

In Attendance:

Stephanie Nedoshytko, President
Robbie Lepp, Vice President Academic
Parvin Sedighi, Vice President External
Emma Patterson, Vice President Operations
Jason Garcia, Vice President Student Life
Andrew Bieman, Councilor
Aubrianna Broughton-Snow, Councilor
Andrew Desaulniers, Councilor
Rachelle Drummond, Councilor
Jacob Marler, Councilor
Duncan McManus, Councilor
Jared Millions, Councilor

Arva Nadeem, Councilor (absent)
Mark Romero, Councilor
Luis Ruiz, Councilor
Megan Sell, Councilor
Tansy Spyker, Councilor
Quyên Tang, Councilor (absent)
Micheal Ziegler, Councilor

SAMU Officials and Council Support:
Timothy Jobs, Chair
Alan Honey, Governance Advisor
Monica Brzak, Admin Assistant

Meeting called to order at 6:00pm.

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.

The Students' Association of MacEwan University is situated in the centre of what we call the city of Edmonton, which is called Amiskwacyi Waskahikan or Beaver Hill House in Nehiyawewin (Cree). This is the traditional home of the Nehiyaw (Cree) and Michif (Métis), and meeting place for many Indigenous peoples including the Nakawe (Saulteaux), Siksika (Blackfoot), Nakota Sioux (Stoney) and other nations.

2. Approvals

2.1 MOTION **TO APPROVE THE AGENDA FOR MAY 17, 2017**

PRES/VPA

CARRIED

2.2 MOTION **TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF APRIL 19, 2017**

ZIEGLER/BIEMAN

CARRIED

3. Presentations

3.1.

4. For Information

4.1. Reports

4.1.1. President

BECA Conference attendance update.

4.1.2. Vice President Academic

Appeals update.

4.1.3. Vice President External

CAUS Changeover update.

4.1.4. Vice President Operations & Finance

As presented.

4.1.5. Vice President Student Life

As presented.

4.1.6. Q3 Financial Statements

4.1.7. Audit Committee

As presented.

4.1.8. General Manager

4.2. Executive Committee Minutes

Minutes of March 30, April 6, 12, 13, 27, 28, and May 4, 2017 provided.

5. Question Period

5.1. Written Questions

McManus - To Madam VP Operations and Finance. I noticed in schedule 3 of the Students' Association of Grant MacEwan University Statement of Financial Position that it appears we lost around \$10,000 selling Oilers' tickets. What is the reason behind this?

Vpof – The Oiler's Tickets are all pre-purchased, and the revenue is not noted (this Quarterly Report is from January-March remember, so we were not in playoffs yet). Revenue will be seen on the next Quarterly Report as that is when those sales were made. Because of the Oiler's loss in the playoffs, there are also some tickets purchased for games that will no longer be happening that have been credited to our account with them for next season.

McManus - To Madam VP Operations and Finance. In your report you indicated that the Budget and Finance Committee had not had a conversation about fees in several years and that the committee had resolved to discuss fees more frequently. Do you think that this should be addressed formally in policy?

Vpof – This is addressed in the Budget and Finance Committee TOR. Under 'Roles of Committee', Article 3, it says that BFC "monitors and recommends adjustments to the SAMU Membership Fee." In terms of a schedule for this review, I would put that to the committee. We haven't seen a need to discuss fees because the budget has balanced for years and the organization has been stable. It was reviewed recently just because we felt we should.

Ziegler - For all executives, was it beneficial to hold the executive crossover retreat in Sylvan Lake, and what did you gain from the experience?

Pres – The executive retreat which was held in Sylvan Lake was beneficial as we had a large amount of time allocated specifically to transitioning the new executives into their roles. It was valuable to have the outgoing executives assist with the transitioning to give an in-depth overview into the responsibilities of the respective roles. We also worked together to set our short term and long term goals. We gained not only knowledge about our roles, but also about SAMU and the ways in which we could achieve our goals. I would say that there was a significant benefit for having the retreat held off campus. The location of the retreat is within the purview of the Governance Advisor.

Ziegler - For VPO, what was the total cost of the executive retreat held in Sylvan Lake on May 1-4 2017?

Vpof – At this time we do not have an exact number, as all the credit card statements have not been collected, but will be as per the financial schedule for these. These expenses have been budgeted and approved prior to the spending, and I am also confident that the expenses will remain under budget.

Ziegler - For VPE, what are SAMU's priorities and goals with CAUS?

Vpe – Thank you for the question, councillor Ziegler. At the end of changeover, CAUS set the following topics as priorities for the coming year: Governance, Mental Health, Student Employment, Affordability, and Funding Frameworks. Going in, the president and I were adamant that governance and affordability (by way of tuition and student financial aid) must be prioritized, as both are evergreen topics of importance for SAMU and the students it represents—it was great to see that the CAUS membership was in agreeance with us. As a note, CAUS represents over 100,000 undergraduate students in the province, and the advocacy work we do will be on behalf of all of these students, not just those at our own individual institutions. If you would like to discuss the impact of CAUS' other priorities on MacEwan students or have further questions, I encourage you to stop by my office or to contact me via email.

Ziegler - For VPO, what are your goals for your position, other than building strong relationships?

Vpof - If you wish to discuss my goals for my position, you are welcome to set up an appointment with me and come into my office to discuss – this is open to any councillor who wishes to speak with me and ask me these types of direct questions.

Ziegler - For VPO, Schedule 3 - Schedule of SAM Centre Revenue and Expenses, what is the item 'ETS Purchase' under Expenses?

Vpof – ETS Purchases is allotted for buying bus tickets that students then buy from the SAM Centre. Not all students have access to the Upass, so we offer monthly ETS passes and bus tickets for purchase.

Ziegler - For VPO, Schedule 3 - Schedule of SAM Centre Revenue and Expenses, there are three items under expenses that were not budgeted for; 'ETS Purchase,' 'Eskimo Ticket Purchases' and 'Emergency Transit Tickets.' Where was money allocated from to cover these expenses?

Vpof – We have our contingency fund that takes care of these relatively “unexpected costs” – they were incurred after the approval for the 2016/2017 budget. Going forward on the 2017/2018 budget, we are now aware of these costs and have been planned and budgeted for.

Ziegler - For VPO, has the partnership with SYSCO for Breakfast club proven beneficial, if so in what way?

Vpof – Yes, the agreement with Sysco is proving beneficial. Our biggest issues prior to working with them, as described by our Manager of Student Services, were:

Management time out of office (she was spending 2-4 hours weekly out of the office, more on busy event weeks)

Size of orders being picked up and making numerous trips. Breakfast clubs were coming close to not fitting in her car. Stressless weeks she would be making 3 trips weekly.

Safe cash handling and safety of staff. Costco does not accept visa. Transactions had to be done through cheque req. At the largest, she was responsible for \$5000.00 cash of SAMU's which she expressed she was not comfortable with.

And selections of products were limited. We now have access to a much larger inventory of products.

Ziegler - For VPE, based on any reports from and discussions with the former VPE, to the best of your knowledge, has the External Ad-Hoc Sub Committee proven to be beneficial, and should we be considering to making it a formal committee?

Vpe – Given that the External Ad-Hoc Sub-Committee has only met once since its inception, neither myself nor my predecessor are in a position to comment on its pros and cons at the moment. My goal

is to provide a report one year after the sub-committee was created, outlining whether we should consider making it into a full-fledged committee.

Ziegler - For President and VPE, what was the purpose of sending both the President and the VPE to Canmore for CAUS? Why were both the former President and VPE required to go? Will both of you be going to the CASA event May 22-26 2017 and will both the former President and VPE be joining you?

Pres & Vpe – The President and VPE are both delegates of CAUS and attended the CAUS Changeover from May 13-16. This allowed both of us to not only learn about the mandate and objectives of the organization, but also set the priority points for advocacy in this upcoming year. The President attends advocacy meetings with MLAs and other officials alike, so it is important that we both understand the best methods of advocating student needs. Both the former President and VPE (former CAUS Vice-Chair) were delegates of CAUS and played a role in training the incoming delegates, preparing the programming, and transferring knowledge. CAUS only has one full-time staff member, so it is integral for former delegates to pass on their knowledge and experiences. Both the President and VPE will be attending the CASA Foundations conference in Ottawa to experience a similar process. Given the membership is larger, the conference will be a bit more extensive. Only the former VPE will be joining us as she is the interim Chair for CASA; however, her costs will be covered by CASA.

Ziegler - For President, do you have any updates on the GM search?

Pres – At this time the search is continuing, but we will update council as soon as we have an update.

5.2. Oral Questions

Topics include: Q3 financials; CISCO; Retreat; SAMU Fee review;

6. In Camera Period

7. Motions & Business Orders of the Day

7.1. Governance Investigations Committee reports

MOTION TO MAKE PUBLIC THE GOVERNANCE INVESTIGATIONS COMMITTEE REPORTS FROM THE 2017 EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE ELECTIONS

PRES/BIEMAN

CARRIED

7.2. Bylaws and Policy Committee Appointment

MOTION TO APPOINT COUNCILOR MCMANUS TO THE BYLAWS AND POLICY COMMITTEE.

VPOF/MILLIONS

CARRIED

7.3. Leadership & Engagement Committee

MOTION TO APPOINT COUNCILOR SELL TO THE LEADERSHIP AND ENGAGEMENT COMMITTEE

VPOF/SPYKER

CARRIED

7.4. External Advocacy Ad Hoc Sub-Committee

MOTION TO APPOINT COUNCILOR BROUGHTON-SNOW TO THE EXTERNAL ADVOCACY AD HOC SUB-COMMITTEE

VPOF/VPE

CARRIED

8. Consultation

9. Evaluation

10. Recognition

- Vpa – three councilors who were appointed to committees today.
- Pres – new councilors and new exec team.
- Vpe – Councilors Ziegler & McManus for questions during oral question period.
- Ruiz – wish everyone a happy summer.

11. Adjournment

MOTION TO ADJOURN

RUIZ

CARRIED

Next Meeting Date: June 21, 2017

Meeting adjourned at 6:31pm.