



### **SAMRU's Mission**

We represent and serve students to help them succeed.

### **SAMRU's Vision**

Where every student can discover themselves, build meaningful relationships and make a difference in the world.

# **MINUTES**

## **Student Governing Board**

June 14, 2021

4:00PM – 7:00PM

Google Hangouts

### **Present:**

#### **Governors (voting):**

Sophie Piche

Christian Kindrachuk

Michaela Butt

Gracia Di N'zau Mbudi

Arooba Siddiqui

Nic Savage



Andrea Barlaan

Taylor Amy

Nancy Tran

Avery McLellan (part)

**Representation Executive Council:**

Joseph Nguyen (non-voting)

**SAMRU Support (non-voting):**

Ashley Schreiner (Speaker)

Pat Cochrane (Governance Coach)

Brian Walters (Executive Director)

Megan Borg (Governance Manager, scribe)

**Regrets:**

Erin Hepburn

Spirit River Striped Wolf

Michelle Gladue

**Land Recognition**

*'Before we begin, we recognize that we are fortunate to be situated on Treaty 7 lands, including the Niitsitapi (nit-SIT-ah-pee, or Blackfoot) Nations of the Siksika (SICK-sick-ah), Kainai (GUY-nuy) and Piikani (pih-GAH-nee); the Tsuu T'ina (TSOO-tunuh) Nation; the Nakoda (nuh-KO-dah) Nations of the Bearspaw, Chiniki (CHIN-ee-kee) and Wesley; and the Metis Nations. Through this land acknowledgement we honour the*

*agreements between the ancestral peoples of this land and the first Euro-Canadian settlers; agreements that have been historically dishonoured. We are all treaty people.'*

Topic	Motions	Discussion
<b>Approval of Agenda</b>	Motion: To approve the agenda. Amy/Butt Carried	
<b>Approval of Consent Agenda</b>	Motion: To approve the consent agenda Di N'zau/Amy Carried	
<b>Board Professional Development</b>	<p>Governance Coach Cochrane gave a presentation on how to change a motion during a board meeting.</p> <p>Highlights:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- How to move a motion (it gets moved and seconded)</li> <li>- How to make an amendment on a motion (needs to be moved and seconded)</li> <li>- The amendment would be voted on; if it passes, the motion is changed; if it fails, the main motion stands. The main motion would then be voted on</li> <li>- Changing the nature of a motion with amendment is out of order. If you do not agree with a motion, vote against it.</li> <li>- How to divide a motion: motion for division of the question. This must be moved and seconded.</li> <li>- Amending an amendment to a motion; this is the furthest one should go with motions. All amendments would need to be moved and seconded, and voted on.</li> <li>- Appeal ruling of the chair when you believe the chair has made an error.</li> </ul> <p><i>Governor McLellan joined the meeting.</i></p> <p>Discussion items:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- How should board members consider motions before making a decision: Motions should be clear and easy to understand, and they should belong to the group that is making them.</li> </ul>	

<p><b>2021-22 SAMRU Budget</b></p>	<p><b>Motion: To approve the 2021-22 SAMRU budget.</b>  Amy/Di N'zau  Carried</p>	<p><b>Overview:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- ED Walters presented the 2021-22 draft SAMRU budget brief to the Board for consideration</li> <li>- The bylaws state that the Board must approve a non-deficit budget annually, as well as follow the board-approved policies. The budget is prepared by the senior management and REC.</li> <li>- The budget brief discusses the role of governance, introduces the concept of budgeting, goes through a narrative of challenges, changes, and areas of focus for the upcoming year.</li> <li>- ED Walters produces the budget brief as transparent as possible so that the board has the full information in order to make a decision.</li> </ul> <p><b>Discussion:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Tuition increases discussion – MRU determines tuition levels and includes this in their budget. There is an MRU budget consultation with students through REC. MRU collects the SAMRU membership fees through a fee collection agreement of the LOA.</li> <li>- The budget includes does not include increased cleaning costs as we hope to include these in negotiations with MRU. If needed, we will build in a transitional period with MRU for increased cleaning expenses.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Committee Appointments</b></p>	<p><b>Motion: To appoint the following Governors to the Agenda &amp; Governance Committee:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Governor Amy</li> <li>- Governor Savage</li> </ul> <p>Siddiqui/Piche  Carried</p> <p><b>Motion: To appoint the following Governors to the Accountability Committee:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Governor Amy</li> </ul>	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <b>Governor Savage</b></li> <li>- <b>Governor Barlaan</b></li> </ul> <p>Siddiqui/Piche Carried</p>	
<p><b>Board Highlights Video</b></p>	<p>Motion: That the SGB supports the Board highlights video initiative, encouraging all Governors to participate, and to review engagement in a year. Amy/McLellan</p> <p><b>Amendment: To remove “and to review engagement in a year”.</b> Amy/Kindrachuk Carried</p> <p><b>Amended Motion: Motion: That the SGB supports the Board highlights video initiative, encouraging all Governors to participate.</b> Amy/McLellan Carried</p> <p><b>Motion: To direct ED Walters to provide the Board with an evaluation of the Board Highlights video initiative by no later than the June 2022 Board meeting.</b> Kindrachuk/Amy Carried</p>	<p><b>Overview:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Discussed at last week’s committee meetings to bring to the Board to determine whether they would like to continue with this initiative.</li> <li>- The original intent was to provide more accessible information to the membership on what the board is doing, in a condensed format.</li> <li>- This initiative requires commitment from all Board members, as they will be featured in the video. It is recommended that there be a rotating schedule of Governors to ensure that everyone has a chance to participate.</li> </ul> <p><b>Discussion:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Would like to review in a year to see what the viewership and engagement is on the videos.</li> <li>- Suggestion to expand social media reach when sharing the videos, such as through MRU and having individual board members sharing</li> </ul> <p><b>Action:</b> Governance Manager Borg will draft a schedule to be included on the August board meeting.</p>

**Announcements**

- Next meetings: August 16 (Work Group/Committees) and August 23 (Board) - both meetings online
- September Board meeting will be in person (will be evaluated based on restrictions closer to the date).
- Advisory Committee Resignation – Chair, Travis McIntosh, will be resigning after the September meeting. Advisory Committee will review potential replacements at that meeting and bring recommendations to the board.
- Games Night @ 6:00 backyard.co