



**STUDENTS' ASSOCIATION
OF MACEWAN UNIVERSITY**

**Minutes for the Students' Council Meeting of the
Students' Association of MacEwan University
April 15, 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
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 6:00pm.

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 15, 2026**

GALERA/OKAI

CARRIED

2.2 MOTION **TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF MARCH 18, 2026**

MORENO/CAMPMANS

CARRIED

3. Presentations

3.1. Canadian Alliance of Student Associations

4. For Information

4.1. Reports

4.1.1. President

4.1.2. Vice President Academic

GFC rep applications open until beginning of May.

4.1.3. Vice President External

4.1.4. Vice President Governance & Finance

Student Tech Fee Committee meeting update. Transition.

4.1.5. Vice President Student Life

MacEwan Human Rights Policy feedback opportunity.

4.1.6. Chief Returning Officer

4.1.7. Governance Investigations and Reinstatement Committee

4.1.8. Executive Committee

4.1.9. Audit Committee

4.1.10. Governance Committee

4.1.11. Finance Committee

4.1.12. Students' Council Operations Committee

4.1.13. Strategy and Engagement Committee

4.2. Executive Committee Minutes

Minutes of March 11, 18, 25, and April 1, 2026 provided.

5. Question Period

5.1. Written Questions

Ayodeji - For VPE: In your meeting with Councillor Janz, you raised the idea of creating a landlord registry to identify problematic landlords. You also raised the idea of a joint peace officer and social worker program with funding attached. Could you please share more details? What might these changes mean for students? For example, what role(s) could a joint peace officer play, and in what capacity? How would a funded social worker program work, and in what ways would it benefit students?

Vpe – The landlord registry is an idea previously raised by the city councillors ([News Link](#)) it would list landlords and would publicly track safety, health code violations and improve transparency for potential tenants. This helps students by providing a public record of problem landlords.

As of now, Transit Peace Officers operate within ETS-owned property to enforce Municipal bylaws. The only form of official partnership as of now is COTT (Community Outreach Transit Team) ([COTT Description](#)). This team addresses Mental health, Housing, Substance Use and Financial Assistance. This is a partnership with Bent Arrow to provide informed care to vulnerable communities.

The proposal I brought forward would be an expansion from the several teams currently in effect to ensure that as broad an area as possible can be serviced. With the EPS budget currently being assessed, this was a great time to implement a dedicated funding stream to strengthening the program beyond a partnership without backing. This aids students by improving perceptions of safety, reducing instances of unnecessary violence and promoting compassionate care in our community.

Russell - For VPA, could you provide further details on the rationale for suspending the Asia Pacific Management Program from the APQA meeting?

Vpa – The main reason for suspending the Asia Pacific Management Program was a deep decline in student demand. Enrolment in the program was 1/3 of what it initially was back in 2020, which indicates a lack of interest in the program or the specific subject type. There are currently 4 students enrolled in the program.

The suspension gives the department room to investigate the program and the contents of it to see if its current structure is feasible or if they would like to explore different structures for the credentials. The admission suspension into the program is July 1, 2026, to provide students with a thoughtful approach to terminate the program without any inconvenience to the student. The proposed end date of the suspension is June 30, 2028.

Russell - For VPA, during the TAP Steering Committee meeting, what decisions were made regarding the use of funding for the 2026/2027 academic year?

Vpa – During the TAP Steering Committee meeting, we discussed a \$250,000 grant for 2026/2027 academic term. We discussed many new options for students next year!

- Fall and Winter Inclusive Access Subsidies (Digital Textbook rentals)
- Possible expansion of Print on Demand
- Implementation of new outreach projects and promotional materials by the library
 - o Such as new ways for students to interact with the library online and in-person.
- Exploring new options for Open Educational Resources (OERs)

These are ideas that are currently in the preliminary stages, and any updates will be communicated to council!

5.2. Oral Questions

Topics include: CRO recommendations;

6. In Camera Period

7. Motions & Business Orders of the Day

7.1. Audit Committee

Candidates: Trinh

MOTION TO APPOINT COUNCILLOR TRINH TO THE AUDIT COMMITTEE, EFFECTIVE MAY 1, 2026, FOR A TERM ENDING OCTOBER 31, 2026

VPGF/OKAI

Favour: Pres, Vpgf, Vpa, Okai, Campmans, Vpe, Namoc, Galera, Moreno, Adeshina, Ayodeji, Dare, Russell, Trinh, Vpsl, Abougoush, Villasenor

CARRIED

7.2. Governance Committee

Candidates: Namoc, Villasenor, Trinh

MOTION TO APPOINT COUNCILLOR NAMOC TO THE GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE FOR A TERM ENDING OCTOBER 31, 2026

VPGF/CAMPMANS

Favour: Pres, Vpgf, Vpa, Okai, Campmans, Vpe, Namoc, Galera, Moreno, Adeshina, Ayodeji, Dare, Russell, Trinh, Vpsl, Abougoush, Villasenor

CARRIED

7.3. SAMU Fees policy

MOTION TO APPROVE THE SAMU FEES POLICY

VPGF/ADESHINA

Favour: Pres, Vpgf, Vpa, Okai, Campmans, Vpe, Namoc, Galera, Moreno, Adeshina, Ayodeji, Dare, Russell, Trinh, Vpsl, Abougoush, Villasenor

CARRIED

7.4. Finance Policy

MOTION TO APPROVE THE FINANCE POLICY ON THE RECOMMENDATION OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE

VPGF/RUSSELL

Favour: Pres, Vpgf, Vpa, Okai, Campmans, Vpe, Namoc, Galera, Moreno, Adeshina, Ayodeji, Dare, Russell, Trinh, Vpsl, Abougoush, Villasenor

CARRIED

7.5. Unbudgeted Expenditure – HR

MOTION TO APPROVE AN UNBUDGETED EXPENDITURE OF UP TO \$50,000.00 FROM G/L 519000, \$15,000.00 FROM G/L 519100, AND \$5,000.00 FROM G/L 519200

VPGF/VPA

Favour: Pres, Vpgf, Vpa, Okai, Campmans, Vpe, Namoc, Galera, Moreno, Adeshina, Ayodeji, Dare, Russell, Trinh, Vpsl, Abougoush, Villasenor

CARRIED

7.6. Unbudgeted Expenditure – Oilers Tickets

MOTION TO APPROVE AN UNBUDGETED EXPENDITURE OF UP TO \$40,189.00 FROM G/L 563500 (OILERS TICKET PURCHASE)

VPGF/CAMPMANS

Favour: Pres, Vpgf, Vpa, Okai, Campmans, Vpe, Namoc, Galera, Moreno, Adeshina, Ayodeji, Dare, Russell, Trinh, Vpsl, Abougoush, Villasenor

CARRIED

8. Consultation

9. Evaluation

10. Recognition

11. Adjournment

MOTION TO ADJOURN

VPGF

CARRIED

Next Meeting Date: May 20, 2026

Meeting adjourned at 7:09pm.