

MacHall Ownership

STUDENT CO-OWNERSHIP IS CLEAR

- 1969** The original MacEwan Hall Operating Agreement states that the ownership of the building is vested in the University of Calgary Board of Governors (45%) and the SU (55%).
- 1969** The SU (55%) and the university (45%) were shareholders in the MacEwan Hall Directorate, an independent company established and registered with the Province of Alberta for the management of the building.
- 1974** The University of Calgary Board of Governors Chair G.C. Swann confirms in correspondence to the SU President that the SU owns 55% of the building.
- 1975** A Memorandum of Intent between the SU and the university states that MacEwan Hall is jointly owned by the University (45%) and the SU (55%) based on the proportion of space occupied by each and established the SU as building manager.
- 1978** The University of Calgary Board of Governors Secretary S.G.A. MacKinnon confirms in correspondence that the SU owns 55% of MacEwan Hall according to a cost-sharing arrangement for capital costs agreed to in 1965.

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- 1981** The preamble to the 1981 agreement for MacEwan Hall states that the SU contributed 55% to original cost of MacHall and that it had been the intent since MacHall was constructed that the SU would have control over 55% of space in the building. Building ownership is not mentioned in the agreement.
- 1989** The 1989 MacEwan Hall Operating Agreement preamble recognizes that the SU initiated and provided substantial contributions toward the construction and expansion of MacEwan Hall. The SU's rights in the building are understood as a direct result of these contributions. Building ownership is not mentioned in the agreement.
- 1991** The 1991 MacEwan Hall/MacEwan Student Centre Operating Agreement preamble recognizes that the SU initiated and provided substantial direct and indirect contributions toward the construction and expansion of the buildings. The SU's rights in the building are understood as a direct result of these contributions. Building ownership is not mentioned in the agreement.
- 1999** The preamble of the License of Occupation, Operating and Management Agreement (LOOMA) currently in place for MacEwan Student Centre/MacEwan Hall references that the SU has "substantially" contributed to the construction and renovations of MacEwan Hall and MacEwan Student Centre. Article 4.1 of the LOOMA refers to the university as owner of the buildings and the SU as the manager. This implies that the university is the sole owner of MacHall.



ABOUT THE SU

As of 2016, the University of Calgary's Students' Union (SU) is in its 74th year. The SU is an effective advocacy and service group for all undergraduate students at the University of Calgary. All undergraduate students are members of the SU. The Students' Legislative Council (SLC), the SU's governing body, is made up of five executives - the president and four vice presidents - and 19 faculty representatives, elected annually to represent students' interests. The SU's operations are supported by a professional team of staff and hundreds of student staff. As well as managing MacEwan Student Centre (MSC), the SU runs a number of businesses. All proceeds from these student-owned ventures are reinvested directly into SU programs, services, events, and advocacy to benefit students and the campus.

Additional information available:

- Summary of the SU's position
- Background of the MacHall dispute
- Financial summary of investments