



## **SAMU Peaceful Sit-In at GFC**

### **Context**

SAMU is holding a peaceful, non-disruptive sit-in at this General Faculties Council meeting to oppose the proposed removal of Fall Reading Break. Our message is that students require Fall Reading Week to protect their mental health and wellness, especially in the midst of an affordability crisis. Although students at the sit-in will not be speaking at the meeting, we want to show faculty just how many students care about this issue and are directly impacted by it. Attendees will be prepped by SAMU on the day of the sit-in, and the rules for attendance are outlined below. The sit-in is only open to current MacEwan students, and confirmation of student status may be requested.

**Date:** Monday, October 28, 2024

**Prep Session and Sign Making (Mandatory for Attendance at the Sit-In):** 2:30 PM-3:00 PM

**Meeting Time:** 3:00 PM

**Duration:** Variable, anywhere from 60 minutes to 2.5 hours

**Location:** SAMU Student Lounge (2nd floor, SAMU Building)

### **Rules for Attendees:**

1. Please meet before the action at 2:30 pm on October 28th to engage in orientation with SAMU representatives, who will be leading the action. This session is absolutely mandatory to ensure student safety at the sit-in.
2. Please do not interrupt the meeting, this includes yelling, speaking loudly, or approaching Committee members
3. Please engage with the sit-in by carrying signs or by simply joining the group
4. Do not engage in any physical contact or violence with anyone present
5. When student leaders direct the group to leave the meeting, please do so
6. If there is any immediate concern, including about safety, please speak with your student leader about your concerns
7. If approached by security, please inform your student leader, and leave the meeting if requested. While we assert our right to protest this proposal, we want to prioritize student safety in this action and therefore will comply with security requests.