communicating our intention to withdraw our membership. Since our communication, we must wait at minimum 30 days before we Council makes its final decision to withdraw.</p> <p>This motion is brought to you well within the 30 day minimum and 90 day maximum for a vote of the official decision of Students' Council to fulfill CASA's bylaws.</p> <p>Keep in mind good governance, speaking with one voice, your fiduciary duty, and Council's decision.</p>
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Alternative Considerations	Do nothing, and keep with status quo with respect to CASA.
Risk Management Considerations	
Strategic Alignment	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <i>Attached Strategic Alignment Checklist is complete</i>
Implications	
Related Documents	Advocacy Affiliation Policy
Follow Up Action	Inform CASA Leadership that motion has passed.
Review History	

Strategic Alignment Checklist

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

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

Focus Areas	Not consistent	N/A	Consistent
Student Experience & Engagement			
The overall student experience is enhanced by the opportunities provided by SAMU.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
1.1 Put the finishing touches on the SAMU building, enhancing the safe and intentional spaces for students to gather, relax and study.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
1.2 Increase student awareness of SAMU and its opportunities through strong communications and engaging marketing and brand	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
1.3 Increase student engagement by offering relevant and meaningful events, programs, services, volunteer activities and employment opportunities for students	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
1.4 Support Student Groups by offering networking opportunities, meeting space, outreach support and online platforms	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Student Voice			
The Student Voice is amplified by SAMU.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
2.1 Develop an Advocacy Plan and implement processes to strengthen SAMU's advocacy program.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
2.2 Enhance awareness and interest in SAMU's democratic processes through education and encouraging student participation	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
2.3 Continue to build collaborative relationships with other Student Associations and organizations to enhance the collective student voice with all government levels	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
2.4 Foster positive relationships with MacEwan University to better serve students	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Student Supports			
Student supports provided by SAMU are responsive to unique and evolving needs.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
3.1 Develop and deliver initiatives that are inclusive and are responsive to all student needs.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input 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"/>