

**Minutes for the Students' Council Meeting of the
Students' Association of MacEwan University
August 15, 2018 at 6:00pm in room #7-218**

In Attendance:

Cole Baker, Councillor
Andrew Bieman, Vice President External
Rachelle Drummond, Councillor
Jackie Kent, Vice President Academic
Jacob Marler, Councillor
Sylvie Masson, Councillor (video)
Jaden Melech, Councillor
Jared Millions, Councillor
Spencer Newton, Councillor
Emma Patterson, Vice President Operations
Sophia Qaderi, Councillor
Luis Ruiz, Councillor

Parvin Sedighi, President
Vanessa Sheppard, Councillor
Aubrianna Snow, Councillor (video)
Tansy Spyker, Vice President Student Life
Alycia Stewart, Councillor
Kent Strayer, Councillor
Matthew Yanish, Councillor

SAMU Officials and Council Support:
Timothy Jobs, Chair
Alan Honey, Governance Advisor
Samantha Hay, Governance 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 Amiskwaciy 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 AUGUST 15, 2018

RUIZ/STRAYER

MOTION TO ADD 6.1 BUILDING UPDATE

PRES/VPO

CARRIED

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2.2 MOTION TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF JULY 18, 2018

YANISH/VPA

MOTION TO POSTPONE TO THE FOLLOWING MEETING

PRES/SHEPPARD

CARRIED

3. Presentations

3.1. Career Development and Experiential Learning

4. For Information

4.1. Reports

4.1.1. President

As presented.

4.1.2. Vice President Academic

As presented.

4.1.3. Vice President External

Updates: MLA meeting; CAUS update.

4.1.4. Vice President Operations & Finance

Updates: MacEwan's budget model review.

4.1.5. Vice President Student Life

4.1.6. General Manager

4.2. Executive Committee Minutes

Minutes of July 4, 18, & August 2, 2018 provided.

5. Question Period

5.1. Written Questions

Marler – for Vpo, after reading the monthly report, I was wondering if you could possibly expand on the building progress? Is it still on time and budget? Thank you in advance.

Vpo - I have an update that I am hoping to provide in camera due to confidentiality reasons. Should an agenda amendment to add an in camera item not pass, you can discuss with me one-on-one.

Newton - Madam President: In meeting the new Associate VP, did she express any new ideas of how she looks to support SAMU in ways that have not been supported in the past by others in the University administration? Moreover, do you believe that by having this position SAMU will be able to successfully accomplish advocating for things that have been overlooked or rejected by the University in the past?

Pres – We did not discuss specific new ideas, as this was an introductory meeting. Moving forward, the SAMU VPSL and the AVP, Students will have a close working relationship which will hopefully lead to some more student-facing initiatives. The team and I firmly believe this new position will go a long way in ensuring student needs are heard, though I can't speculate on what this will look like in terms of our current advocacy.

Newton - Madam Vice-President Academic: After expressing your success in discussing textbook costs with the Dean of the School of Business, do you think that other faculties will respond with similar responses if approached? Furthermore, have you been able to reach out to other Deans from other faculties in the hopes of achieving similar successes?

Vpa – Thanks for your question! Over the summer months, I have met with all of the Deans (except the acting dean for the Faculty of Arts/Science), and they were all receptive to the fact that learning resources are expensive to students - although none of them outright made comments that the School of Business did. The thing about affordable instructional materials is that there is not the same solution for every faculty or department, which doesn't make our advocacy any easier. But, the fact that resources that are being listed as 'required' but not being used in class is something that does span across faculties and schools, and I hope that other Deans will follow Dr. Costen's lead on this. It is something that my role will continue to bring up and mention until significant change is made.

5.2. Oral Questions

Topics include: MLA meetings; SAMU values; *Mobile Phones Allowance* procedure; meetings with Mayor's office/local government; Registrar & Gender identity; UCP & their education minister; Blue Quill Post-Secondary.

6. In Camera Period

6.1 Building update

MOTION TO GO IN CAMERA

SHEPPARD/MILLIONS

CARRIED

MOTION TO GO OUT OF CAMERA

PRES/VPE

CARRIED

7. Motions & Business Orders of the Day

7.1.

8. Consultation

8.1 Question Period effectiveness

Vpe – we'd like to know from all of SC if you individually believe question period is effective as is or does some work need to be done.

9. Evaluation

* Marler leaves at 7:17pm.

10. Recognition

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11. Adjournment

MOTION TO ADJOURN

VPE

CARRIED

Next Meeting Date: September 19, 2018

Meeting adjourned at 7:20pm.