



STUDENTS' ASSOCIATION OF MACEWAN UNIVERSITY

Agenda for the Students' Council Meeting of the Students' Association of MacEwan University March 18, 2026 at 6:00pm in the Council Chamber

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
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
vacant, Councillor

SAMU Officials and Council Support:

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

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 MARCH 18, 2026

2.2 MOTION

TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 18, 2026

3. Presentations

3.1. 2026-2027 SAMU Budget

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. Students' Council Operations Committee (will be provided In Camera)

4.1.7.

4.1.8.

4.2. Executive Committee Minutes

Minutes of February 11, 18, 25, and March 4, 2026 provided.

5. Question Period

5.1. Written Questions

5.2. Oral Questions

Topics include:

6. In Camera Period

6.1. Chair of Students' Council

6.2.

7. Motions & Business Orders of the Day

7.1. SAMU Bylaws

MOTION TO GIVE SECOND READING, AND APPROVE, TO THE SAMU BYLAWS

VPGF/

Favour:

Oppose:

7.2. 2026-2027 SAMU Budget

MOTION TO APPROVE THE 2026-2027 SAMU BUDGET ON THE RECOMMENDATION OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE

VPGF/

Favour:

Oppose:

7.3. SAMU Fees policy

MOTION **TO DISREGARD CLAUSE 3.3 AND 4.4 OF THE SAMU FEES POLICY ON THE RECOMMENDATION OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE, FOR THE 2026-2027 FISCAL YEAR**

VPGF/

Favour:

Oppose:

7.4. Chair of Students' Council

MOTION **TO REAPPOINT TIM JOBS AS CHAIR OF STUDENTS' COUNCIL FOR A TERM OF MAY 1, 2026 TO APRIL 30, 2027 ON THE RECOMMENDATION OF THE STUDENTS' COUNCIL OPERATIONS COMMITTEE**

VPGF/

Favour:

Oppose:

7.5.

8. Consultation

8.1.

9. Evaluation

9.1.

10. Recognition

11. Adjournment

MOTION **TO ADJOURN**

Next Meeting Date: April 15, 2026

Meeting adjourned at pm.



**STUDENTS' ASSOCIATION
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2. Approvals

2.1 MOTION

TO APPROVE THE AGENDA FOR FEBRUARY 18, 2026

GALERA/OKAI

CARRIED

2.2 MOTION

TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF JANUARY 21, 2026

MORENO/TRINH

CARRIED

3. Presentations

4. For Information

4.1. Reports

4.1.1. President

4.1.2. Vice President Academic

4.1.3. Vice President External

Pres & I went to City Leadership Dinner. Engaged with city councillors.

4.1.4. Vice President Governance & Finance

Budget week currently happening – budget at next SC meeting.

4.1.5. Vice President Student Life

4.1.6. Town Hall

4.2. Executive Committee Minutes

Minutes of January 14, 21, 28, and February 4, 2026 provided.

5. Question Period

5.1. Written Questions

Ayodeji - For President and VPE: Could you share how Adrianna LaGrange and Chelsea Petrovic responded in your discussions? Based on your understanding, were there any indications suggesting they might consider or address the issues you raised in their ministerial duties?

VPE – The Minister and Parliamentary Secretary were receptive to the issues presented during the tour and highlighted their ongoing attention to the issues at hand. The issues raised are part of ongoing needs that we will have to keep communication lines open to ensure they are addressed. Areas of concern would be ensuring ongoing support to on-campus health services, ensuring work placements have proper support and regulatory streamlining of those in healthcare to enter their careers.

Ayodeji - For VPE: Could you provide more information about ESA's advocacy priorities discussed with Councillor Stevenson, specifically regarding their influence on our student body?

VPE – As stated at previous council meetings, the ESA priorities are the voted-upon priorities created through consultation with membership. While all priorities were covered two had particular prudence for our student body. The priorities highlighted were the housing priorities and transit priorities, which were prudent due to the upcoming infill public hearing within City Hall. Having a Housing strategy that includes students is essential in creating a city where students are safe and seen as a reinvigorating resource to Edmonton. As a university located downtown, our students rely on transit due to the drastically varying locations they may reside in order to attend the campus. Ensuring our transit remains efficient, safe, and accessible benefits all our students. With these discussions, they are only introductory due to an ongoing need for consultation on the issues that emerge to both the city council and the student bodies.

I have attached a link as a reminder to the priorities

[Priorities link](#)

Ayodeji - For VPGF: Concerning the Student Tech Fee Committee meeting, the report notes that both sides presented proposals aligned with their views. Could you clarify which groups participated on each side? Was it the Executive Committee on one side and other committee members on the other?

Also, if possible, please share the different proposals each side submitted about the fee's purpose and the committee itself.

VPGF - Thank you for your question, Councillor Ayodeji. The two sides referenced in my report were SAMU and MacEwan. The committee is composed of 5 SAMU members (Executive Committee) and 4 members of MacEwan, including members of MacEwan Executive Council, the AVP of Information Technology Services and one of the Deans.

At this time, all the proposals are preliminary and are not ready to be shared publicly quite yet until we are further along in our discussions. We will continue to keep council updated as the work of the Student Tech Fee committee progresses.

5.2. Oral Questions

Topics include: tuition increase and student affordability; MyWellness & MyLegal Plans; COSA policy amendments; UWill consultation with students; student representation with FFAC; awareness of the student Health and Dental plan; Student Tech Fee Committee proposals; provincial funding for students.

6. In Camera Period

7. Motions & Business Orders of the Day

7.1. SAMU Bylaws

MOTION TO GIVE FIRST READING TO THE SAMU BYLAWS

VPGF/NAMOC

FAVOUR: ABOUGOUSH, ADESHINA, CAMPMANS, GALERA, MORENO, NAMOC, OKAI, PRES, RUSSELL, VPGF, VPSL, TRINH, VPA, WILSON, VPE, AYODEJI, VILLASENOR, DARE

CARRIED

7.2. Remuneration of Elected Representatives policy

****Pres, VPA, VPE, VPGF, VPSL declare conflict of interest with respect to agenda item 7.2 and 7.3 and leave room.**

MOTION TO APPROVE THE REMUNERATION OF ELECTED REPRESENTATIVES POLICY ON THE RECOMMENDATION OF THE GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE

GALERA/NAMOC

FAVOUR: ABOUGOUSH, ADESHINA, CAMPMANS, GALERA, MORENO, NAMOC, OKAI, RUSSELL, TRINH, WILSON, AYODEJI, VILLASENOR, DARE

ABSTAIN: PRES, VPA, VPE, VPGF, VPSL

CARRIED

7.3. Roles and Responsibilities of Elected Representatives policy

MOTION TO APPROVE THE ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF ELECTED REPRESENTATIVES POLICY ON THE RECOMMENDATION OF THE GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE, EFFECTIVE MAY 1, 2026

GALERA/RUSSELL

FAVOUR: ABOUGOUSH, ADESHINA, CAMPMANS, GALERA, MORENO, NAMOC, OKAI, RUSSELL, TRINH, WILSON, AYODEJI, VILLASENOR, DARE

ABSTAIN: PRES, VPA, VPE, VPGF, VPSL

CARRIED

8. Consultation

9. Evaluation

10. Recognition

11. Adjournment

MOTION TO ADJOURN

TRINH

CARRIED

Next Meeting Date: March 18, 2026

Meeting adjourned at 6:50 pm.



Students' Council Report

President

March 18th, 2026

Dear Council,

We are almost making it to the end of the semester! I hope all of you had fun watching the Executive Committee elections take place. Here's my report on from the President portfolio from February 11th, 2026 to March 12th, 2026.

Executive Summary

- Food Security Advocacy
- Pride Week Opening Ceremony
- Alberta Budget 2026
- Student Technology Fee Committee

Food Security Advocacy – Permanent, Affordable Meal Option

Throughout this year and in previous years, SAMU's survey data has told us that because of affordability challenges, students are routinely skipping meals. Over 80% of students have indicated that they are experiencing material impacts on their well-being and academic performance as a result of these affordability challenges, and our focus has been on providing short-term supports while also working on systemic solutions.



I am proud to share that after a year of focus on food insecurity, we have successfully secured a permanent, dignified, and nutritious meal option on campus with MacEwan, priced at \$4.99. These meals were developed with an eye to keeping cost down and nutritional value high, and with the hope that they can help fill a gap on campus. Of course, this is not the end of the road for our food security and affordability advocacy, and we remain committed to getting outcomes for students on this front.

Pride Week Opening Ceremony

I had the honour of speaking at the opening ceremony for MacEwan University's Pride Week. During my remarks, I thanked the Centre for Sexual and Gender Diversity for their ongoing work in supporting the 2SLGBTQ+ community on campus and highlighted the importance of fostering a welcoming and inclusive environment at MacEwan.



Figure 1: President Poon speaking at MacEwan's Pride Week Opening Ceremony

I also spoke about SAMU's continued commitment to advocating for and supporting 2SLGBTQ+ students, noting that a significant portion of MacEwan's student population



identifies within this community. In the context of broader social and political challenges facing 2SLGBTQ+ individuals, I reaffirmed SAMU's dedication to building safe, dignified spaces for all students.

Alberta Budget 2026

Vice President External Youbi Fansi and I had the opportunity to attend the dropping of Alberta Budget 2026 at the Alberta Legislature on February 26th.



Figure 2: President Poon and Vice President External Youbi Fansi at the Alberta Legislature for the release of Alberta Budget 2026

We had the opportunity to connect with many MLAs within the Edmonton region, including the Leader of the Opposition, Naheed Nenshi. The Vice President External also had to opportunity to connect with media to answer any questions regarding the reflection of student needs in the budget. Please refer to his report for more information.



Figure 3: President Poon and Vice President External Youbi Fansi with Leader of the Official Opposition

Student Technology Fee Committee

The entire SAMU Executive attended the Student Technology Fee Committee meeting in collaboration with MacEwan University, where discussions began on how best to utilize the Student Technology Fee reserve to support student needs. Please refer to Vice-President Governance and Finance Santiago's report for further details.

Closing Remarks

Thank you for taking the time to read my report. Please reach out to us if you have any questions.

Warm regards,

Nathan Poon

President Report to Students' Council

Submitted: March 13th, 2026

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Students' Council Report

Vice-President Academic

March 18, 2026

ONE MORE MONTH! Don't give up now, exams are right around the corner!

Here is my report from February 19 - March 11!

Executive Summary

- General Faculties Council Committee Meetings
 - Committee on Academic Standards, Curriculum, and the Calendar (ASCC)
 - Committee on Scholarly Activity
 - Council on Student Affairs (CoSA)

Student Voice

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General Faculties Council (GFC) Committee Meetings

Strat Point 2.4

Committee on Academic Standards, Curriculum, and the Calendar (ASCC)

On February 23, I attended the ASCC meeting. The meeting involved discussions surrounding the 2026-2027 Academic Schedule. The topic mentioned the start date for the Fall 2027 term and the suggestion to make fall reading break much earlier



Committee on Teaching and Learning (T&L)

On March 5, I attended the Committee on Teaching and Learning. This meeting was mainly composed of discussions pertaining to the student course feedback survey and the updates on the focus groups that were given to get student feedback on the survey. The format involved concrete details on the focus groups discussion as well as faculty discussion. It was suggested that the student code of conduct is added to the Student Course Feedback Survey and the survey is due on the last day of final exams to allow for accurate depiction of the class and its assessments.

Council on Student Affairs (CoSA)

I attended CoSA on March 9, the meeting was loaded with questions as the Student Academic Integrity Policy and Student Academic Misconduct Procedure, Student Non-Academic Misconduct Policy and Procedure, and the Students with Disabilities Procedure was reviewed at this meeting. The Mental Health Week Evaluation was also provided for review at CoSA for student representatives to view.

Closing Remarks

It's almost summer! This time of the year is always so packed and stressful. Do yourself a favour and pat yourself on the back for how far you've come! Wellness is super important this period so take lovely time to yourself. **TAKE YOUR BREAKS!!**

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



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Warmly as always,

Chioma V. Uzor (she/her)

2025/2026 VP Academic, SAMU

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President, Students' Association of MacEwan University 2025/26



Students' Council Report

Vice-President External

Date of Meeting: March 18th, 2026

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

EPS Budget Consultation

1.1

On February 26th, the Police Commission invited me to consult on the upcoming EPS budget. I was joined by James L Robinson, Executive Director of the Downtown Business Association; Braede Harris, Director of Operations, DBA; and Alex Shaw, President of the Edmonton Police Association. The discussion focused on the effectiveness of the EPS and whether the service needed an increased budget in the upcoming cycle. I conveyed the general student sentiment of mixed feelings surrounding policing. Highlights include: students supporting of policing who may be in policing programs, marginalised students at a higher risk of hate crimes who may feel unsafe around EPS, and students often feeling a disconnect between their safety and police activity, and police relationships with organised protests that are often student-led.

Provincial Budget

1.2

On the afternoon of February 26th, the president and I were invited to the release of the 2026 Alberta budget. The most applicable parts of the budget to our post-secondary were:



- A \$20 million investment into the Alberta Youth Employment Incentive over the next three years. (Originally an \$8 million dollar investment one time, September 2025, supporting 1000 employers to provide 15-25 youth with 2500 jobs)
- A decrease in student Aid funding by around 10.4% from 2025
- An investment previously promised of \$90 million towards the MacEwan School of Business paid out over two years in \$45 million installments during 2026/27 and 2027/28.

Once the budget's implications are assessed, more information will be provided on the impacts of student aid cuts on MacEwan students.

During our viewing, we met with Nathan Thiessen, Chair of ESA; Rakhi Pancholi, Deputy Leader of the Alberta NDP; Naheed Nenshi, Leader of the Alberta NDP; David Eggen, Post-Secondary Shadow Minister; and David Shepherd, Shadow Minister for Public Safety and Emergency Services.

Budget Day Call: Minister McDougall

1.3

On the night of February 26th, Minister McDougall, the Post-Secondary Minister, held an online call with all the post-secondary student representative groups to discuss the ramifications of the budget. Other than discussions of the ramifications of a deficit year and the need to cut spending, the minister highlighted upcoming changes to student loan eligibility.

Meeting with the Advanced Education Shadow Minister

1.4

On March 5th, I met with the Shadow Minister for Advanced Education regarding our students' initial reactions to the provincial budget. I highlighted that decreases in student



aid funding were very concerning, especially for our students who are already food insecure. The increase in the share of operating expenses covered by institutions means MacEwan may be more likely to raise tuition in an economy where students are already struggling.

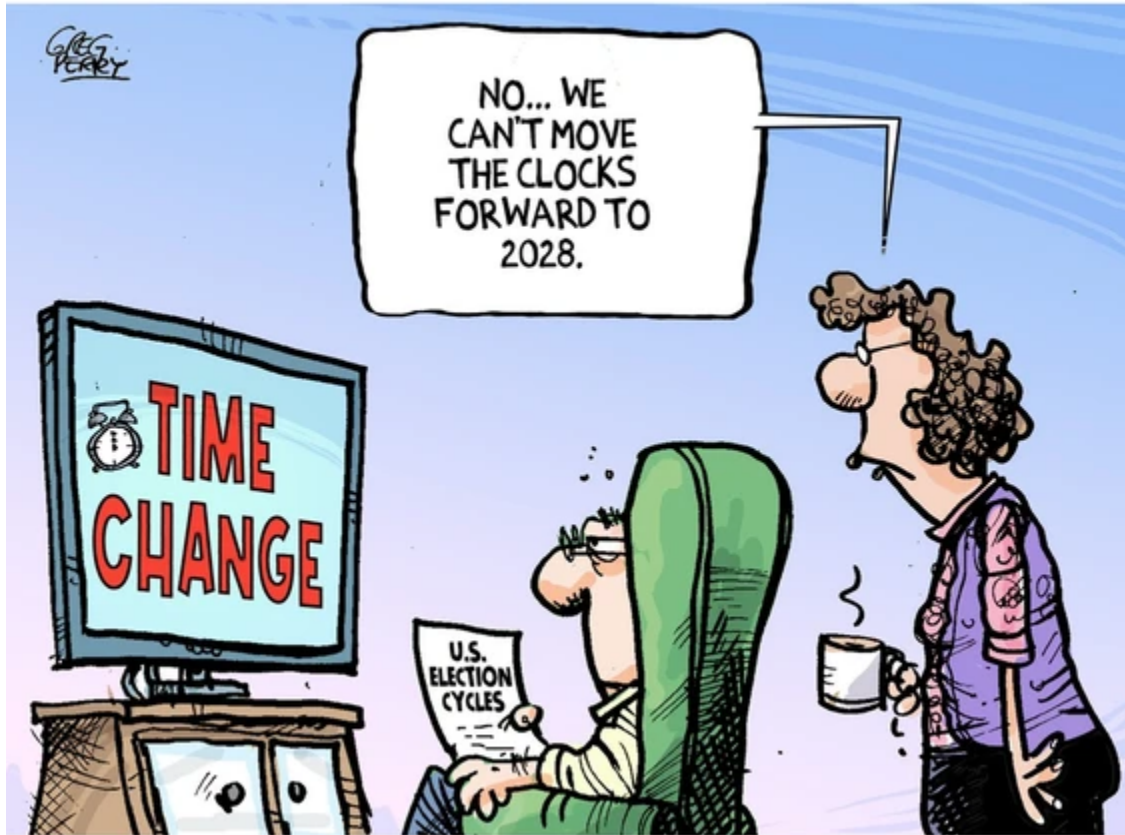
Student loans in Alberta will undergo a policy change, with Spousal and Parental income considered when students apply for loans. This will drastically affect many students, and we are working on our response.

All of the insights provided to the MLA were reflected in the following Standing Committee meeting(I watched all 3 hours, so feel free to meet if you'd like to go over it:

<https://assemblyonline.assembly.ab.ca/Harmony/en/PowerBrowser/PowerBrowserV2/20260312/-1/19974>

We all float here,

Wilfrid Youbi Fansi





Students' Council Report

Vice President Governance & Finance

March 18th, 2026

Hello everyone,

Spring is upon us! (Well, not quite yet.) As the days begin to get longer, I hope the change in season offers a welcome boost of energy to help carry everyone through their studies.

Below is my report covering the period from February 7 to March 12.

Executive Summary

- Budget Presentations and Finance Committee Meeting
- Students' Council Operations Committee Meeting
- Student Tech Fee Committee Meeting #2
- Meeting with MacEwan VP Finance and Administration and CFO

Student Experience & Engagement

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Student Voice

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Strat point 2.1, 4.4

Budget Presentations and Finance Committee Meeting

During Reading Week, I chaired several Finance Committee meetings as the committee met with each department to review their budgets for the upcoming fiscal year. I also presented Department 12's budget to the Committee. Following these discussions, the committee recommended the overall budget to Students' Council for approval. Lastly, the committee recommended a freeze in SAMU fees for the following academic year, which is being brought forward to Council at this meeting with a submission.

Strat point 2.1

Students' Council Operations Committee Meeting

The Students' Council Operations Committee (SCOC) met to review Students' Council evaluations and meeting minutes in accordance with policy, with no systemic issues identified. SCOC also met to discuss the appointment of the Chair of Students' Council. Further comprehensive details regarding this discussion will be provided in a separate in-camera report that will be presented during the Council meeting.



Strat point 2.1, 2.4

Student Tech Fee Committee Meeting #2

The Executive Committee attended an additional Student Technology Fee Committee meeting with MacEwan, during which further deliberations took place regarding the future of the technology fee. Both parties continued to review proposals related to the allocation of the fee and are moving closer to a decision; however, no final decision has been made at this time as the committee awaits estimated cost figures for several proposals. We are working collaboratively with MacEwan to ensure this process is completed before the end of our term. Throughout these discussions, we have continued to advocate for investments that enhance the student experience through technology on campus, as well as for the eventual removal of the technology fee for all students.

Strat point 2.1, 2.4

Meeting with MacEwan VP Finance and Administration and CFO

As part of my regular one-on-one meetings with my MacEwan counterpart, Maureen Powers, we discussed physical ID card advertising. While advertising will not occur during the current academic year, (as preparations are underway for the upcoming fall term), Maureen shared that she is working with MacEwan's Office of Communications to launch an awareness campaign in September to ensure students are informed of their options regarding their ID cards. Additionally, Maureen noted that within MacEwan's current budget, additional funding was allocated during the Winter term toward Scholarships, Awards, and Bursaries. This remains an area in which SAMU consistently advocates for increased investment to better support student success.



Student Supports

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

Strengthening SAMU Operations

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

Closing Remarks

Thank you for taking the time to read my report. 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.

Kind Regards;,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,;

Andrei Santiago (he/him)

VP Governance and Finance, SAMU 2025/2026

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Students' Council Report

Vice-President Student Life

March 18th, 2026

Greetings everyone,

These last few weeks have been one of the busiest but most fruitful week I've had in my on campus. Between budget week, to award deliberation week to attending my first honorary Doctorate selection committee meeting to supporting a healthy campus Alberta online workshop all while preparing for a competitive election was quiet the productive hardship. I invite you to read my report for the period of February 11 to March 12.

Executive Summary

- Athletics Engagement Survey Presentation
- Black History Month Black Student Alliance (BSA) Gala
- Meeting with my Counterpart- Chandelle Rimmer

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Black History Month (BHM) Black Student Alliance (BSA) Gala

Black History Month at MacEwan closed out in a big way with the Black Student Alliance (BSA) Gala, where I was asked to be one of the speakers, which I happily accepted. I gave a speech on the importance of BIPOC representation on boards, touching on my experience as part of the city of Edmonton youth council, the MacEwan Staff Union, and the SAMU students' council. The event was amazing, filled with great speeches, music performances, delicious food and great company. Although I was there in my work capacity, I was with Vice President Academics Chioma at a table that included Shadow Ministers David Shepherd and Rhiannon Hoyle (and her staff) and the President and Vice-Chancellor Dr. Annette Trimbee. There were some good conversations and relationship building, overall it was a great way to close out BHM and celebrate the strength, talent, and leadership within our community.



(Tolu Dare, Moi, Shina Adeshina)



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(Chioma Uzor, Rhiannon Hoyle, Dr. Annette Trimbee, Moi)



(Moi, David Shepherd)



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Meeting with my MacEwan Counterpart- Chandelle Rimmer

I met with my MacEwan counterpart, Interim Associate Vice-President (AVP) Chandelle Rimmer, to continue our conversation about various student life initiatives. One of the topics we discussed was the Volunteer Fair. The last time I reported on this matter, we were focused on laying the foundation for a future volunteer fair with external organizations. However, to my surprise and pleasure, there will also be a volunteer fair happening this semester. Chandelle Rimmer shared that MacEwan will be hosting an internal volunteer fair focused on opportunities within the university. In addition, the conversation about a larger volunteer fair with external organizations is still in the pipeline as we continue laying the groundwork. Chandelle also mentioned that there will be a “Get to Work” Career Fair happening on March 25 in Griffin’s Landing. This event will feature organizations that have jobs ready for students to apply for. This is exciting news, as job security and employment opportunities are growing concerns for students. Providing opportunities for organizations ready to hire MacEwan students is a great step toward supporting students in their career journeys.

More info:

Volunteer Fair: <https://www.macewan.ca/campus-life/events/details/?eventid=2026/03/studentaffairs-volunteer-fair-2>

Get to Work fair: <https://www.macewan.ca/campus-life/events/details/?eventid=2026/03/careers-get-to-work-fair-2026>

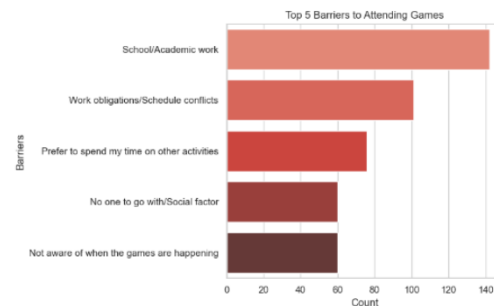
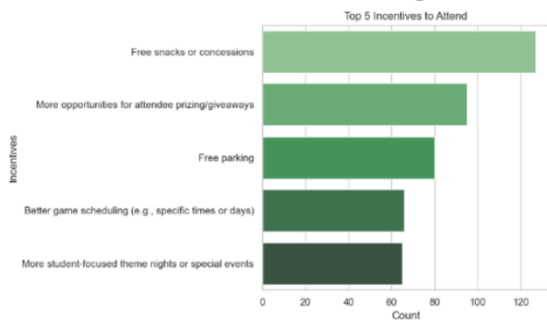


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Athletics Engagement Survey Presentation

During this month, I had the pleasure of presenting the Athletics Engagement Survey results to Jen Zandstra from Athletics Department. Where I was able to communicate the key findings of the survey which like Drivers of attendance and Barriers to Attendance. Through my presentation, we were able to exchange some ideas, and reflect on some of the finding that we both thought was interesting,



Theme 1: Drivers of attendance

Theme 2: Barriers to Attendance

Closing Remarks

To everyone reading this, thank you for taking the time to review my report. If anything raises questions or requires clarification, please don't hesitate to reach out, whether by written question, office visit, or email. I am always happy to connect. I want to give

Vice President report to Students' Council

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special recognition to the Strategic and Engagement Committee (SEC), which contributed to one of the most productive SEC meetings I've ever attended during my time at SAMU. March has been such a busy time, especially with such a competitive executive election. I congratulate all the candidates who have been elected and recognize all other candidates for running because it's not an easy thing to do, especially when you are taking full-time classes or full-time work. With that, I'll leave you with a quote I wrote that helped stay grounded when things got intense: "There will be times when you might have to drown out the noise; however, in those times, I challenge you to find and hear the music" -moi

Cheers,

A handwritten signature in black ink, consisting of stylized, overlapping letters that appear to be 'A' and 'T'.

Alem D. Tesfay

VP Student Life, SAMU 2025/2026

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Vice President report to Students' Council

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**Agenda for the Executive Committee Meeting of the
Students' Association of MacEwan University
February 11, 2026 @ 2:00pm**

Voting Members:

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

Resource Officials:

Darryl Kostash, General Manager

Alan Honey, Governance Advisor (Recording Secretary)

In Attendance:

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

1. Call to Order: 2:00pm
2. Treaty 6 Land Recognition

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3. Approval of Agenda:
**VPA/VPSL
CARRIED**
4. Approval of Minutes for: February 4, 2026
**VPSL/VPA
Carried**

TOPIC		DISCUSSION	ACTION/MOTION
1.	Student Groups		MOTION TO APPROVE THE MACEWAN PALEO CLUB VPSL/VPA CARRIED
2.	Outstanding Action Items		
3.	VP Governance & Finance's Report	Tabled	

4.	VP Student Life's Report	EC for a Day GFC Meeting Meeting with AVP Student Success & Accountability	
5.	VP Academic's Report	Library Council Meeting TAP Steering Committee GFC Meeting Faculty Scholarship Awards Adjudication Meeting	
6.	VP External's Report	EC for a Day Spoke at City Council Meeting with Vice President University Relations	
7.	President's Report	Allard Chair Installation Attendance Chamber of Commerce Event Attendance	
8.	GM Report	Building Update Budget Update	
9.	Recognition		

5. Adjournment
Time: 2:34pm



**Minutes for the Executive Committee Meeting of the
Students' Association of MacEwan University
February 18, 2026 @ 2:00pm**

Voting Members:

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

Resource Officials:

Darryl Kostash, General Manager

Alan Honey, Governance Advisor (Recording Secretary)

In Attendance:

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

1. Call to Order: 2:00pm
2. Treaty 6 Land Recognition

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

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.

3. Approval of Agenda:
**VPA/VPSL
CARRIED**
4. Approval of Minutes for: February 11, 2026
**VPGF/VPSL
CARRIED**

TOPIC	DISCUSSION	ACTION/MOTION
1. ELEV Homes presentation	*Presentation by Jean Bruce Koua – ELEV Homes.	MOTION TO TAKE A 5 MINUTE RECESS VPA/VPGF CARRIED
2. Student Groups	Vpsl – no issues with the mandates. Vpa – think the name could be updated to better reflect what the SG does.	MOTION TO APPROVE THE NEW DEMOCRATS OF MACEWAN UNIVERSITY STUDENT GROUP

		<p>Vpgf – very similar to Christian Student of MacEwan University SG that already exists. Struggling to find any differences.</p> <p>Vpe – similar to a group that already exists.</p> <p>RM – mandate is almost word for word from a current SG.</p> <p>Pres – agree with RM/VPA.</p>	<p>VPSL/VPGF CARRIED</p> <p>MOTION</p> <p>TO APPROVE THE STUDENTS FOR CHRIST STUDENT GROUP</p> <p>VPSL/VPE DEFEATED</p>
3.	Conflict of Interest	RM – note that as all EC are running for re-election taking part in the vote on the two policies tonight would be considered a conflict of interest. Please be aware of that – the best way to handle that is to declare a conflict of interest and remove yourself from debate, and then abstain from voting.	
4.	Outstanding Action Items		
5.	VP Academic's Report	Met with Dr. Monk.	
6.	VP External's Report	Chamber of Commerce dinner attendance – met with numerous city councillors. ESA update.	
7.	VP Governance & Finance's Report	Away last week due to vacation. SLW update. Met with student for EC for a day. SAMU budget week ongoing.	
8.	VP Student Life's Report	Wonderfest – interacted with students. Meeting with 1 student about elections. HCA lunch and learn.	
9.	President's Report	Budget presentations. Wonderfest event. Chamber of Commerce event attendance. Met with a student re. elections.	
10.	GM Report	Tabled.	
11.	Recognition		

5. Adjournment
Time: 3:31pm



**Minutes for the Executive Committee Meeting of the
Students' Association of MacEwan University
February 25, 2026 @ 2:00pm**

Voting Members:

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

Resource Officials:

Darryl Kostash, General Manager (absent)

Alan Honey, Governance Advisor (Recording Secretary)

In Attendance:

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

1. Call to Order: 2:00pm
2. Treaty 6 Land Recognition

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3. Approval of Agenda:
**VPA/VPSL
CARRIED**
4. Approval of Minutes for: February 18, 2026
**VPGF/VPSL
CARRIED**

TOPIC		DISCUSSION	ACTION/MOTION
1.	Hiring Panel Appointment	Vpa - spoke to briefing note, library looking for student to sit on hiring	TO APPOINT TOLU DARE TO THE ASSOCIATE DEAN, TEACHING AND LEARNING HIRING PANEL, AND TO PROVIDE AN HONOURARIUM OF UP TO \$175.00 FROM G/L 524100 FOR TIME SERVED ON THE HIRING PANEL

			VPA/VPGF CARRIED
2.	Student Groups	Vpsl - initial concern around uniqueness of group, disagree with uniqueness assessment from Student Groups Department Vpe – In practice law club or women in law does everything within this club's mandate Executive Committee consensus around club mandate being too similar to other law clubs.	Motion To approve the Legal Empowerment & Business Advocacy Student Group VPA/VPSL Defeated
3.	Tech Fee Options	IAA – introduces proposed options for tech fee spending for EC consideration	
4.	Outstanding Action Items		
5.	VP External's Report	Preparing for Upcoming Budget Drop	
6.	VP Governance & Finance's Report	Budget Presentations to Finance Committee Meeting with Maureen	
7.	VP Student Life's Report	Budget Presentations to Finance Committee Meeting with Athletics Honorary Doctorate Selection Meeting Meeting with GMUFA	
8.	VP Academic's Report	Meeting with GMUFA Committee on Academic Standards Curriculum and the Calendar Meeting Committee on Academic Quality and Planning Assurance	MOTION TO GO IN CAMERA VPA/VPGF CARRIED MOTION TO GO OUT OF CAMERA VPGF/VPA CARRIED
9.	President's Report	Meeting with GMUFA Meeting with Centre for Sexual and Gender Diversity Budget Presentations to Finance Committee	
10.	GM Report	Tabled	
11.	Recognition		

5. Adjournment
Time: 3:05pm



**Minutes for the Executive Committee Meeting of the
Students' Association of MacEwan University
March 4, 2026 @ 2:00pm**

Voting Members:

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

Resource Officials:

Darryl Kostash, General Manager

Alan Honey, Governance Advisor (Recording Secretary)

In Attendance:

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

1. Call to Order: 2:04pm
2. Treaty 6 Land Recognition

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3. Approval of Agenda:
**VPA/VPSL
CARRIED**
4. Approval of Minutes for: February 25, 2026
**VPSL/VPGF
CARRIED**

TOPIC	DISCUSSION	ACTION/MOTION
1. Student Groups	Vpsl -	MOTION TO APPROVE THE LEGAL EMPOWERMENT & BUSINESS ADVOCACY STUDENT GROUP VPSL/VPA CARRIED
2. AVP Campus Services Hiring	Vpgf – brought forward because we need to find a student to take this on – EC doesn't have capacity for this. IAA – is EC good with me recruiting a candidate to fill the position?	MOTION TO AMEND THE AGENDA TO ADD TOPIC 2: "AVP

		EC – no concerns with IAA finding a candidate.	CAMPUS SERVICES HIRING” VPGF/VPA CARRIED
3.	Outstanding Action Items		
4.	VP External’s Report	EPS budget consultation. Alberta budget release attendance. Phone call with Minister of Advanced Ed. One on one with Laura.	
5.	VP Governance & Finance’s Report	SCOC meeting. ALUMO update.	MOTION TO GO IN CAMERA VPSL/VPA CARRIED MOTION TO GO OUT OF CAMERA VPGF/VPA CARRIED
6.	VP Student Life’s Report	Meeting with Chandelle. SEC meeting. Black History Month event attendance.	
7.	VP Academic’s Report	Committee on Teaching and Scholarly Activity.	
8.	President’s Report	Met with MacEwan president. SoB. Ministry of Adv Ed meeting. Alumni Advisory council meeting. HR.	
9.	GM Report	SG updates. Budget update. Capital cost items being brought forward soon. HR update. Megan will be acting GM next week when I’m at conference.	
10.	Recognition		

5. Adjournment
Time: 3:00pm



STUDENTS' COUNCIL MEETING SUBMISSION

AGENDA ITEM INFORMATION

Meeting Date	Submitted By
March 18 th 2026	Andrei Santiago, Vice President Governance and Finance

Agenda Item Title **SAMU Bylaws**

Action Requested

Motion

Consultation Item

AGENDA ITEM DETAILS

Motion Title

To give second reading to, and approve, the SAMU Bylaws

Background Information

The Governance Committee has recommended the SAMU Bylaws for approval by Students' Council. Edits to our bylaws is a multi-step process: first, we solicit feedback on proposed amendments from students at the annual Town Hall event (which was accomplished at the February 4, 2026 event), followed by two readings at Students' Council (the first reading passed unanimously at the February 18, 2026 Students' Council meeting). This will be the second reading and then approval of the updated bylaws.

In order for the motions to pass at each meeting, at least 75% of SC must vote in favour.

Alternative Considerations

- Do not update our bylaws.

Risk Management Considerations

Realigning some of our current Bylaws lowers some risks to the organization.

Strategic Alignment

Attached Strategic Alignment Checklist is complete

Implications

If Both Readings are Approved:

- Relevant Policies and Procedures will need to be updated accordingly

Related Documents

SAMU Bylaws
Town Hall Report
Elected Representatives Code of Conduct Policy
Elected Representatives Disciplinary Action Policy

Follow Up Action

Implementation.

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 type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
4.1 Review SAMU governance structures and make improvements to reduce duplication of efforts and delays in decision-making processes.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" 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 type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>



Bylaws

Name

1 Established under the *Post-Secondary Learning Act* of Alberta, the legal name of this organization is “Students’ Association of Grant MacEwan University”. The operating name of this organization is “Students’ Association of MacEwan University” (“SAMU”).

Object

2 The object of SAMU is to exercise its powers and responsibilities in the interest of the students of MacEwan University.

Definitions

3 Oversight refers to the actions taken to monitor organizations and their policies, and projects, to ensure that they: are achieving expected results, and follow applicable policies, laws, regulations, and ethical standards.

4 A Councillor is a student who serves on Students’ Council who is not an Executive.

5 An Executive is a member of Students’ Council who sits on the Executive Committee.

6 The Executive Committee of SAMU is a committee made up of 5 full time student representatives that carry out the day-to-day responsibilities of Students’ Council.

7 Directives are public operational documents that outline expectations and regulations regarding the day-to-day operations of SAMU and SAMU staff.

Membership and Affiliations

Classes of Membership

8 Members of SAMU include General Members, and Honourary Members.

General Membership

9 A General Member of SAMU is a student enrolled in an undergraduate credit course at MacEwan University.

Honourary Membership

10 An Honourary Member of SAMU is an individual who is not a General Member or an Affiliate and has been granted Member status by a special resolution of Students’ Council. Honourary Membership may also be revoked by special resolution of Students’ Council.



Fees

11 SAMU fees are assessed to General Members only.

Rights

General Members

12 General Members have the right to access SAMU programming and services, sign referenda petitions, vote in SAMU elections and referenda, and serve as Councillors and Executives.

Honourary Members

13 Honourary Members may not access SAMU programming or services, sign referenda petitions, vote in SAMU elections or referenda, or serve as Councillors or Executives.

End of Membership

14 General Membership in SAMU ends when the Member ceases to be enrolled in a course at MacEwan University.

Affiliation

SAMU Affiliates

15 A SAMU Affiliate is a student enrolled in a non-undergraduate credit course at MacEwan University.

Fees

16 SAMU may assess SAMU fees to SAMU Affiliates.

Rights

17 SAMU Affiliates have the right to access SAMU programming and services, sign, and vote in referenda petitions pertaining to them that are administered by SAMU.

End of Affiliation

18 SAMU Affiliate status ends when the student ceases to be enrolled in a non-undergraduate credit course at MacEwan University.



Students' Council

Highest Authority

19 As established within the Post-Secondary Learning Act, all of the powers and responsibilities of SAMU not otherwise assigned in these Bylaws are sanctioned by the Students' Council of SAMU, hereinafter referred to as "Students' Council".

Composition

20 Students' Council consists of fourteen Councillors and five Executives.

Powers

Interpretation of Bylaws

21 Students' Council holds the exclusive authority to interpret the Bylaws in cases of ambiguity.

Policy

22 Students' Council exercises the powers and responsibilities of SAMU by enacting Policies that set expectations for SAMU consistent with these bylaws, and by monitoring adherence to those Policies.

Vision and Mission

23 Students' Council approves the vision and mission of SAMU.

Borrowing Powers

24 Students' Council holds the authority to authorize the borrowing of funds and the pledging of SAMU assets as security. Such authorization shall be by special resolution.

25 Students' Council must receive approval from the MacEwan Board of Governors before going forward with any authorization of borrowing funds or pledging SAMU assets as security.

Budget Approval

26 Students' Council gives final approval to the SAMU budget as given in SAMU policies.

Committees

27 Students' Council may create committees and may delegate to them powers and responsibilities in a way that is consistent with these Bylaws.



Punitive Measures

28 Students' Council has the exclusive power to impose punitive measures on Councillors and Executives for misconduct.

Responsibilities

Annual Report

29 Students' Council approves an Annual Report of SAMU, outlining the activities and status of SAMU for publication.

Consultation

30 Students' Council ensures that it consults with students in the performance of its duties.

Meetings

Regular Meetings

31 Regular meetings of Students' Council are held at least once a month.

Special Meetings

32 Special meetings may be called by any two members of Students' Council with advance written notice of at least one week.

Town Hall Meetings

33 Town Hall meetings are held at least once per year as provided in SAMU Policies.

Quorum

34 Quorum for any Students' Council meeting is a simple majority of all current voting members.

Regular Resolutions

35 A Regular Resolution of Students' Council may pass with a simple majority vote in favour.

Special Resolutions

36 A Special Resolution of Students' Council requires two week's notice of the motion, and at least 75% voting in favour.

Open Meetings

37 Meetings of Students' Council are open to the public.



Councillors

Qualifications for Office

38 Councillors must be General Members at the time of election or appointment, in good academic standing with Grant MacEwan University throughout their elected term, and must not have previously been removed from office as a SAMU elected representative due to a code of conduct violation.

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Elections

39 Elections for Councillors are held every year.

Terms

Term Beginning

40 The term of a Councillor starts on November 1 following their election, or on the date of appointment by Students' Council.

Term Ending

41 The term of a Councillor automatically ends on October 31, unless it is terminated earlier upon SAMU's receipt of a letter of resignation from the Councillor, upon Students' Council's removal of the Councillor, or upon the Councillor's ceasing to meet the qualifications for office.

Vacancies

42 In the case of a Councillor vacancy, Students' Council will solicit a qualified Member for appointment.

Remuneration

43 Councillors are remunerated for their service as provided in SAMU policies.

Executive Committee

Authority

44 The Executive Committee of SAMU, holds the authority to exercise powers and responsibilities of SAMU consistent with these Bylaws.

Composition

45 Executive Committee consists of five Executives, including a President and four Vice Presidents.

Powers



General Manager

46 Executive Committee has the exclusive authority to select, negotiate the employment contract of, provide direction to, review the performance of, and release the General Manager.

Legal

47 Executive Committee has the authority to conduct legal proceedings on behalf of SAMU.

Contracts and Signing Authority

48 Executive Committee has the authority to negotiate and sign contracts and documents relating to referenda decisions on behalf of SAMU.

49 Executive Committee has the authority to negotiate, terminate, and sign contracts and budgeted documents on behalf of SAMU.

50 Unbudgeted contracts over \$75,000.00, and contracts which exceed a five-year commitment must be approved by Students' Council. Employment contracts and Tenant Sub-Lease Agreements are exempt.

51 Executive Committee may delegate the authority of operational contracts of under \$75,000 and not exceeding a five-year term to the General Manager.

52 Executive Committee has the authority to sign tenant sub-lease agreements upon the recommendation of the General Manager.

Procedures

53 Executive Committee is accountable for Procedures that set expectations for SAMU consistent with these bylaws and with Students' Council Policies, and monitor adherence to those Procedures.

Directives

54 The Executive Committee has oversight over Directives.

Responsibilities

Reporting

55 Executive Committee reports to Students' Council.

Meetings

Calling Meetings



56 Meetings of Executive Committee are held on the call of any Executive.

Frequency

57 Meetings of Executive Committee will occur no less than once per month.

Quorum

58 Quorum for any Executive Committee meeting is a simple majority of all current voting members.

Executives

Qualification for Office

59 Executives must be General Members at the time of their election or appointment, in good academic standing with MacEwan University throughout their elected term, and must not have previously been removed from office as a SAMU elected representative due to a code of conduct violation.

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Elections

60 Elections for Executives are held every year.

Terms

Term Beginning

61 The term of an Executive starts on May 1st following their election, or on the date of appointment by Students' Council.

Term Ending

62 The term of an Executive automatically ends on April 30, unless it is terminated earlier upon receipt by SAMU of a letter of resignation, upon removal from office by the Students' Council, or upon the Executive's ceasing to meet the qualifications for office,

Term Limits

63 An individual may hold Executive positions for no more than two consecutive terms and no more than three cumulative terms. An Executive may hold no more than one Executive Committee position per term.

Responsibilities

Reporting

64 Executives submit written reports to Students' Council.



Executive Portfolios

President

65 The President is accountable for community and university relations, excluding academic affairs, as well as such other responsibilities as are given in SAMU Policies.

Vice President Academic

66 The Vice President Academic is responsible for academic affairs, as well as such other responsibilities as are given in SAMU Policies.

Vice President External

67 The Vice-President External is accountable for government relations, as well as such other responsibilities as are given in SAMU Policies.

Vice President Governance and Finance

68 The Vice President Governance and Finance is accountable for internal affairs, as well as such other responsibilities as are given in SAMU Policies.

Vice President Student Life

69 The Vice President Student Life is accountable for programming and services, as well as such other responsibilities as are given in SAMU Policies.

Vacancies

70 In the case of an Executive vacancy, prior to the term beginning Students' Council will solicit a qualified Member for appointment.

71 In the case of an Executive vacancy or extended leave of absence during the term, Students' Council may appoint a qualified Member to act in the interim, or divide responsibilities of the position.

Remuneration

72 The Executives are remunerated for their service as provided in SAMU Policies.

General Manager

Authority



73 The General Manager of SAMU holds the authority to exercise powers and responsibilities of SAMU consistent with these Bylaws, and as otherwise assigned in Policies, Procedures, and Directives.

Powers

Staffing

74 The General Manager holds authority to hire, negotiate terms of employment with, manage, review the performance of, and release the staff of SAMU.

Legal

75 The General Manager has the authority to seek legal advice on behalf of SAMU matters within their purview.

Directives

76 The General Manager is accountable for Directives that set expectations for SAMU consistent with these bylaws and with Students' Council Policies, and Procedures and monitor adherence to those Directives.

Responsibilities

Consultation

77 The General Manager is responsible for consulting with Executives in the performance of their duties.

Reporting

78 The General Manager reports to Executive Committee.

79 The General Manager and President are required to meet regularly on SAMU affairs.

Ensure Compliance

80 The General Manager acts in good faith to ensure compliance with SAMU Bylaws, Policies, and Procedures.

Referenda

81 SAMU will hold a referendum on a question given to it for that purpose by Students' Council, or by a petition stating the question and bearing the signatures, names, and student identification numbers of 10% of Members. Voting in a referendum is restricted to Members who would be affected by the outcome of the referendum.

Amendment



82 Amendments to these Bylaws may be made following a consultation at a Town Hall meeting and by two readings at Students' Council with a special resolution required for both readings.

Interpretation

83 Numbering, headings, and the capitalization of frequently used terms in this document, unless otherwise defined are provided for convenience only, and do not affect the meaning of these Bylaws. Where appropriate to the context, words implying the singular or plural shall be interpreted to imply the other. Where appropriate to the context, words in the present tense shall be interpreted to include the past and future tenses. In all circumstances, these Bylaws are subject to applicable law.

No Force or Effect

84 Any decision of Students' Council that is in conflict with federal or provincial statute or with the Common Law is of no force or effect.



STUDENTS' COUNCIL MEETING SUBMISSION

AGENDA ITEM INFORMATION

Meeting Date	Submitted By	
March 18, 2026	Andrei Santiago, Vice President Governance and Finance	
Agenda Item Title	2026-2027 SAMU Budget	
Action Requested	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Motion	<input type="checkbox"/> Consultation Item

AGENDA ITEM DETAILS

Motion Title	To Approve the 2026-2027 SAMU Budget on the recommendation of the Finance Committee
Background Information	<p>SAMU's fiscal year is from July 1st to June 30th with Q1 July-September; Q2 October-December; Q3 January-March; and Q4 April-June. As per policy, the proposed next fiscal budget is brought forward to Students' Council no later than 60 days prior to the end of the current fiscal year. SAMU's Budget is a strategic document that, upon implementation, adds value to students by enabling implementation based on the strategic plan. An effective budget is aligned with organization's strategic goals, mission, vision, and values as per our strategic plan.</p> <p>The budgeting process begins in November at the EC Retreat where the future direction of SAMU is discussed, while on the operational side, they begin looking at trends, inflation pressures, and do an environmental scan. Next, budget packages are sent out to Managers to complete and to be reviewed by our Senior Leadership Team (SLT), consisting of the General manager, the Director of Marketing and Communications, and the Director of Programs and Services. Then, each department will make a budget presentation to the Finance Committee during Reading Break detailing initiatives linking to the strategic plan, unique challenges, budget highlights and enhancements, and their strategic plan alignment. Lastly, after the budget presentations, the Finance Committee discusses and deliberates on the budget as a whole, and then recommends it to Council for final approval.</p> <p>Ultimately, after a week of budget presentations with fruitful questions, discussions and deliberations, with the support of the General Manager, Senior Finance Manager, and Executive Committee, the Finance Committee recommends the 2026/2027 budget to Council for final approval.</p> <p>Please remember to focus any debate and/or questions about the proposed budget at a high level (ie. does the proposed budget align with the Strategic Plan, is the proposed</p>

	budget forward looking in anticipating needs of future students, etc). Also remember that Finance Committee is tasked by Students' Council to get into the nitty gritty details of the budget prior to it being brought forward for approval, so another good focus for SC as a whole is with respect to the process that Finance Committee went through prior to recommending the budget for approval (ex. was there a good/proper process employed by the committee that gives SC confidence that the proposed budget was thoroughly vetted beforehand).
Alternative Considerations	Reject the 2026/27 budget and if a new one is not approved by the beginning of the new fiscal year, operate on a provisional budget equal to the budget of the previous fiscal year until a budget for the current fiscal year is approved.
Risk Management Considerations	Low Risk, Financial Implications - The budget determines what areas we are spending our money.
Strategic Alignment	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <i>Attached Strategic Alignment Checklist is complete</i>
Implications	The SAMU Budget determines how much money is allocated to specific areas of our strategic plan, and it is transparent to students about where we are spending their money.
Related Documents	Operational Business Plans Budget Approval Policy Strategic Plan
Follow Up Action	Operations to begin implementation at the start of the next fiscal year, July 1st, 2026.
Review History	SAMU Managers Senior Leadership Team Executive Committee Finance Committee

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STUDENTS' COUNCIL MEETING SUBMISSION

AGENDA ITEM INFORMATION

Meeting Date	Submitted By
March 18 th , 2026	Andrei Santiago, Vice President Governance & Finance

Agenda Item Title **SAMU Fees Policy - Annual Membership Fee Increase**

Action Requested Motion Consultation Item

AGENDA ITEM DETAILS

Motion Title	Motion to disregard clause 3.3 and 4.4 of the SAMU Fees Policy, on the recommendation of the Finance Committee, for the 2026-2027 fiscal year
Background Information	<p>We recognize that student affordability is one of the main concerns that students are currently facing; furthermore, the Consumer Price Index, which is the basis for the increase in the SAMU Fees, has been larger than expected in the last couple of years. After consultation with the General Manager and the Finance Committee, the Finance Department conducted financial forecasting, and from this information, we believe that we are within our ability to freeze the fee for the upcoming year while still maintaining high quality programming, events, and services for our students.</p> <p>The Finance Committee unanimously passed a motion recommending this motion, pending approval of the 2026-2027 SAMU Budget, to Students' Council for approval.</p>
Alternative Considerations	Leave policy as is and increase the SAMU fee by CPI
Risk Management Considerations	Not having enough funds to operate and provide high quality services and programs to students.
Strategic Alignment	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <i>Attached Strategic Alignment Checklist is complete</i>
Implications	SAMU membership fee will freeze for the 2026-2027 fiscal year and revert to its regular increase by CPI in the following year.

Related Documents	SAMU Fees Policy
Follow Up Action	N/A
Review History	N/A

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SAMU Fees

Rationale

The operations of SAMU are partially funded by fees levied on its membership as per the Post-Secondary Learning Act (Alberta). A policy is needed to define what these fees are and how they are assessed and collected.

Definitions

An **academic term** is a period of time in which classes are held. MacEwan University has three academic terms: Fall (September – December), Winter (January – April), and Spring/Summer (May – August).

Expectations

General

- 1** SAMU General Membership Fees and SAMU Affiliate Fees are collected by the Office of the University Registrar.
- 2** This policy may only be amended by Special Resolution.

General Membership Fees

- 3** SAMU assesses a General Membership Fee to students enrolled in undergraduate credit courses at MacEwan University on a per credit basis.
 - 3.1** SAMU Members are assessed to a maximum of fifteen credits per academic term.
 - 3.2** The SAMU membership fee is \$13.50 per credit in both the Fall and Winter academic terms, and \$6.75 per credit in the Spring/Summer academic term.
 - 3.2.1** The SAMU Membership Fee is \$2.50 per credit for those students whose classes only take place at the MacEwan University Ponoka site.
 - 3.3** The SAMU membership fee will increase yearly by the annual average of Alberta's CPI from December 1 to November 30 of the previous year.
 - 3.3.1** If the annual average of the CPI results in a negative number, it will be regarded as a zero percent increase.

SAMU Affiliate Fees

- 4** Upon entering a formal written agreement with MacEwan University SAMU assesses an Affiliate Fee to students enrolled in non-undergraduate credit courses at MacEwan University as defined in Appendix A.
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4.2.1 Students enrolled in the English as an Additional Language (EAL) are assessed a fee of \$28.76 if taking one course, \$57.52 if taking two courses, and \$86.29 if taking three courses, in the Spring/Summer academic term.

4.3 Students enrolled in the School of Continuing Education International program will be assessed a fee of \$431.43 per year.

4.4 The SAMU Affiliate Fee will increase yearly by the annual average of Alberta's CPI from December 1 to November 30 of the previous year.

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Dedicated Fees

5 Additional fees assessed to students must be established by referendum.



Appendix A

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Fact Sheet

Approvals:

First Approval: April 6, 2009

Last Approval: January 29, 2025

Date of Last Review: January 29, 2025

Related Documents and Forms:

Source and Updates:

ITEM#: UNKNOWN DATE – Policy Format created, designated Policy 26

2011-08-16-6.11 – Updated expectation 6.1

2011-03-21-5.3 – Policy updated to reflect name change of SC Policy 27.

2012-05-16-5.3 – “Executive Council” updated to “Executive Committee”

2012-11-12-6.5 – Committees updated to follow Policy 25, Committees Policy

September 5, 2013: *SAMU Fees* approved by Students' Council motion 2013-09-04-6.1. Policy updated to new format. Source material Students' Council Policy 26 – SA Fees.

October 21, 2015: *SAMU Fees* approved by Students' Council motion 2015-10-21-6.2 on the recommendation of the Bylaws and Policy Committee. Secondary Student Membership Fee increases from \$3.50/credit to \$3.85/credit beginning in the 2016/17 academic year, then increases to \$4.24/credit in the 2017/18 academic year, and then to \$4.66/credit in the 2018/19 academic year.

September 20, 2017: *SAMU Fees* approved by Students' Council motion 2017-09-20-7.4. Distance students reference removed.

January 23, 2019: *SAMU Fees* approved by Students' Council motion 2019-01-23-7.1 on the recommendation of the Budget and Finance Committee to take effect July 1, 2019. Changes include: students assessed SAMU Fee up to fifteen credits, increased from nine credits; SAMU membership fee decreased from \$13.00/credit to \$11.75/credit; future SAMU Fee will increase annually by Alberta's average CPI from previous year.

July 1, 2020: SAMU fees for 2020-2021 updated to \$11.95 based on a CPI increase of 1.7%.

June 16, 2021: *SAMU Fees* approved by Students' Council motion 2021-06-16-7.2 on the recommendation of the Budget and Finance Committee. Updated to identify that students enrolled part-time who are considered full-time by MacEwan University will be assessed SAMU Fees at a nine credit rate.

July 1, 2021: SAMU membership fees for 2021-2022 updated to \$12.09/credit based on a CPI of 1.2%.

July 1, 2022: SAMU membership fee for 2022-2023 Updated to \$12.66/credit based on a CPI of 4.7%.



July 1, 2023: SAMU membership fee for 2023-2024 updated to \$13.50/credit based on a CPI of 6.6%.

July 1, 2024: SAMU Membership fee frozen at the current rate for the 2024-2025 fiscal year based on Students' Council motion 2024-01-17-7.1.

January 29, 2025: *SAMU Fees Policy* approved by Students' Council motion 2025-01-29-7.1 on the recommendation of the Finance Committee. Changes include updating the language of General Members and SAMU Affiliates to correspond with the SAMU Bylaws and Appendix A was added. Additionally, per Students' Council motion 2026-01-29-7.2, the SAMU Membership Fee was frozen at the current rate for the 2025-2025 fiscal year.

February 19, 2025: *SAMU Fees Policy* approved by Students' Council motion 2025-02-19-7.3 on the recommendation of the Finance Committee. Changes include reducing the SAMU Fee by 50% during the Spring/Summer academic term and reducing the SAMU Fee to \$2.50/credit for students whose classes only take place on the MacEwan University Ponoka site.

March 19, 2025: *SAMU Fees Policy* approved by Students' Council motion 2025-03-19-7.6 on the recommendation of the Finance Committee. Changes include reducing the SAMU Affiliate Fee by half during the Spring/Summer academic term.



STUDENTS' COUNCIL MEETING SUBMISSION

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March 18, 2026	Andrei Santiago, Vice President Governance and Finance	
Agenda Item Title	Chair of Students' Council Appointment	
Action Requested	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Motion	<input type="checkbox"/> Consultation Item

AGENDA ITEM DETAILS

Motion Title	Motion to reappoint Tim Jobs as Chair of Students' Council for a term of May 1, 2026 to April 30, 2027 on the recommendation of the Students' Council Operations Committee
Background Information	<p>The Students' Council Operations Committee (SCOC) conducted the annual review of the Chair of Students' Council (SC), as per the committees' obligation. Members of Students' Council were provided an opportunity to submit their feedback by filling out a questionnaire via Google Forms.</p> <p>The results of the feedback were reviewed by this Committee and based on the overwhelming positive feedback, SCOC is recommending that Council reappoint Tim Jobs for another term as our Chair. Tim has exceeded our expectations in almost every way, and has done a phenomenal job of adapting to the new faces on SC without jeopardizing an effective chairship.</p> <p>Please focus your questions on the process and if you agree or disagree with SCOC's recommendation.</p>
Alternative Considerations	Put out a posting and solicit/consider other possible candidates for the position.
Risk Management Considerations	If we do not appoint Tim, then we would need to find another chair, and the longest serving member of SC would likely take over for the chair in the interim.
Strategic Alignment	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <i>Attached Strategic Alignment Checklist is complete</i>
Implications	This allows us to maintain having Tim as our chair on SC.

Related Documents	Role and Responsibilities of the Chair of Students' Council policy
Follow Up Action	
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