

Students' Councillor Nomination Package

Fall 2026 Election

Positions available for:
14 Councillors



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General Information about Students' Council

What is SAMU?

- The Students' Association of MacEwan University (SAMU) is a corporation created under the Post-Secondary Learning Act of Alberta as the students' voice in 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.

What is the Students' Council?

- Students' Council is a governance board.
- The Students' Council is the highest governing body of SAMU. All of the authority given to a Students' Association under the law is vested in Students' Council. Students' Council delegates that authority to the Executive Committee of SAMU. Students' Council approves bylaws and policies that govern the activities of SAMU, setting out expectations on what SAMU will accomplish and monitors those expectations to ensure that they have been met. Students' Council sets direction for SAMU.
- The Students' Council is elected each year by the SAMU membership. All Students' Council members are members of SAMU. Because they are students, they are the true student voice that guides SAMU throughout the year.
- The Students' Council is comprised of 14 Councillors and five (5) Executives.

What does it take to be a Councillor?

- A councillor must be able to commit the time required by the Students' Council for meetings. Students' Council meetings are held on the third Wednesday of every month at 6:00 p.m. and are typically between two (2) and three (3) hours long. To be an effective member of Students' Council, a councillor will require the time to thoughtfully consider materials provided before meetings, to investigate concerns about those materials and to develop their own suggestions. A councillor should be willing to spend time asking students what they think about the issues that Students' Council is considering and asking students what issues they believe Students' Council should be considering. Councillors are expected to serve on SAMU Committees. Councillors will also be required to attend a mandatory Students' Council orientation and refresher.
- A Councillor must be a good communicator. They must be comfortable saying what they think, even when others may not agree. They must also be able to express disagreement without offending their colleagues. A good councillor is also a strong critical thinker; they carefully consider possibilities, ask questions and make decisions based on the best information they can get. Councillors must also be self-motivated learners; there are skills and techniques specific to working on a governance board that new councillors are expected to quickly learn and apply.
- It is important that members of Students' Council believe in the importance of SAMU and that they have a sincere desire to see it succeed in its mission. They must also be responsible. Elections aside, it is the members of Students' Council that must hold themselves and one another accountable for their own performance, the performance of the Students' Council, and the performance of SAMU. They must be willing to adhere to and enforce the bylaws and policies of SAMU.

Why should I run for Council?

- Councillors receive tangible and intangible benefits from their time on Students' Council. Councillors will meet interesting people, face difficult challenges, and gain experience that will be valuable in the future. Councillors will also receive an honorarium for the time spent in meetings.
- Most importantly, councillors will get the opportunity to make a lasting impact on an important student institution.



IMPORTANT ELECTION INFORMATION

1. People that you will need to know and how to contact them:

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2. ELIGIBILITY

For a student to be considered eligible to run for a position, they must meet the following criteria:

- The student must be a member of SAMU (a member of SAMU is a student of MacEwan University that has paid SAMU General Membership fees for the current academic term).
- The student must be in good academic standing with MacEwan University (first year students are exempt from this requirement).

September 2026

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
	1	2 Nominations open.	3	4	5	6
7 Labour Day – MacEwan University closed	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16 Students' Council (SC) meeting 6:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. in The Students' Council (SC) Chamber (SA- 327)	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28 Nominations close at 4:00 p.m. All Candidates Meeting at 5:00 p.m. – SC Chamber.	29 Candidate Photos 10 a.m – 1:00 p.m. Location TBD	30 National Day for Truth and Reconciliation – No Regular Session Classes				

October 2026

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
			1 Candidate bio, photo, and video due by noon (12:00 p.m.)	2	3	4
5 Campaigning begins. Candidate Tabling. 11:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.	6 Campaigning.	7 Campaigning. Candidate Tabling. 11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.	8 Campaigning.	9 Campaigning. Campaign Expenditure reports due by 4:00 p.m.	10	11
12 Thanksgiving - University Closed.	13 Campaigning. Polling Day. Polls open at 9:00 a.m.	14 Campaigning. Polling Day. Polls close at 4:00 p.m. Unofficial results distributed.	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30	31 Mandatory Students' Council Orientation/ Training (8:30 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.)	

ELECTION TIMELINES

Wednesday, September 2	Nominations for the Fall 2026 Councillor Election open. All required forms available at samu.ca/election .
Monday, September 28	Nominations close. All required forms must be submitted by 4:00 p.m. Forms must be submitted online via samu.ca/election .
Monday, September 28	All Candidates, or their representative, must attend an All Candidates Meeting at 5:00 p.m. – 6:30 p.m. in the Students' Council Chambers.
Tuesday, September 29	Optional candidate photos: 10 a.m. – 1 p.m.
Thursday, October 1	Candidate bio, photo, and video must be submitted by 12:00 p.m. A submission link will be provided at samu.ca/election . Photo must be in .jpeg format and be a headshot (ie. shoulders and up) only. Video must be in .mp4 format, vertical orientation, and in as high quality as possible.
Monday, October 5 (6:00 a.m.) -	Campaigning begins.
Monday, October 5	Candidate Tabling Event**. 11:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. in the Student Lounge (SA-216).
Wednesday, October 7	Candidate Tabling Event**. 11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. in the Student Lounge (SA-216).
Friday, October 9 (4 p.m.)	Expenditure Reports are due by 4:00 p.m. Expenditure Report form is available at, and must be submitted through, samu.ca/election . Failure to submit expenditure report and will result in immediate disqualification from the election by CRO.
Tuesday, October 13 - Wednesday, October 14	Polls open at 9:00 a.m. Polls close at 4:00 p.m.
Wednesday, October 14 (4:00 p.m.)	All campaigning ends. By 5:00 p.m., all campaign material must be removed. Failure to do so may result in disqualification from the election. Unofficial results will be distributed after 4:00 p.m., when available.
Saturday, October 31	MANDATORY* Students' Council Training (8:30 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.)
Saturday, April 24, 2027	MANDATORY* Students' Council Refresher (8:30 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.)

* As per Governance Transition Policy

** Event requires pre-signup.

Relevant Bylaws - Students' Council

Highest Authority

19 As established within the Post-Secondary Learning Act, all of the powers and responsibilities of SAMU not otherwise assigned in these Bylaws are sanctioned by the Students' Council of SAMU, hereinafter referred to as "Students' Council".

Composition

20 Students' Council consists of fourteen Councillors and five Executives.

Powers

Interpretation of Bylaws

21 Students' Council holds the exclusive authority to interpret the Bylaws in cases of ambiguity.

Policy

22 Students' Council exercises the powers and responsibilities of SAMU by enacting Policies that set expectations for SAMU consistent with these bylaws, and by monitoring adherence to those Policies.

Vision and Mission

23 Students' Council approves the vision and mission of SAMU.

Borrowing Powers

24 Students' Council holds the authority to authorize the borrowing of funds and the pledging of SAMU assets as security. Such authorization shall be by special resolution.

25 Students' Council must receive approval from the MacEwan Board of Governors before going forward with any authorization of borrowing funds or pledging SAMU assets as security

Budget Approval

26 Students' Council gives final approval to the SAMU budget as given in SAMU policies.

Committees

27 Students' Council may create committees and may delegate to them powers and responsibilities in a way that is consistent with these Bylaws.

Punitive Measures

28 Students' Council has the exclusive power to impose punitive measures on Councillors and Executives for misconduct.

Responsibilities

Annual Report

29 Students' Council approves an Annual Report of SAMU, outlining the activities and status of SAMU for publication.

Consultation

30 Students' Council ensures that it consults with students in the performance of its duties.

Meetings

Regular Meetings

31 Regular meetings of Students' Council are held at least once a month.

Special Meetings

32 Special meetings may be called by any two members of Students' Council with advance written notice of at least one week.

Town Hall Meetings

33 Town Hall meetings are held at least once per year as provided in SAMU Policies.

Quorum

34 Quorum for any Students' Council meeting is a simple majority of all current voting members.

Regular Resolutions

35 A Regular Resolution of Students' Council may pass with a simple majority vote in favour.

Special Resolutions

36 A Special Resolution of Students' Council requires two week's notice of the motion, and at least 75% voting in favour.

Open Meetings

37 Meetings of Students' Council are open to the public.

Councillors

Qualifications for Office

38 Councillors must be General Members at the time of election or appointment, and in good academic standing with Grant MacEwan University throughout their elected term.

Elections

39 Elections for Councillors are held every year.

Terms

Term Beginning

40 The term of a Councillor starts on November 1 following their election, or on the date of appointment by Students' Council.

Term Ending

41 The term of a Councillor automatically ends on October 31, unless it is terminated earlier upon SAMU's receipt of a letter of resignation from the Councillor, upon Students' Council's removal of the Councillor, or upon the Councillor's ceasing to meet the qualifications for office.

Vacancies

42 In the case of a Councillor vacancy, Students' Council will solicit a qualified Member for appointment.

Remuneration

43 Councillors are remunerated for their service as provided in SAMU policies.

Relevant Policy - Elections and Referenda

Rationale

Elections and referenda should be fair, open, and transparent.

Detailed procedures should exist to govern the elections and referenda process.

Definitions

Campaign materials are materials used by a candidate and all those acting on their behalf in campaigning.

Campaigning is the process undertaken by a candidate seeking election whereby that candidate seeks to promote their desire to hold office, and what they intend to do if elected to office. Campaigning also encompasses the process undertaken by a candidate who seeks to influence the outcome of a particular referendum question.

Campaign expenses are the costs incurred by a candidate and all those acting on their behalf during their campaign and for the purposes of that campaign.

A **candidate** is a qualified person who seeks to obtain an elected position or a person who seeks and registers a specific outcome for a referendum question.

The **Chief Returning Officer** is a person who is not a member of SAMU and is charged with responsibility for ensuring that the elections and referenda proceed according to Bylaws, Policy, and Procedure.

Expectations

- 1 The administration of elections and referenda are fair and impartial.
- 2 A Chief Returning Officer (CRO) is appointed by Students' Council.
- 3 The CRO provides a written report to Students' Council on the outcomes of elections and referenda.
 - 3.1 The CRO will attend the Students' Council meeting at which the report is provided and be available to answer questions.
- 4 Campaign materials are approved by the CRO.
- 5 The duration and scope of campaigning is limited and defined.
- 6 The value of campaign materials allowed for use in elections and referenda is limited and defined.
- 7 Reimbursement may be provided for a portion of candidates' campaign expenses.
- 8 A grievance and appeal process exists.
- 9 Awareness of all aspects of elections and referenda is promoted by SAMU.
- 10 Opportunities are provided for students to interact with all candidates.



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11 MacEwan University requirements regarding campaigning are adhered to.

Relevant Policy - Roles and Responsibilities of Elected Representatives

Rationale

Clear responsibilities for all those in governance roles at SAMU ensure their adherence to SAMU principles of good governance, helping them to better serve the SAMU membership.

Clear responsibilities for the members of Students' Council ensure that Students' Council meetings are effective and that the decisions made by its members are well informed.

Clear responsibilities for the Executives ensure the effective fulfillment of duties relevant to their portfolios and hold the Executives accountable to the SAMU membership.

Definitions

Good Governance provides strategic direction for SAMU that aligns with its vision as a whole, anticipating and responding to the needs of present and future students through the effective stewardship of the bylaws, policies, and strategic plan.

Mandatory Training refers to the training identified in the Governance Transition policy.

Official Position is a formal stance on a particular issue that has been approved by Students' Council.

Expectations

Roles and Responsibilities of Members of Students' Council

- 1** Members of Students' Council adhere to the SAMU Bylaws and Policies.
- 2** Members of Students' Council take and adhere to the Students' Council Oath, referenced in Appendix A of this policy.
- 3** Members of Students' Council consult and represent the student body.
- 4** Members of Students' Council participate in Town Hall meetings, Students' Council meetings, committees, and related SAMU business.
- 5** Members of Students' Council review all material included in agenda packages and provide applicable feedback prior to meetings.-
- 6** Members of Students' Council participate in mandatory training sessions.
 - 6.1** A member of Students' Council must attend at least 80% of a mandatory training session in order to be counted present.
 - 6.2** In the case of online, module based training, a member of Students' Council must complete at least 80% of the module prior to the scheduled in person training to be counted as present/completed.
 - 6.2.1** For members of Council appointed outside of the regular election times they must complete 80% of the online module based training within 2 weeks of appointment to be counted as present/completed.



6.3 In the event that a member of Students' Council fails to be present for a mandatory training session that member will be automatically removed from office.

6.3.1 A member of Students' Council who is absent from a mandatory training session because they are attending to official SAMU business is excluded from this requirement.

7 Members of Students' Council participate in Town Hall meetings.

7.1 A member of Students' Council must attend at least 80% of a regularly scheduled Town Hall meeting in order to be counted as present for that meeting.

7.1.1 A member of Students' Council who is absent from a Town Hall because they are attending to official SAMU business is excluded from this requirement.

7.2 In the event that a member of Students' Council fails to be present for a regularly scheduled Town Hall meeting that member will be automatically removed from office.

8 Members of Students' Council participate in Students' Council meetings.

8.1 A member of Students' Council must attend at least 80% of a regularly scheduled Students' Council meeting in order to be counted as present for the meeting.

8.1.1 A member of Students' Council who is absent from a Students' Council meeting because they are attending to official SAMU business is excluded from this requirement.

8.2 In the event that a member of Students' Council fails to be present for at least 80% of the regularly scheduled Students' Council meetings that member will be automatically removed from office.

9 Members of Students' Council participate in additional tasks as assigned by Students' Council.

10 In the event a member of Students' Council is automatically removed from office they may apply to Students' Council for reinstatement.

10.1 A written application for reinstatement must be submitted to the Governance Investigations and Reinstatement Committee (GIRC) through the Governance Office within 7 business days of their removal from Students' Council to be considered.

10.2 An application for reinstatement must include all pertinent information, including opportunities to make up for lost engagement, that will help the GIRC render a recommendation to Students' Council.

10.3 Students' Council will consider an application for reinstatement at their next regularly scheduled Students' Council meeting and will decide by formal motion based on the recommendation from GIRC. This motion requires at least 2/3 voting in favour to pass.

10.4 Applicants for reinstatement must attend the Students' Council meeting where their application is being considered.

10.5 Reinstated members of council will retain their previous committee appointments if the vacancies created by their removal have not yet been filled.

Relevant Policy - Remuneration of Elected Representatives - Appendix B: Councillor Remuneration

Base Honourarium

1 Councillors are remunerated \$60 per meeting of Students' Council attended in accordance with *Roles and Responsibilities of Elected Representatives*.

1.1 Meeting attendance is remunerated to a maximum of \$480 per academic term.

Committee Honourarium

2 Councillors who serve on committees are remunerated \$20 per committee meeting attended.

2.1 Committee service is remunerated to a maximum of \$240 per elected/appointed term.

Procedure – Elections and Referenda

Rationale

Regulations that detail the existence and responsibilities of elections officers and the processes whereby elections are carried out ensure that the election of student leaders is transparent, accountable, and fair.

Definitions

Campaign events include gatherings, by public invitation or announcement, in which promotion of a candidate's campaign or the distribution of campaign materials takes place.

A **Campaign Expense** is any expense incurred, or non-monetary contribution used, in the production of advertising or promotional material, the distribution, broadcast, or publication of advertising or promotional material in any media or by other means during a campaign period including by the use of a capital asset, or the payment of remuneration and expenses to or on behalf of a person for the person's services in any capacity. The CRO will determine monetary value, based on fair market value, where an itemized receipt is not submitted.

Campaign materials means a communication, tangible or intangible, authorized by a candidate for the purpose of advocating for the election of a candidate or advocating in favour or opposed to a referendum question.

A **Campaign Manager** is a SAMU general member identified by the candidate who is allowed to officially represent a candidate at election meetings or events.

A **Candidate** is a SAMU general member who is nominated to run for an elected representative role or a SAMU general member who is running a campaign for or against a specific referendum question.

A **Catalog** is defined as a list of all submitted materials for a complaint including any pertinent information such as the type of material (ie: photo of poster, photo of banner, screenshot of ad) location of the material (ie: facebook, second floor building 7). **Disciplinary action** can be a warning, fine, and/or disqualification.

Endorse refers to declaring public approval or support.

The **Returning Officer** is an operational liaison between the Chief Returning Officer and SAMU for elections and referendums.

Regulations

Impartiality

- 1 All elections officials are required to sign a pledge of impartiality in the performance of their duties.
- 2 Elected representatives, SAMU Student Groups, and SAMU employees may not officially endorse a candidate or campaign.
- 3 All SAMU employees and elected officials may not volunteer for a candidate or campaign during work hours, or use SAMU resources to support a candidate campaign.

Returning Officer

- 4 The Governance Advisor serves as the Returning Officer (RO).
 - 4.1 In the event that the CRO cannot fulfill their duties the responsibilities will temporarily fall to the RO until the CRO returns or is replaced.
- 5 The RO is responsible for the hiring of polling clerks.

Nominations

- 6 The nomination period for elections begins on a date determined by the CRO and ends no sooner than two weeks thereafter. Nominations must close at least nine days prior to the first polling day.



7 Individuals wishing to nominate themselves for candidacy, or to run a campaign either in favour or opposed to a referendum question, may do so during the nomination period. Candidates are nominated when the CRO verifies that their nomination forms have been completely and correctly filled out. Nomination forms are not accepted after the end of the nomination period.

8 A valid nomination requires potential candidates to submit information, via approved submission method, demonstrating eligibility, the endorsement from a minimum of five (5) general members nominating them for election, and a declaration of intent to stand for election and to hold office should they win the election, or to run a referendum campaign, and to abide by the bylaws, policies, and procedures of SAMU.

Candidate Names

9 Candidates must use either their legal given name or their preferred name as registered with MacEwan University for campaigning and on the voting ballot.

9.1 In the case(s) where more than one candidate has the identical first and last names, the first candidate to submit will be listed on the ballot with their submitted name. Subsequent submitters must provide an alternate naming convention, using their legal or preferred name, that will differentiate the candidate(s) from the previous submission.

9.2 Preference in naming convention will be given in the order of submission(s) received.

9.3 The CRO has final approval of all names to be listed on the ballot.

Campaigns

10 Candidates must act in a professional manner that reflects the values of SAMU during all stages of the election process.

11 Campaign materials may not be distributed until 6:00 a.m. on the Monday of the week prior to polling.

12 Candidates must adhere to the bylaws, policies, and procedures of SAMU.

13 Participation in prohibited activities during the campaign period may lead to the disqualification of a candidate.

13.1 Candidates may not use, nor may they knowingly allow others to use, SAMU or MacEwan University resources that are not normally accessible to all students for campaigning, except those designated by election officials.

13.2 Candidates or supporters may not disburse campaign materials that have value beyond their campaigning function.

13.3 Candidates and their supporters may not knowingly campaign within 5 meters of a student who is voting in order to maintain the integrity and secrecy of individual ballots.

13.4 Candidates may not campaign during class time without prior approval from the instructor. It is the responsibility of the candidate to inform the instructor that equal opportunity to campaign must be given to all candidates.

13.5 Candidates may not incur campaign expenses of more than \$225.00 inclusive of GST in their campaigns.

13.6 Candidates and their supporters may not misrepresent fact or deface another candidate's campaign materials.

13.7 Candidates may only campaign on social media platforms approved by the CRO

13.7.1 A list of approved social media platforms will be provided to all candidates prior to the start of campaigning.

14 Any campaign event that requires MacEwan University assistance is facilitated through SAMU. Where the CRO deems a campaign event to be inappropriate, that event may not take place.



15 Using campaign materials off-campus is not permitted.

16 Campaign events may not take place off campus.

Campaign Expenses

17 Candidates must maintain and submit records, via approved submission method, of all campaign expenses, including itemized receipts, to the CRO.

17.1 Candidates incurring no expenses are required to submit a zero balance expense report.

18 Candidate expense records are due to the CRO by 4:00pm on the business day prior to voting beginning.

18.1 On submission of expense reports, the candidate may incur no further campaign expenses. Candidates found incurring further campaign expenses face disciplinary action from the CRO.

19 Failure to submit expense reports results in disqualification.

20 The campaign expenses of eligible candidates are reimbursed. Reimbursement may be withheld if candidates do not remove their campaign materials on time, or, if elected, fail to attend at least 80% of the training for their positions.

20.1 Any fines incurred during the election process will be deducted from the balance of the candidate's reimbursed campaign expenses.

20.2 Any outstanding fines not covered through reimbursement must be paid in full to SAMU within 10 business days of the election becoming official or the candidate will be considered disqualified.

20.2.1 Candidates with unpaid fines may not take office or run in future elections until their fine has been paid.

Campaign Materials

21 The CRO has the right to refuse authorization of print campaign materials.

22 Campaign posters are placed in accordance with the requirements of MacEwan University, as outlined by the CRO.

23 Candidates may put up no more than 30 campaign posters. Campaign posters may not exceed 11" by 17" in size.

24 Candidates may distribute campaign material prior to submitting their campaign expense report.

25 Campaign materials that shall not be permitted include food, drinks, money in any form, gift cards, services to students, or anything deemed inappropriate by the CRO.

26 Candidates found distributing campaign material in violation of this procedure face disciplinary action.

27 Candidates are responsible for recycling all campaign materials where applicable.

Election Periods

28 Councilor elections take place in October and Executive elections take place in March.

28.1 The CRO confirms the election dates.

Candidate Withdrawal

29 A candidate may withdraw their name from an election by submitting to the CRO or RO a signed letter or email declaring that they are withdrawing.



Election Marketing Requirements

30 The nominations period, campaigning, formal interaction with candidates, voting days, and election results are marketed by SAMU including, but not limited to:

30.1 posters on SAMU bulletin boards and in other areas within MacEwan University;

30.2 banners within MacEwan University;

30.3 information featured prominently on the SAMU website; and

30.4 updates to SAMU social media.

31 SAMU provides a forum for candidates to be heard and for the membership to speak with the candidates and will be run impartially.

Polling Stations

Online Ballots

32 When voting takes place strictly through an online voting platform the RO will ensure that promotion of the election occurs during the voting hours by impartial promotion clerks.

32.1 The RO will determine the promotion schedule.

33 When voting takes place through an online voting platform the CRO will ensure that verbiage is included reminding voters that they should cast their ballot in private.

Physical Ballots

34 The RO, in consultation with the CRO, is responsible for determining the location of polling stations operated by impartial polling clerks appointed by SAMU.

35 The RO ensures that polling stations provide voters with an opportunity for votes to be cast privately.

36 On voting days, election officials remove all campaign material found within 10 meters of a polling station.

37 Two polling clerks operate each polling station.

38 The CRO ensures absentee ballots are provided for students who cannot vote on scheduled polling days. Absentee ballots are available one week prior to the first day of polling.

Tiebreak

39 For an election where the results is a tie, the CRO facilitates a coin toss to decide the winner, as witnessed by the tied candidates.

40 For an election using a yes/no vote, a candidate must receive a simple majority voting 'yes' to be considered successful.

Complaints

41 Complaints regarding candidates violating bylaw, policy, or procedure are submitted to the CRO in writing before or during the campaign.

42 A complaint that is considered by the CRO must include the following information:

42.1 The name of the person filing the complaint and their MacEwan email address;

42.2 The name of the candidate who is allegedly in violation of election rules;

42.3 The section of SAMU policy, procedure, or any other applicable laws that have been allegedly violated;

42.4 A description of the violation with supporting evidence; and

42.5 A catalogue of all submitted evidence.

43 Incomplete complaints will not be considered and the complainant will be informed as such.

43.1 The CRO may dismiss any complaints that are frivolous, vexatious, trivial, vindictive, or unsubstantiated.

44 The CRO will investigate all complaints and inform all involved parties of the decision within 24 hours from the receipts of the complaint.

44.1 Decisions will include facts of the complaint, including the relevant policy or procedure in violation, any directives from the CRO, any timelines associated with completing the directives, and the decision in the case of failure to meet those timelines.

44.2 If a decision cannot be reached within the prescribed 24 hours the CRO will inform the parties involved in the complaint of the circumstances and may extend this deadline once by an additional 24 hours.

Appeals

45 Any SAMU member may appeal the results of an Election or Referendum to the CRO if they believe there was a violation of elections policy or procedure, or if they believe fraud, intimidation, or undue influence occurred during the election or referendum.

45.1 Appeals of the results must be submitted to the Governance Office within 24 hours of the close of the election.

45.2 Appeals must include the following or they will not be accepted:

45.2.1 The name of the person filing the appeal, their MacEwan email address, their student ID number, and their phone number.

45.2.2 An explanation identifying how the appellant believes there was a violation of elections policy or procedure, or how they believe fraud, intimidation, or undue influence occurred.

45.3 The Governance Office will confirm receipt of appeals and notify the appellant on whether the appeal has been accepted or not by email.

45.4 The CRO will notify the appellant and any respondents of their decision(s) by email.

46 Any SAMU member may appeal a decision of the CRO via email.

46.1 Appeals must be received by the Governance Office within 24 hours of the issuance of the decision.

46.2 Appeals must include the following or they will not be accepted:

46.2.1 The name of the person filing the appeal, their MacEwan email address, their student ID number, and their phone number.

46.2.2 an explanation identifying how the appellant believes the decision was in violation of elections policy or procedure.

47 Once an appeal of the CRO's decision has been received the governance office will work to form the body that has been delegated the responsibilities for adjudicating these appeals.

47.1 The governance office will supply all necessary documentation that is required for a decision to be made.



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Election Budgeting

48 The Governance Office liaises with the CRO during the budgeting process to ensure adequate funding is in place for the operation of elections.

Appendix A: Infraction Guidelines

*This appendix provides guidelines for the CRO but is not to be considered exhaustive and other punitive measure may be made by the CRO.

Example Infraction	First Offense	Second Offense	Third Offense
Defacing other candidates campaigning material	Disqualification		
Exceeding \$225.00 on campaigning materials	Disqualification		
Distributing campaign material prior to campaign period	Disqualification		
Not reporting all campaign expenses	Disqualification		
Failure to pay fine	Disqualification		
Slander or harassment of opponents publicly or on social media	Up to \$150 or disqualification		
Utilizing unapproved campaign materials	Up to disqualification		
Campaigning off campus with campaigning events	\$100 up to disqualification		
Failure to adhere to postering guidelines	Warning	Up to \$25	Up to disqualification
Knowingly campaigning within five meters of a student who is currently voting	Warning	Disqualification	
Moving other's materials	Warning	Disqualification	
Not removing campaigning marketing materials after election	\$20 + \$5 per poster, etc.		

Please note: Committing multiple offences may result in disqualification.

Complaints

Use this format if you have to submit a complaint regarding the election procedure, and/or action(s) of your fellow candidate(s). The CRO will only deal with concerns submitted in writing, either hard copy or email, and will respond in writing (either hard copy or email).

You must be specific, cite bylaws, policies, and/or procedures involved, and attach any evidence you may have to corroborate your grievance. You must also submit your grievance within 24 hours of the occurrence for it to be considered.

1. Supposed Violation.
2. Date and times involved:
3. Candidate(s)/Campaign(s) involved.
4. Additional Comments for consideration.
5. Suggested action(s).

Contact Info, including your MacEwan email address, your student ID number, and your phone number.

Submitted by:

Signature

Date

Appeal(s)

Use this format if you have to submit an appeal of a decision made by the CRO or the election results. The Governance Office will only accept an appeal submitted in writing, either hard copy or email.

You must be specific, cite bylaws, policies, and/or procedures involved, and attach any evidence you may have to corroborate your grievance. You must also submit your appeal within 24 hours of the occurrence for it to be considered.

1. The decision that was made, or the bylaw, policy, or procedure that was broken.
2. An explanation of why you believe a decision was made incorrectly, or how the bylaws, policy, or procedure was broken.
3. Any documentation supporting the appeal.
4. Contact Info, including your MacEwan email address, your student ID number, and your phone number.

Submitted by:

Signature

Date

The Governance office WILL NOT accept appeals submitted/received beyond the deadline or that are missing any of the required information.

Students' Council (SC) Schedule 2026-2027*

Meeting Type	Date	Time	Motion/Consultation Submission** Deadline	Report Submission** Deadline
SC Training*	October 31, 2026	8:30am-7:00pm		
SC Meeting	November 18, 2026	6:00pm-8:30pm	November 10, 2026 at 4:00pm	November 12, 2026 at 4:00pm
SC Meeting	December 16, 2026	6:00pm-8:30pm	December 9, 2026 at 4:00pm	December 10, 2026 at 4:00pm
SC Meeting	January 20, 2027	6:00pm-8:30pm	January 13, 2027 at 4:00pm	January 14, 2027 at 4:00pm
Town Hall*	February 3, 2027***	10:30am-1:30pm		
SC Meeting	February 17, 2027	6:00pm-8:30pm	February 9, 2027 at 4:00pm	February 10, 2027 at 4:00pm
SC Meeting	March 17, 2027	6:00pm-8:30pm	March 10, 2027 at 4:00pm	March 11, 2027 at 4:00pm
SC Meeting	April 21, 2027	6:00pm-8:30pm	April 14, 2027 at 4:00pm	April 5, 2027 at 4:00pm
SC Training*	April 24, 2027	8:30am-6:00pm		
SC Meeting	May 19, 2027	6:00pm-8:30pm	May 12, 2027 at 4:00pm	May 13, 2027 at 4:00pm
SC Meeting	June 16, 2027	6:00pm-8:30pm	June 9, 2027 at 4:00pm	June 10, 2027 at 4:00pm
SC Meeting	July 21, 2027	6:00pm-8:30pm	July 14, 2027 at 4:00pm	July 5, 2027 at 4:00pm
SC Meeting	August 18, 2027	6:00pm-8:30pm	August 11, 2027 at 4:00pm	August 12, 2027 at 4:00pm
SC Meeting	September 15, 2027	6:00pm-8:30pm	September 8, 2027 at 4:00pm	September 9, 2027 at 4:00pm
SC Meeting	October 20, 2027	6:00pm-8:30pm	October 13, 2027 at 4:00pm	October 14, 2027 at 4:00pm

* Mandatory attendance. Other, non-mandatory, meetings may be added throughout the year.

** All submissions must be emailed to the Governance Office by the identified deadline. Motions & consultation items submitted after the deadline will be added to the SC agenda in the following month.

*** Tentative.



**The following pages should
be completed, scanned, and
submitted to the Students'
Association of MacEwan
University.**

**Keep the rest of the book for
reference during the
election process.**



**STUDENTS' ASSOCIATION
OF MACEWAN UNIVERSITY**

CAMPAIGN EXPENDITURE REPORT

Each Candidate running for Councillor is allowed to spend a **maximum of \$225** for the purpose of campaign expenditures.

This form must list **all expenditures**, have **receipts** attached, and must be submitted via upload using samu.ca/election by 4:00 p.m. on Friday, October 9, 2026.

Candidate's Name: _____

<u>ITEM</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____

Total including GST _____

I, _____, declare this to be a true and accurate report of my campaign expenditures for the 2026 Fall Councillor Election.

Candidate signature _____ Date _____

*****NOTE***** This form **MUST** be submitted with attached receipts by 4:00 p.m. Friday, October 9, 2026 for candidates to remain in the election. No expenses may be garnered by the candidate after submission of this report. Reimbursement cheques will be issued by November 30, 2026.



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ELECTION CANDIDATE
ELIGIBILITY FORM

In order for a student to be considered eligible to run for a position, they must meet the following criteria:

- Be a member of the Students' Association of MacEwan University
- Be a member in good standing with MacEwan University (if a continuing student)

DATE: _____ STUDENT ID#: _____

NAME: _____

PHONE #: _____

EMAIL ADDRESS(ES): _____

NUMBER OF CREDITS BEING CARRIED THIS SEMESTER: _____

Campaign Manager's Name (if applicable): _____

Manager's Phone and Email: _____

I have received a complete SAMU Election Package and have read and understood the materials and election rules, including the appropriate bylaws, policies, and procedures of the Students' Association of MacEwan University, contained in this package. I understand that I am subject to disqualification as a candidate upon failure to comply with any or all of these campaign guidelines and agree to abide by any additional rulings that the CRO may deem necessary to ensure the fairness of this election.

Further, I agree to attend both the Students' Council training and refresher sessions as listed in this document.

Lastly, I authorize the Chief Returning Officer to confirm my eligibility to stand for election by verifying the qualifications outlined at the top of this page through official MacEwan University records.

SIGNATURE OF CANDIDATE: _____

DATE: _____

NOTE: In order to be declared an eligible candidate, this form must be received **NO LATER** than **4:00 p.m., Monday, September 28, 2026.**

COMPLETE FORM, DETACH FROM BOOK, KEEP BOOK FOR YOUR REFERENCE



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CANDIDATE BIO, PHOTO, and VIDEO

Must be submitted via samu.ca/election.

BIOS

Candidate bios will be printed as submitted. **No grammatical or spelling corrections will be made.** It is encouraged that you have a friend proofread your profile before submission.

You have a **maximum of 150 words total** (not including your name or program) for your **entire submission**. Late submissions, i.e., after 12:00 p.m. (noon) on October 1, 2026, will not be accepted.

Candidate bios **MUST** be submitted in MS WORD format.

Please include the following information with your electronic copy:

Name: _____

Program of studies: _____

Please use your surname when saving your file. Ex: **smith.docx**.

***These categories are suggestions only, but remember you have only 150 words total.**

Reasons for seeking election:

Campaign Goals:

VIDEO

Submit a video, in vertical orientation and in .mp4 format, in as high quality as possible. Video can be no more than 30 seconds long.

PHOTO

Submit a headshot (i.e., shoulders and up) in the best quality you can, in portrait orientation, and in jpeg format.

Alternatively, SAMU will take your headshot to be used instead of a candidate having to submit one. To take advantage of this please drop by room SA-214M on Wednesday, October 1, anytime from 10am-1pm.

This optional information **MUST be submitted by 12:00 p.m. (noon), Thursday, October 1, 2026. Submissions must be made via samu.ca/election .**



**STUDENTS' ASSOCIATION
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ELECTIONS NOMINATION FORM*

We, the undersigned, being bona-fide members of the Students' Association of MacEwan University, nominate _____ to run for a **Councillor** position in the Fall 2026 Councillor election.

NAME	ID No.
1. _____	_____
2. _____	_____
3. _____	_____
4. _____	_____
5. _____	_____
6. _____	_____
7. _____	_____
8. _____	_____
9. _____	_____
10. _____	_____
11. _____	_____
12. _____	_____
13. _____	_____
14. _____	_____
15. _____	_____

Candidate to complete and sign form.

*Note: candidates are required to receive endorsements from a minimum of 5 students who are members of SAMU. Names & ID numbers will be confirmed through MacEwan University records. Names that do not match ID #s will be considered invalid and will not count toward the 5 endorsements.

Date Submitted

Candidate's Signature

