



**Minutes for the Students' Council Meeting of the  
Students' Association of MacEwan University  
January 21, 2026 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  
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 (absent)  
Shanna Villasenor, Councillor  
Liam Wilson, Councillor  
Wilfrid Youbi Fansi, Vice President External

**SAMU Officials and Council Support:**

Tim Jobs, Chair  
Darryl Kostash, General Manager  
Alan Honey, Governance Advisor  
Aidan Fisher, 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.

The Students' Association of MacEwan University is situated in the centre of what we call the city of Edmonton, which is called Amiskwacyi 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 JANUARY 21, 2026**

**GALERA/RAVELO**

**CARRIED**

**2.2 MOTION TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF DECEMBER 17, 2025**

**TRINH/RUSSELL**

**CARRIED**

**3. Presentations**

3.1.

**4. For Information**

**4.1. Reports**

**4.1.1. President**

BOG approval of tuition and fee increase.

**4.1.2. Vice President Academic**

#### **4.1.3. Vice President External**

Met with Minister LaGrange today.

#### **4.1.4. Vice President Governance & Finance**

Governance Committee & SCOC met this past week.

#### **4.1.5. Vice President Student Life**

Met with MacEwan AVP counterpart – volunteer fair, athletic engagement survey, reporting to COSA.

#### **4.1.6. Strategy and Engagement Committee Q2 report (VPSL)**

#### **4.1.7. Executive Committee Q2 report (Pres)**

#### **4.1.8. Audit Committee Q2 report (Councillor Russell)**

#### **4.1.9. Governance Committee Q2 report (VPGF)**

#### **4.1.10. Students' Council Operations Committee Q2 report (VPGF)**

#### **4.1.11. Finance Committee Q2 report (VPGF)**

#### **4.1.12. Tuition and Fees Consultation 2025-2026 (VPGF)**

#### **4.1.13.**

### **4.2. Executive Committee Minutes**

Minutes of December 10 & 17, 2025, and January 7, 2026 provided.

## **5. Question Period**

### **5.1. Written Questions**

Villasenor – for EC: When decisions like discontinuing Safewalk are informed by survey data, how does SAMU consider accessibility and safety needs for students who may not be reflected in survey participation?

VPSL- Thank you for your question, Councillor Villasenor. I appreciate your attention to the agenda. Operations presented the recommendation to cease the safe walk, and I have connected with our operations to help answer your question.

Response from Operations to aid in answering the question above:

"For clarification, this is feedback we've received from multiple surveys over the course of a few years - 2023 - 75% were aware of the service and haven't used it. While only a little over 4% have used it. 2024 - 78% were aware of the service and haven't used it. Only a little over 4% have used it. 2025 - 80% were aware of the service and haven't used it. 5% have used it.

In addition to these Spring Student Surveys, we also put out a specific Safety Survey in March 2025 where 50% of respondents indicated they didn't feel a need to utilize Safe Walk. While we recognize this doesn't include feedback from every student, we do use these surveys to guide our operations. This coupled with the number of walks given over each year informs the trend - 22/23-45 walks, 23/24-21 walks, 24/25-22 walks.

Ultimately, MacEwan Security Services through their Safe @ MacEwan app provides multiple resources for students in regard to safety needs including a Friend Walk feature and have also provided walks for students. The safety needs of students (and others on campus) are the primary responsibility of MacEwan Security Services and not SAMU.

Financial resources and employee time are best utilized toward services and other operational activities that address student feedback, trends and utilization patterns of our current student body."

Abougoush - For the Vice President of Governance & Finance: During our meeting on November 19, 2025, you indicated that discussions had taken place regarding the return of physical student IDs. At that time, I asked how and when physical IDs might be reintegrated, and you stated that you would follow up with Council once more information became available. As no update has been provided since, could you clarify what progress, if any, has been made on this issue, and whether there is a current timeline or decision regarding the reintroduction of physical student IDs?

VPGF – Thank you for your question, Councillor Abougoush. During our SC Meeting on November 19, 2025, I provided an oral supplement regarding my meeting with Maureen Powers-Lomas, MacEwan’s Vice President Finance and Administration and CFO. In this oral report, Maureen followed up on my concerns surrounding the Digital ID from our October 1-on-1 meeting. During this November meeting, Maureen stated that physical IDs should now be provided to any students who will request one from the IT Help Desk. Maureen stated that there was an internal miscommunication within the IT Department that prevented this issue from getting addressed sooner, and she thanked me for flagging it to Administration. On January 14, 2026, I followed up with Maureen to see if the University currently has any plans to “advertise” the fact that Physical IDs are now readily available alongside Digital IDs, to which she replied that she would have to follow up with me on this matter. Maureen also clarified that the University is not looking to revert back to Physical IDs; but rather, it will be supplementary to the Digital ID. Additionally, for all Councillors: if you have any questions regarding Executives’ progress updates, outside of SC Meeting timelines please feel empowered to email us directly through our SAMU emails! This way, you don’t have to wait until the next Council report to hear updates about our Advocacy initiatives.

Trinh - For VPSL - In regards to the Strategy and Engagement Committee (SEC), do you think that there's more potential that can be used in the committee? Apologies for the odd and possibly operational question, but I do think that the committee is in a bit of a weird place compared to other committees. I feel like I've seen the SEC as the "team building committee" alongside with organizing the Town Hall event and Professional Development (PD) sessions. I've looked over the committee's policy and I feel there can be more opportunities to use SEC to have more PD sessions and events to engage with students.

VPSL - Thank you for your question, Councillor Trinh. You don't have to apologize for this question; it's definitely within the scope of governance, and I appreciate it because it is one of the conversations the Strategy and Engagement Committee (SEC) had when creating the work plan. It is within the work plan to also have SEC serve as a Consultation body and provide feedback on the Executive Committee's initiatives; however, the use of this is dependent on whether EC members want consultation from SEC on their initiatives.

Trinh - For VPSL - If you know, how was the turnout for Winter Fest? And how was it compared to other years?

VPSL - Although this question is operational, I was able to get an answer from our General Manager. It goes, "Winterfest is on it's second year and sold 19.2% more tickets than last year and to add to that we were at 90% capacity for the event. This is on top of the fact that ticket prices were a bit higher than last year."

Campmans – For VPE - In regards to your meeting with Minister LaGrange (I am looking forward to hearing about the results of that), what is the purpose of this meeting, and what benefit will it provide to the student body?

VPE - The meeting/tour was arranged as part of the ongoing strategy of establishing connections with our provincial political leaders to demonstrate the student needs present on our campus and need for increased support to areas under their jurisdiction that affect our students. This meeting specifically will cover these topics:

Work Integrated Learning

Job Placement

Campus Health Resources

Affordability

Campmans - For VPSL - In regards to the PD Session hosted last week, I think I speak for everyone in attendance when I say that it was both an informative and fun experience. Will more events like this be hosted in the future?

VPSL – Thank you for the kind words, Councillor Campmans, and your question. The answer is absolutely! The outgoing and incoming Strategy and Engagement (SEC) committee members both agree that it is doing more PD sessions for counsellors. As the chair of the committee, I consider these sessions paramount to the Students' Council's overall culture and success.

Russell - For VPSL: For the NSO, can you clarify which departments you reached out to and what specific contributions they made to the NSO?

VPSL - Thank you for your question, Councillor Russell. Before the start of the fall semester, I reviewed the list of New Student Orientation (NSO) sessions held in addition to the general New Student Orientation at the gymnasium. I noticed that SAMU wasn't part of NSO sessions for some departments on campus, including Kihêw Waciston, MacEwan Athletics, and MacEwan International. So I reached out and was added to their programming, so more students are aware of what we offer. It's also a way to build relationships with the different departments, which has proven fruit

## **5.2. Oral Questions**

Topics include: students financial struggles; COSA meeting and policy updates; Belonging at MacEwan Survey; VPE report; voting against tuition at BOG; advocating & BOG; current advocacy priorities;

- 6. In Camera Period**
- 7. Motions & Business Orders of the Day**
- 8. Consultation**
- 9. Evaluation**
- 10. Recognition**
- 11. Adjournment**

***MOTION TO ADJOURN***

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***CARRIED***

Next Meeting Date: February 18, 2026

Meeting adjourned at 6:23pm.