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Students' Association of MacEwan University Optimistic at Increase in Mental Health Funding

Edmonton – MacEwan University students are pleased to see the provincial government's increasing commitment to supporting campus mental health through increased overall funding. This increased support is expected to allow MacEwan University to provide crucial services to students.

"This is great news," said Parvin Sedighi, VP External at the Students' Association of MacEwan University (SAMU). "Increasing funding and moving to a per-student model should get more resources where they are badly needed on campus."

Students have long been asking the Government of Alberta to make what was a pilot project started in 2012 a permanent part of the budget, and to expand the program equally across all campuses. MacEwan University students in particular were asking to expand the program based on enrolment to aid increased demand from their 19,000 students.

"The reality is that today's announcement may mean a decrease in funding at some institutions but overall Alberta's students are going to be healthier as a result. We remain committed to seeing an equitable and sustainable distribution of mental health and wellness funding to Alberta's post-secondary schools, and today's announcement goes a long way to making that a reality," said Sedighi.

About SAMU: The Students' Association of MacEwan University (SAMU) is a student-centered organization governed by students, for students. Providing many programs and services that serve the student body including but not limited to the food bank, peer support, breakfast club, and emergency loan program. Acting within MacEwan, while maintaining independence from the University. It is an organization, serving students, inspired by students.

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