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New changes make post-secondary costs more affordable and predictable

Edmonton, Alberta – Students at MacEwan University and other post-secondary institutes across Alberta can expect positive changes to the tuition model in Alberta, thanks to a recent change in legislation. With tuition becoming capped and legislated in Alberta, a post-secondary education is one step closer to becoming an accessible, affordable reality for all Albertans.

“The recent changes mean students can predict exactly how much their tuition will cost for the entirety of their degree, while keeping it affordable,” said Parvin Sedighi, President of the Students’ Association of MacEwan University (SAMU). “This response from the government is a testament to MacEwan students’ abilities to engage policymakers where it matters, we have real reason to celebrate,” she added.

The government is also defining the rules around international tuition. Now international students, long used by universities as easy revenue sources to patch funding holes, can breathe easier, with new regulations around international tuition being announced alongside changes to domestic tuition.

In addition to the changes to tuition, MacEwan students can also expect increased representation at the Board of Governors, with a second student member being slated to join the board. The increased student representation at the board level will amplify the needs of students at the highest governing body at the University ensuring students remain at the core of MacEwan’s vision and goals.

“Not only do these changes give students a louder voice at MacEwan, they allow us have some peace of mind when it comes to the cost of our education,” Sedighi added. “SAMU is a tireless advocate for the needs of our students, and we’re thrilled to see a positive response to our continued advocacy.”

About SAMU: The Students’ Association of MacEwan University (SAMU) is a non-profit organization working independently from MacEwan University to support students. Our purpose is to enrich the student experience by focusing on their non-academic needs through an array of student-driven programs and services.

We are governed by elected student representatives who set the strategic vision on behalf of students. With support from over 50 full- and part-time staff, we keep our mandate student-focused to achieve the vision. SAMU is proud to be an organization serving students, inspired by students. | www.samu.ca.

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