

Attendance

Board Members <i>Public Members</i>	Carolyn Graham Chair	Annette Trimbee President and Vice-Chancellor
	Brittany Baltimore	Linda Banister
	Tim Barker	Victor Cui
	Sandra Haskins	Reg Joseph
	Martin Kennedy	Julian Martin
	Cynthia Onyegbula	John Stelter
<i>Chancellor</i>	Anthony Fields	
<i>Academic Staff Members</i>	Lucio Gelmini	Rafat Alam
<i>Alumni Representatives</i>	Scott Kashuba, Vice Chair	Tracy Sopkow
<i>Student Members</i>	Gabriel Ambutong	Joseph La Torre
Resource Members and Guests	Craig Monk, Provost & Vice-President, Academic	
	Maureen Lomas, Vice-President Finance and Administration & CFO	
	Lara McClelland, Vice-President University Relations	
	Jason Fung, General Counsel	
	Jason Cobb, Chief of Staff	
	Lisa Rochman	Chandelle Rimmer
	Julie Green	Melike Schalomom
	Craig Kuziemytsky	
Office of University Governance	Sumiko Yip, University Secretary	
	Marco Turlione, Governance Officer, and Recording Secretary	
	Christian Zukowski, Governance Coordinator	
	Leah Stock, Governance Coordinator	
	Ginikachi Ugwuogbu, Governance Coordinator	
Absent with Regrets	Adam Guiney	

PRESENTERS FOR AGENDA ITEMS

Name	Agenda Item

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#	Item
0.0	Land Acknowledgement
	C. Graham provided a land acknowledgement.
1.0	Call to Order
	The Chair called the meeting to order at 4:46pm, noting that quorum is present.
	1.1 Declaration of Conflicts of Interest and Commitment (Real, Potential or Perceived)

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	No conflicts were declared.
1.2	<p>Open and Consent Agenda (MOTION)</p> <p>MOTION#01-12-19-2024/25: Moved by C. Onyegbula and seconded that the Board of Governors approve the open and consent agenda as presented.</p> <p>Motion Carried.</p> <p>*The consent agenda consisted of the approval of the minutes from the meeting on October 17, 2024.</p>
2.0	Reports
2.1	<p>Board Chair's Report</p> <p>The Chair reported on the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A presentation on good governance was delivered to SAMU's Student Council. • Recent events included the Chancellor Speaker Series on cancer care by Dr. Craig Earle and the Governor General's Symposium on Digital Respect. • Recognition was given to the President and Vice-Chancellor for the WXN award and to MacEwan student athletes for USPORTS achievements. • Governors were encouraged to identify and nominate potential candidates from their networks for MacEwan's second Chancellor.
2.2	<p>President's Report</p> <p>A. Trimbee reported on the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Enrollment is rising as students take more courses, prompting MacEwan to hire additional faculty and expand the academic schedule. • The provincial government has formed a panel, chaired by economist Jack Mintz, to review post-secondary funding. The panel includes members with extensive expertise in the sector. • Notable upcoming events include the Distinguished Visiting Artist in Country Music and a School of Business Alumni mixer.
2.3	<p>General Faculties Council Report</p> <p>A. Trimbee reported on the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • GFC approved the academic schedule for 2026/27 and is discussing options for the 2027/28 schedule, with approval expected by June 2025. • GFC approved the creation of an Immersive Learning Institute to advance scholarship in immersive learning approaches and promote collaboration with researchers, community members, and industry professionals. • A budget presentation to GFC highlighted key drivers, including revenue, expenses, tuition, and mandatory non-instructional fees. • GFC will approve the Bachelor of Social Work Action Plan as part of the program's seven-year review to ensure compliance with MacEwan policies and Campus Alberta Quality Council guidelines.
2.3.1	<p>Environmental Sciences Major (MOTION)</p> <p>MOTION#02-12-19-2024/25: Moved by L. Gelmini and seconded that the Board of Governors approve the proposed Environmental Sciences Major.</p>

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		<p>Motion Carried.</p> <p>A. Trimbee introduced the item. Highlights included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The multidisciplinary Bachelor of Science major emphasizes experiential learning through capstone projects and Work Integrated Learning, addressing labor market needs with endorsements from students, employers, and experts. The program fulfills requirements for multiple professional designations. Budget impact is minimal due to available building space to accommodate students.
	2.3.2	<p>Post-Baccalaureate Certificate in Behaviour Analysis (MOTION)</p> <p>MOTION#03-12-19-2024/25: Moved by J. Martin and seconded that the Board of Governors approve the proposed Post-Baccalaureate Certificate in Behaviour Analysis.</p> <p>Motion Carried</p> <p>A. Trimbee introduced the item. Highlights included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Courses currently offered through the School of Continuing Education will move to the Faculty of Arts and Science.
	2.3.3	<p>Baccalaureate Degree Program Proposal: Bachelor of Public Safety and Justice (MOTION)</p> <p>MOTION#04-12-19-2024/25: Moved by S. Kashuba and seconded that the Board of Governors approve the Bachelor of Public Safety and Justice program proposal, as presented.</p> <p>Motion Carried.</p> <p>A. Trimbee introduced the item. Highlights included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The new degree offers a pathway for students enrolled in diploma and certificate programs within the department to transition and graduate from MacEwan. Strong demand for the program has been confirmed, with support from relevant agencies and post-secondary institutions in the province.
	2.4	<p>Foundation Board of Directors' Report</p> <p>S. Haskins reported on the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Foundation met on December 5, 2024, and reviewed the Q2 Alumni Report with highlighted strong momentum continuing into December. The Committee received an update on the MacEwan Means Business Campaign, detailing its support for the fundraising goal and comparing results with other institutions.
	2.5	<p>Finance, Property, and Investment Committee Chair's Report</p>
	2.5.1	<p>Tuition and Mandatory Non-Instructional Fees for 2025/26 (MOTION)</p>

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	<p>MOTION#05-12-19-2024/25: Moved by M. Kennedy and seconded that the Board of Governors approve the 2025/26 tuition and Mandatory Non-Instructional Fees as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A 2% tuition increase for domestic enrolment, applied equally across all programs; • A 5% tuition increase for international enrolment, applied equally across all programs; • A 2% adjustment to mandatory non-instructional fees to reflect the cost of operating the programs; • A waiver of the student tech fee for winter 2024 and 2025/26; • The removal of the student tech fee for Ponoka students; and • A reduction of the MUHC fee for 2025/26. <p>Motion Carried.</p> <p>G. Ambutong and J. La Torre opposed.</p> <p>The Chair will introduce the item. Highlights included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Domestic tuition will increase by 2%, approximately \$70 per student per term for a full course load, while international tuition will rise by 5%, with rates fixed for each student's program. • Mandatory non-instructional fees will increase by 2%, with no new fees. Changes include a decrease in the Health Centre fee, a waiver of the technology fee for Winter 2025 and 2025/26, and reinstatement of the recreation fee, which remains the lowest in Alberta. • Residence fees will remain unchanged, despite anticipated rent increases next year, with current rates 25% below market. • Consultations with the Students' Association highlighted concerns about fee increases and financial barriers, with surplus funds being allocated to address these issues.
3.0	<p>Adjournment of Open Session</p> <p>The Chair adjourned the open session at 6:44 pm.</p>