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STUDENTS' ADMINISTRATIVE COUNCIL (SAC) SUPPORTS THE YEAR OF INDIGENOUS ACTION

SACKVILLE, NB — On Monday, August 21, 2017, Mount Allison Students' Union (MASU) President Sara Camus motioned for the Students' Administrative Council (SAC) to support the Mount Allison Year of Indigenous Action. The motion supports the implementation of two proposed items from Indigenizing the Academy report that was submitted to council by Councillor Camus on August 11, 2017. The report outlines ten items that the MASU executive intends to address and implement in the year 2017-2018. The SAC passed the motion with a unanimous vote to support the Year of Indigenous Action by implementing the following two items: land acknowledgement to begin each Students' Administrative Council meeting and doing the Aboriginal Blanket Exercise at the annual Council Retreat.

"It is important to not only ask for more out of the organizations we lobby to, but to question our own actions and the ways we have been complicit to such injustice," says Councillor Camus. "The motion in Council is substantive because it shows that the Students' Administrative Council has an undivided desire to advocate for Indigenous action."

"I am excited to participate in a Council that is willing to become more informed about and more engaged with these important issues," says Arts Senator Kiera Stel. "Often, support for integration into university life can seem superfluous but this motion is clearly action." Councillor Stel noted that, "this motion is the first example I've seen of actions by the MASU to not be superfluous and I support the direct action that the MASU executives are planning to integrate into our organization over the coming year of Indigenous Action."

The Mount Allison Students' Union represents all full and part-time undergraduate and graduate students at Mount Allison University in Sackville, New Brunswick.