



**STUDENTS' ASSOCIATION
OF MACEWAN UNIVERSITY**

**Agenda for the Students' Council Meeting of the
Students' Association of MacEwan University
May 20, 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
Nathan N. Poon, President
Nathan R. Poon, Vice President Governance
and Finance
Elizabeth Russell, Vice President Student Life
Alem Tesfay, Vice President External
Vincent Trinh, Councillor

Chioma Uzor, Vice President Academic
Shanna Villasenor, Councillor
Liam Wilson, Councillor
vacant, Councillor
vacant, Councillor
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.

<Intros>

1. Treaty 6 Land Recognition

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

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2. Approvals

2.1 MOTION

TO APPROVE THE AGENDA FOR MAY 20, 2026

2.2 MOTION

TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF APRIL 15, 2026

3. Presentations

3.1.

3.2.

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 (in camera)

4.1.7.

4.2. Executive Committee Minutes

Minutes of April 8, 15, 22, and May 6, 2026 provided.

5. Question Period

5.1. Written Questions

5.2. Oral Questions

Topics include:

6. In Camera Period

6.1. Councillor Vacancies (VPGF)

6.2. Chief Returning Officer (VPGF)

7. Motions & Business Orders of the Day

7.1. Councillor Vacancies

MOTION TO ACCEPT THE RECOMENDATION OF THE STUDENTS' COUNCIL OPERATIONS COMMITTEE AND APPOINT _____, _____, AND _____ AS STUDENTS' COUNCILLORS, EFFECTIVE MAY 21, 2026, FOR A TERM ENDING OCTOBER 31, 2026

VPGF/

Favour:

Oppose:

7.2. Chief Returning Officer

MOTION **TO REAPPOINT JOSH STOCK AS CHIEF RETURNING OFFICER, FOR A TERM ENDING APRIL 30, 2027, ON THE RECOMMENDATION OF THE STUDENTS' COUNCIL OPERATIONS COMMITTEE**

VPGF/

Favour:

Oppose:

7.3. Committee Appointment

Candidates:

MOTION **TO APPOINT COUNCILLOR _____ TO THE STUDENTS' COUNCIL OPERATIONS COMMITTEE FOR A TERM ENDING OCTOBER 31, 2026**

VPGF/

Favour:

Oppose:

7.4.

8. Consultation

8.1.

9. Evaluation

9.1.

10. Recognition

11. Adjournment

MOTION **TO ADJOURN**

Next Meeting Date: June 17, 2026

Meeting adjourned at pm.

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.



Students' Council Report

President

May 20th, 2026

Dear Council,

I hope all of you are enjoying your spring/summer! Here's my report on from the President portfolio from April 9th, 2026 to May 13th.

Executive Summary

- Transition Planning Conference and Transition
- Board of Governors Retreat
- Housing Forward Conference: 2026 Prairies Affordable Housing Summit
- Edmonton Students Alliance (ESA) Meeting – May 13th

Transition Planning Conference and Transition

On May 1st, 2026, we welcomed the 2026/27 SAMU Executive Committee. Please give a warm welcome to Nathan R. Poon (VPGF) and Elizabeth Russell (VPSL). Over the course of the past month, with the help of support staff, the incoming EC team has undergone rigorous training to ensure that we can be effective stewards of student advocacy throughout the rest of the year. A part of this was the annual Transition Planning Conference in Banff, where Executives underwent extensive training and



team-bonding, workshops to hone professional skills, while getting to meet staff and learning the intricacies of student advocacy, marking the start of our EC terms.

Board of Governors Retreat

At the end of April, outgoing Vice President Governance and Finance Andrei Santiago and I attended the Board of Governors Retreat, where we gathered with other Board members to have discussions about the strategic planning from a high-level for the institution. Please note that I am not able to answer specific questions with respect to the discussions, but I am happy to answer any high-level questions about our role on the Board.

As student members on the Board, we are committed to ensuring that the student voice is reflected in institutional planning in the short and long-term vision of MacEwan University.

At the retreat, the Board sent a warm farewell to Vice President Governance and Finance Andrei Santiago, who had spent the past year on the Board as one of the two student members.

Housing Forward Conference: 2026 Prairies Affordable Housing Summit

Vice President External Alem Tesfay and I and I attended the Housing Forward: 2026 Prairies Affordable Housing Summit, a prairie-wide affordable housing conference hosted by the City of Edmonton. The summit brought together more than 500 delegates from across Western Canada, including housing providers, municipal and provincial leaders, developers, Indigenous housing organizations, funders, and sector researchers.



Over the two-day program, we heard directly from experts and practitioners working on the front lines of affordable housing delivery. Sessions focused on practical, scalable approaches rather than theory, with a strong emphasis on applied tools, real-world case studies, and collaborative models that can be implemented across jurisdictions.

Overall, this was an extremely valuable conference. It strengthened our understanding of the scale and complexity of the affordable housing challenge, while also highlighting the solutions that are already being implemented successfully across the Prairies. The insights gained will directly support our ability to refine and shape our advocacy priorities, partnerships, and long-term goals related to housing affordability and housing supply.

Edmonton Students Alliance (ESA) Meeting – May 13th

Vice President External Alem Tesfay and I attended May's ESA meeting, where each year in May after Executive Teams across Edmonton are sworn in, elections for Chair and Vice Chair are held. For more information, please refer to the Vice President External report.

We are continued to be grateful for the opportunity to work with municipal leaders to address the ongoing and evolving needs of students amidst an affordability crisis.

Closing Remarks

Thank you for taking the time to read my report. Please give a warm welcome to the 2026/27 SAMU Executive Committee. We are truly excited to work with you all over the next year, and have a great summer!

Please reach out to us if you have any questions.



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Warm regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Nathan Poon' in a cursive, flowing script.

Nathan Poon

President

Students' Association of MacEwan University



Students' Council Report

Vice President Academic

May 20, 2026

Welcome to May! We have entered the period of council that hauls us to campus. Take this lightly! The vacations are just around the corner waiting for you! Here is my report from April 16 – May 13!

Executive Summary

- General Faculties Council Meetings
 - Committee on Teaching and Learning
 - General Faculties Council
 - Committee on Academic Standards, Curriculum, and the Calendar
- Student Leader Discussion on Open Education Resources and New Funding Approach – Government of Alberta
- Transition Highlights

Student Voice

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General Faculties Council Meetings

Strat Point 2.4

Committee on Teaching and Learning



On April 13, I attended the Committee on Teaching and Learning. The meeting was short yet informative as the contents were focused on the Student Feedback survey. The Student Feedback Survey was revised and communicated for review for the committee on Teaching and Learning. Potential future recommendations for the survey were also discussed in meeting

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

On May 11, I attended the ASCC meeting which went over various changes to admission criteria for many different programs including the Bachelor of Arts and Science. Other programs for discussion were the Travel and Tourism Diploma which had been provided a load change for discussion.

General Faculties Council

On May 4, I attended GFC with the VPSL and our GFC student representatives. In the Presidents Report, the Triffo School of Business was announced! The President also recapped on her time at the Day at the Legislature and the Federal Spring economic update. The provosts' report involved the expansion of the MacEwan Health Centre, Tenure Track updates, and the AI Roundtable that was attended by Dr. Eric Legge.

In the APQA report, the new Finance Major was proposed for the Bachelor of Commerce. In the Teaching and Learning Report were revisions to the Student Course Feedback Survey and the implementation timeline to consider any next steps.

Student Leader Discussion on Open Education Resources and New Funding

Approach – Government of Alberta

Strat Point 2.3, 3.4

On April 21, I attended a Student Leader Discussion on OERs that was hosted by the Government of Alberta. The government has allocated \$3 million dollars to place towards OERs. They set up this meeting to interact with student leaders and understand the need for textbook funding at each institution in Alberta. This was a very



insightful discussion, hearing about OERs from the perspective of each university was an educational experience!

Strengthening SAMU Operations

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Transition Highlights

Transition is underway for the new team! I would like to welcome Elizabeth and Nathan R. to the team this year. We have done substantial work towards preparing everyone for their roles and it is all going smoothly! I am very excited about what this year brings.

Closing Remarks

Welcome to the Spring semester (to whom this applies)! Take time to relax between assignments and exams. Take your breaks! Be easy on yourselves and don't overwork!

And remember: **You come first always!**

Council can ask me questions whenever they need to. ***As you get busier, so do I!*** Please let me know before you come to my office that you will be coming and why. This will provide me with ample time to prepare so that you get as much detail into your questions as possible. Feel free to email me!



Warmly as always,

Chioma V. Uzor (she/her)

2026/2027 VP Academic, SAMU

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Students' Council Report

Vice-President External (Outgoing)

May 20, 2026

From beyond the grave, I pass to council my report.

Civil Society Summit

AFL invited SAMU to their Civil Society Summit on Sunday, April 26th, a gathering of community leaders across Alberta from various sectors, to present their response to government actions on labour and civil engagement, and to explore potential collaborative opportunities across our sectors. The event featured several working sessions during which we presented our key priorities and identified areas of intersection across sectors. Questions were raised about AFL's proposed action, which seems centred on reasserting the importance of the democratic process through an information campaign on the referendum, including the government's proposed questions this Autumn. I was able to have conversations with various leaders at the event, and in respect of their privacy, I will not name them.

ESA Vice Chair Duties

As the ESA 2025/2026 year comes to a close, I have been handling closing duties, including recommendations to the future Chair, the creation of the Election Committee, coordination of a municipal roundtable, and preparation of a year-end report. Nominations have opened for the 2026/2027 leaders of the alliance, so I've been busy fielding questions and ensuring all member information remains up to date.



Students' Council Report

Vice-President External

Date of Meeting: May 20th, 2026

Greetings everyone,

New role, same me. I am looking forward to this year putting in the same amount of effort in external advocacy as I put into advocating for students at MacEwan internally. These last few weeks were great as I got to learn more about the role. I invite you to read my report for the period of May 1st to May 14th.

Executive Summary

- Edmonton Student Alliance (ESA) election
- Canadian Alliance of Student Associations (CASA)
- Housing Forward: 2026 Prairies Affordable Housing Summit



Student Experience & Engagement

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

Edmonton Student Alliance (ESA) election

The Edmonton Student Alliance is a municipal advocacy body that represents various universities, colleges and polytechnics across the city. The SAMU external team includes me, the head delegate as VP External, Nathan N Poon, the President, and support staff, including Parvin Sedighi and Emily Lukacs. I sent in my letter of intent, which got approved for me to run for the appointment of the Chair position of the ESA, and with all the prep and background work that went into the speech, I didn't get the chair position; however, I congratulate Angelina Raina who represented who represents the University of Alberta Student Union (UASU), and I'm looking forward to working with her on student concerns such as Campus transit safety, Student Employment, and Affordable Housing.

Canadian Alliance of Student Associations

The Canadian Alliance of Student Associations is a federal advocacy body that represents post-secondary institutions across the country. Currently, SAMU is an observer member of CASA, and as observers, we still must attend the introduction session, which I attended with the President. I wouldn't normally report on an introduction session like this because there is no direct outcome from it. Still, I wanted to share my initial experiences with the organization since our observer membership is coming to an end soon. The session was very informative, and we learned about CASA's history, structure, value, and the partnership with the Quebec Student Union (UEQ), which was new to me.



Student Voice

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Housing Forward: 2026 Prairies Affordable Housing Summit

The Housing Forward Summit was a conference that brought together municipalities, developers, planners, housing providers, and health and homelessness professionals working to advance affordable and non-market housing. The President and I had the opportunity to attend this conference, where we learned a lot about the state of affordable housing in the city and the different approaches organizations are pursuing to address the need for affordable housing. I had the pleasure of asking two questions during this event, one regarding indigenous students' housing support at post-secondary institutions and the other regarding approaches to affordable housing advocacy. I also got to connect with one of the keynote speakers, Dr Carolyn Whitzman, an Adjunct Professor from the University of Toronto, who highlighted the high number of students who are left out of conversations about the Very Low to Low-income population and the need for housing during her presentation.



(Moi in the question period of the homelessness session)



(Moi and Dr Carolyn Whitzman)



Closing Remarks

I am very grateful to be serving the MacEwan student body for a second term. I remember hearing a quote from the CASA introduction which went like, " You feel the most ready for your job right before you leave it", and in my circumstance, having many years in council, I feel the most ready I've ever felt in my many years in council. I am looking forward to the amazing things we will accomplish as a council. With that, I will leave you with a quote I've been reflecting on, inspired by Kendrick Lamar's song PRIDE, "Don't fake humble because other people are insecure"- moi

Cheers,

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

Alem D. Tesfay

VP Student Life, SAMU 2025/2026

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Students' Council Report

VP Governance & Finance

May 20th, 2026

Hello Council,

I am Nathan R. Poon not President Nathan N. Poon. I am extremely honored and grateful to be in this role, and I'm excited to be sharing my first report. I am looking forward to representing and working alongside y'all for the next 12 months. This will be an opportunity to make an impact to the needs of student body and continue to build our representation here at MacEwan.

Written below is my report from April 15th to May 13th. Here we go!

Executive Summary

- Students' Council Operations Committee Interview Working Group and Committee meeting
- Meeting with MacEwan VP Finance and Administration & CFO
- Transition Training with GAST and Outgoing VPGF

Student Voice

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Meeting with MacEwan VP Finance and Administration & CFO

Strategy 2.4

Prior to May 1st, my predecessor and I met with my MacEwan counterpart. This meeting was an introductory meeting where we got to know each other as we will be in contact



throughout the year. We discussed our meeting timelines and ensured we will meet consistently this year.

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Students' Council Operations Committee Interview Working Group and Committee meeting

Strategy 4.2

The working group met multiple times to complete its task to recommend candidates to appoint. The Committee met to discuss the recommendations from the Working Group. Please read the in-camera report for details.

Transition Training with GAST and Outgoing VPGF

Strategies 4.2 & 4.5

The majority of my time was spent transitioning into my role. I've gotten support from GAST and the outgoing VPGF.

Closing Remarks

Thank you for taking the time to read my report. If you have any other questions, comments, or concerns, please don't hesitate to contact me at my email address below.

Cheers,

Nathan R. Poon (he/him)

VP Governance and Finance, SAMU 2026/2027

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Students' Council Report

Vice President Student Life

May 20, 2026

Greetings Council,

I hope everyone is doing well. My report will be limited given my recent transition into this role, as I've been spending the month getting oriented into the position and attending training sessions.

Executive Summary

- General Faculties Council Meeting

Student Voice

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General Faculties Council (GFC) Meetings

Strat Point 2.4

General Faculties Council Meeting

I attended the General Faculties Council meeting on May 4th alongside the VPA. As this meetings topics fall under the portfolio of the VPA, please refer to their report.



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Closing Remarks

Thank you all for taking the time to read my report. Please let me know if you have any questions, comments, or concerns. I'm excited to work with you all this year!

Regards,

Elizabeth Russell

Vice President Student Life 26/27

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- Alem Tesfay, VP Student Life

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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:
**VPSL/VPGF
CARRIED**
4. Approval of Minutes for: April 1, 2026
**VPSL/VPGF
CARRIED**

TOPIC		DISCUSSION	ACTION/MOTION
1.	EC Workplan	IAA – submitting EC workplan to EC for next week. Need to review to ensure statuses are captured accurately before submission.	MOTION TO GO INTO COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

			<p>VPE/VPSL CARRIED</p> <p>MOTION</p> <p>TO GO OUT OF COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE</p> <p>VPE/VPGF CARRIED</p>
2.	CASA	Action item from last week's EC meeting to add topic to this week's agenda.	<p>tabled</p>
3.	In Camera Update	VPGF – looking for an update on the in camera topic(s) from last EC meeting.	<p>MOTION</p> <p>TO GO IN CAMERA</p> <p>VPGF/VPE CARRIED</p> <p>MOTION</p> <p>TO GO OUT OF CAMERA</p> <p>VPE/VPGF CARRIED</p> <p>MOTION</p> <p>TO APPROVE A CASA PRESENTATION AT THE APRIL 2026 STUDENTS' COUNCIL MEETING</p> <p>VPGF/VPE CARRIED</p> <p>Action: Pres/Vpe to submit written report re. CASA to SC by April 30, 2026</p>
4.	Outstanding Action Items		
5.	VP Student Life's Report	MacEwan Human Rights Policy feedback opportunity. MacEwan Athletics Banquet invite.	
6.	VP Academic's Report	tabled	
7.	VP External's Report	Mayors office update – ESA roundtable. Red tape reduction update re. MacEwan U reporting/MacEwan funding.	
8.	VP Governance & Finance's Report	SAMU Building Ops Committee meeting update. Assoc VP Student Experience Hiring panel. Affordability campaign.	

		BOG meeting. PVP meeting. GM performance review process complete. BOG event attendance. Shoppertrack meeting. Quarterly reports to SC due this week.	
9.	President's Report	Alumni & Development meeting. Interview with student for class project.	
			MOTION TO GO IN CAMERA VPSL/VPE CARRIED MOTION TO GO OUT OF CAMERA VPGF/VPSL CARRIED
10.	GM Report	Comedy night update. SAMU vendor update.	
11.	Recognition		

5. Adjournment
Time: 3:02pm



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3. Approval of Agenda:

Vpsl/Vpa

Add Policy

Vpe/vpgf

Carried

Carried

4. Approval of Minutes for: [April 8, 2026](#)

Vpsl/Vpa

Carried

TOPIC	DISCUSSION	ACTION/MOTION
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			MOTION
			TO DELEGATE SIGNING AUTHORITY TO THE GENERAL MANAGER TO ENTER AND SIGN SAMU INTO AN OPERATIONAL CONTRACT WITH COCA-COLA BOTTLING LIMITED
1.	Coke Agreement	GM – updated contract proposed – adding new language around student groups.	VPGF/VPA CARRIED
2.	Policy Event	Vpe – received invitation to Alberta Civil Society Summit on April 26. Not a partisan event. No cost to attend. RM – outgoing VPE could attend, but need to remain non-partisan. Be careful with affiliations.	
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5.	Outstanding Action Items		
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8.	VP Academic's Report	Assoc Dean for the library reappointment. Committee on Scholarly Activity meeting update. Committee on Teaching and Learning meeting update. Course modalities working group update.	
9.	VP External's Report	ESA meeting update.	
10.	VP Governance & Finance's Report	SCOC meeting update. Transition work. Student Tech Fee Committee update. Met with MacEwan VPFA to introduce my successor. SC reports & submissions.	
11.	VP Student Life's Report	MacEwan Human Rights Policy.	
12.	President's Report	ESA meeting. EC videos this past week.	
13.	GM Report	Breakfast Club update. Strat Plan update. P/t staff awards next week. SAMU building TVs update. EC Wall of Fame update.	
14.	Recognition		

5. Adjournment
Time: 2:29pm

Voting Members:

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

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: 9:15am
2. Treaty 6 Land Recognition

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3. Approval of Agenda:
VPA/VPE

**MOTION TO ADD GFC APPOINTMENTS TO THE AGENDA
 VPE/VPA
 CARRIED**

CARRIED

4. Approval of Minutes for: April 15, 2026
**VPA/VPE
 CARRIED**

TOPIC	DISCUSSION	ACTION/MOTION
1. Student Groups		MOTION

		Steeped in Philosophy	TO APPROVE THE STEEPED IN PHILOSOPHY STUDENT GROUP VPA/VPE CARRIED
2.	Transition	IAA – reminder that SAMUed must be completed (80%) prior to Refresher this Saturday.	
3.	GFC Appointments	IAA – GFC meets on May 4, the day we’re back in office, so we need to make appointments this week,	MOTION TO APPOINT VPA & VPSL TO THE GENERAL FACULTIES COUNCIL VPE/VPA CARRIED
4.	Outstanding Action Items		
5.	VP Academic’s Report	Met with Provost: will meet monthly during summer; new AVP Student Experience; OERs. Policy review. OERs meeting update.	
6.	VP External’s Report	ESA update. CASA report.	
7.	VP Governance & Finance’s Report	tabled	
8.	VP Student Life’s Report	tabled	
9.	President’s Report	CASA report. Strat Plan interview with consultant.	
10.	GM Report	Strat Plan update. Thank you to Vpgf & Vpe for their work this last year.	
11.	Recognition		

5. Adjournment
Time: 9:32am



Voting Members:

- Nathan N. Poon, President (Chair)
- Chioma Uzor, VP Academic
- Alem Tesfay, VP External
- Nathan R. Poon, VP Governance & Finance
- Elizabeth Russell, VP Student Life

Resource Officials:

- Darryl Kostash, General Manager
- Alan Honey, Governance Advisor (Recording Secretary)

In Attendance:

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3. Approval of Agenda:
**VPE/VPSL
CARRIED**
4. Approval of Minutes for: April 22, 2026
**VPA/VPSL
CARRIED**

TOPIC		DISCUSSION	ACTION/MOTION
1.	Flex/TOIL, etc	GA – Per Clause 19 & 19.1 of the Roles and Responsibilities of Elected Representatives Policy , EC members are subject to SAMU Directives unless exemptions or alternatives exist within SAMU Policy, and these must be communicated to members of Executive Committee. As such, and in reference to the verbal communication of this information last week, below are links to those Directives:	

		<p>Time Off in Lieu</p> <p>Office Etiquette</p> <p>Leaves</p> <p>Travel and Accommodations</p> <p>Vacation Entitlement (specific to who to use Vacation)</p> <p>Other information related to your role can be found in the Remuneration of Elected Representatives Policy.</p> <p>Additionally, all SAMU Bylaws, Policies, Procedures, and Directives should be reviewed by EC.</p> <p>Note: accumulating TOIL requires formal pre-approval (by way of motion) from Executive Committee. Flexing your hours may only be used if required for specific SAMU business requirement. A normal workday requires you to be in office 8:30am-4:30pm OR 9am-5pm, Monday through Friday.</p>	
2.	Maintenance Fund Request	GM -	<p>MOTION</p> <p>TO APPROVE AN EXPENSE OF UP TO \$5100.00 FROM THE MAINTENANCE FUND FOR PROJECT 7-25.26 214 SHELVES 228 - 336</p> <p>VPSL/VPA CARRIED</p> <p>MOTION</p> <p>TO APPROVE AN EXPENSE OF UP TO \$2250.00 FROM THE MAINTENANCE FUND FOR PROJECT 8-25.26 HOT WATER MACHINE REPLACEMENT STUDENT LOUNGE</p> <p>VPGF/ CARRIED</p>
3.	ALUMO Conference Attendance	GM -	<p>Action:</p> <p>Vpsl to attend with GM.</p>
4.	MacEwan Committee Appointments		<p>MOTION</p> <p>TO APPOINT NATHAN N. POON TO THE ALUMNI ADVISORY COUNCIL, CONVOCATION PLANNING</p>

			<p>COMMITTEE, AND STUDENT TECHNOLOGY FEE COMMITTEE FOR A TERM ENDING APRIL 30, 2027</p> <p>VPSL/VPGF CARRIED</p> <p>MOTION</p> <p>TO APPOINT CHIOMA UZOR TO THE GFC EXECUTIVE COUNCIL, GENERAL FACULTIES COUNCIL- COUNCIL ON STUDENT AFFAIRS, GFC ACADEMIC STANDARDS CURRICULUM AND CALENDAR, ACADEMIC CALENDAR ADVISORY SUBCOMMITTEE, GFC ACADEMIC PLANNING & QUALITY ASSURANCE, GFC COMMITTEE ON TEACHING & LEARNING, GFC COMMITTEE ON SCHOLARLY ACTIVITY, MACEWAN LIBRARY COUNCIL, DISTINGUISHED TEACHING AWARD (DTA), DISTINGUISHED RESEARCHER AWARD (DRA), PRESIDENT'S MEDAL AWARD (PMA), STUDENT TECHNOLOGY FEE COMMITTEE, AND MÊSKANÂS GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE FOR A TERM ENDING APRIL 30, 2027</p> <p>VPGF/VPSL CARRIED</p> <p>MOTION</p> <p>TO APPOINT ALEM TEFAY TO THE STUDENT TECHNOLOGY FEE</p>
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			<p>COMMITTEE FOR A TERM ENDING APRIL 30, 2027</p> <p>VPGF/VPSL CARRIED</p> <p>MOTION</p> <p>TO APPOINT NATHAN R. POON TO THE SAMU BUILDING OPERATIONS COMMITTEE, AND STUDENT TECHNOLOGY FEE COMMITTEE FOR A TERM ENDING APRIL 30, 2027</p> <p>VPSL/VPE CARRIED</p> <p>MOTION</p> <p>TO APPOINT ELIZABETH RUSSELL TO THE SEXUAL VIOLENCE PREVENTION AND EDUCATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE (SVPEAC), GFC COUNCIL ON STUDENT AFFAIRS, STUDENT TECHNOLOGY FEE COMMITTEE, FOR A TERM ENDING APRIL 30, 2027</p> <p>VPE/VPA CARRIED</p>
5.	SAMU Committee Appointment	Vpe, Vpgf, Vpa	<p>MOTION</p> <p>TO APPOINT NATHAN R. POON TO THE STRATEGY AND ENGAGEMENT COMMITTEE FOR A TERM ENDING APRIL 30, 2027</p> <p>VPA/VPSL CARRIED</p> <p>Abstain: Vpe</p>
6.	Outstanding Action Items		

7.	VP Academic's Report	COSA: - AI use in the post-secondary sector. - Flightpath	
8.	VP External's Report	Met AVP's Governance Relations Assistant. ESA prep.	
9.	VP Governance & Finance's Report	Transition. SCOC.	
10.	VP Student Life's Report	Transition. GFC.	
11.	President's Report	BOG retreat/meeting update. EC Transition. CASA report update.	
12.	GM Report	Strat Plan update. Spring/summer update.	
13.	Recognition		

5. Adjournment
Time: 2:45pm



STUDENTS' COUNCIL MEETING SUBMISSION

AGENDA ITEM INFORMATION

Meeting Date	Submitted By
May 20, 2026	Nathan R. Poon, VP Governance and Finance

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

Motion Title	Motion to accept the recommendations of the Students' Council Operations Committee and appoint _____, _____, and _____ as Students' Councillors, effective May 21, 2026, for a term ending October 31, 2026
Background Information	The Students' Council Operations Committee has provided recommendations, in camera, to appoint three students as Councillors to fill our current vacancies. Completing these appointments ensures that we have a full council of student representatives.
Alternative Considerations	Not appoint students to the vacant seats.
Risk Management Considerations	
Strategic Alignment	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <i>Attached Strategic Alignment Checklist is complete</i>
Implications	
Related Documents	Bylaws, Roles and Responsibilities of the Chief Returning Officer
Follow Up Action	
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"/>
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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 type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" 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"/>
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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"/>
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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"/>



STUDENTS' COUNCIL MEETING SUBMISSION

AGENDA ITEM INFORMATION

Meeting Date	Submitted By
May 20, 2026	Nathan R. Poon, VP Governance and Finance

Agenda Item Title	Chief Returning Officer Reappointment
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Action Requested	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Motion	<input type="checkbox"/> Consultation Item
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AGENDA ITEM DETAILS

Motion Title	Motion to reappoint Josh Stock as Chief Returning Officer for a term ending April 30, 2027 on the recommendation of the Students' Council Operations Committee.
Background Information	<p>The Students' Council Operations Committee met and recommended Josh Stock be reappointed for the upcoming year after reviewing the feedback received from the members of Council who chose to submit.</p> <p>Completing this reappointment ensures that planning for the 2026-2027 elections can begin in a timely fashion.</p>
Alternative Considerations	Not to re-appoint Josh Stock and begin a new recruitment process
Risk Management Considerations	
Strategic Alignment	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <i>Attached Strategic Alignment Checklist is complete</i>
Implications	
Related Documents	Bylaws, Roles and Responsibilities of the Chief Returning Officer
Follow Up Action	

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STUDENTS' COUNCIL MEETING SUBMISSION

AGENDA ITEM INFORMATION

Meeting Date	Submitted By
May 20, 2026	Nathan R. Poon, Vice President Governance and Finance

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

Motion Title	Motion to appoint Councillor _____ to the Students' Council Operations Committee for a term ending October 31, 2026
Background Information	With the recent resignation of Councillor Okai there is a vacancy on the Students' Council Operations Committee. The Terms of Reference for the committee has been included in the agenda for you review.
Alternative Considerations	N/A
Risk Management Considerations	N/A
Strategic Alignment	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <i>Attached Strategic Alignment Checklist is complete</i>
Implications	Full committees are able to do their work while providing a greater diversity of student voices.
Related Documents	Committees policy - committee TORs.
Follow Up Action	n/a
Review History	n/a

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Students' Council Operations Committee

Mandate

1. Students' Council Operations Committee advises and reviews Students' Council, interviews and vets candidates for appointments made by Students' Council, and annually reviews the remuneration and compensation provided to Councillors, Executives, and other Students' Council appointments performing governance roles at SAMU.

Roles of Committee

2. Students' Council Operations Committee reviews Students' Council's decisions in relation to their adherence to SAMU Bylaws and Policies.
 - 2.1. Students' Council Operations Committee may call a re-vote on a decision where it deems the decision was a violation of Bylaws or Policies.
 - 2.2. Members of Students' Council may request a review of a decision in relation to its adherence to Bylaws and Policies.
 - 2.2.1. Requests must be made in writing to the Chair of Students' Council Operations Committee within 10 business days of the disputed decision.
 - 2.2.2. Students' Council Operations Committee will have 30 days to respond in writing to Students' Council with its decision.
3. Students' Council Operations Committee reports on the effectiveness and progress of Students' Council.

Students' Council Appointments

4. The committee reviews all applications for appointments made by Students' Council and ensures candidates considered for appointment meet the criteria for positions laid out in SAMU's bylaws and policies.
5. The committee develops additional criteria for appointed positions consistent with SAMU's bylaws and policies.
6. The committee interviews all appropriate candidates for positions appointed by Students' Council.
7. The committee provides candidates with further information regarding the position upon request.
8. The committee provides written recommendations on all vacancies.



9. The committee communicates to all candidates regarding the outcome of Students' Council appointments.

Governance Appointments

10. Students' Council Operations Committee provides recommendations to Students' Council on the appointment of the Chair of Students' Council
11. Students' Council Operations Committee reviews the performance of the Chair of Students' Council.
12. Students' Council Operations Committee provides recommendations to Students' Council on the appointment of the Chief Returning Officer of SAMU.

Governance Remuneration

13. Students' Council Operations Committee decides on the remuneration and compensation of Councillors and Executives,
14. Students' Council Operations Committee seeks relevant internal and external data related to remuneration and compensation, including:
 - 14.1. the current and future financial capacity of SAMU to support new levels of remuneration;
 - 14.2. remuneration and compensation offered at other comparable Alberta-based students' associations/unions;
 - 14.3. the effectiveness of the current level of remuneration in securing representatives; and
 - 14.4. the fairness of remuneration based on factors such as workload, time commitment, etc.
15. Students' Council Operations Committee reviews Executive wages as per Remuneration of Elected Representatives.

Composition

16. The voting members of Students' Council Operations Committee are the Vice President Governance and Finance and four Councillors.
 - 16.1. Regarding Executive Remuneration another Executive may replace the Vice President Governance and Finance as a voting member if the Vice President Governance and Finance plans to run in the upcoming Executive election.
 - 16.1.1. The Executive who may become a voting member in place of the Vice President Governance and Finance must be an individual not running in the upcoming Executive election.
17. The resource official of Students' Council Operations Committee is the Governance Advisor.



- 17.1. A full-time staff member of the Finance Department serves as an additional resource to the committee during remuneration discussions.

Committee Operations

18. The committee appointment deliberations and recommendations are confidential.
19. Meetings of Students' Council Operations Committee are held at least twice per quarter.
20. The Committee Chair may call additional meetings as required.